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# Help for business available via loans

President Donald Trump on Friday signed a \$2 trillion stimulus bill that will cut \$1,200 checks to many adults, expand unemployment insurance payments and extend loans to businesses, all in an effort to combat the coronavirus outbreak's toll on the economy.

The coronavirus had infected at least 136,880 people in the U.S. as of Sunday and killed at least 2,409 people, 678 of which were in New York City, according to Johns Hopkins University. New York State accounts for roughly 50% of the U.S. total, which accounts for 19% of the global total. Worldwide, there were 710,918 confirmed cases of the virus and 33,597 reported deaths.

The bill will allocate \$350 billion in loans to small businesses to help keep them afloat during the weeks (or more) when many businesses are closed in an effort to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus. It will also give \$100 billion to help hospitals that are either struggling to cope with the influx of patients or braced for a surge in coronavirus patients. The government will also provide a \$500 billion fund, which will include \$46 billion for commercial airlines, among other industries, and \$454 billion for the Federal Reserve to leverage businesses, states and municipalities.

Taxpayers making \$75,000 and below will receive a \$1,200 check. Married couples making \$150,000 and below will receive \$2,400. Individuals and couples under this earnings cap would also receive \$500 per child.

The Small Business Administration, under the stimulus package, will oversee the Paycheck Protection Program, which will distribute \$350 billion to small businesses that can be partially forgiven if the companies meet certain requirements. The loans will be available to companies with 500 or fewer employees.

The SBA loans are designed to strike a balance between loans on favorable terms and grants by providing forgiveness to firms that use loaned funds for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, and utility payments. Loans will be administered by banks and other lenders ans that will

hopefully speed up the process. Businesses can receive loans up to \$10 million, based on how much the company paid its employees between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29. The loans will carry an interest rate up to 4%. The bill provides for an expedited origination process.

If the business uses the loan funds for the approved purposes and maintains the average size of its full-time workforce based on when it received the loan, the principal of the loan will be forgiven, meaning the company will only need to pay back the interest accrued.

According to Brandy Flanagan, a local small business owner and Gladewater City Councilwoman who also works as an SBDC Business

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Donna Pannell of White Oak is making medical masks because of the extreme shortage of PPE's (personal protective equipment) for medical personnel. She started by making them for daughter Amber Pannell who works at Tucson's Banner University Medical Center as an oncology nurse in the transplant unit. According to Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt local family members of hospital personnel are also making the masks to protect those they love. The one and done use masks are easy to make. The patterns for the masks can be found at www.sharmansewingcenter.com and on Sharman's Sewing Center Facebook page where a video can be accessed. **Courtesy Photo** 



# Gregg Co. now has 5 COVID-19 cases, Smith County has 32

#### **By Suzanne Bardwell**

The threat of COVID-19 is no longer a threat, it is here and it is dangerous. Last week Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt announced a voluntary shelter-in-place directive. By Friday it had become a mandate. Upshur County has also issued a shelter-in-place mandate. According to Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller, another case of COVID-19 for Upshur County has been confirmed.

"This case is in the Gilmer city limits and I can only hope that everybody takes the spread of this godforsaken disease seriously," Judge Tefteller said.

As of Monday Gregg County had five confirmed positives and Upshur County had two positive cases.

"This threat has caused us to take unprecedented actions," Judge Stoudt said. "Every county around us has at least one confirmed case, some many more. We are a city and a county in the middle of a hot spot and we need to continue to address the situation."

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# 2nd COVID-19 case in Upshur County

#### **By Phillip Williams**

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller announced Monday that the county has a second confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus--this one in Gilmer city limits.

In a brief e-mail to news organizations Monday, Tefteller said the case was confirmed Sunday and that "I can only hope that everybody takes the spread of this God-forsaken disease seriously."

The international virus pandemic has impacted governmental offices, as well as private businesses, in the county. At a special meeting last week, the Upshur County Commissioners Court ordered all county offices closed to the public except from 8 a.m. to noon weekdays, and for necessary services.

Though Sheriff Larry Webb's office is included in the order, he said Tuesday his department's operations otherwise are unaffected. He said persons needing to file a complaint or report a crime in person can use the phone in the jail foyer during hours when his office is closed, and a deputy will be assigned to the case.

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# COVID-19 vs local education

# UGISD COVID-19 update:

### By Suzanne Bardwell

Union Grove ISD began drive through pickup for meals on March 18. The meals are distributed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the high school parking lot.



"We are also blessed to continue our backpack program with the support of our local community," UGISD Supt. Kelly Moore said. "The backpack meals are provided with food for two weeks and those are delivered meals."

Lion distance learning began last Monday with an online model or

packets depending on the preference of the student. Packets can be picked up on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If students are unable to pick up packets during that time they are available at the entrance of either campus. Packets may also be mailed if transportation is unavailable.

"A major aspect of this new type of learning is teacher-to-student communication and our teachers are reaching out to students regularly," Supt. Moore said. "They are making calls, emailing and using other forms of technology for communication."

Moore said that new packets are given out each Monday and completed packets are returned. She said that teachers will use the packets and online work to monitor student progress. UGISD is currently developing systems to identify student progress and document that progress.

"Last week, the Commissioner of Education Mike Morath discussed the next steps for progress monitoring as we move forward," Moore said. "Out teachers have done a tremendous job developing lessons and activities for our students given the challenges they have faced. Basically, we have asked principals and teachers to create distance learning within a few days and they have accomplished the task."

Moore went on to say how much the faculty and staff is appreciated for their work during the health crisis.

"Our parents have been extremely supportive and they are making every effort to help and make this work for our students at home," Moore said. "All in all, we are making the very best of a challenging situation and in the end our students will benefit. UGISD will continue to work hard for our students."

A nurse administers a test in the mobile triage set up outside of Longview Regional Hospital's emergency area last week. Those who think they may be ill should call their primary care physician's office for instructions or the emergency room before coming **Photo By Suzanne Bardwell** to a clinic or hospital.

GISD adds meal pick up spots to 5

### GISD COVID-19 update:

School closure extended to April 10.

If this does not change, teachers will return on Monday, April 13 and students on Tuesday, April 14 (this may be extended). ALL GISD extra or cocurricular practices, meetings, competitions are

currently suspended through May 4. Updates will be posted if dates change.

\* At a recent special board meeting the GISD Board of Trustees passed a resolution ensuring that all employees will continue to receive regular pay through closure.

\* Beginning Monday, grab and go student meals are available weekdays

from 10:30 a.m. until noon at GHS (bus pickup lane), GMS (main gym entrance), Clarksville City Baptist Church, Pritchett Community Center and Starrville Church of the Living God. Students, 18 years and younger may receive meals.

\* The GISD tax office at City Hall has been temporarily closed. Citizens who wish to pay their

taxes may pay be phone by calling 903-845-2436 or pay online at https://texaspayments.com. Payments may also be dropped in the dropbox located at City Hall.

\* Student lessons and assignments are available through Google Classroom each Monday morning as long as the school campuses are closed. Printed copies of learning materials are placed in specially marked containers at the front entrance of each student's school campus and available for pickup each Tuesday at 8 a.m. The printed learning materials for the week will remain in containers at the front entrance of each school all day Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Supply is limited so please do not take printed copies if students have access to Google Classroom unless your child's teacher gives specific instructions to do so.

\* Supt. Clark will provides updates on the Gladewater ISD between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays on the GISD website and social media pages.

### By Suzanne Bardwell

Gladewater ISD has added three additional meal delivery sites for its students. 'Grab 'n Go' meals will be offered from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the following locations: GHS, GMS, Clarksville City Baptist Church, Pritchett Community Center and Starrville Church of the Living

According to Supt. Sedric Clark teachers are scheduled to return on April 13 and students April 14 but this date is subject to change. As changes occur students and teachers will be informed through daily posts, robo calls, emails and the Gladewater Mirror newspaper and its Facebook site.

"We are still working with local, state and federal agencies to ensure the safety of our students and our staff," Supt. Clark said. "Their safety is always our top

priority." **Continued on Page 3** 



Food Services worker Kelly Lewis prepares meals to be handed at the Gladewater High School site. There are now five locations for meal pickup including GHS in the bus pickup lane behind the high school, GMS (behind the main gym entrance), Clarksville City Baptist Church, Pritchett Community Center and Starrville Church of the Living God. The meals are available weekdays from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

**Photo By Suzanne Bardwell** 

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

# Comedy of errors & essential business...

My life is a comedy of errors. Friday I blew a hose in my car while getting gas at Sam's. Saturday while just sitting in a chair at my vanity I turned and dislocated either my kneecap or a ligament. Whatever it was, IT was a knot on the left side of my knee and I felt as if I were going to pass out from the pain.

Water was running in my tub just waiting for the bleach to be added to sanitize that dirty sucker. Soon the water would reach the edge. The TV was on in the next room. Jimmy was outside. I was screaming in pain. I didn't even do that when I gave birth. No kidding!

Friends and neighbors, I have a very high pain threshold. After 15 minutes of yelling Jim finally came running. King, the no longer Wonder Collie, did not, I repeat DID NOT come and get Suzie out of her well. He was asleep in his comfy bed while I yelled my head off.

Jimmy called our son Josh, who is an EMT, with strict orders not to wake daughter-in-heart. She is working nights as a Nurse Practitioner Hospitalist at Christus GSMC. Josh tried to wrap it with ice. I lost the war with pain and he called 911 thinking I might have a break.

Two very nice ambulance drivers managed to haul me in a transport chair and get me in an ambulance where I was transported by myself to the ER. I didn't even get the siren treatment. Where's the fun in that? When I was hauled onto the ER bed whatever was dislocated went back where it was supposed to and all I could think about was the lady I heard hacking her head off down the hall. Bear in mind I brought my own Scrubby Love hand sanitizer and had sprayed my bed rails, my hands and anything else I could reach.

After X-rays and no break, I refused the pain med offered. When I get the bill I will need it then for sure. They wanted me out of there as fast as possible saying I needed a CAT-SCAN but the hospital was not the place to be in the middle of COVID-19. So, with knee solidly wrapped and crutches offered (not needed, I have crutches, braces, walking boots ad nauseam at home) a nurse wheeled me outside onto



the porch in the cold rain (my choice not hers) to wait for my ride by my hard of hearing Knight in Shining armor.

Today I am at work with my leg propped up and a monsoon blowing outside. You know why?

Because the Gladewater Mirror really is an essential business. Our business is making sure that you are informed with FACTUAL information. I started the day by interviewing Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt by phone. I ended the day interviewing Judge Stoudt after his regional health conference call at 3 p.m. In between I interviewed and gathered information from Mayor JD Shipp, GISD Supt. Sedric Clark, UGISD Supt. Kelly Moore and attempted to reach Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller.

I hope that you realize that we are a small business that is being hit hard by this crisis just like you but we are continuing to work and put the paper out to make sure you know what is happening in your neck of the woods and what you need to know to take care of you and your families.

How you can support this small business is to subscribe to our newspaper, give gift subscriptions, advertise when you are able, like us on Facebook and follow our website. We are in a war to find accurate information to give you...because trust me, you need it. We treasure our readers, appreciate beyond words our encouragers and regardless of those who are critical of the job we are doing, we are doing it because we are YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER and the oldest continuous business operating in Gladewater. We pray it stays that way.

# **Ed Sterling** Capital Highlights



# White House grants disaster declaration for state of Texas

AUSTIN — President Trump on March 25 issued a major disaster declaration for the state of Texas as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trump's action came at the request of Gov. Greg Abbott, who is seeking additional federal assistance to combat the disease. In recent days Abbott issued multiple waivers of state laws to remove barriers limiting the response to the pandemic. He also activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts.

Abbott said the president's declaration "opens up new sources of funding for individual and public assistance that will help Texas respond to this public health emergency and protect public health and safety."

Federal aid is earmarked to overcome current and prospective shortages of personal protective gear, medical equipment, testing supplies, hospital beds and medical personnel.

Meanwhile, Abbott has ordered the temporary closure of in-person school operations and prohibited non-critical visits to nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities. He also has mandated that Texans avoid:

- —Social gatherings of more than 10 people;
- —Dine-in eating and drinking at bars or restaurants; and
- —Gyms or massage establishments.

On March 28 the Texas Department of State Health Services reported 25,483 people had been tested so far for COVID-19 in Texas. Of those, 2,552 tests were reported as positive and there had been 34 deaths.

#### Quarantine orders issued

Gov. Abbott on March 26 issued an executive order mandating a self-quarantine for individuals traveling to Texas as their final destination through an airport from the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area or from the city of New Orleans.

Abbott said the order, consistent with the guidance of Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, would be enforced by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Self-quarantines will last 14 days or for the duration of a person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter.

Abbott said the executive order does not apply to people traveling in connection with military service, emergency response, health response or critical-infrastructure functions, as may be determined by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

The executive order would remain in force until he modifies, amends, rescinds or supersedes it, Abbott said.

On March 29, Abbott issued another executive order that expands the quarantine mandate to include air travelers arriving from the states of California, Louisiana and Washington and the cities of Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Miami.

A person in quarantine is prohibited from allowing visitors into or out of the designated quarantine location — other than a physician or healthcare provider — and is prohibited from visiting any public spaces.

### Announcements, actions

The following are few of many announcements posted last week by the governor's office relating to actions to combat COVID-19:

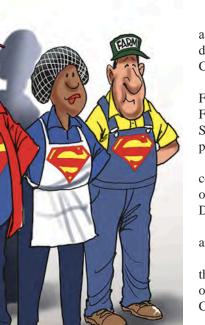
- Texas received a \$16.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living to provide meals for older adults. The grant was part of a \$250 million outlay authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act signed into law by President Trump on March 18.

 Texas received \$36.9 million from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the state's initial allotment of funding from the first emergency coronavirus bill passed by Congress. The Texas Department of State Health Services will distribute \$19.5 million to 43 local health departments to aid in their COVID-19 response, including \$1.75 million for Dallas County, Tarrant County and the San Antonio Metro Health District. Remaining funds will be used by DSHS to support operations in areas of the state not covered by local health departments and for statewide response activities.

Gov. Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission on March 25 requested permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow Texas Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program recipients to use their benefits at take out and drive-thru restaurants throughout the state. If approved, this action would open up another food source for 3.2 million Texans as the effort to combat COVID-19 continues.

Gov. Abbott on March 24 directed the Texas Department of State Health Services to issue guidance allowing restaurants to sell bulk retail products from restaurant supply chain distributors directly to consumers for home consumption, provided that such foods are in their original condition, packaging, or presented as received by the





# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

# COVID-19 pandemic will be costly

Measures taken to "flatten at present. the curve" of the coronavirus and prevent a major spike in infections have caused a strong shock to the economy. As noted in recent reports by The Perryman



Group related to COVID-19's impact on the US economy and the 10 most populous states, many

the coronavirus on the economy, most of which are highly uncertain

Press Association

The Perryman Group developed a plausible scenario for estimating the ultimate effects of the coronavirus based on a variety of public and private source materials (further described in the US report available at perrymangroup.com). The Perryman Group estimates that the COVID-19 pandemic could cost the US economy approximately \$972.6 billion in real gross product and 11.4 million jobs.

Group estimates that the cost of COVID-19 and the associated disruptions in the oil market is

almost \$101 billion in real gross product and 1.0 million jobs. Communities across the state and nation are feeling negative effects. The Perryman Group estimated the potential costs of COVID-19 for the state's most populous metropolitan areas. Projected job losses in Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown total almost 77,400, with over 282,500 in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, nearly 256,000 in Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, and For Texas, The Perryman about 81,300 in San Antonio-New Braunfels.

> Note that jobs are reported on an annual basis; thus, many

more individuals are likely to be affected for a portion of the year. More detailed results by industry are provided in a PDF on our website, available by clicking below. Although the situation is changing rapidly and the ultimate outcomes will undoubtedly vary from these estimates, they provide a guideline for planning and expectations.

The physical wellbeing of the population is of paramount concern, yet the economic consequences must also be aggressively addressed as they too involve substantial human

# factors will determine the ultimate effects of

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# THE CORRUPTION OF MARRIAGE AND THE HOME

When Jesus was asked about marriage and divorce by the Pharisees, He said, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matt. 19: 4-6).

Today, homes are crumbling and people are suffering and many think all is well. The beat goes on, and the longer it goes on, the worse it gets! We wonder, what will be next? Fornication and adultery is epidemic, and the politically correct mindset bows to the LGBQ agenda, which belittles and laughs at scriptural marriage. Divorce is easy, and the stigma of such ungodly and unnatural conduct is made to look good, or is explained away. As in Isaiah's day, people "call evil good, and good evil, put darkness for light, and light for darkness; put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." (Isa. 5: 20).

When God's Word is ignored and ridiculed, it always leads to confusion of moral distinctions, and people cease to discern between true and false values. The harmful effects of sin upon the heart and soul, are finding full expression in the thinking and life of our society today. Our youth are confused, God's Word is not taught in homes, and more and more, religion has capitulated to such ungodliness. It is little wonder that so many do not know the difference between good and evil. The problem is not that man cannot know what God has said about marriage and divorce. Jesus question still applies: "Have you not read?" I raise another question, "If you have read, do you believe what you have read?"

I am pleading for marriage as it was instituted and defined by God in the beginning. What about you my friend? Think on these things.

# Dennis Abernathy-White Oak Church of Christ

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# Congress is providing serious relief for families

The rapid spread of the novel coronavirus has taken a tremendous toll on the physical and financial health of the American people. As the number of cases has soared, medical professionals and leaders at every level have made a single, critical request: stay home.

Social distancing is key to flattening the curve to avoid overwhelming our health care system. While it's the most important thing Texans can do right now, that doesn't mean this shift in our daily routines is without consequence. Small businesses and schools have closed their doors, restaurants have switched to takeout-only operations, and families have canceled travel plans. As a result, millions of workers have lost their jobs and our economic engine has slowed to a sputter.

Think about the waiter at your favorite Tex-Mex restaurant, the person who cuts your hair, the housekeeper who cleans rooms at a nearby hotel — a few weeks ago, each of these men and women had a reliable source of income, and today, many have either been laid off or forced to work fewer hours.

Texas workers and small businesses have been burdened by this crisis at no fault of their own, and the U.S. Senate just delivered serious assistance. On Wednesday, we unanimously passed a bill which will send direct financial help to the Texans who need it. A family of four can receive up to \$3,400 because of this legislation, with no piles of paperwork to sort through. It also expands unemployment



workers and small businesses

hit hardest by this pandemic. It

improved paid sick leave for those

impacted by the coronavirus,

made unemployment insurance

more accessible, and strengthened

food security for Americans of

all ages. It also made coronavirus

testing free for all Americans —

no one should ever be in a position

of sacrificing health and safety

Amid all this uncertainty, one

thing is abundantly clear: There's

no time for politics as usual.

Each of these bills received broad

bipartisan support in both the

Senate and House, and each was

quickly signed by the president.

I'm proud to have joined both

Republicans and Democrats in

swiftly passing these bills to

bolster our nation's response to

As millions of Texans hunker

down at home, there's an entire

network of people who have

continued working. Our incredible

health care professionals and

first responders are fighting this

virus on the front lines. Farmers,

ranchers and producers are

growing our food, truckers are

delivering it, and store employees

and food bank volunteers are

I'm incredibly grateful for the

work these men and women are

doing, day in and day out, to

support their neighbors during

this difficult time for our country.

As this crisis continues to evolve

in the days and weeks ahead, I

promise to do the same.

because of cost.

the coronavirus.

stocking shelves.

insurance eligibility, and provides a second bill to support the an extra \$600 a week in federal unemployment benefits. When it comes to covering bills and navigating this uncertainly, that money is a lifeline.

This bill also provides serious relief for small businesses. It creates new loans to help these businesses cover everything from mortgage payments to payroll expenses, and helps ensure employees at businesses of all sizes will have the support they need now, and jobs to come back

Of course, this bill also gets to the heart of this crisis — the virus itself. It provides \$100 billion for hospitals that are struggling to manage the influx of patients, and it helps fight the shortage of critical medical devices, such as respirators. It also cuts red tape to speed up the process of making vaccines and treatments widely available, and helps get doctors and nurses to the hardest-hit areas.

This legislation builds on two bills President Donald Trump signed earlier this month.

The first invested \$8.3 billion in the early stages of our fight against the coronavirus. It provided funding for masks and other personal protective equipment for our health care professionals and first responders, and supported our community health centers and state and local health departments. It also bolstered our resources in the race to develop a vaccine, possible treatments and more diagnostics.

Shortly after that, we passed

# **OBITUARIES**

### DAVID WAYNE ROBINSON

Cremation arrangements for David Wayne Robinson, 56, of Gladewater are under the direction of Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Mr. Robinson passed away Thursday, March 26, 2020, at his home

in surrounded by family.

Online tributes and condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net



#### LINTON W. "RUSTY" LEE JR.

A private entombment for Linton W. "Rusty" Lee Jr. will be held

at Memory Park in Longview, Texas.



A Life Celebration for Rusty will be held after the flu season at a later date at Buckner Westminster Place. Flowers will be accepted at the time of the celebration. Rusty was born on August 18, 1926 in Hemphill, Texas and died on March 11, 2020 in Longview, Texas.

Service information will be updated at www.cammackfamily.com and online condolences may also be left on the website.

# GISD adds meal pick up spots to 5

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GISD is managing the COVID-19 shelter-in-place mandate by providing lessons in all students' classes through online sources and through printed packets.

"Our teachers are taking this public health crisis in stride, focusing on the the needs their students, communicating with families, encouraging each other, and they have done a masterful job of reinventing what school looks like," Asst. Supt. Of Curriculum and Instruction Cliff Lightfoot said. "The dedication of our teachers and the wise, encouraging leadership of our principals and assistant principals are the keys to making this happen. What public educators are doing in our country right now is a lesson in creative problem solving and other industries would be wise to take notice."

# LETTER TO THR EDITOR

Please renew my subscription to the newspaper.

I enjoy Suzanne Bardwell's editorial/opinion. Suzanne and I are mostly on the same page. I feel on the rare occasions, that we are not I like to stay open to another person's point-of-view. One might learn

The next—Dennis Abernathy-White Oak Church of Christ—is presented in such a way that is down to earth yet filled with scripture truths. "Tell it like it is Dennis Abernathy." Mankind needs the Bible truth straight out—not bend this way and that to please themself. I have clipped some of his articles and sent to people.

I am one of those rare persons who does not have TV. I get my information through other sources. I retired and came (to the country) from Dallas area in 2008, to live simply and have a small apple orchard.

Ed Sterling (Capital Highlights) very good

Sorry, not a sport fan so that gets overlooked. Yet all

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the rest is read from first page to last page. Just a word on the photos-very good. I am sure there are tons of pictures taken.

Thank you for the great job the staff of Gladewater Mirror is doing.

There will be a pause with the COVID-19

"Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone astray." Job 6:24

Sports channel turned off-a man who was too busy watching it, in the past now goes out and helps wife in yard.

Grandmother watching grandchildren that are staying home from school due to virus is teaching them how to play hopscotch. Child who is on tech scene too much. Now says this is actually fun.

Little things can one day be big things. Connect with family in those more meaningful ways. Sincerely, Janice Minyard



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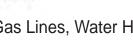


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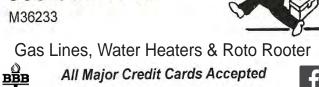
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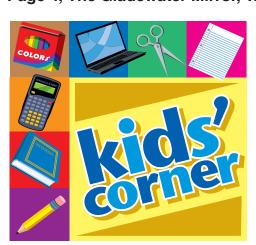
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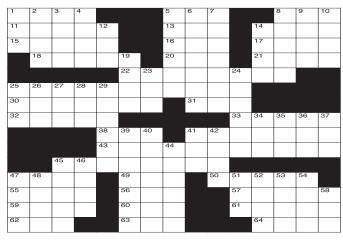
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33. Eastern Asian plant38. Rapid deployment force (abbr.)

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50. Fencing sword55. French river56. Global business conference (abbr.)

41. Japanese warrior43. Festivity

57. Afflicted 59. Con man's game

61. Jewish spiritual leader

29. Three cards of the same suit

36. Ancient Chinese philosophic

40. Type of geological deposit

44. A device to remove45. Secret political clique46. Polite interruption sound

54. Resistance fighters58. Speak disrespectfully of

63. Camera term (abbr.) 64. Impudence

60. No (Scottish)

34. Not in 35. Human gene

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39. Thinks up

47. Foundation

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice 53. Actor Idris

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41. Helps little firms 42. Area units

62. Fish

45. Interruptions

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. As soon as possible . Gateway (Arabic)
- 8. Doctors' group
- 11. Madder genus of plants 13. A team's best pitcher
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 16. Neither
- 17. Bolivian river 18. Manila hemp
- 20. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 21. British School
- 22. Human reproductive organs 25. Surrenders
  30. Dog with long, silky coat and
- drooping ears
  31. Sun up in New York
  32. Lead alloy
- CLUES DOWN

- 1. A continuous portion of a circle

  2. Genus of seabirds
- Infant's dining accessory
   Native Americans from Arizona
- 5. Popular fruit

- 6. Poisonous plant 7. Scolded

- 8. Assists
- 9. Hand (Spanish)
- 10. Amazon product identifying system (abbr.)
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# What is the PUC doing to help Texans experiencing economic hardship due to

On March 26, the Public Utility Commission of Texas responded to the governor's declaration of emergency with a plan to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Texas utility customers who are experiencing genuine economic hardship as a result of the pandemic.

#### Who are these actions intended to help?

These efforts are intended to help those Texans in genuine financial distress as a result of COVID-19, when their utility bills will literally break their family budget. Because the cost of these temporary measures will ultimately be borne by rate payers (including customers with suspended disconnects whose final balances are not totally offset by the COVID-19 surcharge on actively paying customers), they should be reserved for those in dire circumstances.

#### **HOW ARE WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS AFFECTED?**

The commission has ordered PUC-regulated water and sewer utilities across the state to immediately suspend disconnections for non-payment.

#### WHAT ABOUT ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE AREAS OF TEXAS WITH RETAIL COMPETITION?

The PUC has ordered electricity providers outside the ERCOT grid (namely Entergy, El Paso Electric, SPS and SWEPCO) to suspend disconnections for non-payment.

The orders give these PUC-regulated organizations a way to recover the costs of these suspensions after the crisis subsides through rate increases on their entire customer base.

#### WHAT ABOUT ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN THE AREA OF TEXAS OPEN TO RETAIL COMPETITION?

Under a new program called the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Plan, the PUC has ordered Retail Electric Providers (REPs) in areas of the state open to competition to:

Immediately offer a deferred payment plan to any residential customer who requests one

Suspend disconnections for residential customers who have been added to the state's unemployment and low income list due to the effects of COVID-19.

#### How do I get added to the list?

If you are a residential electricity customer in areas of Texas open to retail competition who qualifies for unemployment benefits and is in genuinely dire economic straits as a result of COVID-19, you can contact the state's Low Income List Administrator (LILA) at 866-454-8387 to request enrollment. Their call center is operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### **How does enrollment work?**

After you have called the LILA and shared proof of your unemployment status and essential information with them (including your name, electricity service address and, preferably, your electricity account number with your REP), you will be provisionally added to the list and your REP will be notified within a week to not disconnect your power if you are unable to pay the bill or enter into a deferred payment plan with the REP.

NOTE: If your payment is due in the next 10 days, you should contact your REP right away.]

#### <u>Is that one phone call all I need to do?</u>

Within 30 days of that call, you'll need to provide documentation of your qualification for unemployment benefits from the Texas Workforce Commission to the LILA so that you can be officially added to the lists.

#### If I am added to the list, what happens?

Per the PUC order, Retail Electric Providers cannot disconnect electricity for up to six months for customers who have been added to the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program list because they are unable to pay the bill or enter into a deferred payment plan with the REP.

#### Will I still be billed for my electricity?

In accordance with your contract, REPs will generate your bill, and you should pay the amount you are able. Your REP will then request assistance with your bill from the Relief Program. If the REP receives assistance from the Relief Program, then your bill will be adjusted by that amount.

#### What about customers of electric co-ops and municipal utilities?

Operating largely outside of the PUC's jurisdiction, electric co-ops and municipal utilities, like those in Austin and San Antonio, are taking measures they see fit to address the financial impact of the COVID-19 crisis on their customers. If you are one of their customers, you are encouraged to contact them with your questions and concerns.

#### Who is paying for this?

Electricity still costs money to generate and, along with water, costs money to deliver to your home. If you are a customer protected from disconnection by participation in the Relief Program, whatever costs you are unable to cover will be borne in part by a combination of other paying customers through a new monthly fee, losses absorbed by your retail electric provider, and, eventually you in a deferred payment plan to recover any remaining amounts.

# **Upshur GOP chairman-elect under fire**

### **By Phillip Williams**

The Upshur County Republican Party's Executive Committee has approved a resolution rebuking county GOP chairman-elect DeBorah Bankston for "several actions on her part that negatively reflect upon" the committee, and asking she "discontinue this adversarial relationship, and concentrate on learning how to work with" its members.

Bankston, who was unopposed in the May 3 GOP primary to succeed the retiring Cynthia Ridgeway, declined comment on the resolution, which Ridgeway said the committee unanimously adopted March 14.

The committee charges the chairman-elect is ignoring both questions about her conduct, and the panel's appeal that she seek "unity" with its members.

Bankston was originally scheduled to take office June 15, but Ridgeway said the postponement of the party's runoff election due to the COVID-19 virus will delay her successor's term from starting until Aug. 3. Ridgeway explained that party rules stipulate that a new chairman takes office 20 days after a runoff, and Gov. Greg Abbott ordered that election, originally scheduled May 26, delayed to July 14.

The two-page resolution alleged, among other things, that Bankston expressed "animosity" toward Ridgeway, that she has contended there is "division" in the county GOP when the committee has "remarkable unity," that she has said "she will work to bring liberals into our county party" although the GOP state platform is conservative, and that she illegally entered five polling places during the May 3 GOP and Democratic primaries.

The document also says Bankston "created many problems during the planning of 'a Feb. 28 Lincoln Day dinner at which Abbott spoke in Gilmer, that she has ignored the committee's requests to seek "unity" with the group, and that she "publicly stated that, in order to increase the number of people who vote, she wants to register Democrats as well as Republicans.

"We are especially disturbed and concerned over the degree of animosity Ms. Bankston has expressed toward" Ridgeway, the resolution states. It adds that "we, the precinct chairmen who

make up this executive committee Attorney Billy Byrd did not deter continue over the next two years (along with the county chairman) are deeply indebted to the tireless and usually thankless work--hour after hour and day after day--that Cynthia Ridgeway has devoted for over a decade to make the Republican Party as successful as possible.'

Citing the committee's unity, the resolution stated that on election day after Ridgeway "therefore, we are at a loss of called him and indicated words to be able to explain why Bankston was at a polling place DeBorah Bankston, during at representing herself as already least four candidate forums since her candidacy began, has referred to 'division' in our county party and that she is going to bring 'unity.'"

Bankston was asked by email "What is the 'division' to which you so often and so publicly refer?," and was additionally asked "What or who has caused you to develop this caustic attitude toward Cynthia?," but has ignored these and other questions, the committee said.

The resolution further alleged that "Incredibly, Ms. Bankston sent emails to the county chairmen in our state senatorial distict telling them that a nefarious person (or persons) had spread a rumor that she was not on the ballot in Upshur County" when she "certainly was on the ballot."

The committee says her "ridiculous claim continues to be the only time we have heard this 'rumor'" and that she has ignored an emailed question of "who do you claim that came from?"

In addition, the resolution says that during the March 3 primary elections, "Ms. Bankston illegally entered five polling places in Upshur County, asked election workers information about voting, talked to Democrat election workers, and in at least three polling places represented herself as the new county chairman by handing out a card stating she is the 'county chairwoman'" although she had not yet taken

The resolution says candidates whose names are on the ballot cannot be in a polling place except when they vote, and that Bankston ignored warnings from election workers and election judges "that she could not be in the polling place." She also ignored a phone call/text from Ridgeway telling her she could not enter polling places, the

committee states. "Even a phone call by District Ms. Bankston until she decided to call him back and make certain she reallly had received a phone call from the Upshur County district attorney," the document

Byrd said Monday no charges would be filed against Bankston, but confirmed that he talked to her being chairman.

Byrd said he called the chairman-elect directly and told her that if that was true, "you need to go home and you need to stay home." He said she replied she was looking at the voting total numbers posted on the doors of a polling place, which Byrd said is legal, but that he informed her "do not be present at a location" inasmuch as her name was on the ballot.

He also said Bankston told him she would go home, "complied immediately," and did not "argue or disagree" with him. No evidence was presented that the unopposed Bankston persuaded, or tried to persuade, voters to vote a particular way, Byrd said.

The district attorney also said that after talking to Bankston, he called Ridgeway and told her the chairman-elect was going home.

Concerning the Lincoln Day dinner, the resolution charges that although Abbott's office requested "that all encounters with the media while leading up to the dinner would come from his office, and not from any local Republicans, unless cleared through his office," the chairmanelect "arranged an interview of herself" with KLTV in Tyler. It aired on the morning of the dinner and "Twelve factual errors, or very misleading statements, were identified in that broadcast, the committee alleges.

"It has been suggested several times to Ms. Bankston that she 'mend the fences' between her and the executive committee," which has appealed to her "to seek 'unity" with the panel, "but she has ignored our requests," the resolution adds.

"We call upon Ms. Bankston to recognize that we are constitutional conservative Republicans whose main goal at this time is to re-elect President Donald J. Trump. We do not want this rocky relationship to (her term of office). We want to build on the stability developed in the county party over the past decade and expand on the work of growing the party," the document concludes.

Committee vice-chairman John Melvin Dodd, who said Monday he authored the great majority of the resolution, said he and Ridgeway had "strongly supported" Bankston in her bid to be chairman, and that her actions alleged in the document occurred after the filing deadline to run for that office.

"I had no idea she was going to do what she did," said Dodd, who was county chairman many years ago. He also said he emailed Bankston 12 questions and that she replied, "'Thank you. Have a nice day.' (She made) no attempt to answer."



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The agricultural sector plays a strategic role in a nation's economic development and prosperity.

From the earliest days, agriculture has been heralded as playing a crucial role in North American culture. Farmers who grow produce and raise livestock for meats and other products have long exemplified what it means to work hard and take initiatives to be self-sufficient.

The symbiotic nature of agriculture and the economy is noticeable when examining the ups and downs of each. This is because food production and the potential of agriculture extends beyond the fields and local food stands. These resources impact supply chains and other markets. A strong agriculture base influences other employment sectors like food manufacturing, biotechnology,

Though it's easy to look at hospitality, machinery building, and much more, while a weak agriculture can adversely affect those sectors.

> While it can be difficult for residents of developed nations to visualize agriculture's effect, one only needs to turn to impoverished and developing nations to see just how big an impact agriculture can have on an economy. Agriculture provides food and raw materials, eventually creating demand for goods produced in nonagricultural sectors. Also, food provides nutrition that can serve as the foundation of a healthy nation. Earning a living in agriculture strengthens purchasing power, which fuels other markets. Eventually, farming can pave the way for development, including roads, markets, shipping services, exporting, and many other sectors.

Agriculture is an important economic building block. An especially important sector, the agricultural industry, when supported, can contribute greatly to sustained economic growth.



# Technology in agriculture

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Farmers have long relied on technology to make their operations as efficient, productive and profitable as possible. Precision agriculture, which refers to technological advances designed to propel agriculture into the modern, computerized and information-based world, is helping the agricultural sector become more profitable and efficient while also improving safety and making agriculture more eco-friendly. In addition, the NIFA notes that the modern agricultural industry employs technology such as robots, temperature and moisture sensors, aerial images, and global positioning systems.

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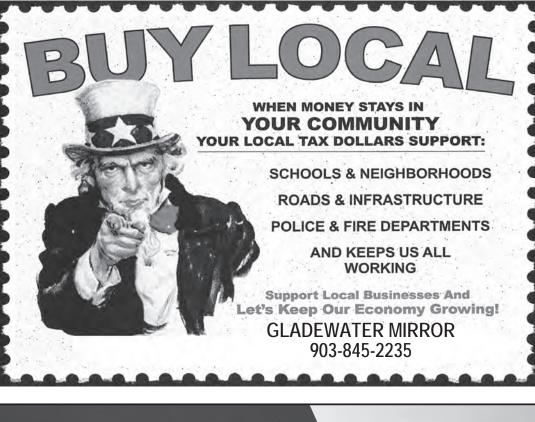
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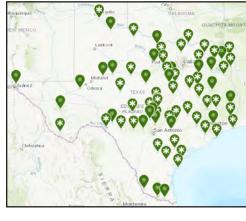
- Paycheck Protection Program, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has the authority to provide 100% federally backed loans through December 31, 2020 to help eligible businesses pay operational costs such as payroll, rent, and utilities
- If a business satisfies certain conditions, portions of the loans are
- Loan made through SBA Preferred lenders (other lenders that are being added soon)
- SBA guarantees 100% of the loan
- Includes full-time, part-time and any other status for employees
- Coverage period 2/15/20 6/30/20
- Based on average total monthly payroll costs incurred during the one-year period before the date of the loan • Could receive up to 2.5 times its average monthly payroll costs
- subject to a \$10 million limitation
- Not included in calculation
  - o individual employee compensation over \$100,000;
  - o payroll and income taxes;
- o compensation for an employee with a principal place of residence outside the United States; and

#### o qualified sick leave or family leave wages for which a business will receive a credit under the Families First Coronavirus

Most state parks remain open "Our thoughts are with you and our entire Texas family during this uncertain time. Texas State Parks are doing our best to provide a healthy way for you to get outdoors. Our dedicated teams across the state are working diligently to keep these special places open and safe

during this difficult time," said Rodney Franklin, Texas State Parks Director.

"However, we have made some changes to help protect the health and wellbeing of our visitors, volunteers and staff. One big change: starting April 1 you must purchase all day-use and camping permits online before



your visit. As you know, this situation continues to evolve. More changes (including park closures) may happen suddenly. Be sure to check the Texas State Parks Alert Map or contact the park for updates before you head out."

### What to expect if you visit a park:

No on-site transactions beginning April 1. You must pre-register and pay all day-use and overnight fees online before you arrive. For help with this process, visit our Reservation Information page for simple how-to videos.

Fewer park visitors allowed. Fewer visitors makes it easier to comply with social distancing guidelines.

No programs or equipment rentals.

Site closures. Sites where more than 10 people can gather have been closed, including headquarters buildings, group sites, interpretive centers and stores.

Park closures. Some parks are closed due to difficulty complying with guidelines for social distancing or disinfecting. Check the Alert Map for the latest status of parks.

If you decide to cancel your visit in March or April, we will waive cancellation fees. To cancel without fees, contact our Customer Service Center at (512) 389-8900 or email customer service.

If your reservation is impacted by a facility or park closure, a Customer Service Center agent will contact you - you do not need to contact us. We are contacting customers in order of arrival date and appreciate your patience. For general park information visit TexasStateParks.org.

"We urge you to follow guidelines set by federal, state and local officials regarding social distancing, crowd size and other protocols. In return, we promise to remain diligent in making your visit safe and

Use of proceeds:

o payroll costs

o cost related to the continuation of group health care benefits during periods of paid sick, medical, or family leave, and insurance

- o employee salaries
- o interest payments on any mortgage
- o rent and utility payments
- o interest payments on any other debt obligations which were incurred before February 15, 2020
- No Collateral or Personal Guarantee required
- Loan Fees waived
- Deferral of Payments from 6 months to a year
- No Prepayment Penalties.
- Maximum Rate and Term: 4% and 10 years
- A business obtaining a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program will not be able to use the payroll tax credits available under the Families First Coronavirus Act for employee retention or the deferral of employer-side social security payroll taxes under the CARES Act
- Contact your Local SBA Lender (Bank)

#### **Loan Forgiveness Qualifications**

- Businesses that qualify for a small business loan under section 7(a) of the Small Business may qualify for loan forgiveness on portions of their SBA disaster loan.
- The borrowers that qualify for small business loans will be eligible to have only those portions of their loans forgiven for the amounts spent during an 8-week period after the origination date of the loan for payments related to the following expenses:
  - o Payroll costs
- o Interest payments on a mortgage if the mortgage was incurred prior to February 15, 2020 (does not include principal or
- o Rent payments under a lease that was in effect prior to February
- o Utility payments made on utility services if such services were in use prior to February 15, 2020
- If borrowers re-hire workers who have already been laid off due to COVID-19 (within 30 days of the enactment of the CARES Act). they will not be penalized or have the loan forgiveness reduced by any reduction of employees or reduction in payments to employees, so long as the workers are re-hired on or before June 30, 2020.
- Any loan amounts that are not forgiven at the end of one year is carried forward for a max term of 10 years at max interest rate of 4%, and the 100% loan guarantee remains during the term.

If you need help in filling out any paperwork for the loans, please contact your local Small Business Development Center and their Advisors can assist you.

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All East Texas Boys **Basketball** 

**Second Team Big Sandy** 

**Third Team Union Grove** Carson Daniels

Josh Shipman

Sabine **Savoy Goodman** 

D.J. Allen Eli Kates

**Union Grove** 

Kole Burns

**Honorable Mention** 

Gladewater

**Big Sandy** Dakarai Menefee Caden Minter Carter Oswalt

**All East Texas Girls** Basketball

> First Team White Oak Alysa Hall

**Second Team Union Grove** Macey Alston

**Third Team** Sabine Mikinzi Cantrell

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► GOING TO WORK

►GOING TO A STORE FOR ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES ►GOING TO GET CURBSIDE OR TAKE-AWAY FOOD

GOING TO AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY WHERE YOU

CAN MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6',

THEN IS THE ACTIVITY ESSENTIAL?

►PLAY DATES OR GROUP SPORTS ► SHOPPING FOR THE SAKE OF SHOPPING ► GATHERING IN NON-FAMILY-UNIT GROUPS ► GOING TO CROWDED PLACES



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YOUR REMOTELY DISTANCE WHEN ABOUT 6' POSSIBLE

KEEP

CROWDS NO GROUPS OF 10+

AT HOME ESSENTIAL TRIPS ONLY

STAY

WASH YOUR HANDS

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# **GPD ACTIVITY REPORT**

3/23/20	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE MISCELLANEOUS	202001657 202001658		BUSINESS NAME SHIPPS MARINE SERVICE BUMBLE BEE PARK	ADDRESS  4120 HWY 80 HWY 80 E  605 S COACH COOKSEY COACH COOKSEY
	ANIMAL CONTROL  EMS	202001659 202001660	9:07 9:50		1104 PHILLIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS 1300 E MARY MARY AVE
	EMS MISCELLANEOUS	202001661 202001662	13:15	TRUMAN SMITH JULIAWOOD HOMES	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE 9 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	ASSIST  ANIMAL CONTROL  MISCELLANEOUS	202001663 202001664 202001665	13:32 13:54 14:53	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	402 MARSHALL MARSHALL 2300 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE 511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT RUNAWAY MISCELLANEOUS	202001666 202001667 202001668 202001669	15:23	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	48 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS 511 S TYLER TYLER RD 1303 N EDWARDS EDWARDS
	MISCELLANEOUS ASSAULT CLASS A EMS	202001670 202001671		GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	602 N POST POST 511 S TYLER TYLER RD 4009 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
3/24/20	EMS BURGLARY/HABITATION	202001672 202001673	2:28	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST 2805 RAMPY RAMPY ST
	THEFT SUSPICIOUS PERSON RECKLESS DRIVING	202001674 202001675 202001676	4:49 6:57 7:43	LAMBERT'S LIQUOR	500 MAPLE MAPLE AVE 514 POST POST 1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON ASSIST	202001677 202001678	8:20 10:52		503 JEANETTE JEANETTE W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST  DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE  ALARM/OTHER	202001679 202001680 202001681	11:08 13:52 14:51		602 CANFIELD CANFIELD 602 CANFIELD CANFIELD 103 N COTTON COTTON ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202001682 202001683 202001684	15:25 15:40 16:10		400 MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE 305 N MAIN MAIN ST PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS ASSIST	202001685 202001686 202001687 202001688	16:30 17:20 18:55 19:00		CHESTNUT CHESTNUT  1600 SMITH SMITH ST  PECAN PECAN ST  1560 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	ALARM/OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS	202001689 202001690 202001691		CITY NATIONAL BANK SMART MART (FMR G&J'S SUPER STOP)	895 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE 227 S MAIN MAIN ST W GAY GAY AVE
	ASSIST MISCELLANEOUS	202001691 202001692 202001693	20:48		2301 W HAMPTON HAMPTON ST PHILLIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS
3/25/20	MISCELLANEOUS ASSIST	202001696 202001697	2:34 5:16		700 MARTHA MARTHA E FERRY FERRY AVE
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	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202001701 202001702	11:35 11:49		513 S MILL MILL ST 1100 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202001703 202001704	12:07 12:25		1306 N OLIVE N OLIVE
	EMS DISTURBANCE-OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	202001705 202001706 202001707	14:15	SENTINEL GARDENS GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	300 MONEY MONEY ST  1210 SANDERS SANDERS ST  511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/OTHER ASSIST	202001708 202001709	16:35 19:13		117 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST 128 N LEE LEE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER  EMS  ALARM/OTHER	202001710 202001711 202001712		LAKE GLADEWATER SENTINEL GARDENS	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR 300 MONEY MONEY ST 117 COMMERCE COMMERCE W
	BURGLARY/HABITATION MISCELLANEOUS	202001713	22:42	LAKE GLADEWATER	1988 PHILLIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS RD 1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
3/26/20	MISCELLANEOUS  DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202001715	23:45		1009 KAY KAY DR 1520 E SHEPPERD SHEPPERD DR
	BURGLARY/HABITATION  ASSIST  SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202001717 202001718 202001719		BUMBLE BEE PARK SASQUATCH TRADING POST	1502 FULTON FULTON 605 S COACH COOKSEY COACH COOKSEY 365 E PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER ASSIST ABANDONED VEHICLE	202001720 202001721 202001722	11:32 12:37	CHICKEN EXPRESS	1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE VESTA VESTA COMMERCE COMMERCE
	ASSIST MISCELLANEOUS 10-50 MINOR INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202001723 202001724 202001725 202001726	12:38 14:38 14:40 14:46	MCKAIG CHEVROLET	QUITMAN QUITMAN 401 W MARSHALL MARSHALL 1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE 2019 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	ABANDONED 911 CRIM TRESPASS	202001727 202001728	15:09 15:50		1520 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	EMS ALARM/OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	202001729 202001730 202001731		TRUMAN SMITH GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE 2201 GAY GAY HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS MISCELLANEOUS	202001732	17:31	BOOSHAY'S	404 MELBA MELBA 103 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS	202001734 202001735 202001736	22:59	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	401 SPENCER SPENCER 511 S TYLER TYLER RD 204 W ELANOR ELANOR
3/27/20	DISTURBANCE-OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ALARM/OTHER	202001737 202001739 202001740 202001741	23:03 0:15 3:09 6:14		1819 FM 2685 FM 2685 3 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ALLISON ALLISON 105 N PAUL PAUL ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL ABANDONED 911 ALARM/OTHER EMS	202001742 202001743 202001745 202001746	9:05 12:01 14:10	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	513 RODEN RODEN LN 2804 RAMPY RAMPY 1714 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR 511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS RECKLESS DRIVING	202001747 202001748	14:31 16:30	GENERAL GENERAL SELECTION OF SE	504 W MARSHALL MARSHALL N 271 271
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	THEFT SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202001776 202001777	21:59 22:58	PACIFIC CRAFTERS MALL LEE BUILDING	355 E PACIFIC PACIFIC ST 800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
3/29/20	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE MISCELLANEOUS SUSPICIOUS PERSON DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202001778 202001779 202001780 202001781	23:36	STEWBABES GRILL TRUMAN SMITH	809 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE 1104 E MARY MARY 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE GODFREY GODFREY
	MISCELLANEOUS SUSPICIOUS PERSON SUSPICIOUS PERSON MISCELLANEOUS	202001783 202001784 202001785	2:02 2:19 3:49		1502 E VIOLA VIOLA ST MONEY MONEY 100 JEANNETTE JEANNETTE
	MISCELLANEOUS SUSPICIOUS PERSON FIRE DEPT MISCELLANEOUS	202001786 202001787 202001789 202001790	9:08	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY GLADE LAWN AND GARDEN UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH	RODEO RODEO  1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE  1827 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE  2107 SANDERS SANDERS ST
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	MISSING PERSON FIRE DEPT MISCELLANEOUS	202001799 202001800 202001801	19:18	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD 50 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE 106 N COTTON COTTON
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3/30/20	EMS EMS	202001804 202001805		AJ'S FAST STOP EXXON LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST 1201 FM 2685 FM 2685

# 2nd COVID-19 case in Upshur Co.

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Meanwhile, County Tax Assessor-Collector Luana Howell announced last week that her office's branches in Gladewater and Diana are closed for now, and that all patrons of the Gilmer office must utilize the drivethrough window between 8 a.m. and noon rather than enter the building. No boat transactions can be processed.

Gilmer and Big Sandy City Halls are totally closed to the public, though workers are present and customers can do business by using the drivethrough window or phone.

In addition, Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd said Monday that the pandemic "is absolutely causing difficulties and problems within the judicial system," but it is functioning.

Cases are being processed, but not as many as usual, and as the state recommended, all jury trials in the county have been called off until at least May, Byrd said.

Only "essential" hearings, such as sentencings of jailed defendants, defendants charged with violent crimes, and mental health commitments, are being held in Judge Dean Fowler's 115th District Court, the district attorney said. His office is giving top priority to sentencing jailed individuals, he added.

Some sentencings were scheduled for Tuesday afternoon (March 31), but Fowler is "staggering" cases to "limit the number of people in court," Byrd noted.

He also said that since the county grand jury's work is considered essential, especially for jailed defendants, it will meet Thursday.

Grand jurors will be "spaced health care personnel, York said. out" in keeping with social distancing recommendations, and Byrd said he would "try to keep the docket (of cases) as small as possible."

In the meantime, the commissioners court was scheduled to hold its regular semi-monthly meeting as scheduled Tuesday morning (March 31) with attendance restricted to county department heads, their designees, and others approved by Tefteller. He granted a representative of this newspaper permission to attend.

The meeting was to be shown live on the county's Facebook page, as was last week's meeting, and the public was to be allowed to submit questions via Facebook beforehand. The Gilmer City Council was scheduled to host its first-ever telephonic meeting late that afternoon.

The outbreak also has resulted in canceling Gilmer's Cherokee Rose Festival scheduled May 9, announced Julie York, the county's extension agent for family and community health under Texas A&M AgriLife

York is on a three-member COVID-19 Reponse Committee appointed by Tefteller to advise county officials on dealing with the pandemic.

She said she and fellow county extension agent Kaitlyn Slover are promoting a "Face Mask Project," which has resulted in community volunteers and agents making 125 masks, 115 of which had been distributed by Monday.

They have gone or are going to such places as nursing homes, an oncology center, an assisted living facility, a double lung transplant patient and home

Anyone making such masks can email her at Julie.york@ag.tamu. edu and "We can help deliver or just report your activity," she said in an email. The extension

office's phone number in Gilmer

is 903-843-4019. York also reported that she hosted meetings with three child care providers to share new state training on dealing with the virus. She said she showed them how to access the extension service's online educational programs for such providers on handling

She reminded the public of measures aimed at containing the virus' spread--washing hands, distancing oneself from other persons and sanitizing hands, homes and businesses.

COVID-

As the virus has disrupted numerous private businesses, forcing restaurants to limit service to take-out orders and deliveries and prompting the closing of game rooms in Upshur among other counties, it has also affected the funeral industry.

Troy Murray, president/general manager of Croley Funeral Homes in Gladewater and Gilmer and Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Homes in Gilmer and Diana, said Gov. Greg Abbott's order limiting "social gatherings" to 10 people means funerals and graveside services are limited to that number of attendees. His funeral homes are "trying to adhere to that."

Families are being allowed to have small private funerals, and his funeral homes will not charge extra for hosting an additional public memorial service after current restrictions are lifted, Murray said.

He also said that no more than 10 persons, counting staff



### LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer and Wine retailer's permit by GeauTX LLC, dba Booshay's Central Station Cafe' to be located at 103 N. Main Street, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas. Managers of said LLC are Brett Edmonds, Manager and Debra Edmonds, Manager.

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3/29/20	3/29/20	21:36	BATCHELOR, CARL JUNIOR	W	М	WALKED ON HIGHWAY WITH TRAFFIC-NO SIDEWALKS	100 S WALTER DERRECK AVE





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# COVID-19

# What It Is and What To Do



#### INFORMATION FROM THE CDC

The Centers for Disease Control is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a "a public health emergency of international concern". On January 31, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. On March 11, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. On March 13, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency.

### SOURCE AND SPREAD OF THE VIRUS

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in people and many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people and then spread between people such as with MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, and now with this new virus (named SARS-CoV-2).

The SARS-CoV-2 virus is a betacoronavirus, like MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV. All three of these viruses have their origins in bats. The sequences from U.S. patients are similar to the one that China initially posted, suggesting a likely single, recent emergence of this virus from an animal reservoir.

Early on, many of the patients at the epicenter of the outbreak in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China had some link to a large seafood and live animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread. Later, a growing number of patients reportedly did not have exposure to animal markets, indicating person-to-person spread. Person-to-person spread was subsequently reported outside Hubei and in countries outside China, including in the United States.

### SEVERITY

The complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not fully known. Reported illnesses have ranged from very mild (including some with no reported symptoms) to severe, including illness resulting in death. While information so far suggests that most COVID-19 illness is mild, out of China suggests serious illness occurs in 16% of cases. Older people and people of all ages with severe chronic medical conditions — like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example — seem to be at higher risk of developing serious illness.

#### **COVID-19 NOW A PANDEMIC**

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemics happen when a new virus emerges to infect people and can spread between people sustainably. Because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads worldwide.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is infecting people and spreading easily from person-to-person. Cases have been detected in most countries worldwide and community spread is being detected in a growing number of countries.

This is the first pandemic known to be caused by the emergence of a new coronavirus. In the past century, there have been four pandemics caused by the emergence of novel influenza viruses. As a result, most research and guidance around pandemics is specific to influenza, but the same premises can be applied to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Pandemics of respiratory disease follow a certain progression. Pandemics begin with an investigation phase, followed by recognition, initiation, and acceleration phases. The peak of illnesses occurs at the end of the acceleration phase, which is followed by a deceleration phase, during which there is a decrease in illnesses. Different countries can be in different phases of the pandemic at any point in time and different parts of the same country can also be in different phases of a pandemic.

There are ongoing investigations to learn more. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated on the CDC website as it becomes available.

### SITUATION IN U.S.

Different parts of the country are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The United States nationally is currently in the initiation phases, but states where community spread is occurring are in the acceleration phase. The duration and severity of each phase can vary depending on the characteristics of the virus and the public health response.

### RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk depends on characteristics of the virus, including how well it spreads between people; the severity of resulting illness; and the medical or other measures available to control the impact of the virus (for example, vaccines or medications that can treat the illness) and the relative success of these. In the absence of vaccine or treatment medications, nonpharmaceutical interventions become the most important response strategy. These are community interventions that can reduce the impact of disease.

The risk from COVID-19 to Americans can be broken down into risk of exposure versus risk of serious illness and death.

# HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF



Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs

### TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

### Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

### AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

### TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT OTHERS

### Stay home if you're sick

• Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.

### Cover coughs and sneezes

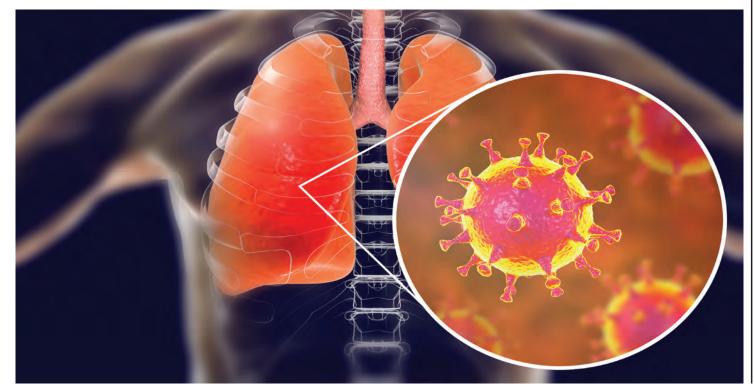
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

### WEAR A FACE MASK IF YOU ARE SICK

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

### CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
   This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.







The historic, lovely Walker Manor owned by Memori and Matt Ruesing is the April Yard of the Month. Landscaping that enhances the Neo-classical period architecture surrounds the large home at 214 East Commerce Street. Side paths with trellises, gazebos and artfully planted shrubs and trees are a treat for visitors and neighbors. **Photos By Suzanne Bardwell** 

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# Gregg Co. now has 5 COVID-19 cases, Smith County has 32

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Judge Stoudt said that local hospitals have not expressed concerns about limited supplies or equipment shortages because they have a limited number of confirmed cases and that supplies have not become an issue yet. With a limited number of available tests, gloves, appropriate masks and other supplies, a growing primary concern is for the protection of first responders and the medical community treating those with the virus.

"Just 120 miles west to Dallas and 45 miles east to Louisiana, those communities are scrambling for health care resources and to flatten the curve," Longview Mayor Andy Mack said at last week's press conference. "They have warned us to move faster than they did to try and have a fighting chance to save our residents and not completely crush our health care systems."

Mack went on to say that the projections are that between 40 and 70 percent of the population will eventually be affected and that 80 percent of those will be fine, 20 percent will require hospitalization and five to 10 percent will require ventilators. Mack said that a local major concern is that there are only 52 ventilators available at the two Longview hospitals.

"This isn't going to go away soon," Stoudt said Monday following a Northeast Texas Health Network conference call briefing. "This disease kills. It kills regardless of age or race. We have been told that self tests should be available within the next couple of weeks and that will help with the effort to contain the virus and keep people at home."

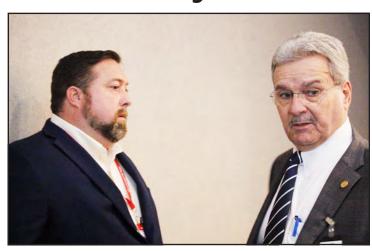
Judge Stoudt says that the team effort between the eight Gregg County mayors has worked well.

"When you have tough times it shows the mettle of your leadership and we certainly have that with our mayors like JD Shipp and White Oak's Kyle Kutch," Stoudt said. "Different communities have different needs and concerns and they are working hard to meet those needs and address those concerns. This is not a game, this is serious. People who don't think it is serious need to re-evaluate."

Gregg County was the first in the area with a voluntary shelterin-place and also first with a mandatory shelter-in-place.

"We didn't have the testing capabilities," Stoudt said. "We pulled the (shelter in place mandate) trigger when we got to three positive cases. It (COVID-19) was already here. Doctors will tell you that. Because of the lack of testing I am glad we did it when we did."

Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp said that Judge Stoudt and Gregg County Fire Marshal



Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp and Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt visit prior to Tuesday's press conference calling for a voluntary shelter-in-place order to help contain the threat of COVID-19 spreading in the county.

**Photo By Suzanne Bardwell** 

contact with the Gregg County available for all questions.

"If ever there were an example capacity is exhausted. of a team sport in play, the joint efforts of the communities within combat the spread of COVID-19 Gregg County in the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 would be it," Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp said after last week's press conference which he and Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow attended. "County Judge response, critical infrastructure Bill Stoudt, Gregg County Health Authority Dr. Lewis Browne and Gov. Abbott also mandated a the members of the COVID-19 Task force have done a great job in arriving from New York Tricreating a plan and implementing it as necessary in response to the pandemic."

Shipp said that he and Gladewater Fire Chief Cory Crowell are a part of Emergency Operations Center meetings appropriate department heads apprising statewide officials of the safety of citizens throughout the state

Spradlin has been a comrade in arms in fighting this threat," Shipp said. "With our proximity testing available," Judge Stoudt to Kilgore, Mayor Spradlin and I said. "Each person must take have visited several times about what measures we can take to to take extreme caution and take protect our communities."

It was reported Monday that seriously. there were 32 cases in Smith County and one COVID-19 for all Smith County residents on Friday, March 27. Governor address COVID-19 at the state only out of necessity.

On Monday, the governor issued additional Executive Orders announcing that beds which life returns to normal. How available for COVID-19 patients we address this pandemic today have doubled over the past week. will dictate when that tomorrow He also detailed the joint effort

and Emergency Management between the state, the Texas Coordinator Mark Moore have Military Department and the been invaluable by keeping in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify and equip additional mayors as needed and have been locations to serve as health care facilities in the event that hospital

Two new Executive Orders to include a 14-day quarantine for road travelers arriving in Texas from any location in Louisiana. This mandated quarantine does not apply to military service, emergency response, health functions or commercial activity. self-quarantine for individuals State Area, Louisiana, California, Washington, Atlanta (Georgia), Chicago, Detroit and Miami.

Judge Stoudt said that currently in Gregg County there were three full-time medical investigators working on tracking Gregg weekly which are followed County cases in an effort to by a city staff meeting with contain the virus. He also said that there was a delicate balance and staff members. Shipp has of keeping citizens safe and also been a part of conference maintaining a strong economy. calls from the governor's office Stoudt emphasized the need for public awareness and information to help them ensure participation in that plan. The directive is not saying people should not go to work but does 'Kilgore Mayor Ronnie encourage health guidelines while there.

"We currently have limited personal responsibility. We need the shelter-in-place directive very

"We are fighting an enemy we can not see. This is a real threat related death. Smith County to this community, this state and Judge Nathaniel Moran issued a our nation. There are still too two-week "Stay at Home" order many people who are not taking it seriously."

Mayor Shipp emphasized that Gregg Abbott has been holding the new Gregg County guidelines frequent press conferences to urge individuals to leave home

"We will move beyond this pandemic together," Shipp said. "There will be a tomorrow in will come."



Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center has established a Christus COVID Hotline at 1-800-458-4559 for those with questions and concerns about the virus. Effective immediately GSMC is restricting maternity patients to one visitor, pediatric patients to one visitor and patients on comfort/end-of-life care. All other visitors are restricted from visitation at the hospital at this time according to guidelines posted Sunday night.

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