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Schools' summer meals start Tuesday

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As McLennan County public school districts wind up their school years this month, several child nutrition departments already are shifting to summer, participating in the federal and state Seamless Summer Option, which serves free meals to children 18 and younger.

The Texas Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture, will provide breakfast and lunch at 24 schools and community locations weekdays in June. The meal program continues through July and August at several locations.

Waco Independent School District manages the majority of the sites, coordinating meals at nine Waco schools, one

Robinson school, 10 community sites and two food trucks.

Waco ISD Child Nutrition Services director Sarah Hodde said several of the Waco school locations have changed this year to align with summer school programs, while the list of community sites has expanded. A list of this summer's locations is available at wacoisd.org/departments/child-nutrition-services/

summer-meals. More information about the program and participating locations in McLennan County is available online at squaremeals.org or by calling 211.

The state and federal funding for the summer meal program has not been cut this summer, and organizers are planning to serve some 4,000 children across

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HEART OF TEXAS YOUNG MARINES



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Henry Gonzales and a group from the Heart of Texas Young Marines chapter he founded pose at Rosemount Cemetery after placing American flags at the graves of veterans in 2011. The chapter will carry on the tradition this Memorial Day weekend, the first since Gonzales' death.

Commissioners: Data center ban would have no legal basis

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Hill County commissioners created shockwaves this month, voting 3-2 to ban data center construction in rural areas for one year. The vote's legality remains questionable, but County Judge Shane Brassell, who cast the deciding vote, said the public generally supports the stance the commissioners court took.

It appears Hill County is Texas' first to mandate a pause in data center proliferation, and though its vote is sitting well with the masses, commissioners in neighboring McLennan County are not poised to follow its lead.

Commissioners here say state law renders them powerless to dictate terms to data centers, with McLennan County Judge Scott Felton suggesting Hill County made an empty gesture he sees no need to duplicate.

Felton said the county does not sell water, generate electricity or get involved in zoning matters, so it has no practical or legal sway over data centers. Such functions rest with cities and utility providers, leaving counties benched when decisions arise on data center matters, he said.

People opposed to a proposed \$10 billion data center between Lacy Lakeview and Ross have attended Waco City Council and county commissioners court meetings.

"I am only speaking for myself, but I believe the court's position is that moratoriums such as the ones passed carry no weight and can possibly open the county up to legal action from the state," McLennan County Commissioner Jim Smith said. "As a governmental unit created by the Texas Constitution, we legally can only do what the Texas Constitution allows and what legislative action permits counties to do."

"We are basically in a 'hold' position, waiting on the state to determine the future of data center locations and

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CARRYING ON LONG LEGACY OF SERVICE

Youth keep up traditions formed under Gonzales' leadership

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The Heart of Texas Young Marines will carry on a legacy of service, discipline and patriotism this Memorial Day weekend, the organization's first since the death of the chapter's co-founder and

longtime leader Henry "Top" Gonzales III early this year.

The group of kids as young as 8 will keep up their Memorial Day traditions formed under Gonzales' leadership as the nation mourns military personnel who died in service. The Young Marines

participated in the ceremonial posting of the colors Friday evening for the Sunset Ceremony at the Waco Vietnam Veterans Memorial near the Washington Avenue bridge. As in years past, they also will adorn

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WASHINGTON

National intelligence director resigns

Source: Trump pushed Gabbard out over disagreements

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Reuters

WASHINGTON — Tulsi Gabbard said Friday she will resign from her job as President Donald Trump's director of national

intelligence, saying her husband was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer and she will leave her role to help him.

Gabbard advised Trump of her intention to step down during an Oval Office meeting Friday, Fox News Digital reported earlier. The resignation is effective June 30, it said.

In her resignation letter posted on social media, Gabbard told

Trump she was "deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the opportunity to lead the Office of the Director of National Intelligence for the last year and a half."

She cited her husband Abraham Williams' recent diagnosis of bone cancer.

"I cannot in good conscience ask him to face this fight alone while I continue in this demanding and time-consuming post," she said.

Trump said on social media that Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence Aaron Lukas would become acting director. Lukas is a former CIA officer and analyst who served on the National Security Council during Trump's first term.

Trump said Gabbard did "a great job" but with her husband's cancer

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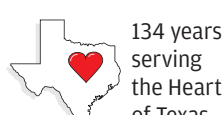


TxDOT to close New Road at I-35 next week

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