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184	110	50	24

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Child care, bars and sports scheduled for reopening

By Patrick Svitek
 The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday announced his next wave of reopenings designed to restart the Texas economy during the coronavirus pandemic, saying child care facilities

can reopen immediately, bars can open Friday with limited capacity and sporting events can return without fans at the end of the month.

Abbott also said he would permit restaurants to operate at 50% capacity starting Friday, up from 25% that's allowed now.

At the same time, Abbott exempted two hotspot regions — Amarillo and El Paso — from his latest decisions, saying they would need to wait a week — until May 29 — while the state's surge response teams work to contain outbreaks in each area.

Abbott's news conference came 18 days after he started a phased reopening of the state, starting with letting restaurants, stores, movie theaters and malls open up at 25% capacity. He then allowed barber shops and salons to reopen May 8 under certain restrictions. Monday

was the first day gyms were allowed to open up, also under restrictions.

In addition to bars, Abbott is letting a host of other establishments reopen Friday, including bowling alleys, bingo halls, skating rinks, rodeos, zoos and aquariums. In the

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Another drive-thru test planned Wednesday

From Staff Reports

Washington County is opening a third drive-thru testing site this week.

According to a news release from the county's Joint Information Center, the test collection site will start here 8 a.m. Wednesday at 1305 East Blue Bell Road.

Residents exhibiting symptoms can register at www.txcovidtest.org or call 512-883-2400.

But the news release said to wait until today to register.

"Please note, if you complete the questionnaire (Monday), you will be scheduled for a different county's testing site," the release said. "To ensure you sign up for Washington County's testing site, call or go online (Tuesday), beginning at 8 a.m."

Although testing will be given to those exhibiting symptoms, those not exhibiting symptoms can get tested too.

"Priority will be individuals with active symptoms, but if you want to be tested, regardless of symptoms, you are encouraged to call the number or go online and complete the questionnaire," the county's release said.

The release also warned registering to be tested does not necessarily guarantee you'll get a test.

"All applicants are not guaranteed to be tested," the release said.

Washington County has 184 total positive cases of COVID-19. Of those cases 110 remain active with 11 people hospitalized and 24 deaths. 50 people have recovered from the novel coronavirus.

BISD food service member positive for coronavirus

Staff reports

A Brenham ISD food service employee has tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member most recently worked at Brenham High School on May 12-13, but was not involved in the distribution of the boxed meals.

According to a release from Brenham ISD, "all members of the food services team who worked with this employee are quarantining for the next 14 days and the food preparation area at Brenham High School is being cleaned and sanitized. Meal distribution will continue at the school with a new preparation and distribution team.

Safety is paramount as our food services team works to ensure our students have what they need throughout the school closure. All items included in the boxed meals are pre-packaged."

According to the district, the certified food service staff members wear gloves and masks to prepare meals and the food preparation area is sanitized after each use. Social distancing protocols are followed at all times.

"The Brenham ISD child nutrition

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Horse misplay

A loose horse was caught in a barbed wire fence near Brenham ISD's FFA pens on the corner of Old Chappell Hill Road and Shepard Lane on Monday before passersby and Corporal Sierra Newell of the Brenham Police Department eventually corralled the escaped equine.

Camp For All issues sweet challenge

By Alyssa Faykus
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They are sweet to eat and fun to smash: Welcome to the Pie in the Face Challenge by Camp For All.

Camp For All, a barrier free camp for kids and adults with special needs, closed its doors for the summer out of an abundance of caution.

"In order to ensure that Camp For All will continue to provide joy for our campers with special needs and challenging illnesses in the future, we have made the very difficult, yet necessary, decision to extend our camp closure through the summer," Pat Sorrells, CEO said in a release. "While our hearts are broken, we know that this is the right decision."

Now the campgrounds are feeling a little empty for the Camp For All staff. The Pie in the Face Challenge was created to spark a little joy and raise money for the camps to reopen when it's safe to do so. It was modeled after a favorite camper activity of smashing a



Photo courtesy of Camp for All

CAMP continued on A2 A Camp for All camper gets ready to pie somebody in this 2019 file photo.

'Beef-on-the-Brazos' fundraiser selling quick

From Staff Reports

The Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Foundation is quickly running out of tickets for its 2nd Annual Beef-on-the-Brazos drawing.

The fledgling giveaway, which features a prize of 20 F1 Braford heifers, will conclude with a drawing at the Washing-

ton-on-the-Brazos State Historic site on June 30.

Of the 2,000 tickets available, 1,600 have been purchased. Tickets are available for \$50 and can be purchased in person at the Brenham Livestock Auction, Cattelman's Supply and Webb Printing, all in Brenham; and Turner, Pierce & Fultz/Ace Hardware in Navasota. Tickets are also avail-

able at WhereTexasBecameTexas.org, or by phone at 979-830-1824.

Cash, check, credit card and PayPal are accepted.

Last year, the 20 cattle were estimated at \$1,400 per head, or \$28,000. Values of this year's herd are still being estimated, but the Foundation believes market value of this year's prize could reach

between \$20,000-30,000.

The Foundation will deliver the cattle to the winner within 100 miles of Brenham at no charge, but the livestock can also be immediately turned over to Brenham Livestock Auction in exchange for a check.

"People will always say, 'Well,

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WEATHER

TONIGHT: Mostly clear, low about 70. WEDNESDAY: Sunny, with a high near 93. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

HERE & THERE

Happy 36th anniversary wishes today go to Aubrey and Sandra Perry. Happy birthday wishes today go to Shirley Schiller. Happy belated birthday wishes from Monday go to Donald W. Lamp and Justin Borchardt.

TODAY'S VERSE

You, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? ... You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?
 Romans 2:21-23

WATER USAGE

Lake Somerville full stage: 238.0. Lake level at 7 a.m. today: 238.05. City of Brenham water usage: May 19: 1.694 million gallons. Rainfall this month: 5.84". Rainfall this year: 13.58". Average annual rainfall: 45.34".

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BRENHAM BEAT

Residents wanting to report suspicious activity can use dispatch's non-emergency number of 277-7373.

Washington County Emergency dispatch received 185 calls to the 911 emergency phone system during the 72-hour period ending at midnight Monday.

Brenham Police Department activity during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

- Responded Friday to 111 calls, two crashes

On Friday at 7:18 a.m., Brenham police responded to the 800 block of Crockett Street in order to meet with a caller in reference to a disturbance that had taken place on Gay Hill Street. After investigation, police arrested a 42-year-old Brenham man on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

- Responded Saturday to 78 calls, zero crashes

On Saturday, Brenham police responded to the 300 block of Rippetoe Street in reference to an intoxicated subject. After investigation, a 25-year-old Brenham man was taken into custody on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Responded Sunday to 60 calls, zero crashes

On Sunday at 11:50 a.m., police responded to the Walmart Supercenter in reference to a shoplifter. After investigation, a 22-year-old Brenham man was taken into custody on a charge of theft of property.

- No other arrests were made.

The department's website is cityofbrenham.org/police.

Brenham Fire Department had zero calls to report for the 72-hour period ending 7 a.m. Monday.

The department's website is cityofbrenham.org/fire.

Justice of the Peace Judge Doug Zwiener supplies daily reports coming through his office, which handles charges recorded against subjects taken to the Washington County jail. Charges for today were:

- Possession of a controlled substance – third degree felony
- Possession of marijuana – Class B
- Theft – Class B
- Theft – Class B Washington County warrant
- Violate promise to appear – Class C – Washington County warrant
- No liability insurance – Class C – Washington County warrant
- Total of bonds set: \$12,000

Brenham ISD hires new assistant superintendent

Brenham Independent School District is moving quickly to prepare for both its June high school graduation plans, as well as the 2020-21 school year.

The Brenham ISD Board of Trustees also voted to approve the hiring of Brandi Hendrix as the district's new assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday night.

According to a news release from the district, Hendrix is a graduate of Texas A&M with 20 years of experience in education — 16 of those years with nearby Montgomery ISD.

"She has served as a teacher, curriculum coordinator, director of special programs, associate principal of curriculum and instruction, and has spent the last 3 years serving as the principal of Montgomery High School," BISD's release said. "She and her husband have been married for 26 years and have two children in college, one Aggie and one Hardin Simmons Cowgirl."

Hendrix said she was she's ready to serve.

"I am so thankful to Dr. Jackson and the board for giving me the opportunity to serve the Brenham school community," said Hendrix. "I am excited to challenge the norms to create a 21st-century educational experience for our students that prepares them for life beyond K-12. I choose Brenham."

Brenham High School principal Joe Chandler said he was "very thrilled" to announce no changes have been made to the school's live graduation set for 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at Cub Stadium.

A limit of four tickets will be made available to each senior, and ticket pickup will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 3 in the BHS parking lot. Students must remain in their vehicles during pickup.

In terms of the ceremony, the district is still working out specific details on how to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19, and Chandler and BISD Superintendent Walter Jackson confirmed these guidelines for the ceremony:

• Social distancing guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention will be followed during the festivities

• Masks and gloves will be made available to the graduating seniors

• Faculty and administration will not exchange hugs or handshakes with students as they cross the stage

• Diplomas will be set aside on a table for pickup when students cross the stage

Weather-related cancellations will push the ceremony to the following day, Sunday, June 7 and the following day, Monday, June 8 if inclement weather continues.

Brenham's scholarship ceremony will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 1 at Cub Stadium. Chandler said the outdoor venue, which is a shift from tradition, is both to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and avoid the summer heat.

BHS is still planning a prom, but Chandler said the tentatively scheduled date of May 30 has now been moved to a to-be-determined date in July.

Earlier in the meeting, Jackson spoke with the board regarding the 2020-21 calendar, and said BISD has already created a calendar for next school year, and has no plans to alter it at this time.

"The Texas Education Agency has, in several meetings with superintendents and school leaders, proposed that districts modify their academic calendars for 2020-21 in the event there are COVID-19-related school closings in the fall," Jackson said. "Unless outside forces require it, BISD admin is not recommending a calendar change at this time."

"You have a very solid calendar that speaks to the needs of the students and recognizes the wants and needs of the teachers who played a major role in developing this calendar."

Jackson also said school Texas districts must have a minimum of 75,600 instructional minutes per year, and that BISD'S current calendar for next year exceeds that. Those additional minutes are equivalent to three extenuating circumstances days, which are built into the calendar and would allow for time away from school. But Jackson quickly recognized that, "While that certainly doesn't take care of this COVID closure, it helps a little bit."

While BISD is not anticipating the continuation of its current virtual learning plan come the fall, Jackson said plans are under way to ensure students would immediately return to remote learning should there be another school closing.

Jackson also spoke on Gov. Greg Abbott's ruling Monday that school's can re-open for summer classes under safe distancing practices. When BISD closed its doors in mid-March, the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic led Jackson and the district's administration to believe summer school would be unlikely this summer.

Because of this, Jackson said, plans were beginning to form for a "jumpstart," to the next school year, plans that may be scrapped in light of the new developments.

"We were holding off on summer school because we weren't sure what was going to happen," he said. "Now that the governor has [made his announcement], we are going to meet with our team immediately and plan what that might look like."

"We're trying to do what's right for students ... prior to the governor's comments, I, our principals and curriculum staff were talking about a jumpstart program, where students would've possibly come back earlier. But with possibility of summer school, that may change a little bit."

Questions were later raised by the board regarding what classrooms will look like next year, but Jackson said arrangements for social distancing measures are still in the preliminary phase.

"Is every kid going to be expected to wear — every day — a mask and the gloves and all of that," he asked. "We have to have some conversations about that before we decide if we can put 22 kids in a classroom."

"We're trying to do the best that we can. This board, along with the district and administration are going to have to decide what are the pieces that we're going to demand happen."

Jackson admitted he foresees a need for regular after-school disinfections of classrooms and other areas inside BISD school's by the district's custodial staff as a preventive measure against COVID-19.

Camp

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pie in the face of the camp staff.

The camp is down in revenue from their partners, who pay half of the expenses for campers to attend camp. Camp For All pays the other half. So far, the non-profit is down \$1.2 million.

"We're trying to make up for that," Sorrells said. "We have incredible staff and we want to keep them and make sure we have everything we need to keep camp going and hopefully open in the fall."

For the past several weeks, Camp For All held out hope to welcome campers back this summer. The official announcement to cancel summer camps was sent out May 12 in order to "prioritize the health and safety of our campers and staff."

The pie challenge was created by Matt Mogas of Mogas Industries to help with the financial loss the camp is facing. Along with his father, Louis Mogas, the company will match up to \$50,000 in donations for the camp.

"One of our board members, Matt Mogas and his dad have Mogas Industries and they were going to do a pie challenge so their employees could have some fun and raise money for an organization," Sorrells said. "They picked Camp For All. They love us and we love them. We are so very thankful for the generous support we have received so far from our donors and community who value the magic of Camp For All as much as we do."

The challenge works like this: Nominate yourself or take a nomination from someone else to take a pie to the face. Camp For All recommends to "grab a plate, whipping cream, chocolate pudding, Greek yogurt or smashed avocado and a helping hand to get pied and nominate your friends, family and co-workers to join in."

Once nominated, the person has 48 hours to complete the challenge and donate to Camp For All. If the challenged person does not want to get pied, they have to donate twice the amount of the challenger. The challenged person then nominates three others to complete the challenge in a video on social media.

So far, the challenge has received more than \$15,000 with 89

donors.

The camp currently plans to welcome campers back after August 31.

"We cannot wait until we get to watch our campers become inspired with self-confidence and find hope at Camp For All, once again," Sorrells said.

Matt and Louis Mogas have both accepted the challenge, as well as a local man known for pie.

Jonathan Royer of Royer's Cafe in Round Top also accepted the challenge and had special guest Rick Perry smash the pie in his face.

Sorrells said the challenge is reaching many people across the country who have never heard about Camp For All, which could bring in new campers and new donors once the doors are back open.

"It will help us in so many ways," she said. "The people that are doing it are having fun and doing good at the same time. That's why its going viral."

In the mean time, campers can view virtual content on the Camp For All Facebook page for cooking classes and contests, morning energizer exercises and behind-the-scenes looks at the camp.

Beef

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I don't have any place for cows," Foundation president Cyndee Smith said. "... and I say, 'Well, yeah, but you do have a place for a check.'"

The drawing was the brainchild of a Foundation board member, Smith added. After seeing similar drawings enjoy success in other markets, the organization kicked off its own giveaway last year and raised almost \$95,000 on roughly 1,900 tickets sold.

"We were very excited with the results because it was our first year," Smith

said. "It's been very well-received and social media has been invaluable to us. We've gotten ticket purchases from all over the country."

Proceeds raised through the fundraiser will be used by the Foundation to fund numerous projects and annual events put on by the organization.

"We help pay for the Texas Independence Day celebration, the Juneteenth Celebration, Christmas-on-the-Brazos," Smith said. "We do a lot for Washington-on-the-Brazos, and this fundraiser goes a long way in helping us provide those services."

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All or Nothing Evening

5-8-9-11-13-14-15-16-18-19-21-24

All or Nothing Morning

2-3-4-7-9-10-11-14-16-19-23-24

All or Nothing Night

1-4-5-10-11-13-14-15-17-18-20-22

Cash 5

2-8-16-22-28

Daily 4 Day

2-5-4-0, FIREBALL: 5

Daily 4 Evening

8-9-6-2, FIREBALL:

Daily 4 Morning

7-9-6-0, FIREBALL: 8

Daily 4 Night

4-2-2-0, FIREBALL: 6

Pick 3 Day

9-4-3, FIREBALL: 4

Pick 3 Evening

7-8-0, FIREBALL: 1

Pick 3 Morning

3-5-0, FIREBALL: 4

Pick 3 Night

6-3-5, FIREBALL: 8

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