



National Guard assists with free COVID testing ... Free COVID-19 tests were administered by the National Guard in Tahoka last Thursday and Friday, available for any citizens who wanted to be tested for the coronavirus, after a spike in the number of cases was confirmed in the county. The Lynn County Emergency Management office arranged for the free local testing, and vehicles were lined up as citizens waited their turn for the test. According to Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Schoemann, there were 268 tests administered in the two-day period, with 231 negative results and 2 positive results reported as of Monday, with other results still pending. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Did you know?

- Disney World is the second-largest purchaser of explosives in the United States, the first being the U.S. Department of Defense.
- Hard cheeses have a longer shelf life than soft cheeses.
- Antarctica is the only continent that turtles don't live on.
- Psychopaths can only think of the possible positive consequences of their actions, not the negative ones.
- July 3rd is International Plastic Bag Free Day - it's a day about making a little change to make a big impact (for the better) in the future.

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11 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in county since last Wednesday

by JUANELL JONES

A significant increase of new COVID-19 cases has been confirmed in Lynn County, with 11 new cases reported since last Wednesday, making a total of 21 cases in the county, which had only five cases from early March through May 25. The spike in cases had the City of Tahoka issuing a Stay-at-Home Order on Thursday, in an attempt to slow or stop the coronavirus spread. Four earlier cases, reported in March/April, have since recovered, one death resulted from the disease, and officials anticipate that several cases reported in late May and early June will be listed as recoveries in the near future.

Reports from the South Plains Public Health District indicated that the source of exposure in at least three of the new cases is believed to be from attendance at a large party held recently in Tahoka.

Local officials organized a free COVID-19 testing site by the National Guard in Tahoka on Thursday and Friday, after the numbers began climbing. A total of 268 tests were administered in the two-day period. The Lynn County Judge on Monday received notice of 231 negative tests, and 2 positive tests (Case #20, #21), with other results still pending.

With 7 of the 11 new cases confirmed as Tahoka residents, officials at the City of Tahoka took action last Thursday, issuing a Stay-at-Home Order just before noon for all Tahoka residents, which was to take effect immediately and continue until canceled.

The Lynn County Courthouse, which had just recently opened its doors for public access, was again locked to visitors on Wednesday, for the foreseeable future, and several other local businesses have followed suit. The First National

Bank of Tahoka had already locked its lobby doors last Wednesday, with reports of two employees confirmed positive for COVID-19, and all employees immediately underwent testing while the offices were cleaned and sanitized.

Two of the new COVID-19 cases were reported to be employed at Lynn County Hospital District, and officials at those facilities have taken steps to ensure the safety of other employees as well as the public.

Jon Luna, owner of Jolly Time Pizza and Del's Deli, posted a facebook message last Wednesday that both restaurants were closed until professional cleansing of both locations had been completed and staff underwent testing.

"As many of you may have noticed, Jolly Time and Del's are both closed today. Due to the closeness of family ties to some confirmed COVID-19 cases in Lynn County and my employees, I have made the decision to shut down both locations until lab results return and a complete professional cleansing of both locations have been completed," Luna posted. Later that same

(See COVID-19 UPDATE, page 6)

COVID-19 Update:

Wednesday, June 10: The South Plains Public Health District confirmed 4 new cases of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lynn County. The source of exposure is believed to be from attendance at a large party. The investigation is ongoing.

Three of the cases confirmed Wednesday, June 10, are all in one family unit under quarantine, residing in Tahoka. The source of exposure in these 3 cases is believed to be from attendance at a large party, and include:

- Case #11: male, age 20-29, Tahoka, employed in Garza County
- Case #12: female, age 20-29, Tahoka, employed at Lynn County Hospital District
- Case #13: female, under age 5, Tahoka

Wednesday, June 10: The South Plains Public Health District confirmed the 14th case of novel Coronavirus in Lynn County:

- Case #14: female, age 50-59, residing in northern portion of Lynn County, employed at Lynn County Hospital District

Thursday, June 11: The South Plains Public Health District confirmed 5 new cases. It is believed they contacted the virus locally:

- Case #15: female, age undisclosed, O'Donnell, employed in Tahoka
- Case #16: female, age 50-59, O'Donnell
- Case #17: male, age 50-59, Tahoka
- Case #18: female, age 50-59, Tahoka
- Case #19: male, age 50-59, Tahoka (hospitalized)

Monday, June 15: The South Plains Public Health District confirmed 2 new cases of novel Coronavirus in Lynn County. The source of exposure is unknown and the investigation is ongoing.

- Case #20: male, age 80-89, Tahoka
- Case #21: male, age 20-29, O'Donnell, employed in Tahoka

A total of 268 free COVID-19 tests were conducted in Tahoka by the National Guard last Thursday and Friday, according to information from Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Schoemann. Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock on Monday received notice of 231 negative tests, and 2 positive tests (Case #20, #21), with other results still pending.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|---------|------|-----|---------|
| June 9 | 84 | 52 | |
| June 10 | 82 | 51 | |
| June 11 | 94 | 62 | |
| June 12 | 93 | 63 | |
| June 13 | 94 | 62 | |
| June 14 | 92 | 64 | |
| June 15 | 91 | 63 | |

(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 May: | 2.58" |
| Total Precip for June: | 0.03" |
| Total Precip. for 2020: | 6.25" |



ICE CREAM TIME! ...

It wasn't all bad news last week ... there was ice cream available! These children were excited to see a mobile ice cream truck in their neighborhood, on North 3rd Street. The cold treats were just what they wanted on a hot day.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Did you know?

"She sells seashells by the seashore" was written about a female paleontologist from the 1800's. She actually sold dinosaur bones and fossilized shells.

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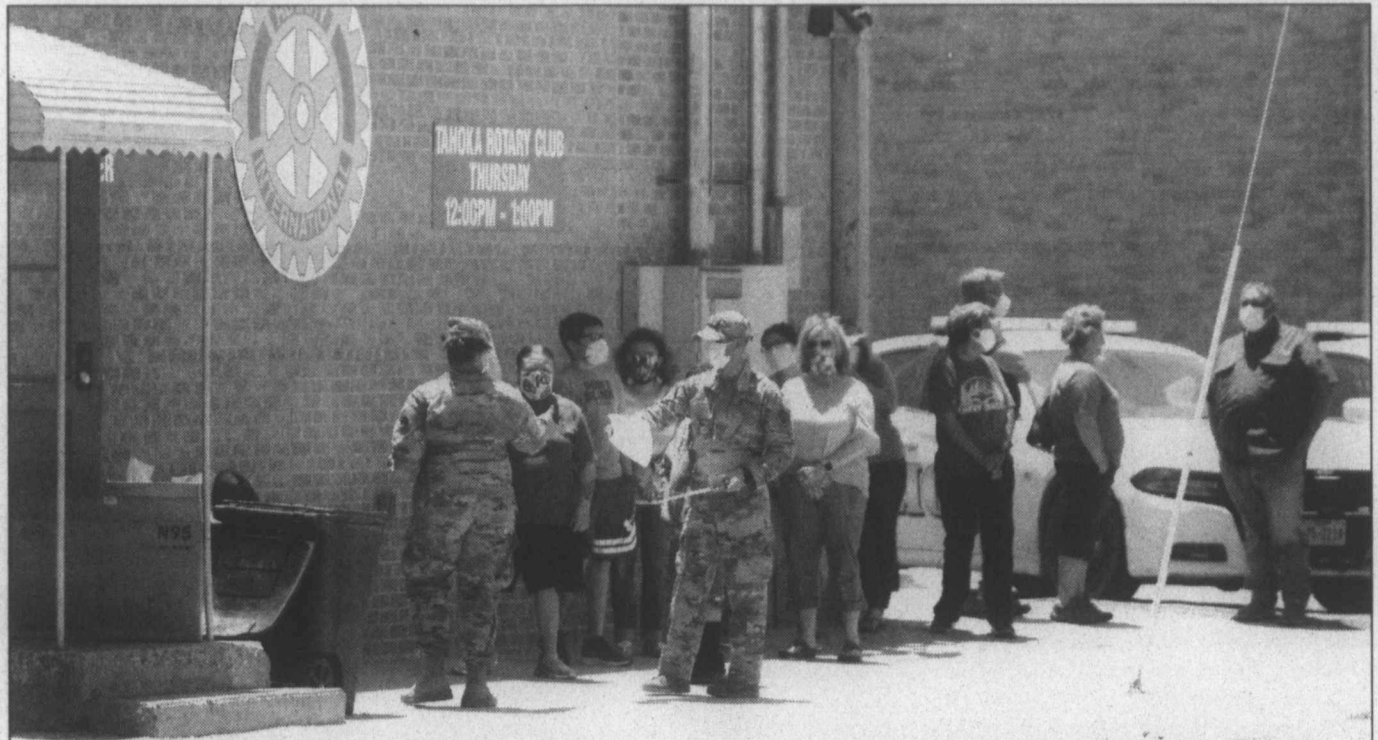
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Wilson FBC offers VBS on church lawn

The First Baptist Church in Wilson is offering Vacation Bible School in a fun outside event scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 25-26. VBS 2020 will be held on the church lawn, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and children are invited to come join in the fun for a meal, Bible stories, music, and a special guest speaker.

Steve Winger, "The Juggler For Jesus," will teach children about God using juggling, balloons, magic and creative circus arts.

All children are invited to come to VBS 2020. The church is located at 1403 13th Street in Wilson.



Free COVID testing ... These citizens waited in line outside the City of Tahoka community room last Thursday, waiting for a free COVID-19 test administered by the National Guard, who was called in to Tahoka last Thursday and Friday by the Lynn County Emergency Management office for the free local testing. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Wilson church postpones annual fireworks show

Wilson's annual July 4th fireworks show, held at Wilson City Park, has been postponed indefinitely.

The annual event, sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, was originally scheduled to take place on Friday, July 3rd, but with the recent COVID-19 outbreaks in Lynn County it was decided to postpone the show.

"Depending on the situation in the county, we may decide to put on the fireworks show possibly in the fall, but at this point it is postponed indefinitely," said Pastor David Rhode on Monday.

Free legal assistance available for legal problems linked to COVID-19

The State Bar of Texas and legal aid providers across the state remind Texans that a toll-free legal assistance hotline is available to low-income individuals and families confronted with civil legal problems as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legal aid providers are already witnessing:

- Increased evictions as individuals are unable to pay rent,
- Employment law concerns as petitioners are denied unemployment benefits,
- Family law matters as COVID-19 impacts child visitation and support.

People may call 800-504-7030 toll-free to be connected with legal service providers in their area. Individuals who qualify for assistance will be matched with Texas lawyers who can provide legal help. That one number connects callers with Legal Aid of North West Texas serving North and West Texas; Lone Star Legal Aid serving South

and West Texas. Callers should be aware there are some limitations on the legal services available.

Online resources

A webpage of COVID-19 resources is available at TexasLawHelp.org including information on eviction and tenants' rights, unemployment benefits, family law matters, estate planning, and other matters.

The website's LiveChat feature can assist low-income individuals with their legal questions. The website is operated by Texas Legal Services Center.

Moments in time

- On July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims the independence of a new United States of America from Great Britain. The declaration came 442 days after the first shots of the American Revolution.
- On July 2, 1937, the Lockheed aircraft carrying American aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Frederick Noonan is reported missing in the Pacific. No trace of Earhart or Noonan was found. However, photos taken years later in the Marshall Islands were believed to be of Earhart and Noonan.
- On July 3, 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signs the Rivers and Harbors Flood Control Bill, which allocates funds to improve flood-control and water-storage systems. The bill was introduced in the wake of disastrous hurricanes that hit the U.S. in 1955.

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

ABOUT 10 DAYS ago, a man named George Glenn brought into the Lynn County News office a big squash which his wife, Wanda, grew in her garden in Tahoka. He showed it to us, expecting some comment about it, not realizing that neither I nor either of my daughters in the office knows much about squashes (or is the plural "squashi", or maybe "squish?") Anyway, I said, "Boy, that's a big squash." I was pretty sure it was a squash, or maybe a cucumber, but I had it right. It was really pretty, dark green on about a third of it and on the opposite tip, and bright yellow for the rest of it. As it turned out, that's why he brought it into the office. It was part zucchini and part just yellow squash, and he said he had never seen such a mixed-up vegetable.

Like I say, I don't know how many different varieties of squash exist, but I have seen yellow ones and also green ones. If I had needed to guess what kind that one was, I probably would have said "Sas-squash," because it was pretty big. It measured a foot long and the diameter at the thickest part was almost 4 inches. And it weighed two pounds six ounces.

I can't imagine what it would be good for, except to look at, since it has nice colors. Certainly I wouldn't want to eat it (I wouldn't eat any kind of squash on purpose). It would make a good weapon, like a club for fighting your way out of a gang of muggers, but you'd look pretty silly carrying it around everywhere you go.

Anyway, it apparently is pretty rare and those who raised it don't know how it happened. Probably one of those cute little yellow squashes and one of those big rough green zucchinis have been messing around over in the corn stalks and this is the result.

THE MAIN ST. MOMMA says her next house will have no kitchen, "just vending machines and a large trash can."
~July 26, 2005

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

June 22-26

- Monday:** Chicken tetrazzini, Italian veg., salad, oatmeal cookie
 - Tuesday:** Boneless pork chop, turnip greens, black eye peas, applesauce
 - Wednesday:** Beef pot roast, with potatoes, carrots, peppers, peach cobbler
 - Thursday:** Taco pie, salad, pinto beans, corn, peanut butter cup
 - Friday:** Tilapia, mustard greens, cucumber/onions, strawberry shortcake
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Did you know?

• Researches have found that flossing your teeth can help your memory. Flossing prevents gum disease, which prevents stiff blood vessels, which cause memory issues.

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One accident, two fires reported to law enforcement during week

by JUANELL JONES

A single-vehicle rollover on Friday, June 12 was the only accident reported in law enforcement reports during the past week. A caller to the Sheriff's Office reported at 6:12 a.m. that a vehicle that had rolled several times was near the intersection of FM 212 and FM 211, and said that the driver was the only person in the vehicle and was taken to the hospital for treatment. DPS and Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene, and the vehicle was towed.

At 3:15 p.m. on Friday, a caller reported that a downed powerline had started a grass fire 2 miles north of West Point and a half mile west. Tahoka Volunteer Fire

Dept. and Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene.

A caller reported seeing a horse that was "very emaciated" on the corner of CR BB and FM 400, at 11:32 a.m. Friday. A deputy located the horse and reported that there was food and water available for the horse, but would forward the information on to the appropriate person.

A semi on the side of US 87 about a half mile north of O'Donnell was reported to be on fire, at 8:13 a.m. last Thursday, and O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene. A deputy reported that a wheel bearing had caught fire and the driver of the semi was waiting for

assistance.

Criminal mischief was reported at 9:30 p.m. June 10, 6 miles north of Tahoka and 20 yards east of US 87, where someone apparently shot out the windows of an older model gold pickup.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to several other calls during the week, including calls for suspicious vehicles, debris on roadway, illegal dumping, welfare checks, and civil issues.

Tahoka Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at 5 p.m. June 10, when the owner stated he had brought his 2003 Cadillac DeVille to a residence in Tahoka to be worked on by a mechanic, but that the vehicle was no longer there. The vehicle was entered into the system, and was reported located by Lubbock Police Dept., stripped and at Lubbock Wrecker Service. The case is still under investigation.

A vehicle was reported damaged in the 700 block of Ave. B at 2 p.m. June 11, when the owner said that wind had picked up some sheet metal on a trailer parked on adjacent property, and the sheet metal had struck his vehicle. The owner of the sheet metal was contacted to make arrangements for repairs.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2000 block of N. 2nd at 7:40 a.m. June 12, where a window was reported broken on a vehicle parked at a residence.

A 9-1-1 hangup call was investigated at 9 p.m. Saturday, with police responding to a residence in the 1900 block of N. 6th, where it was discovered some children had apparently gotten their mother's cell phone and made the call, but there was no emergency.

Police also responded to calls for welfare checks and civil matters during the week, as well as a call at 1:15 a.m. on June 12 reporting that someone was knocking on doors and whistling, on N. 8th Street, but officers were unable to locate anyone.

Lynn County Jail held 24 inmates during the week, including 9 held for Ector County and 15 for Lynn. Local charges included one for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense, and one for sexual assault.



Crushed ... The crushed remains of a single-vehicle rollover were recovered at 6:12 a.m. Friday, June 12, after it rolled several times near the intersection of FM 212 and FM 211. The inset photo shows a motor that was found outside the vehicle. A male driver was reported as the only person in the vehicle, and he was transported to the hospital for treatment of unknown injuries.



Did you know?

- The first spacecraft to visit Mars was Mariner 4 in 1965.
- The process by which bread toasts is called the "Maillard Reaction".
- The front paws of a cat are different from the back paws. They have five toes on the front but only four on the back.
- A group of horses will not go to sleep at the same time - at least one of them will stay awake to look out for the others.
- Antimatter is the most expensive substance on earth. It costs roughly \$62.5 trillion per gram, or \$1.75 quadrillion per ounce.
- Alongside Sudoku, Chess has been named as one of the best ways to improve the mind and the memory.

Six new staff members hired at TISD; trustee Doug Green resigns position

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 8, with trustees approving contracts for six new staff members for the upcoming school year. Board member Doug Green also submitted his resignation at the end of the meeting, due to his family moving outside of the Tahoka ISD area. Trustees may discuss, at a future board meeting, whether to appoint someone to fill the vacant trustee seat until the next regular election, or to leave it vacant until the election.

Teacher contracts were approved for:

- Sydney Robertson, teacher, Tahoka Middle School
- Courtney Holdren, fourth grade teacher
- Courtney McGee, teacher/coach (girls softball)
- Kent Allison, teacher/coach (assistant coach)
- Derrick Morrissey, teacher/coach (assistant coach)
- Shelby Jolly, High School English

According to TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose, there are still two remaining positions to fill at this time for next year, including a baseball coach, and one more middle school teacher.

Coaches leaving the

district include Stephanie Pigg, Luke Vedder, Justin Gorman, and Brig Gerlich.

Trustees took action to approve an attendance waiver for the first day missed in March through the end of the school year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, and attestation of curriculum provided to students, to submit to the Texas Education Agency for ADA requirements.

Some discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing some property for additional parking lot areas, north of the gym parking lot, but no action was taken.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with all board members present including Doug Green, Jon Luna, Blanda Watt, Drew Stone, Lea Swinford, and Slate May.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was set for 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, to consider a short agenda including a waiver for pre-kindergarten instruction days, and possible action on personnel.

Did you know?

- The word "barbarian" originally referred to people who don't speak Greek. The Greeks thought people who spoke a foreign tongue sounded like they were saying "bar bar bar" all the time.

Fireworks spectacular planned in Tahoka on Friday, July 3rd

The City of Tahoka plans to sponsor an Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular on Friday, July 3rd, at the Tahoka baseball complex, located on South 8th Street. All who attend are asked to follow social distancing requirements, and to limit groups to 10 people or less in the designated areas, in order to minimize contact between individuals and children outside of one's immediate family.

The fun begins at 4 p.m., with music and food trucks on site including Tyson's BBQ, Monster's Ice, Harv's Grill, and Cliff's Food Wagon.

Bring lawn chairs for seating, or park cars in designated areas to observe the fireworks show, which will begin at dusk.

- In 2005, Frito-Lay launched Cheetos Lip Balm, but it was quickly taken off the market due to its failure.

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Food safety tips when grilling, cooking outdoors

Proper cleaning is key to avoiding foodborne illness from grate to plate

by Paul Schattenberg
Texas A&M AgriLife Ext. Ser.

Making sure grill grates and food preparation surfaces are clean are essential steps in lowering the risk of foodborne illness when grilling. Cleaning grill grates, keeping a clean workspace, and properly storing and preparing meats are all important to maintaining food quality and avoiding foodborne illness, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Davey Griffin, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension meat specialist in the Department of Animal Science of Texas A&M University, said clean-

ing the grill grate is not as simple a proposition as it may seem.

"A lot of people think scraping the grate clean with a wire brush is an effective way to clean it, but if you're using a substandard wire brush some of the metal particulate can get transferred on the grate, into the food and then ingested," he said. "This can cause some serious health problems."

Griffin said using a nylon brush on a cool grate can be an effective measure in removing most of the large pieces of charred food from the grate.

"You don't want to use a nylon brush on a hot surface as it could melt the bristles," he said.

Griffin said the grates of smaller grills can be removed and washed with soap and water or possibly power washed if the equipment is available.

"Another effective way to clean grates is to ball up a piece of aluminum foil to where there are still some rough edges and use that to thoroughly scrub the surface," he said. "I've also known people to cut an onion in half and use the flat surface of the onion to clean the grate. The onion has an acidic content that helps break down the leftover food and will also add a little more flavor to the item being grilled."

Griffin said meat should always be cooked to the recommended internal temperature. Using a properly calibrated meat thermometer is the best way to ensure meats are adequately cooked.

"You also want to make sure the grilling surface is sufficiently hot before you place any meat or vegetables on it," he said. "An easy way to determine that is to hold the palm of your hand about 6 inches over the grate. If you feel it is warm enough for you to want to remove it after a few seconds, then the grill is ready to use."

The most common type of food safety-related issue when grilling is the possibility of foodborne illness from inadequately stored or undercooked foods, said Jenna Anding, Ph.D. AgriLife Extension nutrition specialist in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at Texas A&M. She said poultry, fish, sea-



Scholarship Winner...
Riley Stokes, Lynn County 4-H member, was awarded a \$10,000 Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarship on June 9th during the Virtual Texas 4-H Celebration.

FSA County Committee nominations open June 15

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting nominations for county committee members on Monday, June 15, 2020. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2020.

"I encourage America's farmers, ranchers and forest stewards to nominate candidates to lead, serve and represent their community on their county committee," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "There's an increasing need for diverse representation, including underserved producers, which includes be-

ternal temperature of 165 degrees.

"Fully cook meats like hot dogs to 165 degrees and hamburgers to 160 degrees," she said. "Beef, pork, lamb, veal steaks, chops and roasts should be cooked to at least 145 degrees. For safety and quality, however, allow these foods to rest for a few minutes after removing them from the grill before serving."

After cooking, Anding said, be sure to keep the food hot until it is served — at least 140 degrees — otherwise, eat or refrigerate it right away.

"Keep food covered and never let it sit out for more than two hours," she said. "If the weather is 90 degrees or hotter, eat or store your food within one hour."

ginning, women and minority farmers and ranchers."

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, also may nominate candidates.

Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made of three to 11 members and typically meet once a month. Members serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. Check with your local USDA service center to see if your LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 2, 2020. Read more to learn about important election dates.

Texas 4-H makes additional preparations for safe summer camps in Brownwood

The Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood is making changes to its various summer camps as a means to protect attendees and camp workers from the coronavirus.

Texas 4-H is the youth development component of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, an educational outreach agency of the Texas A&M University System. Each year, the center offers a variety of fun and educational summer camps focused on helping youth develop important life skills.

"We are still planning on having camps this summer," said Cari Snider, AgriLife Extension program specialist, Brownwood. "Registration is online, and we are actively accepting registrants for these camps."

Snider said to make the camps safer for attendees the center has enhanced its cleaning and sanitizing efforts, altered some camp activities to provide more personal distance, changed its dormitory and dining arrangements, established social distancing practices for the attendees to better protect themselves and others, plus made other necessary adjustments.

"We will be increasing our cleaning procedures and implementing social distancing practices," Snider said. "Dorm rooms will have less occupancy and more space between bunks, and we will be taking steps to disinfect rooms between uses."

"They will have specific counselors assigned to their dorms and groups so they will have less contact with other campers," she said. "And in some areas, our staff will be wearing appropriate personal protection equipment when social distancing isn't possible."

Additional protective upgrades and procedures will be put in place, said Melvin Atkinson, executive director for the center.

"We are planning on a mobile check-in for the camps in that campers will check in from their vehicles to minimize contact with others and eliminate non-campers from making contact with others," Atkinson said. "We will be replacing our HVAC filters with a higher MERV13 grade."

The Texas 4-H center is an American Camping Association Certified Camp, so many safety and precautionary procedures are already in place, he added.

"Our procedures are very good, but we are tweaking some things to go that extra mile to provide additional safety measures for our campers and staff," he said.

Atkinson said some of the actions the Texas 4-H center has taken include:

- Having center staff and nurse coordinate with the local health department on plans and COVID-19 monitoring and response.
- Operating the camp at less than 50% capacity.
- Providing additional information to parents and campers on COVID-19 concerns and health protocols.
- Moving the medical clinic to provide more space and better response to any potential problems.
- Limiting shared equipment and disinfecting between users.
- Assigning equipment to specific groups with no sharing between groups where applicable.

For more information on Texas 4-H summer camps and additional safety measures at the center, contact Snider at 325-784-5482 or cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu.

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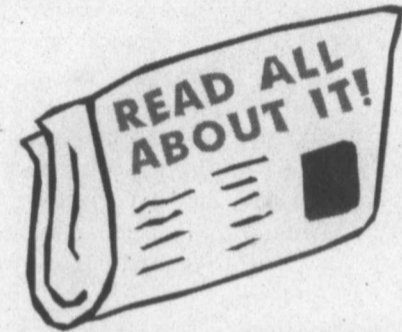
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COVID-19 Update ...

(Continued from page 1)

day, Luna posted that all test results had come back negative, and that the restaurants would remain closed through at least Thursday for all extensive sanitization to effectively complete, and then reopen for carryout service.

The Lynn County News office has locked its doors to public access starting this week, and the Lynn County Appraisal District continues to remain locked to public access, except by appointment. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative closed its lobby access, as well.

With the city's Stay-at-Home Order in effect, all local restaurants will have carry-out services only (no dine-in), and businesses considered non-essential are ordered to be closed.

Other key mandates in the Stay-at-Home Order include:

- 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 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 care.

- No visits at nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Examples of when to leave home include:

- Visit a doctor or healthcare provider
- Go to the grocery store
- Pick up food from restaurants

- Go to work at an essential 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. Essential services include, but are not limited to grocery and convenience stores, pharmacy and drug stores, day care facilities, health care providers and facilities, vehicle fueling, parts, repair and maintenance, essential government services and facilities, banks and financial services, laundry mats and cleaners, and trade contractors, i.e. plumbers and electricians.

Restaurants will remain closed to customers for inside dining. Use of drive-thru, pickup and delivery options are allowed 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 Tahoka.

Did you know?

- The first roller coaster was used to transport coal down a hill. After people found that it could reach speeds up to 50 miles per hour, tourists asked to ride on it for a few cents.
- Dogs with pointed and long faces tend to live longer than those which have flatter faces, such as pugs.



Stay at home ... After several new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week in Tahoka, the City of Tahoka issued a Stay-at-Home Order to go into effect immediately, asking citizens to stay home except for essential needs. See story for more information. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Did you know?

- Actor Daniel Radcliffe was allergic to his Harry Potter glasses. He had an allergy to nickel, and they were quickly replaced with hypoallergenic specs.
- The average human heart beats 3.6 million times a year.
- The average life expectancy of a toucan is a very impressive 20 years.
- A standard 12oz jar of honey take 864 bees to produce.
- Arctic and Antarctic trace their names to the simple meanings of "Bears" and "Opposite the Bears".
- Jupiter completes a rotation of the Sun every 11.86 years.
- Even a small amount of alcohol placed on a scorpion will make it go crazy and sting itself to death.
- The Monster in Frankenstein was never actually named, although the Monster itself proposed the name "Adam".
- There are 30 times more trees on Earth than there are stars in the Milky Way. It's estimated that there are 100 billion stars, and 3 trillion trees.
- The fear of vegetables is called Lachanophobia.
- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.

Area News News items from area newspapers

Opening near for newly constructed apartment complex in Lamesa

LAMESA – After several years of planning and more than a year of actual construction, the Westwind of Lamesa apartment complex is expected to open within a few weeks. They will be the first new apartments to open in Lamesa in decades.

The facility includes 80 apartment units located in four separate buildings, an outdoor swimming pool, and a clubhouse with several amenities for residents. The complex is located at 122 N.E. 7th St. in Lamesa.

Included in those 80 units are 24 one-bedroom apartments, 48 units with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and eight units with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Thirty of the units are available at market rent, meaning anyone who meets the qualifications can live without any maximum income limits.

Market rent prices will range from \$750 per month for one-bedroom units, up to \$985 for three-bedroom apartments.

The remainder of the units are designated as affordable housing, with rents varying based on income.

Toni Alexander, property manager, said she already has about 260 people on a list who have expressed interest in moving into the facility.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Borden County superintendent has small-town West Texas roots

LAMESA – After a long interviewing process this spring, Borden County ISD has officially hired Stephanie Behrens as their new superintendent.

Behrens grew up in Nazareth, where she was surrounded by farming and girls basketball all her life. After pursuing a career in education and having six children of her own, she has wanted to raise her family in a community similar to the one she grew up in.

Before accepting administration positions, Behrens was a girls basketball coach for several districts in the Panhandle area. Her first head coaching position was at Amarillo High.

She soon realized after working for such a large district that the small school scene was more her speed. She was then hired at Happy ISD, Panhandle ISD, and Claude ISD while starting her own family.

Before being hired at Borden County ISD at Gail, Behrens was the Assistant Superintendent and Principal of Timpson ISD.

She says she is looking forward to an administrative position after coaching and teaching for so many years.

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