

MISS YOU!

# Teachers show students "We Miss You" in Sunday Parade

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**Teacher parade ...** A long line of cars decorated with signs wound through Tahoka streets Sunday evening, filled with teachers honking horns and waving, to let children of Tahoka ISD know that their teachers were missing seeing them in classrooms. This week student instruction at home began, with teachers getting creative by having parents pick up work packets and/or adopting new online or digital ways of classroom instruction, as schools remain closed due to COVID-19 precautions. (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

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**Lynn County Hospital COVID-19 Hotline**  
**806-561-2076**  
 answered 24-hours-a-day by LCHD healthcare providers  
 Please call if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or persistent pressure in chest

**Get the local updates!**  
 Local medical/government officials will offer weekly **live video reports of Lynn County COVID-19 at 4 pm every Thursday** starting April 9. Go to the Lynn County Hospital District's facebook page to watch, & to send in your questions live!

**Watch out for Bears!**  
 Do you live in a neighborhood where people are out walking? Put a teddy bear (or other stuffed animal) in your window! It's a new trend, for citizens to put a teddy bear in the window so families can go on a walk for a "Bear Hunt" to see how many they can spot.

**What's Outside**  
 NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 24	76	45	
Mar 25	89	45	
Mar 26	93	55	
Mar 27	80	45	
Mar 28	67	42	
Mar 29	70	41	
Mar 30	78	41	
<i>(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)</i>			
Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"		
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"		
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"		
Total Precip. for 2020:	3.62"		

## Lynn County has two confirmed cases of COVID-19

by JUANELL JONES  
 As of Tuesday afternoon this week, Lynn County now has its first two confirmed cases of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, both of whom are O'Donnell residents residing in the same household, and another case in O'Donnell is a resident who resides in the Dawson County portion of O'Donnell.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock released a public notification at 4:45 p.m. Friday afternoon that the Texas Dept. of State Health Services had confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in Lynn County, and the second case was confirmed on Saturday. According to the notification, the infected individuals contracted the virus from person-to-person contact and no travel history outside the United States.

According to social media posts, the infected person was an O'Donnell man, and after his wife was tested she was also confirmed as the second case the next day. The couple are reportedly under a 14-day quarantine mandated by the State Health Department, in their home.

The other O'Donnell case, reported to be a female O'Donnell resident over the age of 65 whose residence is actually in Dawson County and not Lynn County, is reportedly under hospital care for COVID-19. This case was also confirmed on Friday.

A social media posting by Kim Parker, Mayor of O'Donnell, had the following information:

"To the Citizens of the City of O'Donnell: We are doing our best to keep you informed about the ongoing information for the COVID-19 pandemic. We have received positive confirmation of three (3) cases of Coronavirus in O'Donnell, two

(2) in Lynn County and one (1) in Dawson County. The Lynn County cases have been self-quarantined until their symptoms worsen and other medical measures are needed. The Dawson county case is hospitalized. The Lynn County cases were not tested at Lynn County Hospital, nor seen in any of their clinics. Due to HIPAA restrictions, no further information is available for public release.

"So what happens now? I believe that Lynn County, the City of O'Donnell, City of Tahoka, Lynn County Hospital District as well as Dawson County and City of Lamesa have been very proactive in this time and reacted early, putting contingency plans in place. I am working collaboratively with all to ensure we are all on the same page in keeping each other and our communities informed.

"As for the City of O'Donnell the few businesses we do have are open as they are 'essential' ones. Our restaurants have complied with Gov Abbott's executive order. Access to City Hall has been limited.

"The things we have been doing are working. If you are watching the numbers they are low and we are one of the last counties to have a positive case of COVID-19.

"Again we ask all citizens of O'Donnell and Lynn County to continue their efforts to 'flatten the

(See COVID-19 UPDATE, page 6)



**Drive-up COVID clinic ...** Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka has a drive-up COVID Clinic that is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Anyone with COVID symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) may drive up to the Emergency Room parking lot on the west side of the hospital, stay in your car, and call LCHD's COVID hotline 806-561-2076 for further instructions. A team will come to your vehicle to assess you.

## No businesses ordered to close in Tahoka, says the mayor

by JUANELL JONES  
 While there are some businesses in Lubbock that their city government mandated to be closed due to precautionary measures for the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor of Tahoka wants local citizens to know that no such mandates have been required by the City of Tahoka.

There are no city mandates in place at this time requiring any Tahoka businesses to close, according to Mayor John Baker. Social distancing is highly encouraged,

including personal contact in any business.

"The Governor of Texas mandated that restaurants close their dine-in areas and to operate as carry-out only, and our restaurants are following those mandates. We hope our citizens continue to support our local restaurants by calling for carry-outs. However, there are no state or local mandates requiring the closure of any businesses here. We are not dictating that any businesses

(See NO BUSINESSES, page 6)

## Five burglaries cleared in Sunday evening raid here

by JUANELL JONES  
 Tahoka Police officials say that five burglaries that occurred in the past three months were cleared on Sunday after they conducted searches of four homes in Tahoka and found items which owners had reported to have been stolen.

One male juvenile was taken into custody, with charges pending for five counts of burglary and one count of arson (because he allegedly attempted to burn papers inside one of the vacant residences), and another 17-year-old male suspect is reported to be cooperating with police in providing information on these cases. He may be facing charges including possession of stolen property and/or two counts of burglary, according to police.

Police Chief Jeff Parker told *The News* that police conducted

searches on two homes in Tahoka Sunday after District Judge Reed Filley signed affidavits for search warrants at their locations, and an additional two homes were searched with consent of individuals residing there. The searches began about 9 p.m. Sunday. Recovered items included a firearm identified by its owner as one of his missing guns, and other items identified by victims.

The burglaries and vandalism reported in the last 2-3 months included the Cake Palace at 1613 Ave. J, a vacant building on South 7th that was formerly a nursing home, a shop building in the 2000 block of N. 3rd, and two vacant houses, one in the 2000 block of Ave. M, and one most recently discovered in the 1900 block of N. 3rd. Chief Parker said that the investigation is con-

tinuing in these cases, to attempt to recover other missing items.

Police responded to the Dollar Store at 7:29 a.m. last Wednesday for a report of theft, where store employees said that an unidentified man took an eyeliner product without paying.

A caller reported noises coming from a vacant house in the 1900 block of N. 6th at 7:35 a.m. last Wednesday, but officers responding to the scene found no suspects, and the house appeared to be intact.

Other calls to police during the week included suspicious vehicles, loud music, a reckless driver, complaints of kids in an alley, and a complaint of someone digging in a dumpster. A fight in progress was reported at a residence in the 1100 block of Ave. K at 5:14 p.m. Monday, and officers responding found

a man who was bleeding inside the home, but he reportedly told officers the incident was a misunderstanding and no charges were filed.

An accident was reported 4 miles east of FM 1054 on CR 38, at 10:08 p.m. last Thursday, with a driver reporting that his semi-trailer hauling oil had fallen into a ditch and was on its side, but no injuries were reported.

An unknown vehicle reportedly struck a mailbox on FM 211 last Thursday, leaving a portion of a side mirror and parts of a car, near CR Nora, according to Sheriff's Office call sheet reports.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a call for assistance in crossing bulls on US 380 last Tuesday about 9 a.m. Several calls reported suspicious persons/vehicles and

(See POLICE REPORT, page 6)



**Words of Inspiration:** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
 -- Jeremiah 29:11

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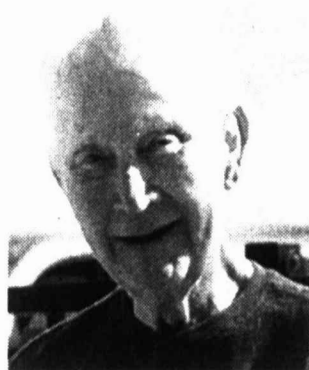
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**Obituaries**



**Jerry Dean Williams**

Jerry Dean Williams of Midland, TX died peacefully in his sleep Saturday March 21, 2020 at Terrace West Nursing Home.

He was born March 11, 1938 in Draw, Lynn County TX to Carl and Bertha Williams. He was the sixth of nine children, so family was always important to him.

After graduating from High School where he was a record setting running back for the Tahoka Bulldogs football team, he married his high school sweetheart Dorothy Ann Taylor of New Home, TX. Together they raised four children; Deborah Ann Choate of Midland, TX; Kelly & Terry Kuykendall of Midland, TX; Michael & Sandra Williams of Chantilly, VA; Mitchel & Laura Williams of Spokane, WA. All will miss him dearly.

After farming in Lynn County for several years, the family moved to Midland in 1967 where Jerry became a car salesman for the Chevrolet dealership. He bought his own used car lot in the late 70's and continued to sell cars till he retired.

During many of those years he served as a Little

**New Home Happenings**

by Denise Sherrod

**From the Mayor:** New Home mayor Jim Olsen has requested that New Home citizens shelter in place. This means stay home unless you are doing something essential like surgery or bringing me nachos. No...seriously, forget the nachos. I can wait. Stay home and enjoy your family like you Never. Have. Before. Don't play pickup basketball with the neighbors, don't have a quilting bee, and don't go to Walmart on the off chance that they have toilet paper. I

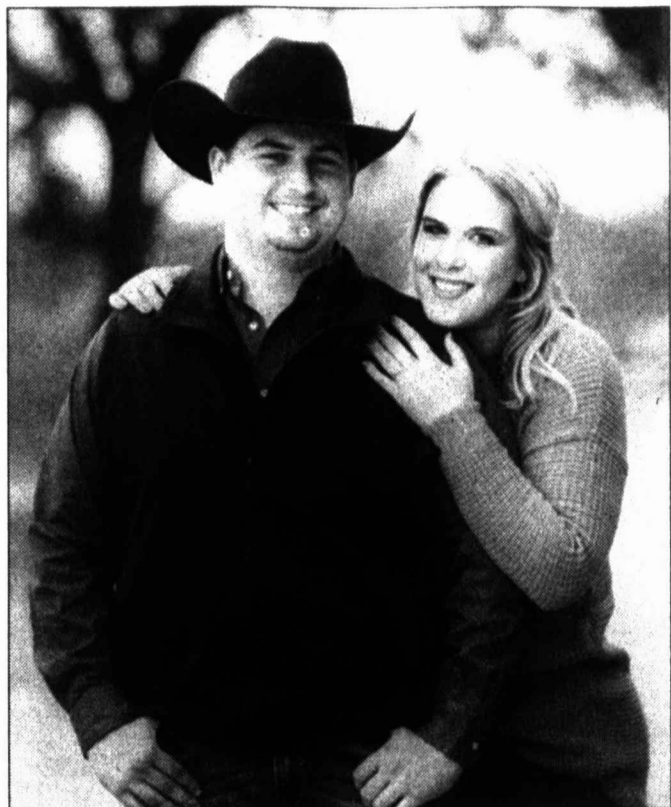
know of people in our area who are going to stores every other day. That is not essential. "Essential" shopping would be a case where you are down to a can of cream of mushroom soup and a can of stewed tomatoes but have NO hamburger meat. And if you need a Big Red, hit me up. I had to buy 24 cans the other day just to get one. Essentials...

City Hall is open but not for socializing; the door is locked. You may use the drop box to pay your bill, or if necessary, knock on the door or gesture wildly outside it, and Teresa will carefully take your money. Call if you have a problem.

These actions are so irritating and yet so necessary. The ball is in motion, and all we can do now is play our game! I have no more sports metaphors, so please do as our mayor and neighboring mayors are asking and STAY HOME. Plagues generally end; now we just call them pandemics.

If you see me out walking my dog, stay at least 6-27 feet away and shout hello. I'll even pause my book to give you a wave.

To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dsherrod@gmail.com before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.



GARRET JONES AND OLIVIA HAMMONDS

**Couple announces engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hammonds of Tahoka, announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia Monea Hammonds to Garret Ray Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Hondo, Texas.

Olivia is a 2017 graduate of Tahoka High School and will be a December 2020 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in Plant & Environmental Soil Science and will then pursue a Masters Degree in Ag Business.

Jones will be a May 2020 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in Plant & Environmental Soil Science and will be employed by Helena Agri-Enterprises.

The couple plans to marry on January 16, 2021 in the San Antonio area and will reside in Hondo, Texas.

**Senior Citizens Menu**

April 9-13

**Monday:** Soft beef taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges

**Tuesday:** Baked chicken & dumplings, peas, salad, winter fruit cup

**Wednesday:** Roast beef, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, banana pudding

**Thursday:** Pork chop black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices

**Friday:** Closed for Good Friday

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

**SHOP LOCAL!**

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

**Red paper or green?**

**Mayor asks over-65's to place colored paper on front doors**

Are you age 65 or older, and living in Tahoka? The mayor is asking you to participate in a program that will let your neighbors know if you are okay, or if you need help with getting something done, or needing something. A red piece of paper means "I need help with something" and a green piece of paper means "Everything is OK."

"This was suggested to me, and I think it is a great idea, especially for senior citizens who live alone," says John Baker, Mayor of Tahoka. "We are asking senior citizens to participate by

placing a red or green piece of paper on their front doors, so that neighbors can easily see if someone needs help.

"What we are suggesting is that if local citizens have someone in their neighborhood that they know is age 65 or older, to be especially aware of whether there is a red or green piece of paper on their front door. If you see a red piece of paper, please call Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211 and give us their address, and we will have someone check on them," he explained.

For more information, contact City Hall.



**Green paper means "I'm ok" ...** A Tahoka senior citizen waves from her front door, after posting a green piece of paper on the door to indicate that everything is okay at her home and does not need assistance. Tahoka Mayor John Baker has asked those over age 65 to post a red or green piece of paper on their front doors. If neighbors see a red paper on the door, it means that assistance is needed, and city officials ask that the address be called in to City Hall at 561-4211, and someone will check on the individual at that address. (LCN PHOTO)

**Area News ...**

reprinted from area newspapers

**City, county order business closures in Lamesa, Dawson**

LAMESA - All non-essential businesses in Lamesa and throughout Dawson County have been ordered to close as of 6 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

Those orders came in nearly-identical declarations issued Friday by County Judge Foy O'Brien and Lamesa Mayor Josh Stevens.

Stevens, however, said the orders will affect only a small percentage of businesses in Lamesa.

"The majority of Lamesa businesses are essential due to agriculture, oilfield and the service industry," he said.

Each business identified as non-essential will receive a letter hand-delivered by either the Lamesa Police Department or Dawson County Sheriff's Department.

Those letters were starting to be delivered on Friday. O'Brien stressed that those orders do not require residents to shelter in place, which basically means to avoid traveling anywhere in the city or county.

Both the mayor and county judge said they plan to avoid issuing a shelter-in-place order if at all possible.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

**Coronavirus**

Please seek medical assistance if showing any symptoms of **COVID 19.**

Please follow these guidelines IF:

**YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS:**

- Fever OVER 100.4 • Cough • Shortness of Breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in chest

**CALL A MEDICAL PROVIDER**

- Call ahead **BEFORE** visiting a medical office.
- Follow the provider's instructions on testing.
- **STAY HOME** unless advised by your provider.

**If you think you're sick**

- Keep 6 feet away from others if possible
- Listen for instructions from local government
- Wear a face mask if sick
- Follow all other prevention tips

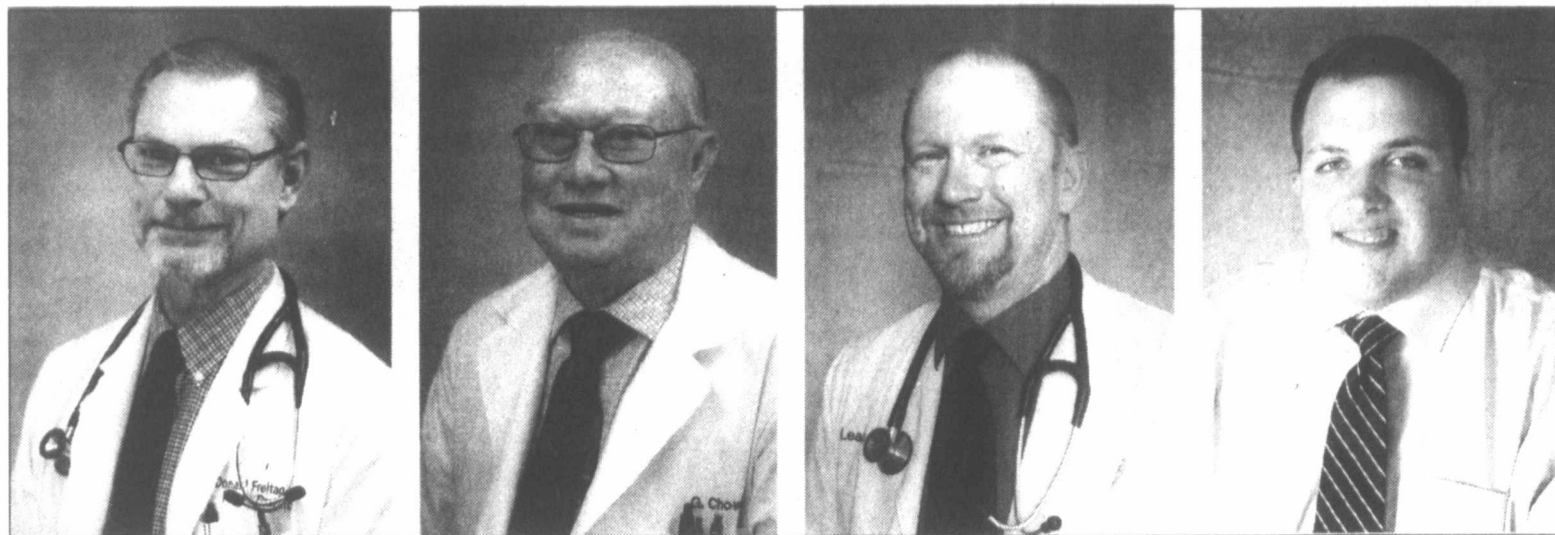
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Thank you!

**National Doctors Day ...** On March 30th each year, National Doctors Day honors the professionals for their dedication and contributions to society and the community. Their dedication puts the patient first time and again. On National Doctors Day, we say "thank you" to our physicians for all that they do for us and our loved ones. Lynn County is blessed to have four doctors who work for Lynn County Hospital District: Dr. Donald Freitag, Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam, Dr. Chris Leach, and Dr. Jarrett Ross.

### Governor mandates quarantines for travelers coming into Texas from certain locations

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to prevent further spread into the state of Texas from hotspot areas, Governor Greg Abbott has tasked the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) with enforcing two Executive Orders surrounding travel into the state of Texas. GA-11

was issued on March 26 and specifically addresses air travel, while GA-12 was issued on March 29 and addresses travel by roadways from Louisiana into Texas.

The requirements under both Executive Orders are the same — a covered person under the mandated quarantines shall remain in the designated quarantine location for a period of 14 days or the duration of the person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter. A violation of the orders is subject to criminal penalties, and the department encourages all individuals to abide by all measures that have been enacted by the Governor to mitigate the consequences of the current public health disaster.

The quarantine restrictions related to air travelers do not apply to travel related to military service, emergency response, health response or critical infrastructure functions. The quarantine restrictions related to ground travel include all the previously mentioned exclusions, plus travel related to commercial activity.

Last week, Governor Abbott issued GA-11 requiring individuals traveling to Texas — with Texas being their final destination — through an airport from the Tri-State Area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as from the city of New Orleans, to comply with a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. GA-11 was expanded by proclamation on Sunday, March 29, to

include air travelers coming into Texas from the following locations: California; Louisiana; Washington; Atlanta, Ga.; Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; and Miami, Fl.

DPS Troopers are stationed at Texas airports to screen passengers traveling from the designated quarantine areas. Travelers who are subject to the self-quarantine are required to complete a travel form to provide DPS with identifying information, including their full name, date of birth, home address, driver license/passport information and quarantine location.

Effective Monday, March 30, at noon, GA-12 states that every person who enters the state of Texas through roadways from Louisiana will be subject to the mandated 14-day self-quarantine. DPS has been tasked with enforcing GA-12, and the public can expect to see an increased law enforcement presence along the Texas/Louisiana border. The form for arrivals for road travelers is also available online.

Pursuant to Governor Abbott's Executive Orders, individuals must comply with the Mandatory Terms of Self-Quarantine. The department will vigorously enforce the executive order, as these orders are designed to protect the public and stop the spread of COVID-19. It is important to note that under Texas Government Code § 418.173, failure to comply with these mandatory terms is a criminal

### O'Donnell postpones city election

The City of O'Donnell election for mayor and three council members has been postponed, rescheduled from May 2, 2020 to November 2020, due to the coronavirus outbreak.

City officials chose to postpone the election for safety precautions, taking advantage of Texas Governor Greg Abbott's declaration allowing local elections to be delayed due to the pandemic.

Mayor Kim Parker is opposed in the election. Five candidates have filed for three seats on the city council, including incumbents Joseph Luera and Jessie Perez, as well as candidates Gustine Bairrington, Trent Hancock and Joe Renteria Jr.

No changes other than the dates will be affected. The current council will continue to serve until the November election.



**We miss our teachers ...** These little girls held up their own signs telling their teachers that they missed seeing them, as the teachers drove by and honked and waved in a "teacher parade" throughout Tahoka on Sunday evening. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, confinement in jail for up to 180 days, or both. DPS will take the appropriate enforcement action against anyone who fails to comply with the Executive Orders.

Travel information, including the required form and

the mandates for self-quarantine, can be found online at [www.dps.texas.gov/COVIDtravel](http://www.dps.texas.gov/COVIDtravel).

- African elephants only have 4 teeth
- Bats are the only mammals that fly

#### Did you know?

• The word racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left. They are **palindromes** (words spelled the same way forwards and backwards).

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## Area News

### Borden County school board picks finalist for superintendent

In a called meeting this past Monday, the Borden County ISD board of trustees named Stephanie Behrens as the lone finalist for the superintendent's position at the school. Behrens presently is the Assistant Superintendent and Principal of Timpson ISD, located northeast of Nacogdoches, Texas.

She has 24 years of experience having worked in various positions in Panhandle ISD, Claude ISD, Poteet ISD, and Goldthwaite ISD. She has been married to Phil Behrens for 25 years and has six children.

"I am excited for the opportunity that has been offered to Stephanie. Having graduated from high school in Nazareth ISD, I know that she will bring her small town values and standards of behavior along with a wealth of knowledge of public schools with her to our school," said interim superintendent Johnny Tubbs.

By law, the district will have to wait for 21 days before Behrens can officially be approved as superintendent.

—from the Borden County Star

## AgriLife Extension provides auxin CEU training online

From the office of: Cody Hill, Lynn County AgriLife Extension Agent AG/NR

COVID-19 might have much of the world social distancing, but agricultural crops still must be planted, and producers still have regulations to follow. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is ready to help the process.

Agricultural producers needing auxin training can still turn to AgriLife Extension for their continuing education credits, CEUs, despite the COVID-19 cancellation of all in-person meetings and trainings.

"Texas A&M AgriLife efforts to help people with their pesticide recertification and auxin training continues," said Dan Hale, Ph.D., associate director for ag and natural resources and Path to the Plate director. "We were already planning to offer these trainings online beginning this year within our AgriLife Extension county offices. There they would have had to be proctored. However, now we have the proctoring requirement lifted, so producers can take the course online in their homes."

#### Online auxin CEUs

In addition to participating in any online webinars scheduled by local county agents, producers can gain access to the course by going to AgriLife Learn pest and weed control online courses or by this direct link.

This auxin training qualifies for one CEU of laws and regulations. To receive a certificate of completion for the course, participants must obtain a score of 100% on the online Auxin Specific Applicator Test. The learner may retake the test as often as is necessary.

"The Environmental Protection Agency revised dicamba labels for Engenia, FeXapan, Tavium and Xtendimax labeling these herbicides federally 'restricted-use' pesticides, thereby relegating their use to licensed pesticide applicators only nationwide," said Don Renchie, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension program leader and coordinator for the Pesticide Safety Education Program, College Station. "Tavium Plus VaporGrip Technology, a dicamba pre-

mix with s-metolachlor, received a federal label in 2019 and is the fourth approved dicamba for use in dicamba-tolerant cotton."

In addition to being federally restricted-use pesticides, these dicamba products are 'state-limited-use' pesticides in Texas, requiring Auxin Specific Applicator Training annually prior to use, Renchie said.

Also, Texas Department of Agriculture added 2,4-D choline formulations – Enlist Duo and Enlist One – for use on 2,4-D-tolerant crops to be included in these mandatory Auxin trainings, he said. These 2,4-D herbicides are State-Limited-Use pesticides, and they can be sold to and used only by certified applicators or those working under the supervision of a certified applicator. Annual auxin training is also required prior to their use.

Many auxin trainings had been planned by AgriLife Extension around the state, but those occurring in the next few months had to be canceled, said Scott Nolte, AgriLife Extension state weed specialist, College Station.

However, because the label states only certified applicators may apply dicamba over the top of the crop, many producers still need to take the course, Nolte said. AgriLife Extension trained more than 7,000 producers in 2018 and 4,500 in 2019. The 2020 training started in December and typically continues into mid-summer.

#### Private applicator training CEUs

Nolte clarified that the auxin trainings are not a substitute for the state-specified private applicator training, which is required for producers to purchase and use restricted-use, as well as state-limited use pesticides.

"AgriLife Extension specialists and county agents provide training that qualifies for CEUs statewide, however, the credits are also provided by various third parties, which TDA requires to seek approval prior to conducting any activities statewide," said Mark Matocha, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension specialist with the Pesticide Safety Education Program, College Station.

Matocha said AgriLife Extension faculty are working with TDA and the private sector to "determine how to best meet audience needs during this time."

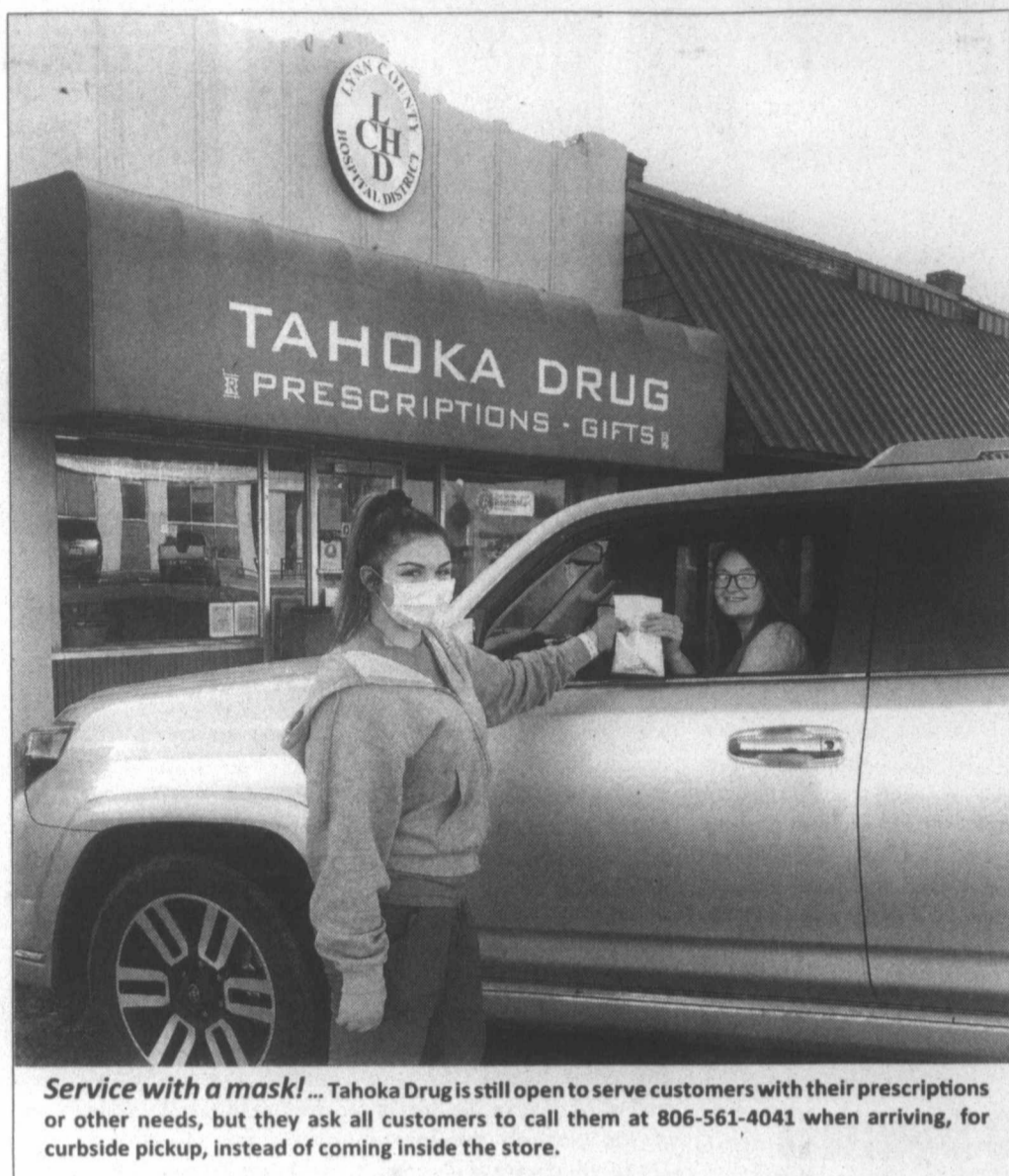
Many AgriLife Extension programs are expected to be shifted to online delivery. A plan for those programs for the remainder of March and into April will be announced by AgriLife Extension administration. CEUs for programs will be offered as permitted and within required guidelines.

For questions or more information, contact Cody Hill, Lynn County AgriLife Extension AG/NR at 806-561-4562.

For more COVID-19 information, visit [texas.hill.tamu.edu](http://texas.hill.tamu.edu).

#### Did you know?

- It is physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.
- It takes approximately 12 hours for food to entirely digest.
- A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 m.p.h.
- Women blink nearly twice as often as men.
- Most of the dust particles in your house are dead skin.



Service with a mask! ... Tahoka Drug is still open to serve customers with their prescriptions or other needs, but they ask all customers to call them at 806-561-4041 when arriving, for curbside pickup, instead of coming inside the store.

## Area News

News items from area newspapers

### Officials confirm three COVID-19 cases in Dawson County

LAMESA – In the space of just two days this past week, three cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus have been confirmed in Dawson County.

Health authorities notified Dawson County and city of Lamesa authorities about 5 p.m. Friday (March 27) that two more cases had been confirmed in Dawson County.

The initial case was reported in an 85-year-old man from Lamesa. Although initially treated here for pneumonia and an infection, he was later transferred to a Lubbock hospital where he eventually was tested for COVID-19.

County Judge Foy O'Brien said the two cases confirmed on Friday involve a 41-year-old female resident of Lamesa and a female from the O'Donnell area who is over age 65.

The older resident currently is hospitalized at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock and the Lamesa resident has been self-quarantined, he said.

"From what I understand, both of these are classified by the state as low-risk," O'Brien said. "They are low-risk and the symptoms on both of these are very light. They are not severe," he said.

In both cases confirmed Friday, he said, the individuals self-quarantined and contacted medical personnel immediately after experiencing symptoms.

"They suspected it, they met the criteria and they went and got tested," he said.

—from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

## An important announcement from **TAHOKA DRUG**

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**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.**

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#### that TLP

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#### Did you know?

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that every OCTOBER...

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#### Did you know?

that TLP

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Lynn County Educators, Clubs, Civic Organizations, & Residents: Please help us care for this God-given treasure.

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The family of Ima Robinson

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