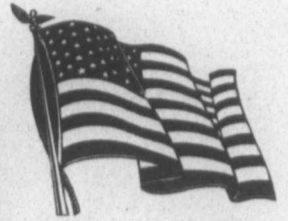


Stay Strong
BE
Positive

LN

THE

Lynn County News



April 23, 2020 ■ Volume 117, No. 17

Serving Lynn County since 1903

Tahoka, Lynn County Texas

email: LynnCoNews@poka.com

75¢

What's Inside

- **Obituaries** - pg. 2
- Robert Angelo Rodriguez
- **FB&T contributes \$100,000 for relief efforts** - pg. 2
- **City Council approves election postponement** - pg. 3
- **Trostle named AgriLife hemp specialist** - pg. 4
- **Wilson farm earns spot in club for high cotton yields** - pg. 4
- **Area News** - pg. 6
 - Bees attack Snyder residents
 - Terry County schools still hiring
 - Dawson Co. has 13th COVID case
- **Free assistance available for civil legal problems** - pg. 6

Did you know?

- Bi-weekly has two different definitions: Twice a week, or once every two weeks.
- Volvo invented the three-point seatbelt, then gave the invention away for free. They decided it was too important of an invention to keep to themselves.



Wash your hands and say your prayers, because Jesus and germs are everywhere! Stay home. Stay healthy. Stay strong.

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

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 14	51	31	
Apr 15	70	34	
Apr 16	84	38	
Apr 17	58	36	
Apr 18	67	40	
Apr 19	80	49	
Apr 20	81	49	

(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 Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip. for 2020:	3.64"

Tahoka Police Officer arrested on charges including prostitution

by JUANELL JONES

A Tahoka Police Officer was arrested on charges of Official Oppression, Prostitution, and Indecent Assault last Tuesday, April 14, as a result of an investigation by the Texas Rangers, a criminal investigative division of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Officer William Jayce Baker, 41, was arrested and reportedly bonded out of Lynn County Jail on the 14th, and resigned his position with the Tahoka Police Department on April 15.

Tahoka Police Chief Jeff Parker told *The News* this week that he could not comment on the case, except to say that it had been turned over to the Texas Rangers for investigation, but he did confirm that the officer resigned from the department on the 15th. He was employed with the police department here for only five months, since November 2019.

Sgt. Johnny Bures, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, confirmed that the Texas Rangers are investigating the case and brought the three charges against Baker. According to Sgt. Bures, the Rangers indicated that there is one alleged victim in the case, but as of press time Tuesday afternoon there was



WILLIAM JAYCE BAKER
(Lynn Co Jail booking photo)

no further information available.

Although unconfirmed by officials, it is likely that the alleged incident(s) occurred while Officer Baker was on duty.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker (no relation to the officer) said that the investigation and any resulting charges is being handled entirely by the Texas Rangers, not through the Tahoka Police Dept. Officer Baker had been placed on administrative leave during the investigation, he said.

Before his employment at the Tahoka Police Dept., Officer Baker was employed as a deputy with

the Lynn County Sheriff's Office for less than a year, from March through November of 2019.

In call sheet reports from law enforcement officials during the last week were reports of a fire at T-Bar Country Club, a vehicle driving the wrong way on US 87, and other reports.

A fire last Wednesday night at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka destroyed the club's cart shed and 18 golf carts within it, most of which were used to rent to customers at the golf course. The shed shares an interior wall that divides it from an adjacent cart house holding six carts for individual owners, and those carts, golf clubs and other equipment suffered extreme heat damage as well.

Tahoka Police Officer Vernon Spence was patrolling the area when he noticed the smoke from T-Bar, and called it in about 9:30 p.m. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene. T-Bar Country Club officials say the course remains open to members, but that no carts will be available for rental. There was no information on how the fire may have started.

A vehicle traveling on the (See POLICE REPORT, page 3)

Tahoka man dies from COVID-19

A Tahoka man, 40-year-old Mack Garza, died late Tuesday morning, April 21, in a Lubbock hospital where he was reportedly being treated for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Garza was the fifth case of COVID-19 in Lynn County, which had been confirmed on April 8.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker confirmed early Tuesday afternoon that Garza was the first death in Lynn County that resulted from the Coronavirus disease.

Garza was an employee with the City of Tahoka, in the water department. His wife, Andrea, was confirmed as COVID case #4 in Lynn County, on April 6. This week, she was reportedly concluding 14 days of quarantine while recovering at home, and she was never hospitalized for COVID-19.

To date, Lynn County has had only five cases of COVID-19 confirmed by the South Plains Public Health Department. The first three confirmed cases of COVID-19 were O'Donnell residents. As of press-time Tuesday afternoon, there have been no official updates as to the status of those cases or whether they have been released from quarantine.

Fire destroys shed, golf carts at T-Bar Country Club



Fire destroys 18 golf carts ... A fire last Wednesday night at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka destroyed the club's cart shed and 18 golf carts within it, most of which were used to rent to customers at the golf course. The shed shares an interior wall that divides it from an adjacent cart house holding six carts for individual owners, and those carts, golf clubs and other equipment suffered extreme heat damage as well. One cart that was parked in front of the shed had the front melted from the heat (see cart photo that shows T-BAR on the front grill). Tahoka Police Officer Vernon Spence was patrolling the area when he noticed the smoke from T-Bar, and called it in about 9:30 p.m. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)



Did you know?

“ When we're born, the only innate fears we have are the fear of falling, and the fear of loud sounds. All other fears are learned. ”

The Lynn County News

The Lynn County News (USPS 32-3200) is published weekly by Lynn County News, Inc. on Thursday (52 issues per year) at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. Periodical postage paid at Tahoka, Texas 79373. Postmaster: Send address change to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
Lynn County Address: - \$30 year
Other Addresses in U.S. - \$35 year

PUBLISHER / NEWS EDITOR
Juanell Jones
ADVERTISING MANAGER
Pam Elrod

© All material Copyright 2020 The Lynn County News

DEADLINE: Noon Tuesdays

CONTACT US:
Office: 806-561-4888
Fax: (806) 561-6308
E-Mail: LynnCoNews@poka.com
1617 Main Street
P.O. Box 1170
Tahoka, Tx 79373

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 5:30 pm
Closed Fridays. Drop box available by front door.

"Like" us on Facebook ...
www.facebook.com/LynnCountyNews



Obituaries

Robert Angelo Rodriguez

Robert Angelo Rodriguez, 21 of Lubbock passed away April 11, 2020. He is the son of Joe Jessie Rodriguez and Laura Liendo of Tahoka.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

April 27 - May 1
Monday: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges
Tuesday: Pork roast, mashed sweet potatoes, mixed veg., coleslaw, fruit salad
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, banana/vanilla pudding
Friday: Sloppy Joe on Bun, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, fruit square

FirstBank & Trust contributes \$100,000 for COVID-19 community relief efforts in West Texas

FirstBank & Trust announced this week it will commit \$100,000 to support local community initiatives related to the West Texas COVID-19 crisis. The Lubbock-based bank will make significant contributions in Lubbock to the Community Foundation of West Texas' South Plains COVID-19 Response Fund, the YWCA and Open Door of Lubbock with additional donations in other West Texas communities, including the four volunteer fire departments in Lynn County. This latest community outreach follows earlier announcements about the bank's comprehensive COVID-19 response measures centered around financial relief for clients and employee safety.

"This is a challenging time for businesses and families across West Texas," expressed Greg Garland, President of FirstBank & Trust. "Our employees, customers, and community continue to come together to help one another during this crisis. It has reinforced how blessed we are to live and work in West Texas. On behalf of our entire team, we are proud to support these important community relief efforts."

\$45,000 to the Community Foundation of West Texas COVID-19 Response Fund

FirstBank & Trust will contribute \$45,000 to the Community Foundation of West Texas which has teamed up with the United Way of Lubbock to distribute funds to community-based organizations who are working with those greatly impacted by the coronavirus. The funds will be used to cover immediate needs such as food, rent, utilities and child care. "I am amazed at the West Texas spirit. It never fails; good people doing extraordinarily great deeds," stated Stephen Warren, President of the Community Foundation of West Texas.

\$25,000 to the YWCA of Lubbock

A donation of \$25,000 will be made to the YWCA which

will allow the organization to continue serving lunches to children in the neighborhood and nearby apartment complexes, as well as offer childcare scholarships for first responder children and allow the YWCA to continue to serve when the community is in need. Glenda Mathis, CEO for the YWCA said, "For all of us, this is a time of great humility as we witness immeasurable acts of kindness and support. At the YWCA, we lost 98% of our discretionary income streams in less than one hour: afterschool, gym, fitness, pool, event center. You can't prepare for that kind of loss. You also can't prepare for the swell of emotions when your bank suddenly calls---unsolicited---and says, 'we know you can use this and we're here to help.' I will never forget that moment when Barry Orr called me."

\$10,000 to Open Door

Due to a greater need in recent weeks in Lubbock, Open Door has expanded their services to 7 days a week to help those who are homeless. Many citizens who lost jobs or had temporary jobs when the coronavirus arrived in Lubbock, found themselves needing the services provided by Open Door. Open Door provides 3-meals a day and a place to take a shower for those who experience homelessness and have no place to go. "Open Door is blessed by our partnership with FirstBank & Trust. We appreciate a local bank that gives back to the community," said Open Door CEO Chad Wheeler.

\$10,000 to the Volunteer Fire Departments of Lynn County

The four volunteer fire departments of Lynn County, which includes Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell, will each receive a donation to their program. FirstBank & Trust President Greg Garland stated, "Our small communities are dependent on first responders to help keep them safe. It is imperative that we support these volunteer fire departments so they have the

Sharing...

The Good News !



Protection ... LCHD nurses are pictured with an intubation box made by Christi Selby with Calvert Home Health, for addition protection for Lynn County Hospital medical staff in dealing with patients.

equipment they need to do their jobs."

\$5,000 to the Snyder Community Resource Center

The Snyder Community Resource Center provides emergency assistance to families, children and individuals to live safe, stable and self-sufficient lives. Due to the coronavirus, many citizens in Snyder have experienced job loss, hours cut or have the need to stay home to care for children. This has resulted in a greater demand on the available resources at the Snyder Community Resource Center. "With increasing economic instability and the availability of basic needs becoming scarce due to COVID-19, Snyder Community Resource Center has come alongside the most vulnerable of our population with the goal of providing a step forward for individuals and families in this time of crisis. It is because of the generous support of businesses such as First Bank & Trust that our agency can become an epicenter in providing emergency assistance that streamlines assistance within our community," said Program Director Jessica Robbins.

\$5,000 to Corona Provision Fund of Colorado City

The Corona Provision Fund of Colorado City will provide emergency assistance to those who have experienced a hardship as a result of COVID-19. The funds will be distributed to cover basic needs such as food, utilities and housing.

A look back at ... Woodwork



(Reprinted from the past)

SEVERAL DAYS AGO as my wife was driving us down U.S. 87 toward Lamesa, I looked up at the sky and noticed what appeared to be a huge hand formed in the white clouds. Later I saw what looked to me like the outline of a dog, with feet, snout, body and tail. "Do you suppose any kids these days sit around and look at the sky to see what images they can pick out of the clouds?" I asked.

"I doubt it," she replied. "Now they probably just play video games on computers or TV, and never think about anything in the sky." She added that when she was a child, she used to spend hours at a time just looking at the clouds, and I remember that I did that, too. Sometimes two or three of us youngsters would just sit or lie down in the shade outside in the summer and see who could spot the most interesting formations in the clouds.

Those were magical times, and I sort of believe that kids who used their imagination like that to entertain themselves may have benefitted more than the youngsters today who spend all their time with video games, mostly pretty violent in nature.

Of course, we didn't have any of the technological knowledge children acquire so rapidly these days. But what we saw in the clouds, although we knew it wasn't real, was interesting.

The Bible and a folk song say Ezekiel saw a wheel "way up in the middle of the air," and my brother, who was an airlines pilot, always thought Ezekiel saw a flying saucer sent by aliens (the kind who came from the stars, not those who cross over the Rio Grande into Arizona).

Gene Autry saw a gold mine and Judy Garland saw rainbows in the sky, and hundreds of songwriters and lovers saw things in the moon that never were verified by Neil Armstrong.

So there are wondrous things to be seen in the sky, and youngsters and other people who look up at the clouds have few limits on what the imagination can offer, and there are no limits to places you can go in your mind.

~June 21, 2010



NEED A CHECK-UP?
We are open and accepting new patients at the **Family Wellness Clinic!**
Anais Molina, FNP-C
Christopher Leach, MD
Jarrett Ross, MD
Shannon Hammonds, FNP-C
FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC
Walk-ins welcome or call for an appointment!
1809 Lockwood • Tahoka, TX. • 806-998-4604
HOURS: Monday-Friday • 8:00 - 5:30

Happy Birthday on April 28th
to the **Energizer Bunny!**
Love ya Mom!

+
Psalm 27:14
"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he will strengthen your heart. Wait on the Lord."
An uplifting verse sent in by Donna Raindl.

In Loving Memory of T.B. Bookman
APRIL 22, 1915 - JULY, 1992
We Love & Miss You Dearly!
Derrell & Jackie Cockerham, Arthur & Rhonda Chapa
Todd & Jackie Nance
Bernie Nance & Helen Bookman
Kyndle, Keilyn, Andre', Sha'Dorian, & Kaine Nance
Designed by MEDIA INNOVATIONS 321.363.3933
DERRELL & PASTOR JACQUELINE COCKERHAM

Any School Congratulations!
Jane Smith
Your whole family is PROUD of you!
DEADLINE is MONDAY, MAY 11!
Call the Lynn County News at 806-561-4888
Email information to: LynnCoNews@poka.com

Police report ...

(Continued from page 1)

wrong side of the road was called in at 8:43 a.m. April 15, with the caller reporting that a white F-150 Ford pickup was driving southbound in the northbound lane of US 87 about 8 miles north of Tahoka. Officers stopped the vehicle, which was not being driven by the owner but by a man who was in the process of buying the truck, and he had apparently gotten confused when pulling onto the road on the wrong side.

A caller at 11 p.m. Saturday night reported he had seen several juveniles at an abandoned house approximately 2-3 miles north of CR 2 on CR N, with several vehicles parked there, and that the juveniles were involved in underage drinking. A deputy located the residence and reported he had one juvenile detained and several others were running from him. Three ju-

veniles were detained and released to legal guardians, according to the call sheet report.

Tahoka VFD responded to a dumpster fire in the alley of the 1500 block of South 4th Street, Monday evening about 5:15 p.m.

Sheriff's officers and Tahoka Police officers responded to several calls involving domestic disputes, reports of suspicious persons or vehicles, loud music complaints, trespassers in an alley, and one complaint of a 7-year-old child riding her bicycle too close to a parked car.

One domestic dispute on Monday, April 20, resulted in the arrest of a man on charges of terroristic threat reaction to an emergency agency, after the man reportedly responded with aggressive behavior with officers during the incident.

Tahoka Police responded

to a report of five juveniles walking in the middle of Ave. P and Lockwood at 10:30 p.m. last Thursday night. Since Tahoka has a curfew of 11 p.m., the officer told the juveniles to disperse and return to their homes.

Lynn County Jail held 31 inmates during the week, including 20 held for Ector County, 1 for Floyd, and 10 for Lynn County. Local charges included one man on charges of terroristic threat reaction to an emergency agency, one for failure to identify fugitive/intent to give false information, and one for indecent assault/official oppression/prostitution.

Did you know?

- While shedding, geckos will eat their skin in order to prevent predators from finding and eating them more easily.
- Bees actually have knees. The expression comes from the fact that they store large build ups of pollen in hairy baskets on their knees.
- While watching a merry-go-round from a bench in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, Walt Disney was struck with inspiration for the creation of Disneyland.



SARAH FUMAGALLI

Fumagalli earns doctorate degree from Texas Tech

Mark and Cindy Hawthorne of Tahoka proudly announce the graduation of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Fumagalli, of Lubbock, graduating from Texas Tech University with her Doctorate Degree in Theoretical Biology in March of 2020.

Sarah will begin a post doctorate research position in Bioinformatics at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in Huntington, NY.

She is a 2002 graduate of Tahoka High School.

- When you exercise, the burned fat metabolizes to become carbon dioxide, water, and energy. Meaning: you exhale the fat that you lose.

Tahoka City Council members approve election postponement

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday, April 13, with all council members present (one was attending by digital access), approving the postponement of the May 2 special election for a District 1 council member to Nov. 3, due to the COVID precautions. The city's special election will be held in conjunction with the Nov. 3 general election.

The District 1 seat on the City Council is currently vacant, and there are three candidates seeking the one-year unexpired term in the special election, including Tom Tejada, Courtney Stennett, and Derek Stephens.

In other business, council members approved a change in the city's weed ordinance, changing the height of weeds from 12 inches to 7 inches for enforcement purposes.

Council members read written departmental reports, instead of having department heads present at the meeting. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and the council approved a request for proposals for city depository services.

Social distancing between all council members, the mayor, and the city administrator was maintained by having one person seated per table in the large meeting room at city hall.

O'Donnell student inducted to ASU Honor Society

SAN ANGELO, TX - Angelo State University's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) national honor society inducted its spring 2020 class of 52 students, including Mi-Jeanne Van Der Bank of O'Donnell, during a special virtual initiation ceremony April 14 on Facebook.

Van Der Bank is studying Accounting at ASU.

PKP is one of the nation's most prestigious academic honor societies for students in all academic disciplines. Invitations to join PKP are extended to juniors in the top 7.5 percent of their class and to seniors and graduate students in the top 10 percent of their class.



Lynnwood

Independent & Assisted Living Center



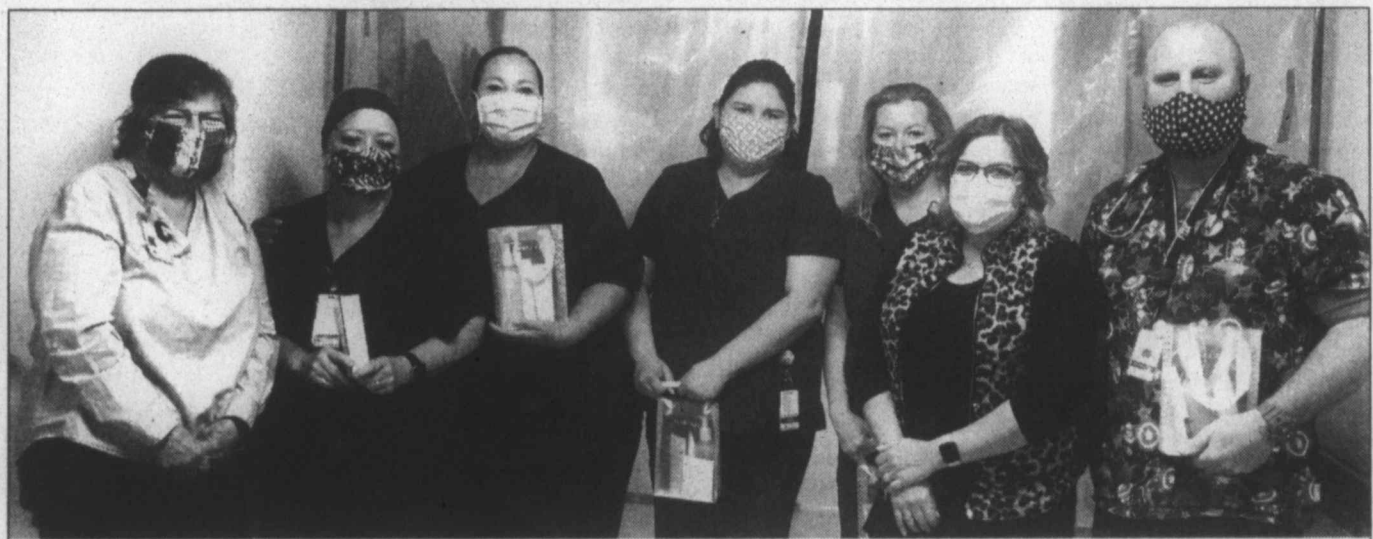
Providing a safe, homelike atmosphere in a dignified environment.

ROOMS AVAILABLE NOW - Call for prices.
Come and see our new updates!

"Our goal is to provide our residents with a safe, homelike environment, yet have the privacy, independence and dignity to live a long and healthy life. Each resident will be afforded the highest level of genuine care."



Jenny Garrett, Lynnwood Administrator
1801 Country Club Road • Tahoka, Texas (806) 998-1226
Owned and Operated by Lynn County Hospital District
Fac ID #100713



Just for you ... Barbie Reynolds donated Mary Kay hand lotion and other products to the staff of Lynn County Hospital, in appreciation for their service to the community.

Did you know?

- Polar bears often hunt walrus by simply charging at a group of them and eating the ones that were crushed or wounded in the mass panic to escape. Direct attacks are rare.

Tahoka ISD

Pre-school & Kindergarten

ROUNDUP

Pre-Kindergarten (4 YEAR OLDS) • Kindergarten (5 YEAR OLDS)

Monday May 4th thru Friday May 8th

Due to the circumstances we will hold an **online only** registration.

You may log on at any time during the week shown above to register. You will need to go to tahokaisd.us, click on for parents and then click on parent portal. You will need to create an account if you do not already have one. If you already have one, just log in and click on enroll a new student. There are instructions on our website under the news tab for you to follow if you need them. If you do not have a computer, you can do this on your phone. If you are not able to do the online registration, please call the office to at least get your child's name on the list for next year. At a later date we will hold an open registration where everyone that has registered will need to come and fill out some paperwork and bring us copies of their child's, Certified Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Shot record, proof of residence, and your driver's license. We will send out another letter once we know the date for that. Please be sure to have all of these documents ready for us to make copies of. Please spread the word to those that need this information.

If you have any questions please call the office.

If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K, you do not have to pre-register for Kindergarten.

Please remember that students who register for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years old and Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2020.

It is critical that everyone with Pre-K aged children in the Tahoka area pre-register or call the Elementary Office at 561-4350.



South Plains Community Action Partnership

Action

PARTNERSHIP

Helping People. Changing Lives.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Food Assistance
806-598-1356

Utility Assistance
806-598-1356

SPARTAN Transportation
800-462-8747

Transportation Services | Workforce Program | Housing Program
Head Start Program | Health Services | Child Care Services
Community Services

HELPING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES.

www.spcaa.org

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

AgTexas Farm Credit Services
Travis Ferguson and Mike Metzlig

Capital Farm Credit
Jason Gandy
Shaun Wied

Farmers Co-op Association
No. 1

FirstBank & Trust
Karl McDonald

Lynn County Farm Bureau

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
From the office of: **Cody Hill**
Lynn County Extension Agent AG/NR
806-561-4562

Trostle named statewide AgriLife Extension hemp specialist

Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, Lubbock, has recently been named the statewide hemp specialist for the agency.

"We've had a lot of excellent work being done by our AgriLife Extension Industrial Hemp Initiative team to prepare Texas for the production of industrial hemp," said Dan Hale, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension associate director — agriculture and natural resources, College Station, in announcing the new position.

"Dr. Trostle has worked tirelessly in this area and has already been serving in a lead specialist capacity. He will do an excellent job in helping lead our Initiative team's and agency-wide Extension and research activities."

AgriLife Extension formed an Industrial Hemp Education Initiative Team to provide information concerning industrial hemp production in Texas after House Bill 1325 was signed into law by the Governor last June.

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture was finalizing federal regulations and guidelines, along with the Texas Department of Agriculture writing of state regulations and guidelines and getting them approved by the USDA, Trostle was already at work.

The industrial hemp education team helped develop resources for agents and specialists to utilize across the state in producer and public education programs. Trostle led or participated in about 20 educational hemp seminars from Dumas to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. He also made trips to New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado, where hemp is already legal to grow, in order to learn more about the crop.

Industrial hemp hasn't been grown in Texas since the 1930s, when there was some hemp production in South Texas. So, there's no track record of what varieties might work in Texas,

and only this year will there be any research on industrial hemp, Trostle said.

Trostle said initial hemp field efforts will begin with implementing the Texas A&M AgriLife variety testing program for hemp. These hemp cannabinoid, fiber and grain trials are planned for Plainview, Commerce, San Angelo and College Station.

"We won't be able to implement meaningful planting date studies until 2021," he said. "Procuring funding for any field work will be key in how quickly we can address research questions."

Another of Trostle's initial objectives for Texas hemp is investigating and encouraging improved hemp seed quality.

"Apart from business issues, poor seed has been the No. 1 production issue in most states already growing hemp," he said.

Trostle grew up on a farm and ranch in eastern Kansas. He earned his bachelor's degree in agronomy from Kansas State University, his master's in soil chemistry from Texas A&M University and his doctorate in soil science from the University of Minnesota. He joined AgriLife Extension at Lubbock in 1999 after three summers in rice research at the Texas A&M AgriLife center in Beaumont.

The new title of statewide hemp specialist fits in with how has been known in West Texas — as the "alternative crops guy." After serving in Lubbock for two years and learning more about the region's farming, Trostle said he chose to pursue a broad working knowledge on many different crops rather than focus heavily on just one or two. "I believe I made the right decision," he said. "That approach has positioned me better to start from scratch with learning about hemp."

He also is currently the state specialist for sunflowers, as well as provides education and applied research support in the

Sharing... **The Good News!**



New business in Wilson ... Castner Quality Woodworks opened a new office in Wilson recently. Pictured from left are Casey Lopez, Seth Lozano, owner Joe Castner, and Bryan Mendez. The company makes cabinets for homes. They are located near the Green Museum building, on FM 400 in Wilson, phone 806-474-8056.

Poka Lambro scholarship winners named

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has announced their 2020 scholarship recipients, as follows:

- Kutter Baccus — New Home High School
- Ashlyn Ballard — New Home High School
- Skylar Barkowsky — Klondike High School
- Colbin Briley — Borden County High School
- Kyle Gill — New Home High School
- Lexi Humphrey — Meadow High School
- Dillon McKee — Post High School
- Marcos Pedroza — O'Donnell High School
- Tristan Stice — Tahoka High School
- Savannah Wiebe — Klondike High School

South Plains region and across Texas for grain sorghum, sunflowers, peanuts, wheat/small grains, guar, alfalfa, winter canola, summer annual forages and sesame.

Trostle said while he knows this first year or two of hemp work will keep him busy, he will maintain his educational programs on all the crops he's working with.

"I want farmers of grain sorghum, wheat, alfalfa, peanuts, guar and other crops to know that I remain fully committed to maintaining my Extension support to their cropping needs. I will have to reduce my field work in these crops, but the 21+ years of experience I have gained isn't going anywhere." Trostle can be reached at 806-746-6101 or ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu. He has written a monthly hemp newsletter since November and has initiated an AgriLife Twitter account @TXAgriLifeHemp. Trostle also contributed to the AgriLife Extension hemp resources page, along with members of the hemp team.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

A letter from the mayor:

Dear New Home Citizens,

I'm sure, like myself, most of us are ready to get back to what we once thought was our normal way of life. Unfortunately, we are not quite ready for that yet. No one wants to catch this virus, nor would we unknowingly want to spread it to our friends, relatives, or neighbors.

The next time you go to the grocery store, you may be required to wear a mask or facial covering. You may want to put one in your vehicle just in case. All of us are being inconvenienced to some degree with schools and churches closed, retail and restaurants closed, and social distancing. If we weren't doing these things, the spread would certainly be much worse.

But this is not the time to let our guard down. My advice would be to still stay at home as much as possible. Limit your trips to Lubbock and try to get everything you may need in one trip. If the weather is nice, get out and enjoy it. Plant a vegetable garden; it will give you something to do, and there's nothing like fresh food you grow yourself. Appreciate the simple things in life. Wash your hands often.

Hopefully, soon we will get past all of this. As for now, stay vigilant. I, for one, do not want to start this process all over again if we all get back out there too soon. We are, after all, Americans. We rise to whatever challenge comes along, and we will win against this coronavirus.

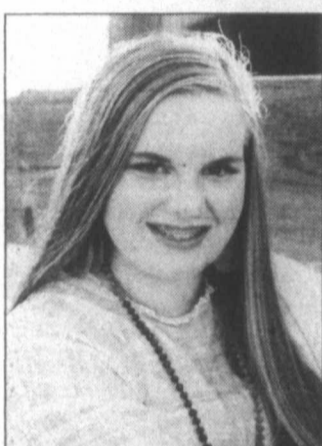
Be safe, be smart, keep your sense of humor, and we will get through this together.

Thank you,
Jim Olsen, Mayor
City of New Home

To submit items to New Home Happenings, email dsherrod@gmail.com by 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Did you know?
... about Sports

- In 18th century England, gambling dens employed someone whose job was to swallow the dice if there was a police raid.
- A Costa Rican worker who makes baseballs earns about \$2,750 annually. The average American pro baseball player earns \$2,377,000 per year.
- In 1920, Babe Ruth out-homered very American League team.



\$10,000 scholarship winner ... Congratulations to New Home ISD senior Riley Stokes on winning a National FFA Scholarship. Riley was awarded the \$10,000 Darling Ingredients Inc. Scholarship. "Thank you National FFA and Darling Ingredients Inc.," said FFA sponsor Melani Howell. "Riley was the only student in the United States to receive this prestige award. New Home FFA is extremely proud of Riley and all of her hard work."



When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future. *Ecclesiastes 7:14*

City of Tahoka LANDFILL CHANGES Effective April 1, 2020 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5 • Sat 8-2

This is a reminder of the changes that took place at the city's landfill on April 1, 2020.

1. New Saturday hours will be 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2. The landfill will close the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. This is temporary to allow the new personnel to get caught up.
3. The landfill will be closed from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM to allow the employees to go to lunch. NO VEHICLES will be allowed in after 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM. This will allow the operator time to apply cover.
4. The gate operator will be handing out copies of the new changes and the new rules. We will also have copies at city hall, on our website, and our Facebook page.
5. We will begin charging for disposal of limbs and brush. This will help recover some of our cost for disposal. Fees will be as follows:
 - A. Pickup load.....\$10.00
 - B. Trailer load.....\$25.00
6. We will continue to charge for disposal of tires to recover the cost to the city for disposal.
7. A reminder that this is a city landfill. Only city residents will be given a thousand pounds of Type-IV waste per month for free. If you live outside the city you can still dispose of Type-IV waste at our landfill, but you will have to pay.
8. ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES WILL RESULT IN YOU BEING PROHIBITED FROM USING THE CITY OF TAHOKA LANDFILL.
9. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED - CHECKS ONLY (unless prior arrangements have been made thru City Hall.)

For more information, contact City Hall at 561-4211

Wilson farm earns spot in club for high cotton yields

Doyle and Verna Talkmitt, cotton producers in Wilson, are being recognized for achieving exceptional cotton yields, earning a spot in the FiberMax® One Ton Club™ for the 2019 growing season. For 15 years the FiberMax One Ton Club has recognized cotton growers who produce a minimum of 2,000 pounds of ginned cotton per acre on a minimum of 20 acres planted to FiberMax cotton seed. The Talkmitts join 92 members who qualified this year, bringing total membership to 1,206 cotton growers.

"It's been a tough year for cotton growers, but these growers took on the challenge and still accomplished excellent results," said Rachel Walters, Cottonseed Marketing Manager, BASF. "We're proud to offer growers advanced genetics that deliver premium fiber quality and high yield potential, and we appreciate the opportunity to celebrate their remarkable milestones with the FiberMax One Ton Club."

ANNOUNCING NEW HOURS AT THE
Fast Track Clinic

Monday-Friday
7:00 AM-6:00 PM

"For when you need to be seen today"

Healthcare
— closer to —
H + M E
Lynn County Hospital District

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!
2600 Lockwood • Suite C
Tahoka, Texas
806-561-4802

CLASSIFIED ADS

Call 561-4888
by NOON Tuesday

DEADLINE FOR NEWS AND ADS IS NOON TUESDAYS

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Congratulate your senior in our graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in

The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 21,

**Tahoka High School
CONGRATULATIONS
MARTIN HOWARD!**



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE YOU ...
MOM, DAD,
GRANDPAS, GRANDMAM,
AUNTS, UNCLE,
COUSINS & SISTERS

send \$8.50 for a small ad like one shown above) or \$17 & up (for an ad with a photo like the one shown at left, depending on size of photo and information), along with the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka, or email it to LynnCoNews@poka.com Call the Lynn County News at 806-561-4888 for a number to text information.

**HURRY!
DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 11.**

This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!

**Any High School
Congratulations
Name of Student**
We're very proud of you.
Mom, Dad or
Whoever

TEXAS Display Network: Statewide Advertising

WE BUY OIL, GAS, & MINERAL RIGHTS

Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI) Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation.

CALL TODAY: 806.620.1422

LOBO MINERALS, LLC
PO Box 1800 • Lubbock, TX 79408-1800
LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Pierce Painting & Remodel
"Serving the area for over 30 years"
Call 806-928-1107

Commercial Residential Interior Exterior Large or Small

Construction Remodeling Painting Drywall Staining

No need to pay extra for "Out of Town" experience, we're right here in Tahoka! Call today for a **FREE ESTIMATE!**

FOR RENT

"Three Trees" APARTMENTS

Spacious Floor Plan • 2 Bedrooms • 2 Bath • 960 sq. ft
• Furnished Appliances • Washer/Dryer • Covered Parking
• Pet Friendly • Fenced Yard or Balcony • Energy Efficient

FREE: Internet / Water / Trash Pick-Up

2208 AVENUE P (& N. 6TH) in TAHOKA
JOHN L. WILSON, OWNER (806) 470-1452

HALFMANN
Heat & Air
806-332-4513
LIC# TACLA 72565E

Jeff Halfmann
Owner/Operator
E-mail: halfmannheatandair@gmail.com

Your local service for all heating and A/C needs!
• FREE ESTIMATES • Serving all brands.

Need office supplies? Shop at the
Lynn County News • 1617 Main St, in Tahoka
OPEN MON-THURS, 9-5:30
806-561-4888

NEED TREES TRIMMED?
Call Joshua 806-201-1663

THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS IS AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:

THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS STRIPES CONVENIENCE STORE

TAHOKA DRUG

CASH SAVERS SUPERMARKET

Bring your gently used clothing to the
CLOTHES BINS
1626 Ave. J • Tahoka

All donations benefit the Medina Children's Home

Disease Prevention

2 m / 6 ft

Maintain social distancing

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

<p>1400 N. 5th Street Tahoka, TX 79373</p> <p>Machine: Shafts Bushing Pin for Quick Hitch Key Ways Bearing Rts - others</p> <p>87Access@poka.com Mobile Welding "If you can't bring to us, we will come to you!"</p> <p>Paul Henderson 806-559-2134 806-561-6666</p>	<p>SAM ASHCRAFT CROP INSURANCE</p> <p>HAIL • MULTI PERIL</p> <p>561-1112 Mobile • 759-1111</p>	<p>POKALAMBRO</p> <p>TAHOKA OFFICE 1647 Avenue J • (806) 561-5600</p>
<p>FARMER'S CO-OP ASSOCIATION OF O'DONNELL</p> <p>Customer Satisfaction and Quality Ginning is Our Top Priority!</p> <p>DUNCAN WELCH, General Manager 428-3215 • Fax 428-3217 • Cell 500-7818</p>	<p>kw KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY</p> <p>O: 806.771.7710 C: 806.759.1139 bjmartin@kw.com</p> <p>10210 Quaker Ave. Lubbock, TX 79424</p> <p>Bobby Martin</p>	<p>Sinclair</p> <p>HEATING • COOLING • PLUMBING, INC.</p> <p>Call 806-749-COOL (2665) for your heating, cooling and plumbing needs.</p> <p>Proudly serving the residents of West Texas since 1975</p>
<p>Aurora Cooperative</p> <p>Aerial, Crop Protection & Seeds 1706 CRN • Lamesa Office: 806-872-9696 "Tougher Together"</p>	<p>Pre-Owned Cars & Pickups Buy • Sell • Trade Wholesale • Retail • Consignment</p> <p>PARCO</p> <p>Billy & Rhonda Farmer 361 FM 2192 Wilson, TX 79381</p> <p>E-Mail: parco213@aol.com Mobile: (806) 577-2918 Business: (806) 996-5377</p>	<p>MOORE CROP INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC</p> <p>Main Office: 127 W. Broadway, New Home, TX 75083 Branch Office: 1201 S. Renteria, Meadow, TX 79347</p> <p>Over 30 Years Crop Insurance Experience • Multi-Peril Crop Insurance • Crop Hail • Yield Protection • Revenue Protection</p> <p>GID R. MOORE JANET S. DEAN DEBE' J. PIATAK New Home • (806) 924-7411 Toll Free 1-800-375-2593 • Fax (806) 924-7413</p>
<p>COVID 19</p> <p>YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS: • Fever (FEVER 100.4) • Cough • Shortness of Breath • Persistent pain or pressure in chest</p> <p>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.</p> <p>COVID HOTLINE 806-561-2076 AVAILABLE 24 - HOURS A DAY FOR ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE DISEASE</p>	<p>ANTLER Storage</p> <p>1913 US Highway 87 (West Access Road) Tahoka, TX</p> <p>Space Available! Call 998-4863</p>	<p>MASON INSURANCE SERVICES</p> <p>Health • Accident • Life • Medicare Individual or Group</p> <p>ROSS MASON Independent Broker/Owner</p> <p>P.O. Box 1290 Tahoka, TX 79373</p> <p>Cell: (432) 528-9109 Fax: (806) 402-6061 rossmason59@yahoo.com</p>
<p>City-County Library</p> <p>561-4050 • 1717 Main • Tahoka, TX (In the Life Enrichment Center) Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-Noon, 1:00-6:00 pm Fridays 9:00 am-Noon, 1:00-5:00 pm INTERNET ACCESS AVAILABLE</p> <p>Tahoka Pioneer Museum Linda Wood, Mgr. 806/441-9851 1600 Lockwood • Open Fri. & Sat. 10:00-2:00</p>	<p>LICENSED CHILD CARE Let the Children Come CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER at First United Methodist Church 1801 AVENUE J • TAHOKA • 806-561-4529 FOR AGES 6 WEEKS TO 10 YEARS • FULL & PART TIME CCS PROVIDER</p>	<p>Judi Fillingim</p> <p>906-643-6530 JudiFillingim@texas.com</p>
<p>HALFMANN Heat & Air 806-332-4513 LIC# TACLA72565E</p> <p>Jeff Halfmann Owner/Operator E-mail: halfmannheatandair@gmail.com Your local service for all heating and A/C needs for the last 19 years</p>	<p>MESA PIVOT IRRIGATION CO.</p> <p>620 US HWY. 87 WILSON, TEXAS 79381 PHONE (806) 924-7257</p> <p>CASEY DONALD, manager CELL 806-632-8734</p> <p>LINDSAY ZIMMATIC CENTER PIVOT</p>	<p>18707 Hwy. 87 Lubbock, TX. 79423</p> <p>THE CARPET BARN Ph. 806-745-7977 Fax: 806-745-7969</p> <p>ALL TYPES OF FLOORING RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL TIA DUPONT SALES Scott & Lisa Coffman ~ Owners lisa@thecarpetbarnonline.com</p>

**DON'T SPREAD GERMS
WASH YOUR HANDS**

Say "i do" and tell us, too!

The Lynn County News runs engagement, wedding, and special anniversary announcements free of charge.

All information is subject to editing.
Anniversaries for 25th, 50th, or 60th year.

Simply email us your information or ask us to email you a form to fill out, add your photo, and send to:
LynnCoNews@poka.com

ion re-
ndez.
ng, on

we will
for now,
, do not
cess all
get back
We are,
We rise
comes
against

rt, keep
and we
together.
ank you,
Mayor
w Home

to New
mail dt-
by 10

?

ind, gam-
someone
allow the
raid.
rker who
s about
average
ill player
edr.
out-hom-
League

t in
elds

1 year
ut these
chal-
plished
d
onseed
BASF.
r growers
at deliver
y and
and we
tunity
arkable
FiberMax

C

re

E
strict

Area News News items from area newspapers

Bees attack Snyder residents

SNYDER – An aggressive swarm of bees attacked several people Friday afternoon (April 10) in the area between 37th Street and 40th Street, from Sunset Avenue to Avenue V in Snyder.

The first call for help in the incident was recorded at 2:29 p.m. when a caller requested an ambulance in the 3700 block of Dalton Drive for a man who had been attacked by bees. Personnel from the Scurry County EMS, Snyder Fire Department and Alexander Pest Control responded to assist with the incident. City of Snyder Office of Emergency Management released an alert about the incident on Facebook about 3 p.m.

"The Snyder Fire Department is currently working to stop the aggressive bees," the Facebook post stated. "Please stay indoors and shelter pets. Alert aggressive bees in the area. Stay indoors until the all clear is given."

A post at 3:30 p.m. indicated that the all-clear had been given.

– from *The Snyder Daily News*

Terry County schools still hiring amid COVID-19 crisis

BROWNFIELD – When Texas Governor Greg Abbott decided to shut down all public schools in the state until May 4th because of the coronavirus pandemic, it caused more than enough issues with how to keep educating the students of Texas.

Educating students in Texas comes with some very important elements that go along with teaching. One of the most important elements are the teachers, coaches, and administrators.

The month of April is usually when most school districts renew or not renew contracts, and with the COVID-19 virus pandemic causing social distancing rules and closing schools, how does a school district go about getting new hires?

According to all three Terry County school districts' websites and the Region 17 Education Center website, there are a total of 14 teaching, coaching, and administrator positions open. There are currently nine positions open at Brownfield ISD, four positions open at Wellman-Union CISD, and one position open at Meadow ISD.

– from *The Brownfield News*

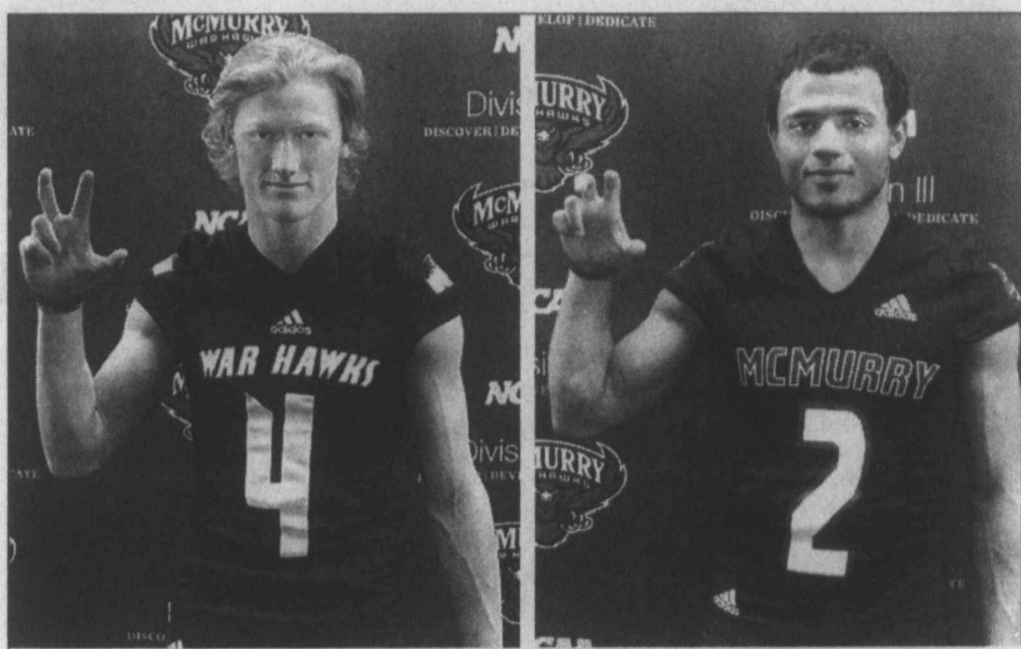
Did you know?

• Although there is currently no drug proven to make someone tell the truth, some countries like Russia, Canada, and India use truth serums.

• The word "kimono", literally means a "thing to wear". Ki is "wear", and mono is "thing".

• Four of the top seven highest grossing films of all time were released in 2015. Avengers: Age of Ultron, Furious 7, Jurassic World and Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

• Four Nile crocodiles have been found in Florida. They are the second largest crocodile and are more dangerous than the native crocodiles and alligators in Florida.



McMurry bound... John Stone (left) and Malik Hamilton, Tahoka High School Seniors who had outstanding football seasons with the Tahoka Bulldogs, signed to play college football at McMurry University in Abilene. A ceremony was held Friday night at Bulldog Stadium, with each player in opposite end zones for the signing ceremonies. Malik was recruited as a running back, and John was recruited as a football athlete.

Area News

COVID case count climbs to 13 in Dawson County

LAMESA – Numbers have been rapidly changing for both the good and bad regarding the number of COVID-19 cases in Dawson County.

The number of confirmed cases here changed even as community leaders and medical personnel were presenting their weekly Friday afternoon live update via Facebook from City Hall.

Mayor Josh Stevens said that during the presentation word was received from the South Plains Public Health District that a 13th case of COVID-19 has been confirmed here.

That latest case, Stevens said, involves a male over the age of 20.

With some cases being cleared and more cases being added during the past few days, Stevens said Dawson County now has six active cases of the virus as of Friday afternoon.

As he did during an announcement of a new case on Thursday, Stevens said the growing number of cases here should be kept in perspective in relation to the county's population.

"Six (active) cases is more cases than I want to deal with...but there are six people, in a pocket of 13,000 people, that have the virus," Stevens said.

"That is a pretty good number for us."

– from the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*

Free assistance available for low-income individuals with civil legal problems as a result of the pandemic

As the coronavirus pandemic shakes the lives of Texans, causing uncertainty about their healthcare and economic futures, the state's legal service and access-to-justice providers are joining together in a partnership to assist in this time of crisis.

A toll-free legal assistance hotline is available to low-income individuals and families across Texas who are confronted with civil legal problems as a result of the pandemic. People may call 800-504-7030 toll-free to be connected with legal service providers in their area.

Areas of legal assistance or guidance include:

- Bankruptcy and debt-collection matters;
- Employment issues, unemployment applications and appeals;
- Child custody, visitation,

and support issues;

- Life, medical, and property insurance claims;
- Mortgage or foreclosure problems;
- Public benefits issues (e.g., Medicaid, SNAP/food stamps, Social Security);
- Healthcare directives and powers of attorney;
- Consumer protection issues such as price-gouging and scams;
- Landlord-tenant problems;
- Disability discrimination; and
- Family and domestic violence concerns

Individuals who qualify for assistance will be matched with Texas lawyers who can provide free legal help. Callers should be aware there are some limitations on the legal services available. This service is a partnership among

the State Bar of Texas, the state's legal aid agencies, volunteer organizations, and access-to-justice organizations.

Did you know?

- The medical term for a gurgling stomach is "borborygmus".
- It takes light from the Sun 8 minutes to reach Earth.
- Llamas can be used as guards against coyote attacks on sheep herds. Studies have proven that just one guard llama is an effective protector and can even kill the attacking coyotes.
- If you heat up a magnet, it will lose its magnetism.
- Times Square was originally called Longacre square until it was renamed in 1904 after The New York Times moved its headquarters to the newly built Times Building.

Prices Good Thru 05/16/20

SAVINGS HAVE SPRUNG!

PRICES VALID AT ALL LOCATIONS

Hot Link Combo
Two Hot Links & a 32 oz. Tallsup
bread not included
\$3.49

NEED WATER?

ALLSUP'S
PURIFIED DRINKING WATER

MILK MONEY MONDAY
Allsup's Gallon Milk
\$2.99
Mondays ONLY

TALLSUP TIME
DAILY FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM

12 SODA FLAVORS
FLAVOR SHOTS
CRUSHED OR CUBED ICE

99¢
32 oz. only

TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS:

These are challenging times, but we are here for you, and to ensure that we do our part to keep everyone safe, here are some of the steps we are taking:

- Refillable Mugs: Until further notice, we will not allow the use of refillable mugs or cups, to prevent the transfer of viruses or bacteria on the cup rim.
- 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 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.**