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Grand Opening set today at LCHD O'Donnell Clinic

Citizens are invited to Grand Opening ceremonies today (Thursday, June 4) from 4-6 pm at Lynn County Hospital District's new Family Wellness Clinic in O'Donnell, located at 709 4th Street.

COVID-19 Update ...

7th Case: There was another new COVID-19 case confirmed in Lynn County last week: On Thursday, May 28, a woman age 75-85 who resides in the northwest part of Lynn County was confirmed positive for COVID-19, making the 7th case confirmed in Lynn County, according to Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock.

There are currently two active cases in the county. Last Tuesday afternoon a woman, age 40-60 of Tahoka, also tested positive, which was the sixth case in the county.

Of the other five cases in Lynn County (in March-April), four have reportedly recovered, and there was one death from the disease.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 26	80	49	
May 27	89	60	
May 28	84	59	
May 29	85	57	
May 30	88	57	
May 31	86	62	
June 1	86	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"
Total Precip. for 2020:	6.22"

OPENING SOON

Courthouse to open to public beginning Monday, June 8

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock informed commissioners at a county commissioners meeting on May 26 that the Lynn County Courthouse offices would begin allowing in-person visits to their offices on Monday, June 8.

Access to the public has been limited to phone or email service, or by appointment in some cases, for county offices since early March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

County offices will have signage posted at entryways to notify visitors of any restrictions to ensure public safety, relating to COVID-19 precautions.

Visitors to the courthouse are reminded that access is through the east or west side entrances only, and the handicap entrance is on the west side.

In other business at the May 26 meeting, an audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP, was approved to perform the Lynn County financial audit for fiscal year 2019-20, approved unanimously by commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham.

Commissioners considered the one bid that had been submitted to the county for lawn care services for the courthouse and annex grounds, with the bid accepted from All Terrain Lawn Care. Because the owner of the business is related to Judge Braddock, the judge abstained from discussion or voting in this matter, filing an Abstention Affidavit with the County Clerk. Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the bid, for a one-year contract at a monthly rate of \$525.

Also, commissioners approved



County offices to open ... Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton (center) and her staff, Lessia Clem (left) and Marissa Villegas (right), are ready to greet visitors in their office, when the Lynn County Courthouse opens on Monday, June 8 to allow visitors access to all county offices. County officials will have signage notifying visitors of any COVID-19 restrictions that will be enforced for the safety of employees and visitors, including limiting the number of visitors in offices, and social distancing. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

requesting Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Lynn County, and also voted to apply for the 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Cares Act for Texas Counties, for

election funds.

No action was taken to lift the burn ban currently in place. Monthly bills were approved, and Judge Braddock presented the Lynn

County Sheriff's report, noting that the Lynn County Jail had passed the state jail inspection.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

District Judge issues plan:

District Courtroom to open for in-person court proceedings beginning June 15th

Because of the COVID-19 State of Disaster, all district courtroom proceedings since March 13 have been held via remote video conferencing, with no in-person procedures held in the district courtroom in Lynn County since that date. This week, however, 106th District Judge Reed Filley has announced an operating plan to direct how the county court buildings of Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn Counties may operate with in-person proceedings beginning June 1st. The plan directs Judges to begin setting non-essential in-person proceedings no sooner than June 15, 2020, and includes details conducting in-person proceedings according to the guidance issued by the Office of Court Administration regarding social distancing, maximum group size, and other restrictions and precautions.

"In compliance with the Orders of the Supreme Court of Texas, the 106th Judicial District Court has not held any in-person hearings since March 13, 2020. However, don't think that means that we've been enjoying an extended vacation during this time. Since March 13th we have conducted the following types of hearings remotely via Zoom video conference: criminal pleas, arraignments, requests for bond reductions, protective orders, temporary orders, custody hearings, divorces, adoptions, and contested civil hearings. We may not be holding court as usual, but rest assured we are still holding court," Judge Filley told *The News*.

"On May 4, 2020 the Office of Court Administration, through the authority given to it by the Supreme Court of Texas, issued a Guidance for All Court Proceedings During COVID-19 Pandemic (for proceedings on or after June 1, 2020.) This Guidance directs the administrative district judge (Filley) to create an Operating Plan. The purpose of this Operating Plan is to direct how the county court buildings of Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn counties may operate beginning June 1st. Therefore, I have created an Operating Plan designed to be as minimally intrusive as possible to all individuals entering the various county court buildings throughout



106TH DISTRICT JUDGE REED FILLEY

the four counties, while also following the guidelines of the Office of Court Administration, and considering the recommendations of the local health authorities," said Judge Filley.

The major points of the plan, in summary, include:

- Any individual exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms is prohibited from entering any county court building.

- The Operating Plan will NOT require individuals entering the building to wear a mask or face covering. However, masks will be available for individuals who request one. Furthermore, each Judge will have the authority to require

individuals to wear a mask while attending court in his or her courtroom.

- Prior to being transported from the county jail to the courthouse, defendants will be screened for any COVID-19 symptoms, including having their temperatures taken. Anyone exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms will not be transported to the courthouse.

- Individuals considered to be members of vulnerable populations will be offered accommodations, if requested.

Following is the full version of the Operating Plan issued by Judge Filley:

COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn County Judiciaries

Recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, visitors, court staff, judges, and other individuals entering the buildings housing the courts, Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn Counties will implement the following protective measures:

General

1. All judges will comply with the Emergency Orders issued by the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals, including

(See *COURTROOM PLAN*, page 6)



Did you know?



Bubble wrap was originally invented to be wallpaper. The creators tried to make plastic wallpaper with a paper backing, but it came out with plastic backing instead.



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Ortiz named to SPC Presidents list

Jonathan Ortiz, of O'Donnell, was named to the South Plains College Spring 2020 President's List.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

June 8-12

Monday: Polish sausage, red cabbage, German potato salad, black forest parfait

Tuesday: King ranch cass., pinto beans, sugar cookie, pineapple ring

Wednesday: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, peach short cake.

Thursday: BBQ Chicken breast, smothered potatoes, carrot & raisin salad, apple slices

Friday: Pollock wedge, lima beans, coleslaw/raisins, lemon cookie

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

Today's Prayer

"The Right Foundation"

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:7

Obituaries



John Michael "Mike" Holder

John Michael "Mike" Holder of Lubbock passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Mike was born to Frank and Dell Holder on August 27, 1945 in Abilene, Tx.

Mike served in the US Army in the Vietnam War and served as a Green Beret and in the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG). He received a Bronze Star, Air Medal, and honorable discharge. After Vietnam Mike earned a real estate license and worked in the industry for several years. He also worked in various sales positions. After his retirement he was active in the American Legion and the VFW. In his spare time Mike enjoyed watching motorsports and reading about military and Texas history. He was always known for his attention to detail and to have a silly face when his picture was being taken.

He was preceded in death by both his parents.

He is survived by his two brothers, Frank Holder (Sharon) of San Antonio, and Danny Holder (Lisa) of Round Rock; his children, Elizabeth Tew (Jerry) of Tahoka, Rick Holder (Georgia) of Montana, Wayne Holder (Krystal) of Johnson City, Tennessee, and JD Holder (Sarah) of Houston; and seven grandchildren, Alex, Amy, Jacob, Tyler, Travis, Nina, and Eloise.

Visitation was held Wednesday, June 3rd at Resthaven Funeral Home Abbey Chapel at 9am-10am, with graveside services following at 10:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to American Legion Post 575, P.O. Box 64427, Lubbock, Tx 79464 or VFW Post 2466, P.O. Box 3126, Lubbock, Tx 79452.

Online condolences may be offered on our website at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com. (P.A.I.D.)

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Arkansas... Steve and Shirley Burleson and Drew, Shelly, Braden, Bryson and Brogan Stone traveled to Siloam Springs, Arkansas for a family wedding. Pictured with the Lynn County News is Braden, Bryson and Brogan Stone. The News is approximately 553 miles from home.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

Considering that the world seems to be falling apart right now, New Home is pretty quiet. City Hall is open for business with a limit of 10 people in the building at one time. The food truck traffic has unfortunately slowed, but it was golden while it lasted. Hot, takeout food ... bliss. Yards are green with all the rain we've had, but we know that this won't last. Please remember to conserve water whenever you can, watering during your allotted time and settling for a less-than-golf course-perfect yard.

The library is open for business, and if your kids are pining for books, they

are welcome to come in and browse. The selection isn't huge, but they can probably find something to entertain them for a little while. The Sharing Library outside City Hall always has some books in it, as well. The collection of adult mysteries is always growing because when I finish one, I put it in the library. So, when you stop by to pay that water bill, check out the library! We have no beach, but we do have beach reads!

If you have items of interest to people in the New Home area, please submit them to dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10:00 on Tuesday mornings.

TxDOT road projects underway to include Lynn County roads

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is scheduled to begin work Monday, June 1, on a \$1.39 million safety project to install reflective, raised pavement markers (RRPMs) to various roads in the Lubbock District including roadways in Cochran, Dawson, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Project contractor Brydl Construction, Inc., of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will begin the work of adding RRPMs to the area's interstates, US and state highways (SH), and other various roadways on June 1. RRPMs are designed to increase the visibility of roadway striping during inclement weather.

Daytime crews are scheduled to start work on US 84 in Garza county. Work in Lubbock County along I-27 is also scheduled to begin Monday but will take place overnight. Work scheduled for the Lub-

bock area will take place overnight and is anticipated to continue through the end of July.

No lane closures are planned during the moving operation but motorists can expect slow moving equipment and are urged to use caution when driving through the mobile work zone, since crews will be working in traffic, and should keep the following tips in mind:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones.
- Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
- Be patient. Delays from roadway construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.

Work is expected to wrap-up late-July, and will take place weather permitting.

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative cancels its August 11, 2020 Annual Meeting

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., announced today that it has canceled its Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020, in Tahoka.

The Board of Directors of the customer-owned electric cooperative decided to cancel the annual meeting of its member-owners out of concerns for the health and safety of its membership due to the continuing worldwide coronavirus pandemic known as "Covid-19".

"It is well-known that the virus attacks hardest those individuals over age 60, and those with underlying health issues," said Greg Henley. "That would include the large majority of the coop's members who normally attend the Annual Meeting. We normally have several hundred of our members and their families attend, plus invited guests, and that size of a crowd gathering is strongly discouraged by the medical experts, and would put the coop out of compliance with the pandemic health regulations issued recently by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), as well as the Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas Governor Greg Abbott."

After studying the medical projections for Covid-19, and the medical experts' projections that the virus will last through the summer and into the Fall of the year, the Board made the decision now to cancel so that the substantial time and resources of hosting the meeting could be avoided. The Lyntegar Board also studied the actions of other West

Texas utility cooperatives facing the same issues, and noted that eight other cooperatives have similarly already canceled their own annual meetings (including nearby Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Big Country Electric Coop in Roby, and Taylor Electric Coop in Merkel).

Lyntegar has hosted an annual meeting for its member-customers for more than the past 80 consecutive years. However, the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, and its highly infectious transmittal impact has created similar health impact across the state and nation, including the cancellations of hundreds of large gatherings. The Covid-19 pandemic has been declared a state and national emergency by both U.S. President Trump and Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

"It was an extremely hard decision for the Lyntegar Board of Directors," said Henley, "but it was really the only decision the board could make in light of the overriding health concerns for our members and the cooperative's community of friends. The Board had hoped the virus would quickly pass, and the Annual Meeting be held; however, as is evident in news from the national media, the virus is expected to continue in various forms through the remainder of the year. As such, with all the advance planning and expense involved, the Coop had to make a decision now in order to provide advance notice to all those involved in helping to put the meeting together."

A look back at ... Woodwork

EVERYBODY makes mistakes, and sometimes the results are really bad. That's the gist of an article I read recently, written by Joseph Hallinan in *Reader's Digest*.

The author points out that it certainly is normal to make errors, and when something goes wrong, the cause is usually attributable to human error: "airplane crashes (70 per cent), car wrecks (90 per cent), workplace accidents (90 per cent)."

Hallinan says all of us are affected by certain biases in the way we see, remember and perceive the world. For example, he says we makes slips of the tongue, remember our own words, actions and performances as better than they actually were, and look directly at something without really seeing it.

Some college freshmen were asked about their high school grades and in one survey 29 per cent of the recalled grades were wrong. And students had a better memory for good grades than bad—the recall accuracy for A's was 89 per cent; for D's it was 29 per cent.

The writer suggested that all of us need to avoid snap judgments, get more sleep, and put off decisions until we are in a better mood, because happy people tend to be more creative and less prone to errors.

I skimmed this article, but did notice that one section was headed "Don't Skim" (when you are reading). But all that stuff doesn't apply to me, anyway. After all, I sort of remember making all A's in high school, and I don't make mistakes.

~July 9, 2009

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CONGRATULATIONS TRENT II

On May 22, 2020, Trent Moore II recently graduated from the highly acclaimed McCombs Business School at the University of Texas, Austin, with a Masters of Business Degree.

Trent II began his academic journey with his "Guns Up" at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, where he received his Bachelor of Business (BBA) Mgmt Info Sys (MIS) Major, and Web App Dev Focus.

Next, Trent II ran down the road to the University of Texas (San Antonio), where he received his Masters of Science in Info Tech (MSIT).

And then, Trent II as previously noted, took the "Bull by the Horns" at the University of Texas to snatch his 3rd degree. During his relentless pursuit, Trent II exhibited exemplary effort and persistent performance culminating in this remarkable feat.

Please join us in congratulating Trent II on a magnificent accomplishment!

He is now a RED RAIDER, ROAD RUNNER and a LONGHORN!
Let's call it a "TEXAS 3 STEP!"

Trent Moore II is the son of proud parents Trent & Lola (Rogers) Moore, grandson of Nunnie & the late Betty Rogers, Roosevelt & the late Dora Moore.

Unintentional 9-1-1 call embarrasses couple; man unhurt after driving car into farm equipment

by JUANELL JONES

Three accidents were in law enforcement reports during the past week, including a driver running into farm equipment being towed on US 87, and an unintentional 9-1-1 call had a couple embarrassed after police responded to their location at 10 o'clock Friday night.

A couple inside a vehicle parked in the 2000 block of Main Street inadvertently sat on a cell phone while they were romantically engaged, and were unaware that the phone had dialed 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 dispatcher at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office described hearing a female who seemed to be crying on the line, with no response to inquiries, and officers were dispatched to the location indicated by the 9-1-1 service. When police arrived, it surprised the couple, who were reported to be "very embarrassed" by the incident.

The driver of a white Tesla that ran into farm equipment being towed by a tractor in the southbound lanes of US 87 three miles north of Tahoka was fortunate to escape injury as his vehicle was severely damaged in the accident, just after 8 a.m. Monday, June 1. No information was available on the male driver, but he was apparently unhurt as he refused transport by Lynn County EMS, who responded to the scene along with the DPS, Sheriff's Office, and the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Last Thursday, May 28, a vehicle ended up in the median of US 87 about 4 miles north of the FM 400 overpass at 12:46 a.m., with a caller who was passing by the scene notifying the Lynn County Sheriff's Office that people were out of the vehicle trying to flag down vehicles for assistance. The S.O. received another call from a female involved in the accident, requesting an ambulance. Lynn County EMS, Sheriff's Deputies, and Tahoka Police all responded to the scene, and the people involved in the accident also called someone to come pick them up since their vehicle had to be towed. While investigating the incident, the deputy's vehicle that had been parked (unattended) in the median was struck, sustaining minor damage, when the people who had arrived to pick up those involved in the accident inadvertently backed into the front of the deputy's vehicle while attempting to leave the scene. EMS was refused by everyone involved and no transports were made. No vehicle or driver information was available.

A caller reported that an 18-wheeler went off the road into the center median on US 87 about 4 miles north of O'Donnell at 12:35 p.m. Monday, June 1. A deputy responding to the scene reported that the 18-wheeler had a tire blow out, but it was not an accident and there were no injuries or others involved.

The Sheriff's Office assisted Lubbock County with a search for a missing person on May 30. Lubbock Co. S.O. notified Lynn County that a search for a missing person out of Wolforth had OnStar pinging her vehicle at a location inside Lynn County, near FM 211 and FM 179 just after midnight. A Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy located the vehicle a half mile west of CR D on CR 15, but said that the driver was outside of the vehicle. EMS was paged for the driver, who was transported to a Lubbock hospital, and the vehicle was released to family members.

A stolen vehicle was reported at 3:30 p.m. May 25. A caller reported that his daughter's maroon Cadillac was stolen from a residence on FM 2192. A deputy took the report and the vehicle was entered into the system as stolen.

A woman walking her dog in the 1800 block of Wilson Ave. in Wilson at 9:30 a.m. May 25 reported that a neighbor's brown pit bulldog attacked her dog and tried to attack her. A deputy responded to the scene, where the owner of the pit bull picked up their dog, and the other dog was taken to a veterinarian for treatment.

In Tahoka, Police responded to the 1400 block of N. 7th at 9:30 p.m. May 27 for a report of a dog attack, where a small dog that was unrestrained in a front yard ran out to where a person was walking a larger dog on a leash past the residence, and the small dog was bitten by the larger dog when it ran up to the leashed dog.

A grass fire was reported at 11 a.m. May 30 about 6 miles east of Wilson on FM 211. Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged to the scene.

A 9-1-1 call hangup at 10:30 p.m. May 28 was investigated by Tahoka Police when the location determined by the 9-1-1 emergency system indicated that the call originated from the St. Jude Catholic Church office. However, several call-back attempts were unresponsive, and police found no individuals at the church, and were unable to locate anyone.

Two reports were called in of an electric fence sparking, at 7 a.m. on June 1 and again at 3:30 a.m. June 2, at N. 3rd

and Country Club Road, in an area where cattle are penned. The owner was notified.

Police responded to Stripes convenience store in Tahoka at 10 a.m. May 27, where a woman who had been criminally trespassed from entering the premises was on scene. The store manager asked police to file criminal trespass charges against the woman.

In the 1800 block of South 8th, a woman reported at 3:30 p.m. May 28 that her vehicle had been struck by balloons containing paint, splattering blue paint onto her vehicle.

Sheriff's deputies and Tahoka Police also responded to several calls for domestic disturbances, welfare checks, reckless drivers, and assisting motorists.

Lynn County Jail held 28 inmates during the week, including 11 held for Ector County and 17 for Lynn. Local charges included one for failure to identify/giving false information, one for possession of drugs, one for possession of marijuana, one for failure to appear/jumping bail, and one for assault to family member.

Did you know?

- 12% of the world's total languages is found in Papua New Guinea, which has over 820 indigenous languages. There are more languages on this island than any other country.

- Mount Rushmore cost less than one million dollars to construct. It took 14 years to build - from 1927 to 1941, and took 400 workers.

- Samsung means "three stars" in Korean. This was chosen by the founder because he wanted the company to be powerful and everlasting like stars in the sky.

- Santa Claus was issued a pilot's license from the U.S. government in 1927. They also gave him airway maps and promised to keep the runway lights on.

- The largest stadium in the world is the Rungrado 1st of May Stadium in North Korea. It can hold up to 114,000 spectators. It covers 51 acres and is 197 feet tall.

- The hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body not attached to any other

- A snail can sleep for 3 years.



Driver escapes injury ... The driver of this white Tesla that ran into farm equipment being towed by a tractor in the southbound lanes of US 87 three miles north of Tahoka was fortunate to escape injury as his vehicle was severely damaged in the accident, just after 8 a.m. Monday, June 1. No information was available on the male driver, but he was apparently unhurt as he refused transport by Lynn County EMS.

Tahoka eighth grade registration set June 9th

Tahoka Middle School has not received many of the 8th grade course selections, so a registration day has been set for Tuesday, June 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m.

"We really need for all 8th grade students to come in so I can make sure I have their correct selections," stated Mrs. Kieth, TMS Principal.

For any reason a student cannot make it in on Tuesday, please email Mrs. Kieth so she can make other arrangements.

For questions or other information contact TMS at 806-561-4119.

When to display the ... American Flag

- The US Flag is a symbol of respect, honor, and patriotism. It may be displayed on any day of the year, but should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

- The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstays in the open, but it may be displayed at night—if illuminated—to produce a patriotic effect.

- The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on:

- New Year's Day, January 1;
- Inauguration Day, January 20
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January
- Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
- Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February
- Easter Sunday (variable)
- Mother's Day, second Sunday in May

- Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May
- Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May
- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, third Sunday in June

- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, first Monday in September
- Constitution Day, September 17

- Columbus Day, second Monday in October
- Navy Day, October 27
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, December 25 and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States
- the birthdays of States (date of admission) and on State holidays.

Area News News items from area newspapers

Lamesa basketball standout Jerry Mason pens book to be published soon

LAMESA - Whether it was drilling last second bombs against longtime rival Andrews twice in the same month to help win the district championship or making electrifying two-handed slam dunks, Jerry "Bobo" Mason grew up putting on a show for local basketball fans in the 1980s.

The 1986 Lamesa High School graduate looks to rekindle some of that flame among hometown fans and others on the South Plains after writing a book which will soon be published.

Mason's book, "The Story of Coach/The Mediator of Dreams; Destroyer of Generations" should be a good read among high school hoop fans.

"I've always enjoyed writing but this is the first time that I had anything published. A lot of it is about my journey. Yeah, Lamesa's in there a lot especially with guys like Coach (Wayne) Roberts. That's where it all started for me," Mason said referring to his old high school head basketball coach.


Jerry was one of Lamesa's most recruited high school athletes after reaching the state tournament his junior year. Mason visited schools such as Seton Hall, Wake Forest, University of Texas, Colorado State and Wyoming, but decided to stick close to home by signing with Gerald Myers and Texas Tech.

Bobo continued his love for basketball via coaching. After coaching the first 18 years at Ennis, Mason coached the past six at Terrell. He's coached numerous playoff teams and has made Coach of the Year on a couple of occasions.


- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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Facts about Tahoka Lake Pasture



There are large numbers of Mule Deer in Lynn County. Big groups of them live on TLP. Too often, some will cross public roads and are hit by motorists. Please stay very alert when you are driving, especially where TxDot has posted deer crossing signs. The most acute time for deer to appear are at dawn and dusk.



Tahoka Lake is one of only a few spring-fed salinas remaining on the plains of the Americas

Our biggest deficit at this time is communication because electronic and even landline phone service is erratic at TLP. Text and mail are our best ways: **TEXT ONLY: 806-535-5147**
Mail: Tahoka Lake Pasture, 883 FM 400, Wilson, TX 79381-2160

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Warm weather means more ticks

As the warm weather draws more and more Texans outdoors, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts want people to be aware of the danger ticks pose.

"Ticks are blood feeders in all life stages and can transmit pathogens that can lead to disease transmission," said Sonja Swiger, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist, Stephenville.

"While we do see tick-borne disease here in Texas, our rates are much lower than many other states," she said. "However, people need to be aware and vigilant. That is the only way to stop them."

Where ticks are found:

Swiger said since ticks can't fly, the only way to be exposed to them is by entering their space or by catching them from an animal that has picked them up.

Unfortunately, ticks can be found pretty much anywhere.

"Aside from if you're in a concrete jungle, there can be ticks," Swiger said. "They can be in overgrown brush, a field, forest, park, tall grasses and anywhere there is wildlife."

Given that many people have been inside more than normal due to COVID-19 and social distancing, Swiger said we do not yet know what that will mean, if anything, when it comes to ticks. Most ticks only live outdoors unless they hitch a ride into a home on a human or animal host.

"Since people haven't been outdoors as much, that may mean some areas haven't been mowed in a while or brush hasn't been cleared. We've also seen wildlife coming into some urban areas more during these periods while people have been staying indoors. Will that increase exposure? We just don't know yet, so people need to take precautions."

Ticks are something people need to be aware of year-round, although as the weather warms their populations swell, typically peaking in the summer and then declining in the fall. Swiger said we are at the start of their "plentiful season."

Tick awareness and prevention:

As Lyme Disease Awareness Month ends and many people plan to be outdoors for the Memorial Day weekend, now is a good time to review how to protect yourself and your family from these arthropods.

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease, with an average of 30,000 cases a year reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Lyme disease can also affect pets. There are numerous other diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia that ticks can transmit to people. Ticks are also responsible for often-deadly diseases in livestock such as cattle fever.

There are 11 common species of ticks found in Texas. The black-legged tick, brown dog tick, Lone Star tick, Gulf Coast tick and American dog tick are the species the average person is most likely to encounter. The TAMU TickApp for Texas and the Southern Region is a helpful tick identification and resource tool.

Ticks typically like to latch on to people's head, hair, chest, armpit, groin, waist and back of the knees, so be extra vigilant when checking these areas. Headwear and light-colored clothing that protects as much skin as possible is also a good idea if you'll be outdoors where ticks are present. Pants should be tucked into boots to minimize the odds of bringing an unwanted bloodsucker home.



The American dog tick is one of the most common species found in Texas. (AgriLife photo by Wizzie Brown)

"Check yourself after being outdoors," said Swiger. "Also check your pets if they have been outdoors."

Swiger said people who let their pets sleep in their bed with them need to be extra vigilant.

Around your home, keep lawns mowed, brush trimmed and weeds whacked. Be especially diligent about the areas around swing sets, sand boxes and children's play areas.

Since rodents are part of the tick-borne disease cycle, eliminate places they like to live and hide. Try to avoid having brush piles and keep any building materials and gardening supplies off the ground.

If a tick is found, it can be removed with tweezers. Grasp the tick as close to the head as possible and pull straight out. If the head breaks off under the skin and cannot be removed, or if any pain, lesion or a rash develops, contact a doctor. If fever, headache, joint pain, muscle pain or swollen lymph nodes occur within 30 days of a tick bite, you should also inform your doctor.

New Home ISD commencement set for Friday

New Home ISD will hold a live graduation ceremony on Friday, June 5, at 8:00 p.m. on the NHISD football field. Seniors will be allowed to invite six guests per student. New Home ISD will conduct the ceremony according to safety guidelines provided by the Governor's office and the Texas Education Agency. The ceremony can also be viewed live on Facebook at New Home Pride.

Did you know?

- There is a company in Japan that has schools that teach you how to be funny. The first one opened in 1982. About 1,000 students take the course each year.
- Tom Hanks had an asteroid named after him which was called "12818 tomhanks".
- There is a liquid that you can breathe in called perfluorohexane. Animals can be submerged in a bath of perfluorohexane without drowning.
- Feeding curry to a sheep reduces the amount of methane in its farts by up to 40%.
- During a conversation each speaker's "turn" averages 2 seconds, and the pause in between only 200 milliseconds. That figure is nearly universal.
- Cold showers have more health benefits than hot or warm showers. These include improving circulation, stimulating weight loss, and easing depression.
- Despite being landlocked, Mongolia has a navy consisting of seven men and one vessel, the "Sukhbaatar III", stationed on Lake Khövsgöl.
- During the Second World War, German tank drivers would drive their vehicles over camel droppings, thinking it would bring them good luck.
- In Alabama, it is illegal to participate in shooting, hunting, gaming, card playing or racing on Sundays. The fine ranges from \$10 to \$100.
- Originally, bumper cars were not supposed to hit each other. Drivers were actually supposed to avoid crashing in spite of chaotic driving. The first company to patent a bumper car was in 1920 named Dodgem.

A look back at ...
Woodwork



WAS CONSIDERING how to approach the subject of June in a column, thinking I might note how it is considered the month for love and weddings, and how that tradition came to be, when Lotta Tahokum came by on one of her infrequent trips to downtown Tahoka.

She wanted to know what I was doing scrunched up over my computer with a pained look on my face, so I told her I was thinking hard about the month of June and how it was named after Juno, Roman goddess of Love.

Not true, she said, "look it up." Sure enough, Juno is listed as the goddess of marriage, not love, and when I told Lotta this, she said, "Believe me, kiddo, love and marriage ain't always the same thing."

I told her there was something wrong with her grammar. "How'd you know that?" she asked. "I had to take her to the doctor just yesterday."

I admitted she might be technically correct about Juno, but then I read that the goddess of love is generally considered to be the Greek goddess Aphrodite. Think what a mess we would be in if the month following May and preceding July had been named Aphrodite. Songwriters would be especially challenged to find romantic words to use for what they have always relied on, like moon, spoon, tune, swoon, soon and so forth. Offhand I can't think of any word which rhymes with Aphrodite. That is partly because I'm not sure how to pronounce it..

Anyway, June is considered a good time to get married, with a long life and good health ahead of you. Certainly there are more weddings in June than in any other month. That's despite the fact that the weather is usually way too hot for those having to wear all the garments the members of the wedding party have to put on. This could be a factor in making the marriage last; most people don't want to do all that again.

This column is scheduled to appear in the *Lynn County News* on the 11th of Aphrodite.

~June 1, 2009

Hunting/Fishing License, Boat Registration offices now open for appointments only

AUSTIN— Starting June 1, all Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement offices statewide and the license and registration office at the Austin headquarters will reopen to customers with appointments. Social distancing, face coverings and other public health measures will be mandatory for all customers.

Appointments will be scheduled in 15-minute increments with the first appointment beginning at 8:15 a.m. and the last appointment at 4:30 p.m. Missed appointments must be rescheduled for another time. Customers can schedule an appointment by calling the law enforcement office or license and registration office directly.

New business practices will be in effect for all offices including:

- Only one customer is allowed in the office, unless a caregiver is needed
- Cash, checks and money orders are acceptable methods of payment. Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted at this time.
- Customers must complete all necessary forms before arriving for their appointment

No walk-ins will be allowed at this time. Available services at these offices include original titles and registration, registration renewal, transfer of existing titles and registration, replacement certificates for number cards, decals and titles, pre-paid party boat inspections, party boat operators license, addition or release of a lien, commercial licenses and permits, and game warden inspections. Additional services, only being processed by mail at the Austin headquarters, are bonded titles and abandoned bonded titles.

Did you know?

- When mice live in the wild, they typically only live for about six months. This is mostly due to the fact that they have so many predators. However, in a controlled environment like being kept as a pet, they can live up to two years.
- Researchers 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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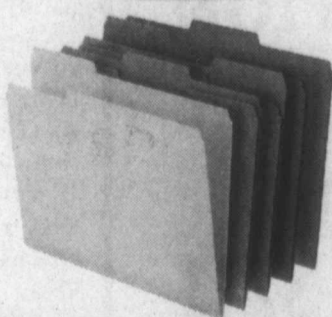
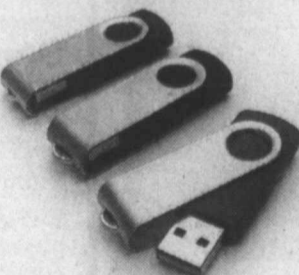
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Courtroom plan ...

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conducting in-person proceedings according to the guidance issued by the Office of Court Administration regarding social distancing, maximum group size, and other restrictions and precautions.

2. All judges will use all reasonable efforts to conduct proceedings remotely.

3. The local administrative district judge will maintain regular communication with the local health authority and county judge of each county and adjust this operating plan as necessary with conditions in the county.

4. Judges will begin setting non-essential in-person proceedings no sooner than June 15, 2020. If a Judge determines that a hearing cannot be held remotely, and that an in-person hearing is required, the Judge shall state in the notice of hearing the reason that the hearing could not be held remotely.

Judge and Court Staff Health

1. Each Judge will make decisions regarding his/her staff, within the guidelines set out in this plan. Judges are encouraged to assess what court staff can perform the essential functions of their job remotely and allow said staff to telework when possible.

2. Judges or court staff who feel feverish or have measured temperatures equal to or greater than 99.6°F, or with new or worsening signs or symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or having known close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19 will not be permitted to enter the building and should seek medical advice.

3. Any Judge or court staff who experiences any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above while at work should leave work immediately and seek medical advice.

4. Each Judge shall make decisions regarding whether or not that Judge and his/her court staff will be required to wear face coverings. All Judges and court staff will be required to practice social distancing, and practice appropriate hygiene recommendations at all times.

5. Each Judge shall control his/her courtroom and will be permitted to enact and enforce protective policies in the courtroom, so long as those

policies meet the minimum standards set out in this Operating Plan.

6. Each County Judge shall be permitted to enact and enforce protective policies in their county courthouse, so long as those policies meet the minimum standards set out in this Operating Plan.

Scheduling

1. When setting in-person proceedings in compliance with the guidelines stated in this Operating Plan, each Judge is encouraged to coordinate with the other Judges who hold court in the same court building, including associate judges, to reduce occupancy in the court building.

Vulnerable Populations

1. Individuals who are over age 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy are considered to be vulnerable populations.

2. Each judge shall include information on orders setting hearings, dockets notices, and in other communications notifying individuals who are in vulnerable populations of the ability to contact the court to identify themselves as a vulnerable individual and receive accommodations. A notice with this information will be posted in conspicuous locations around the court building.

3. Vulnerable populations who are scheduled for court will be accommodated by making all reasonable attempts to schedule remote hearings, rescheduling in-person hearings to a later date, or other accommodations deemed appropriate by the Judge presiding over the case involving the vulnerable individual.

Social Distancing

1. All persons not from the same household who are permitted in the court building will be required to maintain adequate social distancing of at least 6 feet.

2. No more than two individuals not from the same household will be permitted in an elevator. If more than one individual from the same household is in an elevator, no other individuals will be permitted in the elevator. Exceptions may be made for



District Courtroom ... The District Courtroom on the second floor of the Lynn County Courthouse has been closed to the public since early March, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This week, however, 106th District Judge Reed Filley has announced an operating plan to direct how the county court buildings of Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn Counties may operate with in-person proceedings beginning soon. The plan directs Judges to begin setting non-essential in-person proceedings no sooner than June 15, 2020, and includes details conducting in-person proceedings according to the guidance issued by the Office of Court Administration regarding social distancing, maximum group size, and other restrictions and precautions.

qualified individuals under the Americans with Disabilities Act requiring assistance.

3. Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be required in all public common areas.

Gallery

4. The maximum number of persons permitted in the gallery of each courtroom shall be determined by the Judge of that court. Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be required at all times in the gallery of each courtroom. The maximum capacity of the courtroom will be monitored and enforced by court staff.

Well

5. In each courtroom, the counsel tables, witness stand, judge's bench, and clerk, court reporter, and bailiff seating will be arranged in such a way so that there is social distancing of at least 6 feet between each space.

6. Each Judge will determine whether or not to require the use of face coverings or face masks in his/her courtroom. Face coverings or face masks will be provided by the County. The County will also make available in every courtroom hand sanitizer, sanitizing cleaning wipes, and other hygiene products.

Hygiene

1. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed at the entrances to the building and at several other locations throughout the court building, both inside and outside the courtroom.

2. Tissues have been placed in various locations both inside and outside the courtroom.

3. The Department of State Health Service's "Stop the Spread of Germs Flyer" has been posted in multiple locations throughout the court buildings.

Screening

1. All public entrances to county court buildings shall contain signs regarding any individuals attempting to enter the building who are exhibiting any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 or have been in close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. The signs shall state that any individuals who are experiencing any of these symptoms are prohibited from entering the court building.

2. Inmates being transported from the jail to the court building will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and have their temperature taken prior to transport. Inmates with symptoms or a temperature

equal to or above 99.6°F will not be transported to the court building.

Face Coverings

1. All individuals from the public entering the court building will be encouraged to wear face coverings at all times.

2. Individuals will be encouraged to bring cloth face coverings with them, but if the individual does not have a cloth face covering, a disposable face mask will be provided.

Cleaning

1. Court building cleaning staff will clean the common areas of the court building so that common spaces are cleaned at least every 4 hours.

2. Court building cleaning staff will clean the courtrooms between morning and afternoon proceedings, and at the end of each day the courtroom is used.

3. Court building cleaning staff have been provided cleaning supplies shown to be effective with this coronavirus.

4. Court building cleaning staff have been trained on proper cleaning techniques and provided appropriate personal protective equipment.

5. Cleaning supplies shown to be effective with this coronavirus shall be available for use by all courtroom participants.

"I have attempted to confer with all judges of courts with courtrooms in the county court buildings regarding this Operating Plan," stated Judge Filley. "In developing the plan, I consulted with the local health authority of each county in the 106th Judicial District, as well as the county judge of each county in the 106th Judicial District. I will ensure that the judges of courts with courtrooms in the county court buildings covered by this Operating Plan conduct proceedings consistent with the plan," he added.

Did you know?

- It is thought by Russians that eating ice cream will keep you warm.
- It is believed that elephants think people are cute, the same way people think puppies or kittens are cute.

Area News

O'Donnell's Ortiz signs to play football for Wayland Baptist

LAMESA - There might or there might not be one more high school football game in Kyler Ortiz's immediate future, but the O'Donnell Eagle standout isn't ready to put up his cleats for good. Ortiz announced this past week he plans to play college football this fall at Wayland Baptist University at Plainview.

"I feel blessed. This is something that I've wanted to do since I started playing football back when I was little," Ortiz said following a virtual signing Wednesday evening (May 27) at O'Donnell.

Ortiz was O'Donnell's leading tackler this past season with 74 stops, including 59 solo stops. Sixteen of his tackles were for losses. He also broke up six passes.

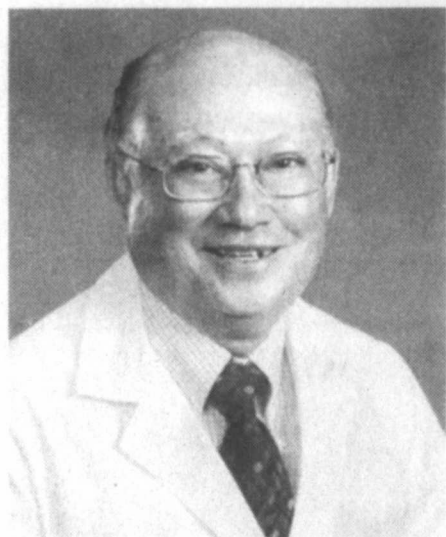
The college game definitely will be a learning experience for Ortiz, who played six-man football at O'Donnell.

"I've never played any 11-man football before. In college you know everything's going to be faster paced, but six-man's a fast paced game so it's got to help," Ortiz said.

Ortiz is one of three OHS graduates who've been selected to play in the annual Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star games scheduled for July at Wichita Falls. The other two honorees are Zaelan Gloria in girls basketball and Elvis Garces in boys basketball. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, that game may end up getting cancelled.

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