Aviagen begins city permit process

Poultry breeding company to build facility in Longview Business Park

BY JOSIE LEELY FERGUSON

The second major industrial project that announced plans to locate in Longview this year is moving forward.

Earlier this year, the Aviagen Group announced it would build a new facility to house its chicken egg production company, Aviagen North America. The facility, which will be located on 15.7 acres near Interstate 20, will replace an existing facility off Eastern Road near downtown. It was the first project to receive funds under five years of a $1 million allocation for Longview. Mansfield LEDC CO, the owner of the property, previously described the planned facility as a “next generation” hatchery that was intended to be beefier than others that have shipped all over the world in the past. The baby chicks are not meant for consumption, and there is no value associated with the facility, officials have said. “We’re very excited about it,” Mansfield said this week. See AVIAGEN, Page 54.

Law enforcement: Be wary of phone scams all year long

By Courtney Stern

East Texans should be aware of common phone scams throughout the year and not just during the holiday season, according to local law enforcement.

Scams targeting the elderly, health and financial security scams and others can cost victim thousands of dollars, and Longview police spokesman Brandon Doleman said there are ways to determine if an unexpected call might be a scheme to get you money from the person who is calling.

“If you are having to send money to get more money back, it is probably a scam,” Thornton said.

While it makes sense the scams might spike during the holidays, although said not to be a reason, and he continued.

In 2020, the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General received more than 100,000 reports of Social Security-related phone scams that totaled a nearly $1 million loss for victims. The department frequently updates on scam reports. The best advice is simple: Don’t answer calls from unrecognized phone numbers. If the call was unanswered or the person is still unknown, hang up.

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"History Repeats Itself"

Rotary Club of Longview hosts Pearl Harbor talk on 80th anniversary

BY MICHAEL CAVAZOS

Longview's Rotary Club invites community members to a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in order to honor those who lost their lives during the attack.

Harry Reardon, past Rotary president and current district governor, will speak during the ceremony, which will include the reading of names of those who died during this event.

The Rotary Club has invited members of the community to speak on different aspects of the attack.

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Aviagen is preparing to begin construction of its new facility in the Longview Business Park. This is a rendering of what the facility will look like.

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Jeff Taylor, Texas-Antonio head football coach, is a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. See SPORTS, Page 18.

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