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First local cases of COVID-19 confirmed

As of Monday evening, Gregg County now has 47 confirmed cases of COVID-19 - five more cases since Easter Sunday - and one is in Gladewater.

Gladewater also has a confirmed case in Upshur County, bringing its total to two. Gladewater is situated in Gregg, Upshur and Smith counties.

"We now have a second confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Gladewater city limits," Mayor J.D. Shipp said. "This case is found within the Gregg County region of our community."

"We are only now experiencing what other communities have experienced for weeks. We are not alone in this pandemic. However, this does emphasize the continued need to practice social distancing and follow CDC guidelines. This must be a concerted community effort and Gladewater can do this! We are Gladewater strong!"

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Upshur County has risen to eight, Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller announced Sunday.

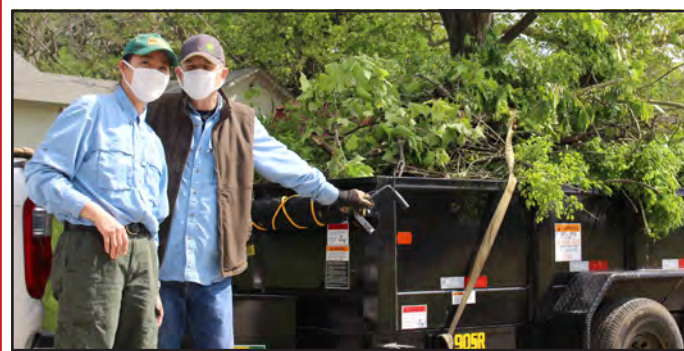
Tefteller said the other new case was on the east side of the Diana community.

"Stay home. Stay safe. Stay within your own social circle," the judge urged.

Upshur County commissioners court recently voted to close county offices to the public at noon each weekday, and close all game rooms in the county indefinitely as precautions against the virus. The Gladewater and Diana branches of the Upshur county tax assessor-collector's office also temporarily closed altogether, as is the Gregg County tax assessor-collector's office at Gladewater City Hall.



The property at 712 Quitman Street had what appeared to be total damage with a tree not only destroying the roof but the house as well. The destruction occurred when high winds took their toll on the area.



Matt and Alex Sturkie were hard at work Monday morning cleaning up Sunday night's storm damage at their properties. The couple had already filled a trailer with limbs and debris on Hendricks Street.

Easter storms leave damage, outages, 1 dead

Easter Sunday's storm not only caused wide-spread property damage in Gregg and Upshur County, but it also cost one man his life.

Kelly 'Bear' Kalinec, 60, of Upshur County, was pronounced dead Sunday evening after a tree fell on him in his driveway. Kalinec was a teacher and coach at Linden-Kildare CISD, coaching football and baseball and taught special education.

The severe storms included straight-line winds and possible tornadoes Sunday, leaving approximately 22,000 SWEPCO customers without power.

And a reported 38,000 Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative members were left without electricity throughout.

The primary reason for the majority of the outages was wind blowing large trees onto lines, according to Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative officials. Many large trees were uprooted from the ground that was softened by the large amount of rain that fell on Easter morning. They reported the damage to the system is extensive.

"Our URECC crews went to work immediately to begin repairs

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A downed pole in front of the GUSD Broadway Administration building was narrowed to one lane on Monday morning due to the low hanging wire. The damage was caused by Sunday's storm.



Mirror earns community service award

The Gladewater Mirror newspaper recently won several awards for journalistic excellence including first place in Community Service for its support of Gladewater's recycling program. The community service award includes all newspapers from daily to weeklies.

"Great community cause to champion," the judges wrote. "It's especially important in a small town that does not have the big recycling programs of major cities."

The Mirror has been recognized with the community service award multiple times since Jim and Suzanne Bardwell became owners of the Gladewater Mirror.

"The public awareness promoted by the Gladewater Mirror has increased participation (in recycling) and noticeably contributed to a cleaner community which makes Jim and I very proud," Suzanne Bardwell said. "To make a difference using our community newspaper is one of the most satisfying parts of our work. To have it recognized by community members who are joining in with our efforts is the cherry on top. To know that we

are contributing to improving the quality of life for our community and setting an example for younger members of Gladewater is the absolute best feeling of all."

The Mirror also won first place for editorial writing with the judges' remarking "clear and straight forward in making a call to action."

Suzanne Bardwell won second place in the region for column writing. The judges said the columns were "very readable on timely topics. Well written and engaging."

Jim Bardwell won second place for headline writing, third place for advertising design and fourth place for sports photography and fourth place for feature writing.

I am always very appreciative of these awards which are judged by our fellow newspaper men and women," said Jim Bardwell. "But I am most appreciative to our loyal readers and advertisers who allow us to do our job week end and week out."

How NOT to Wear a Mask

Wearing a face mask takes some getting used to. To get the most benefit, you need to avoid these common mistakes.

Almost overnight, masks in a variety of colors, styles and materials have appeared on the faces of people around us. While it's good news that many people are doing their part to slow the spread of coronavirus, the bad news is that many people are wearing their masks wrong.

Wearing a mask takes some getting used to and you are probably wearing it exactly right if it's a little stuffy.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is that they fidget with their masks, and pull them

under their noses or completely off their faces to rest under their chins.

You should not be pulling up and putting down your mask while you're out. If you're going to go to the trouble of using a mask, leave it on.

Here are the dos and don'ts of wearing a mask.

DON'T: Wear the mask below your nose.

DON'T: Leave your chin exposed.

DON'T: Wear your mask loosely with gaps on the sides.

DON'T: Wear your mask so it covers just the tip of your nose.

DON'T: Push your mask under your chin to rest on your

neck.

DO: Wear your mask so it comes all the way up, close to the bridge of your nose, and all the way down under your chin. Do your best to tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps.

And once you've figured out the correct position for wearing your mask, follow these tips to stay safe:

- Always wash your hands before and after wearing a mask.

- Use the ties or loops to put your mask on and pull it off.

- Don't touch the front of the mask when you take it off.

- For apartment dwellers, put the mask on and remove it while



inside your home. Elevators and stairwells can be high-contamination areas.

- Wash and dry your cloth

mask daily and keep it in a clean, dry place.

- Don't have a false sense of security.

Masks offer limited protection, and work better when combined with hand washing and social distancing.

Local sales tax slips -4.72%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$701.8 million in local sales tax allocations for April.

The amount is 0.5 percent less than the amount distributed in April 2019.

Revenue allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Next month's allocations, which will mostly reflect sales made in March, will begin to show the impact of pandemic-related business shutdowns. The agency, therefore, expects local allocations in May to be lower, and June allocations will likely deteriorate further, Hegar said.

Gladewater's nine-straight-months of positive numbers ended this reporting period. Gladewater's sales tax revenue slipped to -4.72 percent compared to last year at this time - \$78,223.06 compared to \$82,098.98 in 2019. But Gladewater's previous double-digit performance has the city's totals well above last year by 27.02-percent - \$410,012.91 compared to \$322,775.70.

Clarksville City posted a 20.32-percent rise, while White Oak posted a -32.16-percent decline, and Warren City posted a -0.55-percent slip.

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG COUNTY							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$6,004.82	\$4,990.58	20.32%	\$20,730.66	\$16,003.54	29.53%
Easton	1.000%	\$2,619.04	\$2,171.14	20.62%	\$12,900.96	\$7,349.82	75.52%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$78,223.06	\$82,098.98	-4.72%	\$410,012.91	\$322,775.70	27.02%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$541,809.50	\$756,796.21	-28.40%	\$2,650,005.57	\$3,391,837.70	-21.87%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$16,532.81	\$14,838.48	11.41%	\$66,715.90	\$63,215.15	5.53%
Longview	1.500%	\$2,157,695.65	\$2,427,165.18	-11.10%	\$11,108,902.55	\$10,982,782.18	1.14%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,219.99	\$1,226.84	-0.55%	\$5,909.26	\$7,050.17	-16.18%
White Oak	1.500%	\$68,348.89	\$100,758.03	-32.16%	\$335,000.66	\$372,643.67	-10.10%
UPSHUR COUNTY							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$14,069.48	\$13,438.66	4.69%	\$66,986.58	\$66,414.72	0.86%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$2,757.89	\$1,834.48	50.33%	\$14,216.57	\$10,607.57	34.02%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$140,895.07	\$142,599.19	-1.19%	\$651,070.90	\$614,493.12	5.95%
Ore City	1.500%	\$15,166.18	\$13,598.23	11.53%	\$66,451.18	\$59,129.29	12.38%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$402.11	\$74.94	436.57%	\$1,373.15	\$1,580.63	-13.12%

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Big saw & big hearts...

What would you do for your parents? We found out what our son and daughter-in-law would do following Sunday night's raging storms. We live, oh say, seven to 10 miles from each other as the crow flies. But the crow wasn't flying in the straight-line winds Sunday night.

The power was off, the phone cell tower down and no server available for internet service. It almost felt like the world I grew up in. Brilliant hubby who is always fascinated by unusual items that make life easier had bought six light bulbs as Christmas gifts to his parents and our kids and kept two for us. What makes the bulbs unusual is that you put them in your light fixture where they charge and when the power goes off you turn the light on and VIOLA! there really is light. (The light bulb gifts to our family members remained in boxes and they remained in the dark.)

But, I digress. As we cocooned in the rapidly chilling house after the violent storm, I continued to read my novel while honey and King the 80 lb. Collie both snored. At 10:30 p.m., the ever vigilant King the Wonder Dog who had slept through the storm, now slept through a truck pulling up our drive. We excitedly thought it was our friends from Upshur County Rural Electric. But it wasn't. It was our determined kids who live north of us, down an oil road, in a gated community off the beaten path, way back in the woods.

They left their home at 9 p.m. It took them an hour and a half and a Stihl chainsaw for them to go nine miles. They met Upshur County road and bridge crew guys who were mighty happy to meet them along the way as they all worked to clear the rural roads as well.

Jim's best friend, Jerry Combest, was talking to Jimmy when the storm had hit with ferocious force and the cell tower went down. Jerry couldn't get us on cell, home phone or computer. So he called the family first responders, Josh and Jennifer, who got their gloves, boots and chainsaw and trekked to the home place just to make sure we were safe.

Jenn had to be at the hospital at 6:30 a.m. Monday morning to start her 7-day, 12 hour a day shift as a nurse practitioner hospitalist. She gets up at the crack of dawn to get there but here she was standing on our wet front porch cold, damp and dirty. Josh and Jennifer didn't have electricity either, but they, the lucky dogs, did have cell service and internet because they are on a different phone service and have fiberoptic internet/TV service.

We, the soundly ignored by local tech companies, who live next to the old East Mountain Coon Hunters Association, do not have the

Suzanne
Bardwell



benefit of fiber optics, dependable phone or internet service. By the way, those coonhounds or maybe it was coyotes, were out in full force after the storm. That is when Kingster decided to wake up and serenade with his wild soulmates. Poor thing, his vocal cords were cut by a previous owner and he sounds more along the lines of a small muzzled mutt with a severe cold than the behemoth he really is.

The moral of this rambling tale is just this: it is good to have a husband that knows about bulbs that work without electricity. It is good to have a gigantic King-Kong of a rescue dog that isn't afraid of storms. It is good to have heart friends like Jerry who have to make sure you really are okay. And, it is especially good to have kids who own big trucks, big chainsaws and have big hearts.

All of this reminds me why we are here in the first place. Our reason for being. To love and be loved. It really is that simple.

Ed Sterling
Capital
Highlights



State-private partnership to speed up production of masks

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 8 announced a partnership between the Texas Military Department and Prestige Ameritech to increase production of personal protective equipment for health care workers.

Prestige Ameritech, with a 220,000-square-foot plant in North Richland Hills near Fort Worth, is the United States' largest domestic surgical mask manufacturer. The company's 24-hour operation will be staffed in part by members of the Texas National Guard 36th Infantry Division, enabling the production of an estimated 2 million surgical face masks per week.

Joining Abbott in making the announcement were Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd and University of Texas System Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs John Zerwas.

Abbott announced on April 6 that Texas had received 2.5 million masks in the previous 24 hours and would receive an additional 3 million masks by April 11. The governor's office also provided a region-by-region weekly breakdown of personal protective equipment that had been distributed: masks, face shields, gloves, gowns and coveralls.

In other action, Abbott announced on April 9 an emergency rule adopted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response. Under the rule, nursing facilities may hire people to provide nurse aide services without having to complete a full certification program in their first four months of employment. This action will expand the eligible pool of direct-care workers and help long-term care providers who may face critical staffing shortages, Abbott said.

According to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on April 12, some 13,484 people in Texas had been diagnosed with deadly coronavirus -- COVID-19 -- and 271 deaths resulting from the disease had been confirmed.

Governor closes parks

Gov. Abbott on April 7 directed the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to close all state parks and historic sites indefinitely as part of the state's efforts to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people.

Historic sites and state parks will reopen at the direction of the governor.

"Social distancing is our best tool to curb the spread of COVID-19 and save lives," Abbott said. "The temporary closure of our state parks and historic sites will help us achieve this goal by preventing the gathering of large groups of people. I urge all Texans to continue to stay at home except for essential services as we respond to COVID-19. By following these social distance practices, we will overcome this challenge together."

Care access to increase

Gov. Abbott on April 6 announced that Care.com, a private business that enables families to find, manage and pay for care and provides employment opportunities for caregivers, is increasing in-home child care access for frontline workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

As part of this initiative, Abbott said, Care.com is offering 90 days of free, premium access to their services, along with specific portals for frontline workers and caregivers in Texas.

Frontline workers looking for child care, as well as prospective caregivers, can enroll at <https://texasfrontline.care.com/>.

Potential caregivers are subject to Care.com's extensive background and safety checks. While child care services are not typically free of charge, the Texas portal gives residents the ability to waive their fees and volunteer as caregivers, providing additional support to frontline workers, Abbott added.

Lawsuit amicus is filed

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison on April 6 led 40 attorneys general in an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of injury lawsuit decisions by the Supreme Courts of Montana and Minnesota.

In the brief, Paxton and Ellison said those state supreme courts correctly ruled in favor of allowing individuals to file personal injury lawsuits in the states in which they reside and were injured, regardless of where the defendant was located.

The friend-of-the-court brief opposes an effort by large corporations to prevent individuals from filing lawsuits in their own local courts and to potentially prevent states from filing lawsuits to enforce their own laws, Paxton said.

Jobless urged to reapply

The Texas Workforce Commission on April 4 encouraged Texas residents previously deemed monetarily ineligible for unemployment benefits to reapply now, at the beginning of a new fiscal quarter.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Fed Weighs In

The inevitable and unavoidable result of the extraordinary measures taken to curb the tragic health effects of the coronavirus has been a strong shock to the economy. Protecting human health and wellbeing must be paramount at the moment

Unfortunately, major damage to the economy also extracts a high human toll in the form of layoffs and job losses, bankruptcies, and financial stress. These issues, in turn, increase harms ranging from domestic abuse to depression. Obviously, the more that can be done to mitigate the damage, the better.

Enter the Federal Reserve. The

Fed's role is defined by its longstanding mandate to promote maximum employment and stable prices, while providing stability within the financial system. In times like these, the Fed can do (and is doing) a lot to keep things going.

The Fed indicated it "is committed to using its full range of tools to support households, businesses, and the U.S. economy overall in this challenging time." The statement also noted that "aggressive efforts must be taken across the public and private sectors to limit the losses to jobs and incomes and to promote a swift recovery once the disruptions abate."

The Federal Reserve is using its full range of tools to assure the flow of credit to American families and businesses. Actions include

supporting market functioning through purchases of Treasury securities and mortgage-backed securities and even short-term commercial paper, as well as through new financing programs. Credit availability has been enhanced, target interest rates have dropped to basically zero, and bank reserve requirements have been eliminated. Many of these tools have been used before, but a new provision passed by Congress allows the Fed to make loans directly to companies across industries and the US. Most recently (at least as I am writing), the Fed is buying Paycheck Protection Program loans, thus allowing them to be funded without exhausting bank resources.

Simply stated, all stops have been pulled out to support a

return to economic health. These monetary tools are complemented by the major fiscal stimulus package passed by Congress, and these aggressive policy actions can help stem the economic damage and enhance the recovery once the virus begins to subside.

Alas, the Fed's moves will do little to boost the economy immediately. That is not the purpose. Rather, they will (1) maintain the integrity and functionality of the financial system during the crisis and (2) help accelerate the recovery later. These are critical aims.

The primary focus currently must remain protecting human health. In the midst of the chaos, the Fed is taking strong and decisive action. It may be largely unseen, but it is essential to our current and future wellbeing. Stay safe!



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JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Isn't it interesting how, all through the centuries, people have been predicting the time of Jesus' second coming? Many dates have been set, including dates set by leaders in some of today's prominent religious bodies. What's so amazing is, that although all of those previous predictions failed, new predictions of the second coming of Christ just keep coming.

Prediction: The future predictions will, no doubt, eventually prove to be just as false as all the rest, because the Bible teaches that no one can know the time of Jesus's return. For example, Jesus Himself said, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." (Matt. 25: 13). In fact, in Mark 13: 32, after talking about the day when heaven and earth will pass away, Jesus said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels who are in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Thus, isn't it amazing how people can claim to know what Jesus said no man knows?

Of course, Jesus is definitely coming again. He is personally coming. He is literally coming. He is visibly coming. Acts 1: 11 says, "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven." So, yes, Jesus is definitely coming again, but no one knows when it will be. That means He could come at any time, which means we must be ready all the time!

But, as you think about how Christ will someday come again, please remember the way we get ready for Christ's second coming is by getting right with God, not by trying to predict in advance when such will occur. Are you ready for that day to come? Think on these things.

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HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED

HOPE is something that we can choose to hold onto no matter what is happening in our lives. Adopting a positive, hopeful state of being helps us get through and endure the challenging experiences we are all living through, and to see the inherent goodness of others in this world in which we all find ourselves. We are not on this journey alone. This is not the time to castigate or eschew responsibility, rather, now is the time to care for one another with empathy and kindness.

This virus does not differentiate between rich and poor, young and old, male or female. Nor does it care about the color of our skin or what higher being we believe in or not. We are literally all in “the same boat”.

As your community bank, and active members of the community ourselves, our employees have been working around the clock providing guidance and much-needed funding to our customers in need; whether they are brand new or long-standing, sole proprietors or large businesses. If you are finding yourself needing guidance or assistance, please know that we are here for you, and will do everything we can to help.

As we move forward and navigate what is in front of us, please don't lose sight of the fact that HOPE has not been cancelled!

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OBITUARIES

BETH GRAHAM

Hattie Elizabeth "Beth" Beard Graham died Monday, April 6, 2020. She was born January 31, 1924 in Bardwell, Texas. She was preceded in death by her adoring husband, Clyde R. Graham.



She is survived by two loving sisters, Pat Sheppard and Blou Powell; three daughters, Shonda Gremillion, Shelley Love, and son-in-law, Charles Love, and Stephanie Garza; grandchildren, Theron Gough, Brac Love, and wife Nadine, Tye Love and, wife Emily, Carmen Garza, Christopher Garza, and Liam Atkinson; and great-grandchildren, Bailey & Alex Strong, Oliver & Danica Love, and Ruby Jean Gough.

Beth was the oldest daughter of J. M. and Maggie Lou Beard of Gladewater. Beth attended Gladewater High School, graduated in 1940 and then attended Kilgore College. She married Clyde Ray Graham on August 4, 1947 and they were married for 65 years. She worked as a secretary for many years for Mr. Lindley Beckworth. Beth volunteered with Hospice as well and was very active with the Gladewater Former Students Association. After retiring, Beth and Clyde, along with her sisters, lived together in a home they lovingly remodeled. She enjoyed those years spent with her best friends, her sisters.

Words cannot express our deep appreciation for all the love and care given to Beth by her doctors, the staff at Treviso, Heart to Heart Hospice, and Comfort Keepers.

Private burial will be in Lakeview Memorial Gardens, in Longview and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

JOHN THOMAS "TOM" CLIFTON

Mr. John Thomas "Tom" Clifton, 68, of Gladewater, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020 at his home in Gladewater. Tom was born in Greenville, Texas on November 27, 1951 to the late



William Howard Clifton and Edith Roberta "Rose" Stewart Clifton. He was a 1969 Graduate of Gladewater High School and continued his education at the University of North Texas where he earned a Business Degree. Known by his friends and family as "Sweetwater"; Tom lived life to the fullest. He never met a stranger and had many lifelong friends. Tom worked for many years as a buyer in the Apparel Industry which allowed him to travel and live all over

the United States. He was an avid athlete and was a huge sports fan; especially the University of Arkansas Razorbacks. Tom will not soon

be forgotten by the family and friends he leaves behind.

Tom is survived by his two sons Patrick Clifton and wife Jodeci and Brackston Nutt and wife Katie; two brothers Ted Clifton and wife Jan and Todd Clifton and wife Neta; special friend Ann Pace; three grandchildren Carter Clifton, Aria Clifton and Everett Nutt as well as many other loving family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Howard and Rose Clifton and his sister Sue Clifton Moore.

Memorials can be made to the Education Foundation of Gladewater at P.O. Box 1387, Gladewater, TX 75647 or charity of choice.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Croley Funeral Home. Due to the national health crisis, the family will schedule a Celebration of Life service at a later date. Online memorials and condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net.

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NELLIE (NELL) MAE (UPCHURCH) TURNER

Private graveside services for Mrs. Nellie (Nell) Mae (Upchurch) Turner were held on April 10, 2020 at Union Grove Cemetery with Bro. Jim Withers officiating and under the direction of Croley Funeral Home of Gladewater. Due to the national health crisis, a memorial service to honor the life of Nellie will be held at a later date. Online memorials and condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net.



Mrs. Nellie Mae (Upchurch) Turner, 98, of Gladewater passed from this world into the loving arms of her savior on April 7, 2020 in her home in Gladewater with her precious daughter Brenda by her side. Nell was born on December 16, 1921 to the late Joseph Peter Upchurch and Lovie (Brock) Upchurch. Nell married Mr. O. L. Turner on December 6, 1958. Although they had no biological children, they raised Nell's four children as though they had been their children

together from the start. Nell had the heart and spirit of a saint. Always willing to give of herself to ensure others were taken care of. She was always gracious and kind to everyone she met.

Nell enjoyed cooking large meals for her family as she knew that is what would bring all of her loved ones together! Most all of her meals were made from scratch, which she always laughingly said she needed a big box of. She enjoyed working in her yard and beautifying the landscape with her parade of pink plastic flamingos she re-arranged quite frequently.

Nell loved her church, Grace Baptist, and was disappointed when she had to stop going because her physical condition started to

decline. Bro. Withers and wife, Barbara, who visited her regularly throughout the last few years, have become very special people to her after taking the helm from former pastor and great friend, the late Bro. Earnest Hodge.

Nell is survived by her little sister, Margie Marie Barrow of Gladewater, daughter and primary caregiver, Brenda Kelly of Gladewater, son, Terry Turner of Gladewater, grandchildren, Kimberly Lively and husband Mark of Gladewater, Jody Wilkinson and wife Rene of Gladewater, Kara Boyles and husband Chris of Gladewater, Jared Turner and Jenna Turner both of Gladewater, 10 great-grandsons, 3 great-granddaughters, and four great-great grandchildren along with hosts of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Nell is preceded in death by her parents, her forever love, Mr. O. L. Turner, two of her children, Judy Hall and Randy Turner, and three grandsons, Jon Michael Wilkinson, Tony Lively, and Cody Cook.

The Turner family would like to give a special thank you to Texas Home Health Hospice, Ms. Cassandra Ford, NP, and nurse Jessica from the Hugman-Kent clinic in Gladewater for their kindness and guidance throughout Nell's last months of life.

We know she is pain-free, walking on those streets of gold on her own two legs like she wanted to so badly in the last months of her life. She is catching up with the many family members and friends that have gone on before her. We are sure gonna miss her here on Earth and we are jealous of the sights, sounds, and feeling she has right now with the Lord. We are glad to know she is at peace.

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Great movies from the Greatest Generation

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Greatest Generation survived the Great Depression, World War II and navigated the Cold War. They know/knew a thing or two about survival. They also knew how to share laughter and hope. Maybe we should look to them for some of our entertainment now that we have the time to really appreciate it.

My Dad, who was a WWII Navy veteran, used to say "You have to laugh to keep from crying". And you know what? Laughter really is the best medicine. The 'screwball' comedies of the 1930s and '40s are a delightful way to escape the 24-hour COVID-19 news cycle when we need a break and a laugh.

And dear readers, NO, I was not alive when these movies were popular. Many of you will recognize several of the titles. But all of these are family friendly and might even surprise the young adults who are looking for something fresh.

And guys, you need to watch them in the original black and white if they weren't originally filmed in 'Technicolor'. The directors and cinematographers of that time used light and shadow to tell a story, along with screenwriters who often assumed that their audience was filled with bright, clever individuals. What a novel concept.

So here goes, a list of my 'screwball comedy' favorites to escape the moment and laugh. I promise you will be delighted. You will also be surprised at how much entered our common culture because of these films. Some are surprisingly racy too.

"It Happened One Night" 1934 starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert.

"The Thin Man" 1934 starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. (There are a series of "Thin Man" movies. All worth watching.)

"My Man Godfrey" 1936 starring William Powell (a personal favorite of mine) and Carol Lombard.

"Topper" 1937 starring Cary Grant and Constance Bennett.

"Bringing Up Baby" 1938 starring Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn.

"You Can't Take it With You" 1938 starring Jean Arther and James Stewart.

"His Girl Friday" 1939 starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell.

"My Favorite Wife" 1940 starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunn.

"The Philadelphia Story" 1940 starring Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn and James Stewart.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" 1944 starring Cary Grant.

"Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" 1948 starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy.

In my enthusiasm I could keep going, but these will do for now. As a contemporary Marvel, X-Men, DC, Star Wars, Star Trek fan I find there is much to enjoy from the Golden Age of Film and I think you will too. Let me know if you agree.



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GISD meal update:

The number of GISD students receiving meals last week increased from 300 to approximately 400 according to superintendent Sedic Clark. He said that the district is now serving one day a week and that students will receive two meals per day for each school day of that week.

GISD Student Meal Service Dates are:

4/14, Tuesday-8 meals per student

4/120, Monday-10 meals per student

4/27, Monday-10 meals per student

The meals are distributed from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the following sites: Clarksville Baptist Church, GHS, GMS, New Mountain Church and Pritchett Community Center.



GISD students pick up meals during the COVID-19 school closing. This picture was taken the first day of the meal service at the Gladewater High School site.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

DPS extends deadline for CDL holders to submit medical certificates

AUSTIN – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has suspended the automatic downgrade of commercial driver licenses (CDL) by providing CDL holders with an extension for the medical certificates required for CDLs if a driver is unable to provide a current medical certificate due to COVID-19. This action comes in light of guidelines issued last month by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and following the closure of DPS driver license (DL) offices across the state due to COVID-19.

FMCSA has waived compliance for medical certificates until June 30. While DPS will still be processing any medical certificates received, this federal guidance has allowed DPS to discontinue the downgrade of CDLs for those individuals with expired medical certificates. This extension helps ensure that commercial drivers are able to continue working throughout the current national emergency due to COVID-19.

Any driver with an updated certificate can submit it to DPS via email at CDLMedCert@dps.texas.gov or by fax at (512) 424-2002.

For those commercial drivers following the extension

guidelines, it's important to note that you will have 60 days from the date DPS provides public notice that normal issuance procedures have resumed to submit a current

medical certificate. When DPS resumes normal DL operations and offices are reopened, CDL holders will be able to renew their licenses without penalty.



Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott announces Stars Of Texas Storytime

AUSTIN – Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott today announced Stars of Texas Storytime—a virtual story time program for children and families during the COVID-19 response.

Every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 AM, special guests from across Texas will read children's books via Facebook Live on Governor Greg Abbott's page. The First Lady will kick off the program this upcoming Tuesday, April 14th alongside Peaches and Pancake, the First Dogs of Texas. The First Lady will begin by reading Night-Night Texas by Katherine Sully, followed by Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault.

"As Texas families stay at home because of COVID-19, it is important that we find ways to connect as a community while maintaining social distancing," said First Lady Cecilia Abbott. "I am thrilled to launch the Stars of Texas Storytime program, which will give families across the state an opportunity to hear children's stories read by influential Texans."

As the Lone Star State continues to respond to COVID-19, this program will provide both entertainment and education for Texas children, as well as a helping hand for Texas parents."

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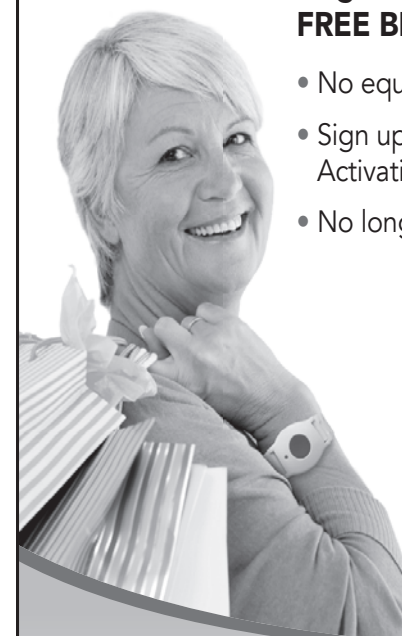
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Easter storms leave damage, outages, 1 dead

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 as the storm moved through as winds continued to blow and more trees fell through the night," said Tony McCullough, URECC spokesman said. "As of 7a.m., Monday morning, 22,971

member's meters are still without power. URECC and contractor crews will continue cutting trees and making repairs until all members are restored. We are unable to give an estimated time for repairs, as we are just seeing

some of the damage in daylight, and some of the repairs must be made in flooded areas. URECC will be using drone technology to locate problems and speed up the repair process." McCullough advised residents

to avoid downed power lines and anything touching downed power lines. As power is restored these lines could become live at any time. Do not drive over downed lines. Please keep your families safe as we continue to make repairs to restore power. "Remember to please give our crews at least six feet of distance

if you see them out," said Drew Seidel, SWEPCO vice president of Distribution. "We appreciate your patience as we work to get your power flowing again." As the storms moved east, extensive damage to SWEPCO's power grid - including dozens of downed poles and wires -- has been reported in and

around Bossier City, Shreveport, Haughton, and Mansfield, Seidel said. Gladewater Police Chief Gordon Freeman told the Mirror Monday morning that while many trees were down and some roofs were damaged, locally - Gladewater survived the storms relatively well.



Storm damage at 309 Phillips resulted in downed electrical lines. The storm passed quickly through the area with winds well over 60 mph on Sunday night.

Photo by Suzanne Bardwell

Linemen were at work throughout the area to get the power back on Monday. Many at been at the job throughout the night. This hard working lineman was at the corner of White Oak Road and Hwy. 80.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Upshur task force arrests nine

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested nine persons on various charges in February, Sheriff Larry Webb said last week.

Details of the cases, based on a report from sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows and all suspects were taken to county jail in Gilmer, Webb said:

While doing drug interdiction in the Gilmer area Feb. 4, the unit stopped a vehicle at the intersection of Texas 154 and Summit Drive and arrested a 58-year-old Big Sandy woman on a misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance, which was possessing prescription medicine illegally.

While working drug interdiction in the East Mountain area Feb. 10, the SIU stopped a vehicle at the intersection of East Mountain Road and Main Street and arrested Donovan Michael Cole, 25, of Gilmer, on a charge of felony possession of marijuana--more than four ounces, but under five pounds.

The unit also seized the drug. Michael Scott McKinney, 30, of Brownsboro, was arrested Feb. 12 on multiple charges after he fled the unit on foot when it stopped the vehicle he occupied.

The SIU was working drug interdiction in the Union Grove area when it made the stop in the parking lot of the Lucky 7 game room, located at the intersection of Silk Tree Road and U.S. 271 in West Mountain community. McKinney was "soon apprehended" and charged with felony possession of controlled substance (more than one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine) and misdemeanor evading arrest or detention.

The unit also seized methamphetamine. Also on Feb. 12, the unit arrested Shane A. Seabolt, 46, of Gilmer, on a charge of parole violation after the state's regional parole office in Mt. Pleasant requested the SIU's help finding him. He was located in the 4400 block of Texas 155 south.

While performing drug interdiction in the Union Grove area Feb. 18, the unit made a traffic stop resulting in arresting Denene Suzanne Mosley, 52, of East Mountain, on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

She was apprehended at the intersection of FM 1844 and North Point Pleasant Road.

Austin Vernard Harris, 38, of

Ore City, was arrested in that city Feb. 19 after the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office asked for the unit's help in finding him as he had a warrant alleging violation of felony probation. He was located at the intersection of MLK and Holman Streets.

On Feb. 20, the unit arrested two Longview residents on drug charges after stopping their vehicle at the intersection of Texas 300 and Gregg Tex Road.

Crystal Lynn Morgan, 28, and James Earnest Morgan III, 27, were charged with felony possession of methamphetamine--less than one gram. The unit had been investigating suspicious activity at the Outpost Cajun Grill/game room at the intersection of FM 1844 and Texas 300 in East Mountain.

Investigating suspicious activity at the same locale Feb. 24 led to arresting Shannon Kole Young, 45, of Longview, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance--1-4 grams of methamphetamine. The SIU stopped a vehicle he was occupying at the intersection of Texas 300 and Blaine Street.

Upshur County Commissioners Court has since ordered all game rooms in the county indefinitely closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Three Gladewater men sentenced by judge

By Phillip Williams
115th District Judge Dean Fowler sentenced 16 persons--all of whom were already in jail--on felony charges on Tuesday of last week in Gilmer, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd's office.

All pleaded guilty or had their probation revoked after admitting violating terms of it, the office said. Fowler limited courtroom attendance to 10 persons during the sentencings, as ordained by Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Supreme Court as a precaution against spreading the COVID-19 virus, Byrd said.

Details of the cases were as follows, his office reported:

Logan Ray Rowe, 21, of Gladewater, drew 10 years in prison for burglary of habitation when his probation on that charge was revoked.

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office probed the July 3, 2017 offense. Byrd represented the state in the revocation; Longview attorney Chris Botto represented Rowe.

Lance Ashley Myers, 43, of Gladewater, received six months in state jail upon pleading guilty to delivery of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

The sheriff's office investigated the Feb. 13, 2019 crime. Myers must also pay court costs, a fee to the Texas Department of Public Safety for testing the drug, an attorney fee and a fee to Crime Stoppers.

Assistant District Attorney Sarah Lyn Cooper represented the state at sentencing. Botto represented Myers.

Davaria Williams, 18, of Gladewater, was placed on five years "deferred adjudication" probation upon pleading guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity.

The sheriff's office probed the

Sept. 17, 2019 crime. "Deferred adjudication" means no final conviction appears on Williams' record if she successfully completes probation, but if such probation is revoked, up to the maximum sentence can be imposed.

Some terms of Williams' probation include paying court costs, an attorney's fee, a fine, fees to Crime Stoppers and the crime victims fund, 250 hours of community service, classes for theft defendants, and "life skills" training.

The state took pending felony and misdemeanor cases against her into consideration in the plea bargain.

Cooper represented the state in the case. Marshall attorney George Valton Jones represented Williams.

Details of cases involving revocations were as follows:
Drew Ann Reese, 48, of Ore City, drew 12 months in state jail for criminal mischief.

The sheriff's office investigated her May 16, 2017 crime. Cooper represented the state at sentencing; Longview attorney Carl Dorough represented Reese.

Jeremy Lee Scott, 32, of White Oak, received 12 months in state jail for unlawful disclosure or promotion of intimate visual material. The sentence will run concurrently with one assessed in Smith County.

The sheriff's office probed the April 19, 2018 offense. Cooper and Dorough handled the revocation.

Joshua Wayne Stewart, 38, of Longview, drew 15 months in state jail for possession of a controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine. Ore City police investigated his

July 21, 2016 crime.

Byrd represented the state at sentencing. Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented Stewart.

Herbey Garza, 41, of Longview, received six months in state jail on two counts of possession of controlled substance. (While Byrd's office's report showed the substance in count one was not the drug in count two, the report did not show the drugs' names.)

Ore City police investigated the April 5, 2016 offense. Cooper represented the state in the revocation; Longview attorney John Moore represented Garza.

Jimmy Lee Faith, 31, of Wickes, Ark., drew 15 years in prison for burglary of habitation. The sheriff's office probed his May 22, 2017 crime.

Byrd represented the state in the revocation. Marshall attorney Brendan Roth represented Faith.

Alanis Peyton Guinn, 23, of Longview, received six years in prison for evading arrest/detention with vehicle. East Mountain police worked the Aug. 18, 2015 case.

Byrd and Botto handled the revocation.

Details of cases involving guilty pleas were as follows, Byrd's office said:

Tonya Annette Price, 44, of Big Sandy, drew six months in state jail for theft of property of the value of \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000.

The sheriff's office probed the March 6, 2019 offense. Price must also pay court costs and an attorney fee.

Botto and Byrd handled the case.

Alex Edward Herron, 26, of Owasso, Okla., received three years in state prison for theft of

property of the value of \$30,000 or more, but less than \$150,000.

Gladewater police probed the Oct. 10, 2019 offense. Herron must also pay court costs and an attorney fee, but the state took pending felony cases against him into consideration in making the plea bargain.

Byrd and Dorough handled the case.

Albert Jasso, 34, of Gilmer, was placed on seven years "deferred adjudication" probation for indecency with a child.

Some terms of probation include court costs, a fine, an attorney fee, a fee for Crime Stoppers, 800 hours of community service and "sex offender probation."

The sheriff's office investigated Jasso's crime, which occurred on or about Jan. 1, 2018. Cooper represented the state at sentencing;

Tyler attorney Edward Estrada represented Jasso.

Shannen Raquel Renee Rizzio, 21, of Mt. Pleasant, drew 180 days in state jail for theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions. Gilmer police investigated the offense, which occurred earlier this year, and Byrd and Botto handled the sentencing.

Joshua Wheat Yazell, 35, of Gilmer, drew two years in prison for unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

Sean Randall Berry, 48, of Longview, received 18 months in state jail for theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions.

Casey Green, a 35-year-old Big Sandy man, received three years in prison for possession of controlled substance--one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.



GISD employees were out cleaning up storm damage Monday morning. Some trees in the parking lot behind the high school were lost to Sunday's high winds.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

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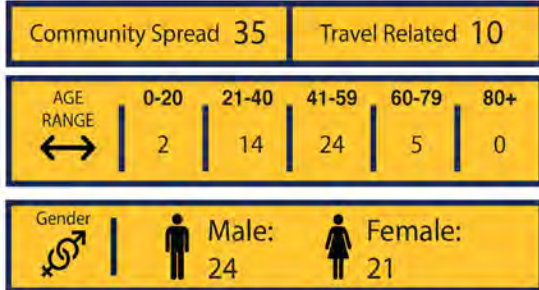
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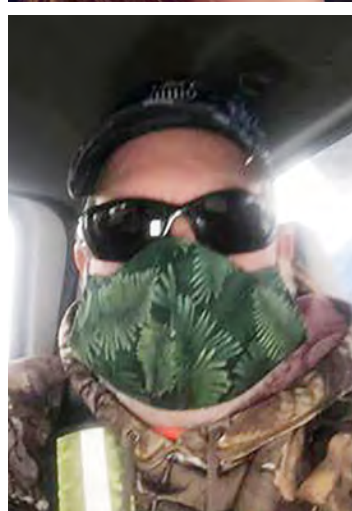
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Join the Masked Crowd

Supplies needed to create a cloth face covering are: one sewing machine, one 12-inch ruler, one pencil, two six inch pieces of elastic string, two rectangle pieces of cotton cloth, 1 sewing needle, 1 bobby pin, 1 spool of thread, and 1 pair of scissors.

- Materials**
Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
Scissors
Sewing machine
Tutorial

1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the mask as if it was a single piece of fabric.

A close up of the two rectangular pieces of cloth needed to make a cloth face covering is shown. These pieces of cloth have been cut using a pair of scissors. Each piece of cloth measures ten inches in width and six inches in length.

2. Fold over the long sides 1/4 inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over 1/2 inch along the short sides and stitch down.

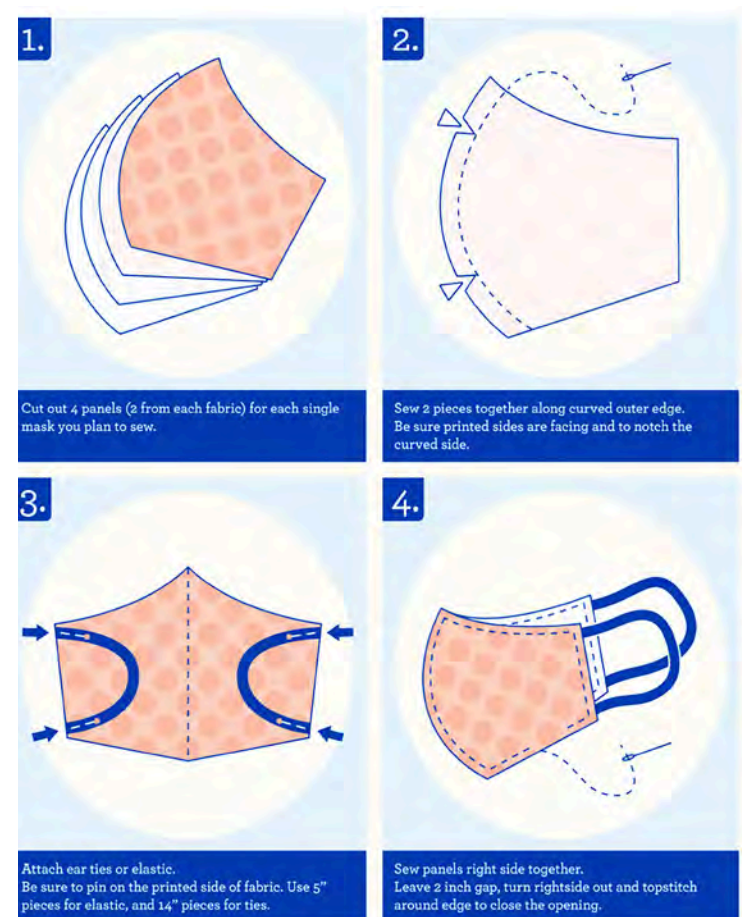
The top diagram shows the two rectangle cloth pieces stacked on top of each other, aligning on all sides. The rectangle, lying flat, is positioned so that the two ten inch sides are the top and the bottom of the rectangle, while the two six inch sides are the left and right side of the rectangle. The top diagram shows the two long edges of the cloth rectangle are folded over and stitched into place to create a one-fourth inch hem along the entire width of the top and bottom of the rectangle. The bottom diagram shows the two short edges of the cloth rectangle are folded over and stitched into place to create a one-half inch hem along the entire length of the right and left sides of the face covering.

3. Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the mask. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight.

Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the mask behind your head.

Two six inch pieces of elastic or string are threaded through the open one-half inch hems created on the left and right side of the rectangle. Then, the two ends of the elastic or string are tied together into a knot.

4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the mask on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.



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Various benefits of farm-to-table

Few things are more satisfying than biting into a fresh tomato right from the garden or seasoning a meal with herbs picked from a windowsill greenhouse. Restaurants recognize the value of such experiences, and more and more are relying on locally sourced products in their kitchens.

The farm-to-table movement is not new, but it has gained momentum as consumers become increasingly enamored with the flavor and environmental impact of locally sourced foods.

The National Restaurant Association found that farm-to-table food was one of its top 10 trends for 2015. Furthermore, the group says that one in five consumers are willing to pay more for local food, and 41 percent admit that locally sourced ingredients influence their decisions when choosing where to dine.

Newcomers to the farm-

to-table dining experience may not understand all the fuss surrounding this popular trend. The following are some of the key benefits of farm-to-table.

* Peak freshness and ripeness: Local produce ripens on the plant and can be harvested at the last possible minute before it turns up on a plate. This helps ensure that it contains the highest amount of nutrients and flavor, according to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Food that has to travel further is often picked well before it is ready, ripening on the way to stores or other vendors.

* Better for the environment: Food that needn't travel far before reaching diners' plates saves roughly 500 gallons of diesel fuel to haul produce a distance of 1,500 miles. This conserves fossil fuels and prevents harmful emissions from entering the atmosphere.

* Supports neighboring



farms: Supporting farm-to-table restaurants and other eateries keeps business local in two different ways. It not only benefits local restaurants, but it also directly supports neighboring farms, fisheries and other suppliers.

* Accessibility to seasonal choices: Farm-to-table eating provides a wide variety of in-season foods. This can translate into tastier foods because they are grown and harvested during their optimal growing season.

* Reduces factory farming: According to O.info, the informational resource powered by Overstock.com, farm-to-table and local farming can reduce reliance on large, profit-driven

corporations that may focus on maximum production over animal health and welfare. Local farms may be more inclined to treat their animals well and institute sustainable practices.

Learn about the community: A person might live in an area and never know that a local vineyard is in the vicinity or that a producer of straight-from-the-hive honey is nearby. Exploring farm-to-table resources can open people's eyes to local businesses doing great work in and around their communities.

Farm-to-table is a popular movement that people are embracing for various reasons.

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