

PATRIOTIC GREETINGS ...

The Tahoka sign on the northern entry of town just off US 87 was flanked by flags on July 4th in honor of Independence Day, thanks to Tahoka City Councilman Ronny Jolly who reportedly set out the flags.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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Did you know?

• A dog was the first living creature to be sent into space, in 1957.

COVID UPDATE:

(Information from Lynn Co. Judge)

June 30: The South Plains Public Health District (SPPHD) has confirmed six new cases of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lynn County. Currently, the source of exposure is unknown and the investigation is ongoing.

- #34 - male 20-29, Tahoka
- #35 - female 50-59, East of Tahoka
- #36 - female 60-69, Tahoka
- #37 - male 70-79, Tahoka (same household as #36)
- #38 - male 30-39, Wilson area
- #39 - male 40-49, Tahoka
- #39 - male 10-20, Tahoka (these cases are numbered by the SPPHD; no reason indicated for having two #39s, but this is how it was reported)

July 6: 1 new case confirmed
#40 - male 30-39, Tahoka

July 7 STATUS: 12 active, 28 recovered cases in Lynn County, according to the SPPHD

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 30	99	73	
July 1	100	72	
July 2	103	72	
July 3	95	70	
July 4	99	67	
July 5	93	71	0.46"
July 6	86	68	

(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:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.00"

Lynn County currently exempt from mask order:

Gov. Abbott issues executive order requiring all Texans to wear masks or face coverings in public

Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a statewide executive order effective at noon Friday, July 3, requiring Texans to wear masks or face coverings in public spaces in counties with 20 or more active positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. However, Lynn County falls within the "exceptions" ruling, which means that citizens in Lynn County will not be required to wear masks.



Lynn County is currently exempt from the order, due to having less than 20 active cases at this time, according to information from Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock, acting on information provided by the South Plains Public

Health District as to the number of active and/or recovered cases in the county.

On Friday, when the governor issued the order, Lynn County had 19 active cases of COVID-19, coming in just under the limit allowed

for exemptions. On Monday, July 6, the South Plains Public Health District informed Judge Braddock that new updated information showed that Lynn County now had 28 recovered cases, with 12 active cases, which is well beneath the governor's exemption guidelines.

The ruling means that while in Lynn County, citizens will not be required to wear masks in public, but of course may choose to wear masks. However, if traveling into Lubbock County public areas, citizens should be aware that Lubbock County is under the governor's

order for wearing masks. Other counties with more than 20 active COVID-19 cases will also be following the statewide order.

In his executive order, Abbott said "wearing a face covering in public is proven to be one of the most effective ways we have to slow the spread of COVID-19."

"We have the ability to keep businesses open and move our economy forward so that Texans can continue to earn a paycheck, but it requires each of us to do our part to protect one another—and

(See GOVERNOR'S ORDER, page 6)

"Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas"

O'Donnell Rodeo starts tonight, thru Saturday



O'Donnell's "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" will be held Thursday-Saturday, July 9-10-11. The show begins at 8 p.m. nightly, and a parade will start at 6 pm Saturday.

General admission each night is \$10 (all ages), or advance tickets may be purchased for \$8 each from any rodeo queen candidate.

The 2020 O'Donnell Rodeo Queen candidates include Emily Renteria, 16-year-old daughter of Mike and Nympha Renteria, sponsored by O'Donnell Oil & Butane; Mackenzie Brooke Balderrama, 18-year-old daughter of Sylvia Santos and Robert Balderrama, sponsored by Holy Smokes Grill; and Shelby Vargas, 18-year-old daughter of Linda and Jessie Perez, sponsored by the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department.

Rodeo events include a wild mare race, ranch bronc, barrel racing, bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc, bareback bronc, calf roping, team roping, and break-away roping; as well as goat sacking for children ages 8 years and under, and mutton bustin' for ages 6 years and under.

A rodeo dance, featuring the music of the Raised Right Men Band, will follow Saturday night's rodeo show. Entry to the dance is \$5.

The O'Donnell rodeo grounds are located on Hwy 87.



O'Donnell Rodeo Queen candidates ... Mackenzie Brooke Balderrama, Shelby Vargas, and Emily Renteria are the 2020 O'Donnell Rodeo Queen candidates. "The Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" will be held at the O'Donnell Rodeo grounds on US 87 in O'Donnell this week, July 9-11. The show starts nightly at 8 p.m.

(Photo from the O'Donnell Rodeo facebook page)



Did you know?

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Another term for your nieces or nephews would be "niblings".

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Obituaries



Robert L. Craig

Robert L. Craig of Post went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, June 28, 2020. He died at a Lubbock hospital. Robert was born March 30, 1933 in Lynn County to Mary and Robert Lee Craig, Sr. He was one of 17 children.

He was the consummate farmer, known foremost for his cotton crop but also for sharing a perpetual bounty of fresh vegetables and fruit throughout the community. Everyone loved the watermelons he grew, especially the wildlife around the farm. Robert's strategy was to always plant more than the coyotes could eat.

He was honored by the Post Jaycees in 1967 as Garza County's "Outstanding Young Farmer." He was 34. He had fond memories of meeting Gov. John Connally, keynote speaker at the awards banquet. He was commended for implementing new practices such as parallel terracing and skip row interplanting, and for engineering and modifying his own farm equipment.

Robert loved motorcycle riding, fishing and being on or in the water. He was an excellent swimmer, and he could waterski without getting a drop of water on his John Deere cap. As a teenager, he and his family dug their own swimming pool, which drew people from far and wide, including Dan Blocker of Bonanza fame. The pool was where Robert met the love of his life, Patsy Jane Shults. They were wed on Nov. 7, 1953 in Grassland and marked

their 66th wedding anniversary in 2019. The couple raised four children on their cotton farm six miles outside Post. Robert never met a stranger, so he struck up a conversation wherever they went. He modeled for his family the virtues of hard work, integrity and a deep and abiding faith.

Robert was a longtime member of Post's First Baptist Church. He was a deacon, and in his later years he particularly enjoyed volunteering in the church nursery.

In addition to his wife, Patsy, Robert is survived by his children, Joe (and Kelly) Craig of Tahoka, Robert P. "Bob" (and Susan) Craig of Arlington, Al Craig of Post and Patricia (and Sam) Cannon of South Padre Island; his grandchildren, Christopher Craig, Kimberly Craig, Laura Craig, Stephen Craig, Meagan Ruttkay, Skylar Kyzar and Kami Pierce; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, W. C. "Dub" Craig of Waco; and his sisters, Pearl Herman of Azle and Barbara Hawkins of Austin.

A private graveside was held July 1, 2020 at Grassland Cemetery. (PAID)



Choya Davis

Choya Davis, 52, was born in Snyder Texas on September 13, 1967 has gained his angel wings on June 4, 2020. Choya was loved by many. While thriving every day to make himself better he worked for Occidental Petroleum for 16 years among many other life lesson jobs. When he wasn't working Choya enjoyed spending time at the lake

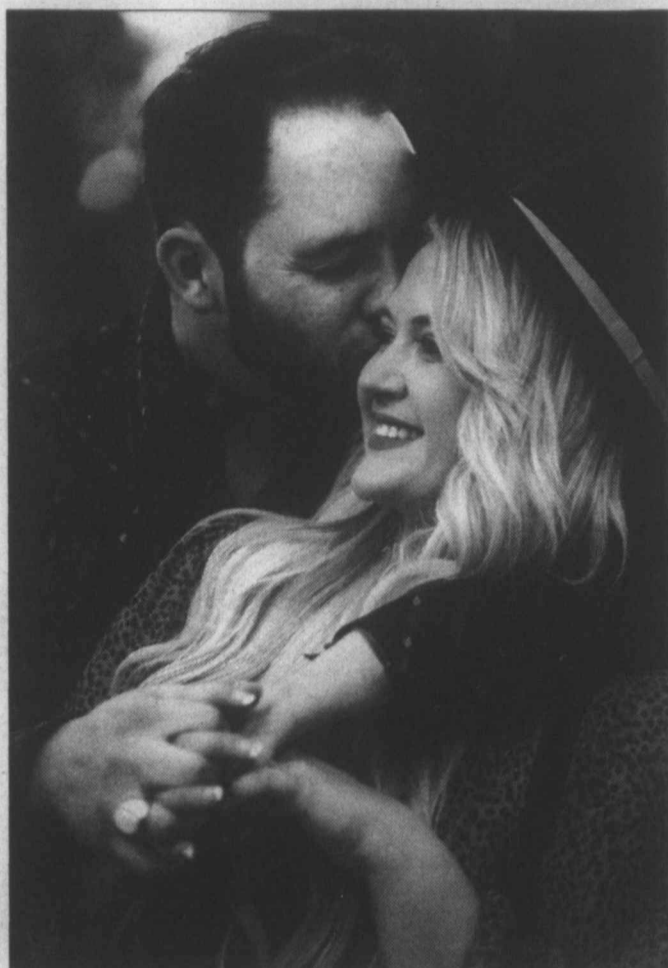
Tahoka FBC to host VBS July 19-21

Tahoka First Baptist Church is hosting Vacation Bible School on July 19-21, from 5:30-7:45 p.m. at the church located at 1701 Ave. K. VBS is for children have completed kindergarten through fifth grade.

"We are encouraging masks, but not requiring them. Group sizes will be smaller," says sponsors.

A registration form is printed in this issue of *The News*. The completed form should be brought to the drop-box by the west doors of the church by July 17. No registration is offered on site.

For more information, call the church at (806) 561-4557.



James Dalton Calaway and Taya L'Shay Bishop

Bishop-Calaway engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bishop of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Taya L'Shay Bishop, to James Dalton Calaway, of Lubbock. The couple plan to marry on November 7, 2020, at Horseshoe Knot Event Center in Lubbock, Texas.

The bride-to-be graduated in 2016 with an Associates of Applied Arts in Commercial Music from South Plains College and is a Singer/Songwriter. The prospective groom graduated from Texas Tech in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and is currently working for South Plains Electric Cooperative in Lubbock as a Special Projects Engineer. He is also a singer-songwriter.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

In the monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 30, New Home's city council approved the 2020-21 budget. The city has also started repairing potholes throughout town, which we all approve.

City Hall remains locked to encourage social distancing. Teresa is still in there, and citizens may come in if necessary, but casual lingering is discouraged. This virus is really cramping our socializing. I have learned a few things about masks. One, I really dislike wearing them. Two, my face is smaller than I thought; I bought a mask that was apparently designed to cut to the chase and just go ahead and kill me by cutting off breath and sight. Three, I have to use the ear loops because I can't figure out how the two straps are supposed to work.

This virus is almost too complicated for me to negotiate. Unaccustomed to picking up the first can of black-eyed peas I see at the store, I keep having to either take the ones with jalapenos or commit the sin of putting my germs all over two cans. I don't always remember to put on hand sanitizer after, well, EVERYTHING, and I have yet to wipe down an Amazon box or my groceries. I will continue to try, though, and I'll wear

the dang mask in the hope that if enough of us do it, we will be able to get back to a somewhat normal existence soon. It may be a while before I can watch TV without wincing as they shake hands, hug, and, gulp...kiss People Not Living in Their Homes.

Our Blessing Box was blessed itself this week when a family stopped by and restocked it. These good Samaritans weren't even from New Home, but they heard about this ministry of the Leopard girls' basketball team and wanted to help. During these days of divisiveness, acts like this one add some light to the world.

The library remains full of books. Checking them out is really simple: you choose your book and take it home. There is a notebook in which you can write down your selections if you care to, but we really just want people to have access to books without having to drive very far. We have a large selection of children's books and a growing collection of young adult literature. Come and check us out. Pun. Intended.

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

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
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: functahoka@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 7 am-6 pm
LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F

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"

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

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

Give Me Liberty
Now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. ~ Romans 6:22

Freedom is a place without obligations. Freedom is to live exempt from debts, constraints, and bonds. Our obligation for the sin we've committed is to satisfy justice. Our souls cannot be free without a release from our debt of sin, and the currency demanded for a soul is death.

When our debt was paid by the death of Jesus, the truest form of freedom was declared over our soul. Our chains were broken, and our liberty was granted. When Jesus returned to heaven, he left his spirit with us because where his spirit is, there is freedom.

Father, thank you for the freedom that is waiting for me as I walk out of sin. Jesus, you have paid the price for my sin once and for all, and I am eternally grateful for your sacrifice. ~Amen

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
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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

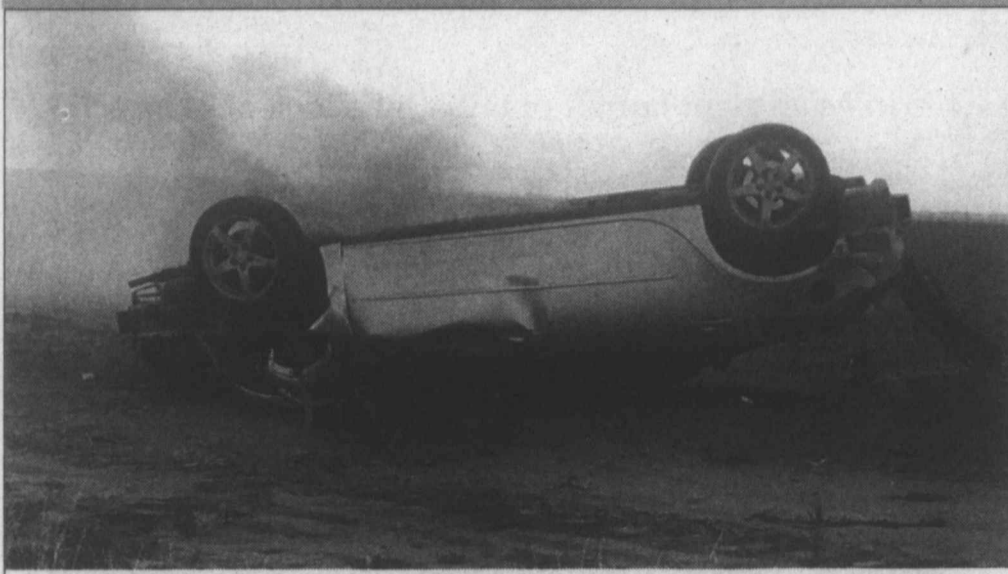
Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emtm@madocthomas.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Grassland Nazarene Church
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

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

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Crashed while evading ... While trying to evade a Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy on July 4th, the driver of this vehicle crashed and rolled his vehicle about three-fourths of a mile west of US 87 on CR 1. After the rollover, the vehicle caught on fire, but apparently the driver was able to escape from the vehicle. He refused transport by EMS for medical treatment, and was arrested and brought to the Lynn County Jail on several charges, including three warrants from Lubbock County. These photos show the rollover, with flames and smoke (above) and upright after the rollover just before it was towed from the scene.



Car chase ends in rollover, fire in Lynn County on July 4th

by JUANELL JONES

A Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy going to check on a suspicious vehicle near the Lubbock/Lynn County line on US 87 on Saturday night, July 4th, soon turned into a pursuit that ended with the driver crashing his vehicle, which rolled and then caught on fire. The driver, identified as Fabian Lozoya, 33, reportedly refused to be transported by Lynn County EMS and was brought to the Lynn County Jail on several charges, including three warrants from Lubbock County.

According to the Sheriff's Office call sheet report, the deputy said he was checking on the vehicle just before 8 p.m. when the driver attempted to evade, driving northbound in the southbound lanes of US 87, then turning west on CR 1 before crashing and rolling his vehicle about three-fourths of a mile west of US 87. After the rollover, the vehicle caught on fire, but apparently the driver was able to escape from the vehicle. The deputy requested Lynn County EMS, DPS, and the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. to the scene.

Another accident in the county last week was near the Lynn/Terry county line and was caused by a cow on CR 38, about a half mile west of CR A just after 11 p.m. June 30. The driver, unidentified in the call sheet report, called Lynn County 9-1-1 saying that he had hit a cow and destroyed his 2020 white GMC 1-ton pickup, but that he was not injured other than a small burn on his arm from where the airbags deployed. DPS and Sheriff's units responded to the scene, and the vehicle was towed.

No one was injured in a minor accident at New Home ISD at 12:41 p.m. June 30, when a white Chevy pickup that was backing out of a parking lot backed into a pick-

up parked by the Ag building. No driver/vehicle information was available in the call sheet.

A caller on June 30 told the Sheriff's Office that he saw a dark grey Dodge Charger that was weaving all over the road southbound on US 87 at 7:29 a.m., and believing that the driver may have been intoxicated he was able to stop the vehicle about 15 miles south of Lubbock, where both awaited the arrival of an officer. A DPS trooper responded to the scene, but reported that everything was okay with the driver, and no arrests were made.

Power lines were reported down on FM 179 about 2-3 miles north of FM 211, at 10:13 p.m. July 5th. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative was notified of the downed pole and powerline.

A caller at 9:30 a.m. July 6 reported that someone had stolen the tail lights off of a white work truck that was parked in front of the gas pumps south of the RV Park on FM 400 in Wilson, and also had taken some homemade shooting targets.

Sheriff's deputies responded to several calls for civil issues, illegal dumping, welfare checks, and assistance.

A Tahoka man reported that a vehicle was broken into during the night of July 1, in 1700 block of Ave. P, telling police that the vehicle had been locked and reporting that some medication was missing from the vehicle.

An officer was flagged down in the 1700 block of N. 5th at 10:45 a.m. July 2, by a male who was being chased by a dog. Animal Control was called and the dog was taken to the animal shelter.

Police were called to a convenience store in Tahoka at midnight July 2, where a female from Abilene wearing a pink robe told officers that she had met a male online and then met him in Lubbock, but that they had smoked marijuana together and she believed it was laced with something else. She was transported by EMS for medical evaluation/treatment.

Police responded to the 1800 block of N. 4th at 12:30 a.m. July 5, where a man reportedly fell off a roof and hit his head on concrete. Lynn County EMS transported the man to Lynn County Hospital.

At 9 a.m. July 6, police had a report of a mule deer wandering the area around South 6th and Ave. E. The animal left the area on its own.

Police responded to numerous calls about fireworks in the city on July 4th.

Lynn County Jail held 19 inmates during the week, including 18 held for Lynn

County, and 1 for Floyd County. Local charges included one for possession of marijuana, one for assault causes bodily injury, and one for no insurance and warrants out of Lubbock County.

4-H golf tournament set Saturday, Aug. 1

The 22nd Annual Lynn County 4-H Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020, at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka. The tournament will be a 4-man scramble. The cost is \$120 per team and \$15 per cart. A light lunch and dinner will be provided for golfers. Tee off times will be 8:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Call T-Bar Country Club at (806) 998-5305 to get your team registered.

This Month in History

- July 7, 1898 - President William McKinley signed a resolution annexing Hawaii. In 1900, Congress made Hawaii an incorporated territory of the U.S., which it remained until becoming a state in 1959.

- July 7 Birthday - Baseball pitcher Leroy R. (Satchel) Paige (1906-1982) was born in Mobile, Alabama. Following a career in the Negro Leagues, he became, at age 42, the first African American pitcher in the American League. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971.

- July 8 Birthday - Nelson Rockefeller (1908-1979) was born in Bar Harbor, Maine. He served as Governor of New York from 1958 to 1973. He became vice-president under Gerald Ford in 1974, serving until January 20, 1977.

SBA releases PPP loan data

Disclosed details vary based on loan amount

On Monday, July 6, the Small Business Administration (SBA) released Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan data at the request of Congress, media and others given the significant taxpayer commitment to the program.

According to information from First Bank & Trust, this was not a decision made by First Bank & Trust or any other bank that participated in the government program.

Names of borrowers with a PPP loan for less than \$150,000 were not disclosed. Only the city, state, zip code, number of employees that benefited, and the congressional district were disclosed for these loans, along with the name of the lender that made the loan.

For PPP loans of \$150,000 or more, the SBA released the borrower's name in addition to the business location, number of employees that benefited and the congressional district. The SBA released a

dollar range for these loans, not the exact amounts.

"First Bank & Trust is proud to have helped hundreds of small businesses during this difficult and challenging time," said Greg Garland, President of FBT. "We've processed 264 PPP loans of \$49 million, preserving more than 5,430 jobs."

To date, banks of all sizes have provided more than \$500 billion in PPP loans to small businesses across the country, helping to preserve 51 million jobs, according to the Small Business Administration. The size, scale and speed of the banking industry's response was unprecedented, and we were honored to be a part of this important effort," said Garland.

• Astronaut is a compound word derived from the two Ancient Greek words "Astro" meaning "star" and "naut" meaning "sailor". So astronaut literally means "star sailor".

Did you know?

- In Australia, there are nearly twice the amount of kangaroos as there are humans.
- There is an island called "Just Enough Room", where there's just enough room for a tree and a house.
- Baby owls are called "owlettes".
- Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver has such severe dyslexia that he didn't read his first novel until he was 38.
- The fear of cooking is known as Mageirocophobia and is a recognized phobia.
- The collective name for a group of unicorns is called a blessing.
- President Ulysses S. Grant was arrested while in office. He was charged, booked, and released for speeding on a horse, and had to pay a fine.
- Dogs have a total of 42 teeth when they are fully-grown.
- The entire world population could fit in Texas allotting 330 square feet per person. The area of Texas is about 262,000 square miles.



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NAME: _____ Last grade completed _____

Emergency contact name/phone # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Allergies _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Did you know?

- On average, 97 chickens are killed every 0.05 seconds worldwide.
- All of the sweaters Mister Rogers wore on his show were hand knitted by his mother. He said he loved wearing them because they always made him think of her.
- The maximum recommended consumption for Monster Energy Drink is 16oz in Australia, but 48oz in the U.S.A.
- Coca-Cola was first served in 1886. At that time, only 9 colas were served in an average day, 3,285 a year. Today, 19,400 Coke products are consumed every second.

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Mail, email or call information to: Lynn County EMO
P.O. Box 1166, Tahoka, TX 79373
Phone 806-561-5244 - or - email to: lynncountymemo@co.lynn.tx.us or stop by the office located at 1627 Ave. K in Tahoka.

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It's big, but it's not a 'murder hornet'

Texas A&M AgriLife experts say Texans mistakenly identifying cicada killer wasps as Asian giant hornets

by Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M AgriLife

Since the release of information about Asian giant hornets, Texas A&M AgriLife entomologists are being inundated with cicada killers and other look-alike insects submitted for identification as a possible "murder hornet," which thus far has only been found in Washington state in the U.S.

Many insects are being mistaken for the Asian giant hornet.

While the agency wants to continue to encourage Texans to be vigilant in watching for the Asian giant hornet, they also want to help provide

guidance that will help narrow the focus.

David Ragsdale, Ph.D., chief scientific officer and associate director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and professor in the Department of Entomology, said many photos of Texas native cicada killers, or ground hornets, are being submitted as suspected Asian giant hornets. He said their website receives five to 10 photos a day, and agency pest management agents and specialists around the state have also been handling inquiries. **It's a bird, it's a plane ... it's a cicada killer**

In May, the concern about Asian giant hornet was enough to prompt Gov. Greg Abbott to request a task force be mobilized to prepare Texas against the Asian giant hornet's arrival.

But June is the normal month for the cicada killer wasp, a common large wasp in Texas, to start showing up and this prompted posts on Facebook and in news feeds mistakenly reporting cicada killer wasps as sightings of the Asian giant hornet.

"Most everyone has seen the cicada killer wasp that is very large, but has mostly been ignored in the past," Ragsdale said. "With the most recent news of the Asian giant hornet, they are now paying attention to the native Texas insect."

While some people thought they had been seeing the newly pictured murder hornets for years, AgriLife Extension experts want to clarify, "No, you haven't." Now they are providing outlets to help tell the difference between the Asian giant hornet and similar looking pests.

Holly Davis, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist in Weslaco, and Pat Porter, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist in Lubbock, recently developed a short video explaining the differences between the "murder hornet" and several common lookalikes here in Texas.

"To date, we have identified hundreds of insects that people in Texas suspect might be Asian giant hornets (murder hornets)," Porter said. "Eighty percent of these have been either the eastern cicada killer or western cicada killer. It is understandable how non-entomologists would have trouble deciding which was which."

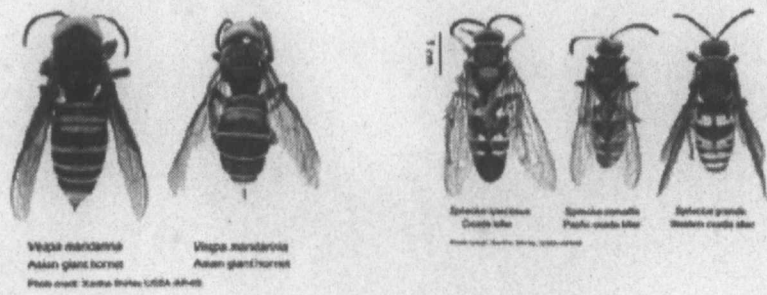
How to tell the difference
"First, the Asian giant hornet is native to Japan and South Korea, and it has only been found in parts of British Columbia, Canada and the northwestern corner of Washington state," Davis said. "There have been no confirmed reports of these hornets in other U.S. locations, including Texas."

There are a number of Texas native species of wasp, hornet, yellow jacket and bees, but what really separates Asian giant hornet and a few of our native species is their size. The ones most likely to be confused with Asian giant hornet are three species of cicada killers and the pigeon hornet.

The Asian giant hornet is the world's largest known hornet measuring 1.5-2 inches in length. It has a head as wide as its shoulders, where the wings and legs are located, or wider, and it is a bright orange or yellow. The thorax, or shoulder portion where the wings and legs are connected, is a dark brown, as are the antenna. It has a much smaller or pinched waist and then smooth looking brown and orange stripes cover the abdomen.

The cicada killers, of which there are three different species here in Texas, are also quite large, measuring 1-1.5 inches in length. But they will

Is it an Asian giant hornet or one of the look-alike insects?



Holly Davis and Patrick Porter, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
With images from USDA-APHIS and others

all typically have a head that is narrower than the thorax. The head and the thorax are typically the same color, a darker orange or brown color. It does also have a pinched waist. But the stripes on the abdomen will be jagged and sometimes look like mountains.

The eastern cicada killer tends to be black and yellow. The western cicada killer is closer in color to the Asian giant hornet, being reddish brown and yellow. But there is no contrasting color between the head and thorax and the stripes are jagged on the western cicada killer.

The other group of insects that are most commonly confused with the Asian giant hornet are the hornet or wood wasps. They are large, have a distinct head that is as wide or wider than the thorax, and may share the same coloration as the Asian giant hornet. However, there is one trait that is easy to spot that is different, and that is the waist. Hornets lack any appearance of a waist.

Harmful or just alarming

The Asian giant hornet preys on bees and can decimate local honey bee populations, essential for most fruit and vegetable crop production. The Asian giant hornets also are fiercely protective of their nests and will deploy painful stings that can cause fatal allergic reactions in people already sensitive to bee stings.

The cicada killer and wood wasps, however, are solitary and thus do not aggressively protect their nesting sites by attacking in large numbers, Davis said. Cicada killers, however, may cause alarm due to the males' territorial behavior, dive-bombing or buzzing people and animals

that walk into their territory.

"Although cicada killers are solitary, you can often find numerous individuals in areas with sandy soils where females dig nests in the ground," she said. "These nests appear as dime to quarter sized holes. As females come and go, provisioning their nest with cicadas they paralyze with a sting and carry back to their nests."

"The males are more interested in mating. Thus, they may try to chase off intruders they perceive as a threat to their mating opportunities.

However, male wasps are not capable of stinging, thus they are not dangerous, just a nuisance for a few weeks out of the year during the nesting season. Females can sting but are not aggressive and reports of stings are rare."

Hornets and wood wasps may have what appear to be very long stingers, but they are unable to sting. They lack venom glands and instead they use this structure, called an ovipositor, to insert eggs into plant tissue, hence the name wood wasp, Davis said.

Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

Local farmers feeling impact of court ruling

Dawson County cotton farmers are expecting another set of challenges for this growing season that they had not expected.

On July 8, a panel of judges for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ordered farmers to stop spraying one of the most used herbicides in the industry.

Dicamba is used in farming with the intention of killing weeds in crops that became resistant to the herbicide Roundup.

In years past, there have been chemicals taken off the market, but farmers across the nation have never experienced an order handled in this manner before.

A large majority of Dawson County farmers planned their growing seasons around the use of cotton varieties bred to be resistant to dicamba.

"They pulled the rug out from under us. It's hard to change your plan after you have seed in the ground," said Quinton Kearney, local farmer.

One particular concern with this herbicide that sparked the court ruling included misuse of the herbicide by farmers that has triggered crop damage in certain areas of the country. Dawson County was not one of these areas accused of abusing the product, but farmers in the area will be affected by the order.

"I can't speak for every farmer, but I know a lot of our guys use the herbicide according to the label. We try to do the best we can and use the technology that is available to us to make a crop," said Dawson County Farm Bureau President, Jeremy Brown.

This court ruling was a surprise not just for these farmers, but also for those who distribute dicamba products. Once the ruling had been made, sales of the product became illegal immediately. However, farmers were already in possession of the herbicide, they are allowed to use the product until July 31 based on guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency following the ruling.

- Lamesa Press-Reporter



Happy 4th of July! ... Lots of locals enjoyed the fireworks display sponsored by the City of Tahoka last Friday at the baseball complex. Everyone enjoyed getting outdoors, eating good food and enjoying the fireworks show.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Planning a Control Burn?

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From City Hall

by Jerry Webster
Tahoka City Administrator

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The City of O'Donnell will hold a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. on July 13, 2020, at City Hall regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at City Hall. The meeting may also be called into at (844) 890-7777 (access code 336170799). Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made at 806-201-1841.

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Governor's mask order ...

(Continued from page 1)

that means wearing a face covering in public spaces," he said.

The order requires every person in Texas to wear a mask or face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a "commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, whenever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person who is not of the same household."

The order specifically states that people attending a protest or demonstration involving more than 10 people who are not socially distant are not exempt from the order.

Exceptions to the order

- Children under the age of 10
- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering
- Any person consuming food or drink or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink
- Any person that is exercising or engaging in physical activities outdoors or is maintaining safe social distancing from people who are not part of their household
- Any person who is driving alone or with passengers who are in the same household as the driver
- Any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the covering during security surveillance, screening or need for specific

access to the face (like while visiting a bank or obtaining personal care involving the face).

- Any person in a pool, lake or similar body of water
- Any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher or actively administering an election (but wearing a mask is strongly encouraged)

• Any person who is actively providing access to religious worship (but wearing a mask is strongly encouraged)

• Any person while the person is giving a speech by broadcast or to an audience

• Any person who meets the criteria laid out by the Texas Division of Emergency Management regarding minimal cases of COVID-19 and whose county judge has opted out of the face-covering requirement (but wearing a mask is strongly encouraged)

Punishment if the order is violated

If someone is found not wearing a mask or face covering in violation of the order:

- A first-time violator will get a verbal or written warning
- For a second offense, the person could face a fine not exceeding \$250
- With each subsequent violation, the person will face a fine of up to \$250
- The order does prohibit officials from arresting or jailing anyone who is found in violation of the order.



Happy Independence Day! ... The City of Tahoka sponsored an excellent fireworks show on Friday, July 3 at the ballpark in Tahoka in celebration of Independence Day. People stayed in vehicles or gathered in family groups with lawn chairs near the area for the show, which lasted about a half hour. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

This Month in History

July 9, 1868 - The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. The Amendment defined U.S. citizenship and prohibited individual States from abridging the rights of any American citizen without due process and equal protection under the law. The Amendment also barred

individuals involved in rebellion against the U.S. from holding public office.

July 10, 1943 - The Allied invasion of Italy began with an attack on the island of Sicily. The British entry into Syracuse was the first Allied success in Europe. General Dwight D. Eisenhower labeled the invasion "the first page in the liberation of the European Continent."

July 10, 1973 - The Bahamas gained their independence after 250 years as a British Crown Colony.

July 10, 1991 - Boris Yeltsin took the oath of office, becoming the first popularly elected president in Russia's thousand-year history.

July 10 Birthday - American artist James Whistler (1834-1903) was born in Lowell, Mass. He is best remembered for his portrait Whistler's Mother.

Area News News items from area newspapers

Dawson Co. exempt from mask order

LAMESA - Dawson County apparently is exempt from an executive order issued by Gov. Greg Abbott requiring all Texans to wear a mask over their nose and mouth while in public places. That's because Dawson County falls under an exemption to that order for counties with fewer than 20 active casts of COVID-19.

"As of right now this mandate does not affect Lamesa and Dawson County as we have under 20 cases of COVID-19," Lamesa Mayor Josh Stevens said.

He said Dawson County currently has 16 active cases of the virus, which has made a drastic resurgence across the area, state and much of the nation in the past couple of weeks.

According to the South Plains Public Health District website, as of Friday morning (July 3) Dawson County has had a total of 59 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

- from the Lamesa Press Reporter

Andrews see first death from COVID-19 during spike in cases

ANDREWS - Andrews County on Wednesday experienced its first COVID-19 death when a person in their mid-40s encountered severe health issues at home and could not be resuscitated, according to local healthcare officials.

The initial death of a person with a virus case here came during a time Andrews is experiencing a surge in positive test numbers, they added.

The case spike that began a couple of weeks ago has continued, resulting in the number of confirmed cases surpassing 60 on Friday, according to Andrews County Health Department reports.

In two weeks, Andrews County's confirmed cases have more than doubled from 30 on June 15 to 63 on Friday.

- from the Andrews County News

Annual Brownfield Rodeo possibly canceled

BROWNFIELD - Two years ago Brownfield and Terry County citizens celebrated 85 years of rodeos and for 86 years Brownfield and Terry County have had a rodeo, however this 87th year might be a no go as the COVID-19 virus and the economy has halted another event.

Brownfield City Manager Jeff Davis said, "The people who run the rodeo did not come in and ask for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds money this year. So I guess we're not going to have a rodeo this year."

The rodeo has an economic impact that can range between \$20,000 to \$100,000 each year, so with the possibility of the event not taking place, Brownfield and Terry County will do without that extra funding brought in.

The COVID-19 virus has affected many events that have been planned throughout the spring and now the summer and it looks like it won't end anytime soon.

- from the Brownfield News

July 10 Birthday - Tennis player Arthur Ashe (1943-1993) was born in Richmond, Virginia. He won a total of 33 titles including the U.S. men's singles championship and U.S. Open in 1968 and the men's singles at Wimbledon in 1975.

July 11 Birthday - John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) the 6th U.S. President, and son of the 2nd President, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts. After serving just one term as President, he served 17 years as a member of Congress. He died in 1848 while in the House of Representatives

in the same room in which he had taken the presidential Oath of Office. He was the first president whose father had also been president.

July 12, 1943 - During World War II, in the Battle of Kursk, the largest tank battle in history took place outside the small village of Prohorovka, Russia. About nine hundred Russian tanks attacked an equal number of German tanks fighting at close range. When Hitler ordered a cease-fire, 300 German tanks remained strewn over the battlefield.

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