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Did you know?

· "Time anxiety" occurs in a person when they are perpetually afraid of being late, or of others being late.

· A 26-sided shape is known as a



Get the local updates!

Local medical/government officials will offer weekly live video reports of **Lynn County COVID-19** at 4 pm every Thursday

Go to the Lynn County Hospital District's facebook page to watch, & to send in your questions live!

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

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 7	87	55	
Apr 8	87	52	
Apr 9	71	45	
Apr 10	71	44	
Apr 11	81	50	
Apr 12	72	30	
Apr 13	55	30	

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

Total Precip for Jan: Total Precip for Feb: 0.48" **Total Precip for Mar:** 2.56 **Total Precip for Apr:** 0.02" Total Precip. for 2020:

Lubbock County

SWAT team, K-9

team in Tahoka

9-1-1 call prompts SWAT team response at Tahoka residence Saturday evening

by JUANELL JONES

9-1-1 call reporting that a man had fired three gunshots from a Tahoka residence Saturday evening prompted immediate law enforcement response from city, county and DPS officers, as well as the Lubbock SWAT team, K-9 team and a DPS helicopter arriving on scene, after local officers discovered the man was inside his house at 2109 N. 8th Street and not responding to attempts to contact him. Jerry Don Alvarado, 52, was arrested on two counts of felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after he surrendered voluntarily after more than an hour's standoff, with officers surrounding the home in tactical gear and weapons at the ready.

The 9-1-1 call came in to Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 6:02 p.m., when a man reported that a man identified as Jerry Alvarado had fired three gunshots from the back door of the residence into the back yard and alley area while he and his wife, who is Alvarado's sister, were in the yard attempting to remove items to help other family members who had been living in Alvarado's house, to move to another location. All were outside the house when Alvarado, who reportedly owns the house but does not reside there, had arrived at the house while the family was moving out. After the shots were allegedly fired, Alvarado reportedly went back

inside the house and shut the door. A woman, reportedly a girlfriend, also came out the back door and then went back inside as well.

According to local police reports, the witnesses who called in the initial report told officers that they did not see a gun, but that the shots sounded like a small caliber firearm, and that it was possible that Alvarado had barricaded himself inside the house, and that the woman with him might be a hostage.

When county and city officers arrived at the scene, Alvarado and the woman failed to respond to attempts by officers to make contact, refusing to answer the door or to

respond to officers attempting to communicate by a public address

Due to the initial reports of shots fired, officers contacted neighbors in the immediate area and asked them to evacuate their homes as a precautionary measure, as the Lubbock SWAT and K-9 teams and DPS chopper arrived on scene to assist. Officers swarmed neighboring yards to clear the area and to help ensure the safety of others.

Officers in tactical gear surrounded the residence and immediate outlying areas, and the DPS helicopter circled in surveillance, in a scene that was surreal to the family-oriented neighborhood, as the tactical team made preparations to enter the house. Lynn County EMS was on scene for medical assistance if needed.

Police reports indicate that a member of Alvarado's family was able to contact Alvarado by phone and convinced him to surrender to

Alvarado reportedly surrendered (See SWAT TEAM, page 6)



Surrendered ... The Lubbock County SWAT team and K-9 team arrived at 2109 N. 8th in Tahoka Saturday evening, preparing to enter the home where a man and woman were reported to be barricaded inside, refusing to communicate, after witnesses reported shots fired at them from the home. Law enforcement swarmed the neighborhood, evacuating neighbors from the homes in the immediate area as a precautionary measure. Above, Jerry Don Alvarado surrendered voluntarily to officers surrounding him, before the SWAT team entered the house. No one was injured.

COVID-19 count now 5 in Lynn County

by JUANELL JONES

A fifth case of COVID-19 was reported in Lynn County last Wednesday morning, April 8. Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock said that a positive case was confirmed from the South Plains Public Health District as of 7:07 a.m. on April 8, 2020 of a 40-yearold male residing in the same household as Case #4, in Tahoka.

The Health District was working to identify recent contacts of the patient to identify potential exposure risks.

According to Tahoka Mayor John Baker, the potential was extremely low for exposure to others because the man was quarantined at the same time as his wife before she was confirmed with COVID-19 (case #4) on April 6, which was before he showed any symptoms. After he began showing symptoms, he was tested at Lynn County Hospital's drive-up COVID-19 clinic (with no access inside the hospital buildings), and then confirmed positive. The

man is now hospitalized in Lub-

"All of the Lynn County cases of COVID-19 originated from community exposure in Lubbock, none of it has originated from here," said the mayor. "In this particular case, the man's wife was exposed to the virus at her place of employment in Lubbock," he added.

Of the five cases in Lynn County, two are in one household in Tahoka, two are in one household in O'Donnell, and another case is an O'Donnell resi-

The City of Tahoka has issued a Stay-at-Home Order, which mandates citizens should stay at home other than travel for essential activities or to obtain essential goods and services. No public or private gatherings of any size are allowed outside a single household. See the City of Tahoka COVID-19 Disaster Order Update in this issue of

Sharing the ...

GOOD News

from citizens during these unusual times



Thanks for the pizza! ... Lynn County Hospital staff were happy to receive this donation of pizza from Texas Farm Bureau, who delivered pizza and drinks to the staff last Thursday, in appreciation of our local hospital and staff.



In 1992, a shipping crate containing 28,000 rubber duckies was lost at sea when it fell overboard on its way from Hong Kong to the United States. They washed up around the world for the next 20 years.

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For our dear classmate Cindy Havens On behalf of Tahoka Class of 1978, we love you and will truly miss you! Save a spot for us in Heaven!

Senior Citizens Menu

Monday: Meatloaf, mashed po-

tatoes, winter blend veg., apple

Tuesday: Baked chicken breast,

au gratin potatoes, peas & car-

rots, waldorf salad, banana

bituaries



Cindy Havens

Cynthia Kaye Havens of Tahoka passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at the age of 60. She was born November 19, 1959 in Tahoka to Orville and Johnette Havens. Cindy graduated from Tahoka High School in 1978 and went on to attend Draughn's Business College, where she studied computer. She worked as an administrative assistant at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock for more than 25 years. In her free time, Cindy enjoyed reading and cross stitching. She often attended theatrical productions around the Lubbock area with her

Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Orville, in 2005.

Those left to cherish her memory are her mother, Johnette Havens of Tahoka; sister, Kim Lammons and husband Cliff, and their children Colton and Shelby, all of Austin.

Graveside services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Oakwood Baptist Church/One Accord Fellowship or Senior Citizens Center of Tahoka. (PAID)

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Thursday: Chicken on a bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Friday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veg., winter fruit

most.

Wilson ISD postpones May 2 election

The Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees has chosen to postpone the May 2 school board elections until November 3, due to the precautions for COVID-19. Both the regular election for the two three-year terms, and the special election for a two-year unexpired term, will be held in November.

Because the special election is for a seat that was formerly held by the late Les Walker and was vacant, the Board nominated Brittanie Pickrell to fill the open board seat until the November election.

There are four candidates for the two regular three-year terms, including incumbent Desirea J. Rogers-Earwood, Pete Reimer, Bobby Miller, and Ashley Avila; and three candidates for the two-year unexpired term, including Brittanie Pickrell, Tami Bolyard, and Tracy Bartley Kendrick.



Drive-up Easter service ... Many area churches invited congregations to drive-up Easter worship services on Sunday morning, to safely share the message while adhering to social distancing due to the threat of COVID-19. Here, Pastor Billy Everett speaks to those gathered at the First United Methodist Church parking lot in Tahoka. Members remained seated inside their (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones) vehicles for the service.

Sharing...

The Good News



We eloped!... Kylynn McCleskey and Marcus Vega exchanged vows on January 20, 2020 in Orlando, FL. A celebration was going to be held on April 4, but had to be postponed.

From City Hall by Jerry Webster



COVID-19 DISASTER ORDER UPDATE The City of Tahoka is under

CITY OF TAHOKA

a Stay-at-Home Order. Key mandates in this Declaration include: • Stay at home other than and facilities

travel for essential activities or to obtain essential goods and services.

 No public or private gatherings of any size outside a single household.

· Any person who is sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19 must stay at home other than necessary medical or emergency

· No visits at nursing homes, retirement or longovide critical assistance Examples of when to leave

home include:

· Visit a doctor or health-

care provider • Go to the grocery store

· Pick up food from res-

· Go to work at an essen-

tial business

· Individual outdoor activities while maintaining social

distance · Care for family members Essential services will remain open and must enforce social distancing to the maximum extent possible, celed.

Essential services include,

but are not limited to:

· Grocery and convenience stores

· Pharmacy and drug stores

Day care facilities

· Health care providers · Vehicle fueling, parts,

repair and maintenance · Essential government

services and facilities · Banks and financial ser-

· Laundry mats and clean-

· Trade contractors, i.e. plumbers and electricians

Restaurants remain closed to customers. Use of drive-thru, pickup and delivery options are allowed term care facilities unless to and encouraged. Mobile Food Vendors are allowed but social distancing must be observed.

> Personal services businesses that engage in direct, person-to-person services that are not time sensitive or for the immediate health or safety of the recipient are closed.

> Travel permits are not required in the City of

This update went into effect at midnight April 11, 2020 and continues until can-

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Approach with Confidence

So let us come boldly to the throne

of our gracious God. There we will

receive his mercy, and we will find

grace to help us when we need it the

Imagine walking into Buckingham Palace, unnoticed and unrestricted,

alongside Her Majesty, the Queen of

Nothing has gone right, and now my

England. "I've had such a long day.

car is making the strangest noise.

Such an image is almost absurd!

There is a protocol to seeing royalty, many rules to follow, not to mention

the armed guards protecting every

side. But there is a royal throne we

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day's ups and downs.

can approach without fear or proper

payments, locks, and restrictions. Its

occupant is the God of all creation,

and he is eager to hear about your

God, I approach your throne of grace and lift up my voice to you. I know that you love my

company and you want to hear what I have to

say. I ask you to supply everything I need, and

guide me in the way that you know is best for

Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ,

Could you help me out?"

without knocking or announcing

yourself, and pulling up a chair

~ Hebrews 4:16

First Baptist Church

1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org **PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE**

Sunday School - 9:45 am Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday Activities For All Ages -Call For Complete Schedule

Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD

Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm Youth - Sundays at 7 pm

For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (800) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages · Bible Study & Prayer Mtg · Youth



First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J - Tahoka - (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com Billy Everett, Pastor

Sunday School – 9:30 am Sunday Worship – 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) "Like" our Facebook page ... facebook/FMofTahoka

Let the Children Come LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529

7 am-6 pm

Wilson

St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE

Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am

"Where Christ Serves People"

Grassland Nazarene Church

Do you need a church home?

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656 **Pastor Genell Knisley** (806) 201-0792

Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Draw First United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 496 - O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357

PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

St. John Lutheran Church Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness

beyond. TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

and salvation with our community and

New Home Church of Christ

324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, Tx 79383 • (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE

Bible Class - 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 AVENUE J - BOX 751 - TAHOKA, TX 79373 - (806) 561-1306

Sunday School - 9:45 am Morning Worship - 10:50 am

Wednesday Night - 6 pm (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Min EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

New Home United Methodist Church **Pastor Madoc Thomas**

(806) 470-2939

emt@madocthomas.com 350 N. Main • New Home, Tx 79383 (806) 924-7549 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am



Telemedicine is here... Dr. Christopher Leach, M.D. (top) and Dr. Jarrett Ross, M.D. (bottom) with the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic, are pictured in their offices with the new Telemedicine Technology in place to do virtual patient visits. Telemedicine is a remote diagnosis and treatment of patients by means of telecommunications technology.



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Community leaders give live COVID updates in weekly Thursday video

by JUANELL JONES **Lynn County News**

Lynn County city, county, school and medical officials presented information about the COVID-19 pandemic in Lynn County, in a live video broadcast at 4 p.m. last Thursday, with the main agenda still reiterating to citizens to maintain social distancing, wear face masks, wash hands, and stay at home.

A live video with the latest COVID-19 updates will be broadcast every Thursday at 4 p.m. from the Lynn County Hospital District facebook page, with all citizens encouraged to watch, and to type in their questions in the comment section for real-time an- need of someone to pick up

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three in the O'Donnell area (806-428-3239) or by email and two in Tahoka, that we are monitoring," said Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock in last Thursday's broadcast. "Anytime these cases are confirmed to me, the health department is investigating those as soon as I am notified, to determine who may have been in contact with them and to notify them. The stayat-home rule is working well, we are pleased and fortunate to have only five cases so far. Anytime I get notified about a confirmed COVID-19 case in the county, I fet the Lynn County News know to post it on their facebook page, and I usually get those notices in

the morning hours," he added. Dr. Cathy Palmer, Superintendent at O'Donnell ISD, said that all students in all grade levels at OISD have been provided Ipads by the school district, and that staff open, our doors are locked page. are using internet-based in-

email (cpalmer@esc17.net). OISD is serving free meals from 10 a.m.-12 noon Mon-Fri, and are now serving 139

daily, she said. O'Donnell Mayor Kim Parker made a brief address, saying that the city is in the process of initiating a ing groceries online and in distance," Baker added. (mayorparker.ccc@poka.

com). Arrangements will be these requests.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker said, "Both of the Tahoka CO-VID-19 cases are in quaranhad any other positive tests within the city of Tahoka. The only positive test here is the fifth case. The Tahoka City Council is reviewing an order that will probably go into effect at midnight April 10, to restrict travel.

but we can answer phones and

as providing paper packets for doing social distancing, wearyounger age levels, as school ing masks, and we as a city are continues at home during the testing temperatures of every COVID-19 crisis. A wi-fi hot employee each day. Again, the spot is available for those most important thing you can needing it, and she asked that do is stay home, wash your anyone needing information hands, and if you have to get to contact her by phone or out watch your social distanc-

"Which brings up an imto anyone age 18-and-under, portant point - we do have a number of food trucks coming to town, and as you are lined up there to get your food, please stay more than six feet apart. We had a number of people at the park yesterday, and I was out there observprogram through City Hall ing, and everyone was doing a where citizens who are order- good job of maintaining their

Bill Schoemann, Lynn groceries and have them de- County Emergency Manage-"We have five positive livered to them, may contact ment coordinator, reiterated cases here in the county, her at O'Donnell City Hall the stay-at-home plea, and asked citizens to shop at home if at all possible.

"If you need to shop, made to try to accommodate please do it here," said Schoemann. "We didn't grow Coronavirus here, Coronavirus was brought to us. All five cases of COVID-19 in the county did tine at home, and we have not not originate here, these people were exposed to it somewhere else.

"If you're going to Lubbock, Midland, or other places, all you're doing is exposing yourself and possibly bringing it back here. We already know we have five cases, and "We're not going to be at none of them started here, it the city limits telling you not was brought here. Do your to travel, but we are asking diligence and help us to prethat you travel no more than vent this from coming here," absolutely necessary. If you said Schoemann. He added need to see doctors, or get that any information from needed items, we understand the Lynn County Emergency that, but we ask you to restrict Management office for the travel to essential needs only. public would be posted on the "City offices are still Lynn County News facebook

Dr. Melanie Richburg, structional platforms as well answer your needs. We're also CEO of Lynn County Hospi-

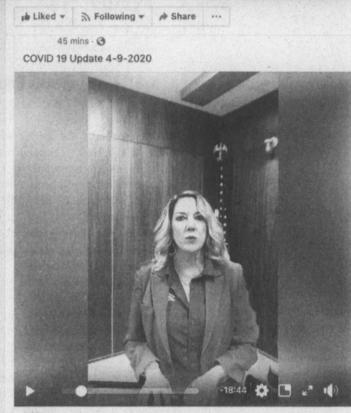


Lynn County **Hospital District** @LCHDhealthcare

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COVID update ... Dr. Cathy Palmer, Superintendent of O'Donnell ISD, was one of the presenters in the live video COVID-19 update presented at 4 p.m. last Thursday through Lynn County Hospital District's facebook page. Citizens may watch the live video update every Thursday at 4 p.m. The video is also available to watch later, both on the LCHD facebook page as well as the Lynn County News facebook page.

Watch together with friends or with a group

awesome community lead- saying and are staying home. important to use protective through the state. gear to protect yourselves. If tings," she said.

Dr. Richburg said that at this time the hospital is not nate because it creates a mild been exposed to COVID-19 seeking healthcare.

"Fortunately, we have not

tal District, was the final of- had a lot of big traffic at the cluding wearing protective gear ficial to present on the video. hospital, which means people and limiting face-to-face visits "We've got some really are listening to what we are if other means are available.

is respiratory born through test unless you meet the state talk to you, and if feel they droplets in the air, and you criteria. Swabs are in a short- need to see you, they will can come into contact with age statewide, so I will tell make arrangements for you it unknowingly in group set- you this, you are not going to to visit the clinic. I can assure overwhelmed with patients level of hysteria, because peo- when you visit the clinic. We

> get it 14 days later and have to Richburg explained.

posed two days from now and

"All of our staff are wearers that are trying to get the We have a COVID clinic in ing masks at all times, to most pertinent and current our parking lot that started protect us and to protect you. information out to you guys last Monday, that is work- And, let me tell you about anso that you can make appro- ing well, and it is open from other opportunity for healthpriate plans and modify your 8-5 Monday-Friday. Testing care, if you see one of the lolives as you see fit. It's really procedures are still going cal providers - most of them have some form of telemedi-"Unfortunately, if you cine where they can call you you go out and come home, come to us asking for a test, and get a face to face visit by wash your hands. The virus we still won't give a COVID phone. They can call you and get a COVID test unless you that you will not be exposed meet that criteria. It's unfortu- to anyone who knowingly has ple are concerned if they have are limiting face to face visits it and they want to know for at the clinic, and the telemedisure if they don't. But the fact cine visits are doing regular of the matter is, you may not clinic hours. Call your doctor have it today, but you get ex- to make the telemedicine ap-

"We are here to help you. come back. But if you don't Come to the Emergency Room meet the criteria at the time, if you have a medical emeryou will not get tested," Dr. gency, we have procedures in place to ensure you will not be She said that all hospital exposed to the COVID virus," staff are taking precautions, in- Dr. Richburg added.

> Tahoka Mini Park 1600 North 1st

6:00 p.m. until

sold out!

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ANAIS MOLINA - FNP-C

What is Telemedicine?





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8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Call for appointment!

Area News

Where Happiness is Stour Cooked

on the side), & roll \$ 10 per person

News items from

Lamesa has first COVID-linked death

LAMESA - Dawson County has recorded its first death linked to the COVID-19 virus and authorities also have reported a sixth confirmed case here.

Friday: Pulled pork sandwiches, curly fries & Cookie \$9 per person

Saturday: Chicken Fried Steak, baked potato (fixins

The death and the latest case confirmation were announced by Lamesa Mayor Josh Stevens, accompanied by County Judge Foy O'Brien, in a video posted Monday, April 6, on the city's coronavirus Facebook page.

Stevens said an 85-year-old man who was Dawson County's first confirmed COVID-19 case, has died. The man reportedly passed away on Sunday (April 5) at a Lubbock hospital, where he had been transferred on March 23 after being admitted to Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa the previous day.

He was confirmed to have the virus on March 26.

"It is difficult to state this person passed away solely from COVID-19, given other health-related issues that he was battling as well, though we can be sure that COVID-19 was a contributing factor," Stevens said in the video.

Stevens said officials here received word about 9:30 a.m. Monday (April 6) of Dawson County's newest case, involving a male over the age of 90. The man is reportedly self-quarantining at home and is doing well.

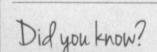
- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Call today to make your **TELEMEDICINE appointment!**

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means of telecommunications technology."

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- . Dreamt is the only word that ends in mt
- · Honey is the only natural food which never spoils · Elephants are the only mammal that can't jump
- . The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

These local firms are sponsoring this **FARM NEWS:**

AgTexas Farm Credit Services Travis Ferguson and Mike Metzig

Capital **Farm Credit** Shaun Wied

Farmers Co-op Association

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Lynn County Farm Bureau

Did you know?

· Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

· A rainbow can be seen only in the morning or late afternoon. It can occur only when the sun is 40 degrees or less above the

• Lightning strikes the Earth 100 times every second.

· Toxic house plants poison more children than household chemicals do.

· You are more likely to be infected by flesh-eating bacteria than you are to be struck by

· According to Genesis 1:20-22, the chicken came before the

TEXAS A&M GRILIFE **EXTENSION**

From the office of: Cody Hill **Lynn County Extension** Agent AG/NR 806-561-4562

Late-season weed control in wheat

Wheat farmers in the Rolling Plains, Concho Valley, and especially the High Plains, may have enough time to implement some lateseason weed control in problem fields. For some farmers, earlier weed control with 2,4-D products may have given incomplete control for mustards, London rocket, kochia, etc. As many farmers across Texas know there is always some risk using growth-regulator type herbicides in wheat due to injury potential on grain yield. These herbicides include 2,4-D, dicamba, and MCPA.

Several Texas A&M AgriLife weed scientists over the years have routinely expressed reservations about applying any of these products once jointing starts. This is despite the labels offering that option. If a farmer uses 2,4-D or dicamba in these situations, it is best to use a reduced rate. Amine may be a preferred option rather than ester to reduce injury potential. Reduced rates are a good fit because it is best to target weeds when they are small and more readily controlled.

In 2016 former Texas A&M AgriLife Dr. Clark Neely compiled "Weed Con-Recommendations

Wheat," ESC-037. See http:// varietytesting.tamu.edu/files/ wheat/docs/2016/Weed%20 Control%20in%20Wheat%20

less about actual recommendations, rather it lists a grower's options along with key management pointers includ-

-%202016.pdf The guide is

Application rate or range General weeds controlled

Maximum weed size for optimum control

Growth stage comments Tank-mix options Other small grains the

herbicide is labeled for. It is a huge task to summa-

rize this kind of information. Always confirm key information with the label.

For late-season weed control the growth stage may limit options. Farmers must decide about whether further herbicide expense is worth the cost. Also, for some herbicides the rotation restrictions become an issue, most likely if the wheat is in a cotton rotation or if you hope to double

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

Area News

Law enforcement

social distancing

will begin enforcing

SEMINOLE - Even with

executive orders issued by

both President Trump and

Governor Greg Abbott re-

stricting groups to numbers of

10 or less, some local citizens

have ignored the pleas - and

restrictions - calling for social

Chief Bernie Kraft and

Gaines County Sheriff Ron-

nie Pipkin said officers would

closely monitor parks and

playgrounds where large

groups of teens and young

adults have continued to gath-

er. Setting up cones around

been placed notifying resi-

dents of closures or remind-

ers of social distancing. Those

who do not respect or obey the

recent emergency ordinance,

which went into effect in

Seminole and Gaines County

March 31, will be subject to

fines as high as \$1000 or up to

- from the Seminole Sentinel

As a result, signs have

the areas was not sufficient.

Both Seminole Police

Sharing...

The Good News





Keeping in touch ... "This is what the grandkids, Conner and Collyn Wuensche, are doing to pass the time - yes, writing letters to their cousins in Lubbock they haven't seen in a month," says grandparents Mark and Tina Wuensche of Tahoka. "It was something they enjoyed doing and are anticipating letters in return. Who would have thought in 2020 kids would be writing letters?!"

Area News ...

reprinted from area newspapers

O'Donnell newspaper may change to newsletter or online format

O'DONNELL - The O'Donnell Index-Press, a weekly newspaper in O'Donnell, may change their format of delivering the news, in an effort to reduce the cost per week of printing and mailing their current tabloid-size print issue.

In a column by John Wells, owner, he explained that it costs \$1000 per month to produce the current weekly news- 10:30 a.m. paper, and with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting advertising

income, the costs are becoming prohibitive. "As a result of the necessity for us to reduce the cost per week of our printing and mailing costs, we are looking into reducing the Index-Press to either a newsletter or online edition. By doing so, we can continue to maintain our status as a legal

newspaper," said Wells. "The U.S. Postal Service has notified all newspapers that they will not be in jeopardy of loss of their permit should they miss a couple of editions due to the coronavirus; the State of Texas requires we publish no less than 50 editions per year to remain legally a newspaper, which means we must make our normal schedule of papers or else.

"If we are not a legal newspaper, we cannot run legal notices, and would lose that status. By changing our format temporarily, we hope we can maintain our status as a legal newspaper and our community will not join those too many small towns who have lost their local newspapers.

"The simple matter of fact answer is that we cannot afford to run the paper at \$1000/month out of our pockets. We will have to do something to reduce those costs and maintain the paper as a valid entity until such time as the world decides to right itself.

"We believe we can do this, but ask your patience and indulgence in this very unusual time. We will make at least one or two more editions in a minimal fashion. Until we either have a website set up and can notify everyone about it, or until we have at least minimal newsletter arrangements set up. We will look into every possibility that we can find to maintain the Index-Press through the current situation.

"We ask that you understand, and we will update everyone as we know what we are doing," said Wells.

- from the O'Donnell Index-Press

County to apply for grant funds for road repairs

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lynn County Courtroom. Commissioners Matt Woodley, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. Commissioner John Hawthorne was absent.

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Commissioners approved a motion to apply for a County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant for Lynn County Commissioner Precincts in the amount of \$102,000, with a Lynn County match of \$20,000. If approved, the funds would be shared between all four county precincts for repair of county

Commissioners took action to temporarily restrict use/access to a portion of a county road, due to the deterioration of road conditions. A motion was approved to prohibit or restrict use of Sam Road from CR 24 South to CR 25 East on CR 25 one mile then South one mile on Sam Road ending at CR 26, under the Texas Transportation code 251.157.

"This is a portion of road that is constantly deteriorating, and if all landowners (through which the road travels) give their approval, the road will be temporarily gated to restrict public access to prevent vehicles from getting stuck, but the private landowners would be allowed access," Judge Braddock explained to The News, adding that no residents lived on the

Judge Braddock shared a written report from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office for the month, and monthly bills were approved.

The meeting adjourned at

Area News

Dawson County has 7th COVID-19 case

LAMESA - Dawson County's confirmed COV-ID-19 case count is now up to

Lamesa Mayor Josh Stevens made the announcement in a weekly Facebook live update on Friday afternoon (April 10) from City Hall. Local officials received word of the latest case on Friday morning, involving a female from Lamesa who is over age

Stevens said that individual is now in quarantine.

With one death linked to the virus and one person having recovered and been cleared, Dawson County now has five active cases.

> - from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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Voting on November 3rd will be conducted at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Enter through the west doors on Avenue J.

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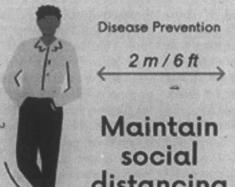
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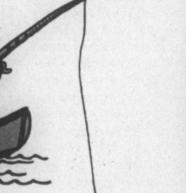
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New Home Happenings by Denise Sherrod

New Home Happenings

Except...there aren't any. Or, there shouldn't be anyway. Areawide, we are now encouraged to wear masks when we foray into the petri dish of life. When I made my twicemonthly voyage to the grocery store last week, I spent the first 20 minutes going the wrong way down almost every aisle. It's okay, though, because most other people were doing the same thing. When I realized that those huge red stickers on the floor were direction arrows, I mended my ways and shopping got really adventurous. At the end, I was going backwards down aisles to get to the spot I needed so I could then be going the right direction as I left.

If you are as perplexed as I am by all this Twilight Zoneish-ness, maybe you need a relaxing escape. I like to read, but eventually even my eyes get tired, so I either listen to a book, or I watch TV. One show I have enjoyed this year is Atypical on Netflix, a series about a high school boy who is on the autism spectrum. It is not for children although older tweens could watch it with their parents—there are some language issues and "adult situations." But it is both funny and poignant. I've also enjoyed mysteries from Brit Box, which is a subscription service embedded in Amazon Prime video. I Mked Vera and distancy, and keep the and Shetland, which are both based on novel series by Ann Cleeves. These are dark and occasionally dryly humorous shows, Some Americans enjoy them more with the captions turned on because the accents can be a little hard for

acters aren't just one dimen-

PBS has a new series going called World on Fire, set during WWII. I've seen only one episode, but I enjoyed it, and I wasn't planning to because I have watched So. Many. WWII. Shows. It has Helen Hunt in it, playing an American reporter based in Berlin. PBS also started a new Mystery! series on Sunday called Baptiste, and I am eager to watch it. I was catching up on Call the Midwife last Sunday, so I missed the premiere. By the way, if you enjoyed Call the Midwife, the first season or so was based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth (Jenny in the first few seasons).

I cannot give my opinion of Tiger King, the show, but I read the Texas Monthly article when it came out a couple of years ago, and it was hard to believe. Everyone says the show is like a car wreck that you can't look away from. So...there's that.

Remember, you have plenty of time to read and watch to your heart's content because we are supposed to be staying at home, even here in New Home. Fortunately, we can still go outside (when the weather is playing nice) and walk our dogs, ride our bikes, and breathe—just not too close to somebody else. So, stay safe faith. This, too, will pass at some point. Probably. And if you have extra non-perishables or paper goods, stick them in the Blessing Box at City Hall; they might be exactly what someone else needs.

To submit items for New our ears to decipher, especial- Home Happenings, email dtly in Shetland. The storylines sherrod@gmail.com by 10:00 are rich, though, and the char- on Tuesday morning.



SWAT team ... The Lubbock County SWAT team assisted city and county law enforcement Saturday evening, when a man and woman were reported to have fired shots and then retreated inside a home on N. 8th Street, refusing to communicate with officers.

SWAT team on scene here ...

(Continued from page 1)

peacefully before the SWAT team entered the house, as he and the woman opened the front door and voluntarily came outside, and were immediately taken into custody. No other shots were fired during the incident, and no one was injured. According to the local police report, the woman with Alvarado was in the house voluntarily and was not a hostage.

Alvarado was arrested on the felony charges, and the woman was detained for questioning. By around 8 p.m., most of the officers were leaving the scene and neighbors were returning to their homes. Tahoka Police remained at the residence for a longer period of time to conduct their investigation.

In another incident, the DPS helicopter, DPS troopers, and Lubbock County K-9 units were called on Friday night to assist county and city officers search for a man who was the driver of a 1994 Chevrolet pickup in a onevehicle accident that occurred at 9 p.m. under the FM 400 overpass on US 87. The driver

cated, fled the scene on foot.

underneath a tree about a half mile away from the scene. The area, but the youths left the man, Charles Randell Greer, scene before officers arrived. 56, of Lubbock, was arrested

A possible drive-by shooting was reported from the 1800 block of Green Ave. in Wilson, at 9:08 p.m. Monday, April 6. A caller reported that a vehicle had driven past her house, and at first she thought they were popping fireworks, previous conviction w/financial but after checking video on a nest camera she believed she saw someone shooting out of a vehicle before it drove away heading towards US 87. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

during the past week.

Officials at New Lynn Gin reported at 7 p.m. on April 7 that someone had taken the front weights off a John Deere tractor, four fenders off a 1938 Buick, and six wheels and tires from a trailer, broke the windows of the gin office, and made a 4-inch hole in the brick wall of the office. At 9:38 p.m. another call came in that there were some people out at the gin again, and requesting a deputy at the scene. The deputy criminally trespassed three individuals and placed the gin on close patrol.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12, a caller reported that sometime during the night unknown persons broke into their enclosed trailers at a location on FM 211, reporting several tools and generators

missing. On April 7, a man taking care of a neighbor's dog reported the front door of the neighbor's house, in the 1100 block of Gouger Ave. in Wilson, appeared to be broken into, and that a chain was wrapped around the front

A fire was reported behind the Poka Lambro building on US 87 at 3:37 p.m. April 9. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged to the scene, discovering a mattress on fire in the bar ditch, and extinguished the flames.

Illegal dumping was reported west of the north roadside park on County Road Q on April 6, where someone had dumped trash. A search of the debris found a utility bill with a name and address, and a deputy made contact with the individual and had him pick up the trash.

Officers responded to several calls for suspicious vehicles/persons, and welfare checks. One caller on April 13 reported that his wife was "abducted by her boyfriend," and that she and her car were missing when he woke up in the morning. A deputy spoke with the wife, who indicated "everything was okay and she will be returning home tonight."

Tahoka Police also responded to several calls for suspicious persons/vehicles, a

had reportedly escaped from a report of drag racing in downpatrol unit where he had been town Tahoka on Friday night, placed in the back seat while and a report of a cat injured a deputy assessed the accident by shots from a bb gun in the scene. The man, who report- 2500 block of N. 2nd on Friedly may have been intoxi- day evening. Several youth were reported being loud at It took about an hour and 5:12 a.m. Friday at the Tahoka a half before the DPS chop- Elementary School, where per located the man sitting they had jumped the fence and were inside the playground

Lynn County Jail held 35 on charges of escaping from inmates during the past week, ic including 20 for Ector County, 1 for Floyd, and 14 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for aggravated assault with deadly weapon, one for escape from custody, one for unlawfully carrying weapon, and one for driving while license invalid w/ responsibility.

New Home ISD postpones Two thefts were reported bond election

New Home ISD has postponed the School Bond election that was to be held on May 2, 2020.

"The governor's office has tions, and in conjunction with legal counsel, the New Home Board of Trustees did not feel that it was in the best interest of our school and community to continue with the election at this point," Superintendent Shane Fiedler told The News.

"The health of our community is of paramount importance, and due to our current climate, this is the responsible choice. We are hopeful to place the bond election on the November ballot," Fiedler added.

The bond election was for voters to consider a bond proa new elementary campus, a football field and track facility at New Home ISD.

Teacher/coach resigns from Tahoka ISD

Tahoka Independent School District met in regular session last Thursday, April 9 to conduct routine business, including accepting a letter of resignation from teacher/ coach Stephanie Pigg, effective at the end of the school

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TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose said that the six board members present and school administrative staff conducted social distancing in seating arrangements for the session, with no more than 10 people present, and the meeting lasted less than an hour.

Trustees approved a resolution regarding some changes in the grading policy, due to the changes in the second semester with schools closed to on-campus classes due to COVID-19 pandemic. Distance-learning were discussed, and Supt. Van Hoose informed trustees that the state requirements for board training hours were suspended due to the pandem-

The superintendent said that the cafeteria staff were serving an average of 350 meals daily, serving carryouts or deliveries to anyone 18-and-under from behind the school cafeteria Monday through Friday. The meals are available to all youth, whether or not they are enrolled at Tahoka ISD.

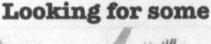
"I'm so proud of our kitchen staff, they have been real troopers," said Van Hoose. "And we have had lots of volunteers to help with the carryouts for drive-up and delivery of meals. I appreciate all of them very much," he added.

Trustees present for the meeting included Clay Taylor, Jon Luna, Blanda Watt, Drew Stone, Slate May and issued guidance on May elec- Lea Swinford. Trustee Doug Green was absent.

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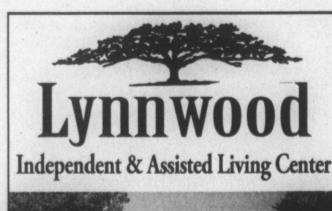
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