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Sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies announced for April 25 through April 27

While it may feel like the whole world has paused, natural disasters will continue to occur amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar established a sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies from April 25 to April 27.

The primary intent of the law that established this holiday is to help Texans prepare for events like hurricanes and turbulent spring storms.

"Unfortunately, strong spring storms, wildfires and the upcoming hurricane season will still threaten Texans in the months ahead, and so it's important that homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these emergencies," Hegar said. "As this pandemic continues to spread, I want to remind all Texans this sales tax holiday applies to qualifying items they purchase online, from the safety of their homes."

Hegar urges Texans to shop online or practice strict social distancing measures for in-store purchases during the sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies.

The list of tax-free items is established by law and does not include items such as masks or personal protection equipment that are required during the coronavirus pandemic.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

Household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75

Hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300
Portable generators priced at less than \$3,000

Things that you might want to stock up on but do NOT qualify are:

- Batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles
- Camping stoves and camping supplies
- Chainsaws
- Plywood
- Extension ladders and stepladders
- Tents



Gladewater Primary School Principal Kerry Hrdacky and her faculty went on a Bear Hunt to find their missing GPS cubs last Friday. The parade of over 20 vehicles were decorated with messages and stuffed bears. Children of all ages along the route that wended its way through town were delighted to see how much their GPS family of teachers and staff cared about them. Many along the route wore their COVID-19 PPE masks and made sure to practice social distancing.

Photos By Suzanne Bardwell



Bears AD headed to Lobos

By Jim Bardwell

Gladewater ISD AD/Head Football Coach John Berry is headed back to Longview,



JOHN BERRY

accepting a football coaching position with his former boss Longview Lobo Head Coach John King.

In his six years as the Bear's head coach, Berry racked up a 48-21 record.

The Bears were 10-4 last season and made it to the Regional Finals playoff round before losing to Pottsville 34-35 in double OT.

The Bears were 12-2 in 2018, after posting a 2-8 record in 2017 and 8-3 in 2016 and 5-6 in 2015. Berry's first year as head coach resulted in an 11-2 record.

"It was a tough decision to make," Berry said. "We have a great staff in place here (Gladewater). I think we have left the program in better shape than we found it."

Berry said King made him an offer he simply couldn't refuse. He said he plans to continue to live in Gladewater and his wife, Kelly Berry, plans to continue coaching at GISD.

Berry was officially hired as GISD athletic director and head football coach in April 2014. It was the first-ever head coaching job for Berry, who was named the interim AD/Football Coach in mid-January 2014 after long-time

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COVID-19: Guidance for employers, employees, and customers of reopened retail services

On April 17 Governor Greg Abbott signed an Executive Order authorizing the re-opening of retail businesses effective April 24. This guidance is based on the best information currently available and will be updated when appropriate.

"Governor Abbott held a conference call for mayors and judges in Texas at 3 pm Friday, April 17, following the announcements made at noon," said Gladewater Mayor J.D. Shipp. "He provided background for the retail-to-go decision and provided insight on how future orders concerning businesses would be made."

"The Governor and his team decided the restaurant strategy in practice was effective in allowing these businesses to continue to operate while also being sensitive to current mitigation strategy. He also noted that his team found the current level of PPE, hospital bed vacancies, and available ventilators were at a desired capacity to treat this pandemic moving forward. It was consideration of these two factors that led to the decision to allow retail business to open on a to-go or curbside basis on April 24th and as a lead-in to greater discussion of further opening Texas businesses."

"Over the next 10 days (beginning on April 17th), the Governor's Strike Team for re-opening businesses in Texas will study data from

across the nation, state, and counties to determine the best strategies for this process. On April 27, the Governor will announce new orders for select businesses to become effective on May 4th. He stressed that these orders would be developed based on the recommendation of his Strike Force and the 10 day period focused on this issue."

The following guidance is intended for employers, employees, and customers of retail businesses reopening under the Governor's Executive Order issued on April 17. This guidance does not apply to businesses considered essential. This guidance is based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

I am an Employee of a retail business re-opening. What should I do to keep myself and our customers safe?

- All employees must be trained on environmental cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- All employees must be screened before coming into the business for new or worsening cough; shortness of breath; sore throat; loss of taste or smell; feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit; or known close contact with a

person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Any employee who meets any of these criteria should be sent home.

- Upon entering the business, employees must wash or sanitize hands.
- All employees must wear face coverings.
- Employees must maintain at least 6 feet separation from one another.

I am a Customer. How do I purchase and obtain goods from a retail store that has just re-opened?

Customers may purchase items from a retail location for pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep, but may not enter the premises.

Retail to-go:

- All payments should be done over the phone or internet if possible, and contact should be minimized if remote payment is not available.
- Purchased items should be delivered by the employee to

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On-going social distancing has city council meetings looking a lot different these days. Last Thursday Gladewater Mayor J.D. Shipp was the lone council member physically in attendance in the council chamber. Other council members and city officials were in virtual attendance through Zoom Teleconferencing.

At the meeting, the council accepted the financial audit for fiscal year 2019. Karen Jacks, the CPA handling the audit said nothing was found out of order and the city was in good financial shape. The council also approved Gladewater Fire Department applying for a \$500,000 grant for a new fire truck. The 10-percent match for the grant (\$5,000) will be paid for through the Upshur County Emergency Services District, leaving the city with no capital outlay for the grant.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Gladewater ISD Trustees navigate COVID-19

By Suzanne Bardwell

GISD Trustees met Monday night hearing several administrative reports and approving a budget amendment of \$15,414.80 to cover the final expenses of the Broadway Admin campus renovation. The monies were moved from the general fund and covered by the sale of aging and surplus equipment that was sold at online auction earlier this year.

Supt. Sedric Clark reported that over 400 students were being served school meals which are available weekly with students receiving two meals per day for each school day of that week for a total of 10 meals.

The meal service calendar is Monday, April 27, Monday, May 4, Monday, May 11, Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 26. Meal service hours are 10:30 a.m. until noon at the following sites: Clarksville City Baptist Church, GHS, GMS, New Mountain Church and Pritchett Community Center.

Home-based learning will continue throughout the rest of the school year. Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot reported that engaging students in learning through online lessons as well as available paper packet lessons continue to be provided for students at all levels. Dr. Lightfoot said that student work evaluation by teachers was designed to encourage engagement.

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GISD Trustee George Glenn who, as a paramedic understands the importance of avoiding spread of contagion. At Monday's meeting, Glenn, in his Hospitality ER scrubs, had his mask and gloves on. Several other board members also came to the meeting wearing masks as well as superintendent Sedric Clark.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Lessons & Perspective...

Not too long ago, someone remarked that what I was doing was a 'calling'. I quickly told them that I was a 'divinely called' high school teacher, but a working newspaper Girl Friday? Maybe not so much. The more I think about that I am not so sure. Yes, indeed I believe that I was called to teach. But in many ways I still am.

Lately I have been thinking about the lessons that the generations of students I taught hopefully still remember. I also sincerely hope, that through my writing, some of those lessons resonate with our much appreciated readers.

The most important lesson I taught every single year to every single class, and hopefully every single student, was that "if you have the ability to see, to hear, to think, to talk and to walk (or roll), you don't have the right to be bored." I often told my students that if I could wave a magic wand over them and give them one gift, just one, it would be a sense of wonder.

If we are able to maintain our sense of wonder, life remains fresh, new and joyous. So, if I could wave that magic wand over you, dear readers, I would give you the same gift. And, oh what a special gift that would be.

I also tried to teach my students to THINK. Not what to think, but HOW to think. I tried to teach them to 'stand out from the herd' and be independent thinkers. History clearly shows that when we allow others to think for us how easily manipulated we become.

Right now, in the middle of COVID-19 with stressed psyches and finances, many of us are praying we survive with families and businesses in tact. Generally, I avoid sharing Facebook postings, but the one I am going to share with you today is thought-provoking. It is filled with lessons of truth we need to keep in mind to survive this crisis with our perspective, and maybe even a bit of our souls in tact.

WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT ...

(Unknown Author)

I heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial and family crisis.

For some, their work life has been stressful, sad and draining both



Suzanne Bardwell

physically and emotionally. It has shown them the difficulties and horrors of this pandemic. While others feel "it's what you signed up for".

For some that live alone they are facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest and time with their mother, father, sons and daughters.

With the weekly increase in unemployment some are bringing in more money to their households than they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

Some families of four just received \$3,400 from the stimulus while other families of four saw \$0.

Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours a day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours a day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey. Be kind, always.



Ed Sterling
Capital Highlights

Governor's orders move state toward reopening

AUSTIN — In line with signals from the White House to restart the nation's economy, Gov. Greg Abbott on April 17 issued executive orders to move the Lone Star State toward normalizing citizens' activities during the COVID-19 crisis.

Transactions that pose little threat of spreading the deadly virus may reopen using a retail-to-go model beginning April 24, Abbott ordered. On the other hand, schools must remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Teachers will have limited access to campuses for video instruction, to perform administrative duties and to clean out their classrooms, the governor added. In response, the Texas Education Agency issued a statement saying, "While a difficult decision to make, it is the right one for our families and communities, and the only one that makes sense for Texas at this time."

Abbott said he would announce a revised plan for the state on April 27 based on recommendations by his newly appointed Strike Force to Open Texas. The team from the public, private and medical sectors will advise him on safely and strategically reopening the state.

Abbott also issued an order that loosens his March restrictions on non-emergency surgeries. That order was aimed at conserving hospital capacity and personal protective equipment for the COVID-19 response.

Additionally, Abbott reopened state parks effective April 20. His new order requires park visitors to wear face coverings and maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party. Groups are to be no larger than five people.

After Abbott's news conference, Texas House Democratic Caucus Chairman Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, said, "We want the Texas economy to fully reopen as soon as possible, and public health experts agree that can only happen with robust testing in place. When it comes to decisions on how to defeat COVID-19, we have to continue to follow doctors' orders."

"Texas continues to be in the bottom three states when it comes to COVID-19 testing per capita, and Gov. Abbott has failed to provide a clear plan for how Texas will increase testing. ... We need to dramatically increase testing, right now," Turner added.

According to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on April 19, some 18,923 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 477 deaths resulting from the disease had been confirmed.

Sales tax holiday set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is urging Texans to shop online or practice strict social distancing measures for in-store purchases during the April 25-27 sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies.

Hegar noted that the holiday is intended to help Texans prepare for events like hurricanes and spring storms. "Unfortunately, strong spring storms, wildfires and the upcoming hurricane season will still threaten Texans in the months ahead, and so it's important that homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these emergencies," he said.

Hegar recommended that shoppers visiting retailers practice social distancing as described by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The list of tax-free items is established by law. It does not include items such as masks or personal protection equipment, Hegar stressed. More information can be found at comptroller.texas.gov.

Hemp grower licensed

Earlier this month, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced the first Texas industrial hemp license had been issued to a farmer in Killeen.

The license grants the farmer the opportunity to grow hemp in Texas for one year. As a part of the application process, the applicant specified a facility where the hemp will be grown, Miller said.

This first license represents the long-awaited launch of the hemp industry in Texas following the passage of the Farm Bill by Congress in 2018, he added.

Rebuild hits milestone

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on April 15 announced the Texas General Land Office has rebuilt more than 1,000 homes destroyed by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The construction was funded through the Homeowner Assistance Program.

Bush's sights are set on rebuilding 7,000 homes using \$1.334 billion in available Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery, plus an additional \$500 million in Community Development Block Grants for Mitigation that come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

More than 2,500 applicants have been approved for assistance by the General Land Office. An estimated 800 homes are currently under construction, in addition to those completed.

"The GLO's disaster recovery team continues working hard every day to help Texas families rebuild their homes and their lives following one of this nation's largest and most destructive storms," Bush said.

Editorial

The problem with the politicization of 'truth', choosing opinion or politics over fact and science, while falling prey to fallacious information in a political system such as ours, is that it is democracy destroying. When 'fake news' is shouted from the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram mountaintops it begins to undermine information that is necessary to the running of this country.

When information is 'white-washed' or withheld, journalists should ask the hard questions. First, it is what real journalists are called to do, but far more importantly it is because the Founding Fathers, for all their troubled relationships with the press, saw that a free press was absolutely essential to maintaining a democracy.

Freedom of the Press was written into the First Amendment along with Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech and the right to Assemble and Petition the government. Surprising to many, unknown to most, JOURNALISM is the ONLY privately owned business specifically protected in the Constitution of the United States of America. From today's widespread attacks on the press, especially in social media, you sure wouldn't know it.

It is important as consumers of the news that readers, viewers and listeners know WHAT news IS and ISN'T. News reporting may contain analysis and context, but not overt commentary. The 24-hour, seven day a week broadcast 'news' channels are primarily filled with commentary with an agenda. Whether it is MSNBC leaning left or Fox News leaning right we should be smart enough to know the difference between news reporting and editorializing.

But apparently we aren't. It has become open season on journalists. And most of the attacks do not discern between journalists and talking heads or politicians pushing a position. That is not only heartbreaking for those in the business, but frightening. When news that is perceived as critical is labeled 'Fake News' and discredited based simply on the fact that it questions government policy or procedure, it muzzles the press. It also endangers the Founding Fathers' mission of ensuring that the press is the Watchdog of Democracy. As students of government we can not forget that the press is an implied part of the checks and balances written into our Constitution.

When 'media' produced information comes to be controlled by social influencers and policy makers, history will repeat itself and surviving media outlets will become powerful tools of propaganda. It has happened before. The names of the states it happened in should alarm us...Germany, the Soviet Union, Italy, Japan, China...

When the age we are living is now labeled 'Post Truth' we should be more than vigilant. Today, in the 21st century, the worst of ourselves can often be found on 'social media'. The most troubling aspect is that facts apparently become irrelevant and the egotism and self-indulgence of proclaiming our ill-conceived opinions often has a very large platform indeed.

Please, make sure that YOUR voice is informed. That you have looked at ALL sides of an issue. Even those you vehemently disagree with. After all, that is how the United States of America was made



great in the first place. Federalists and Anti-Federalists found a way to create something magnificent from their very divergent points of view. That magnificent creation was the United State of America.

STOP...THINK...and work TOGETHER to tackle the problems before us. No good ever came out of making specific groups scapegoats. History clearly shows us that. And, as we very well know, those who are not students of history are condemned to repeat the mistakes of the past.

Let us commit to working together to not only make America great, but to make ourselves better, more thoughtful, more deliberate, more wise. Therein, lies America's greatness and our own.

Remember?
"We the People, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Our greatness lies with our people. Not just those who think like us, or look like us. And frankly, we have the legacy of flawed, but brilliant Founding Fathers who chose to work together for the good of all. Can we do any less?

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PRAYER SAYS A LOT ABOUT US

You never know where you'll find something that points you back to the Bible. For example, Satchel Paige, the famous baseball Hall-of-Famer once said: "Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines." I don't know what Satchel Paige's other religious beliefs were, but what he said about praying isn't far from the teaching of the Bible.

Many do not realize the Bible doesn't promise us God will hear the desperation prayers of people who day-in and day-out ignore Him. For example, Prov. 28: 9 says, "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination." Psalms 66: 18 says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear." The thought is if we see sin in our heart and do not deal with it before we pray to God, He will not hear. Thus, we must properly deal with our sins if we expect God to answer our prayers. Then, in 1 Pet. 3: 12, it says, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Thus, prayer is not a privilege promised to godless people who have ignored God, but, it is a privilege for Christians. So, in a sense, "Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines," is a good reminder that we shouldn't think we can ignore God and His will for months and years at a time, then expect God to hear our emergency prayers!

E. Stanley Jones said: "Prayer is surrender-surrender to the will of God and cooperation to that will. If I throw out a boat hook from a boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God." Are you on praying terms with God? Think on these things.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman



Gladewater Books owner and Friends of Lee Library President Pete Adams keeps the downtown Little Free Library stocked. The free books are available for adults and children in the box located downtown at the public restrooms and derrick area. Readers are invited to take a book and/or leave a book. The Friends of Lee Library is a non-profit organization which exists to support the un-budgeted needs of Gladewater's Lee Public Library. Friends of Lee Library welcomes donations, honorariums and memorials which may be sent to Friends of Lee Library, 312 W. Pacific Avenue, Gladewater. 75647.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you from a loyal reader

Gladewater Mirror,

I am enclosing my check to renew for one year. I do so enjoy your newspaper especially the column by Suzanne Bardwell. I grew up in Gladewater, graduated from Gladewater High School in 1943. I am the second girl of the five Bagley girls that lived on the Tyler Highway in the Rock House between the Jordans' and Mohans' homes.

I am now 94 years old, so don't get back very often. We (my sister Faye) and I for about 25 years, would go to the school reunion. Maybe, one day I will be able to get back. One more time. If so, I will stop by to say "Hello You All".

In school, my best friends were Dorothy Anderson and Elsie Lou Burnett. We had a great life. My good friends were Dorothy and Tom Anderson, Bobbie and Boogie Modisette, Delight Johnson, Glen White, Barbara and Jack Phillips, Paige Gay, Ralph Weiser, Pat and B.J. Bullard. I miss them all.

Keep the paper coming as it makes so many people happy.

My best,

Juanita Dusse'

(Editor's Note: We so appreciated this letter from a long time reader. It reminds us of the importance of hometown roots and relationships, and that we, the Gladewater Mirror, still serve as a 'tie that binds'.)

Loyal reader shares her thanks

Dear Suzanne,

I miss seeing you at our Oil Patch TRTA meetings. You and Jim will get no rest as you cover the news for us. What a blessing you both are to our communities.

Prayers for your health and peace of mind.

Love,

Gail Marples Meadows

Philippians 1:3

COVID-19:

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the backseat or trunk of the customer's vehicle whenever possible to minimize physical contact with the customer.

- Employees must wash or sanitize their hands after each interaction with a customer, and whenever possible, must disinfect any item that came into contact with the customer.

Retail delivery to customer's doorstep:

- All payments should be done over the phone or internet if possible, and contact should be minimized if remote payment is not available.

- Purchased items should be delivered by an employee or third-party carrier and delivered to the customer's doorstep. The employee or third-party carrier may not enter the customer's house or business.

Retail delivery by mail:

- All payments must be done over the phone or internet.
- Purchased items should be delivered by mail without customer contact.

The customer should wash or sanitize their hands after the transaction.

"I do encourage Gladewater businesses that are not currently open to do so under this new order of the Governor," Shipp said. "For those that are not accustomed to phone or online orders to allow for to-go or curbside pickup, it would be wise to explore this business option and learn to incorporate it in your future business model. We certainly hope we don't encounter another pandemic but providing additional shopping conveniences can add to your competitive edge."

Since the beginning of 2020, oil prices have fallen from the upper \$50s per barrel to \$20 or less. Needless to say, the fallout has



dramatically hit major production areas, including those in Texas.

A recent agreement between OPEC, Russia, the United States, and other nations is a clear step in the right direction, though it won't solve the problem immediately.

Oil markets are in such turmoil due to the combination of (1) plummeting demand as economies around the world shut down due to COVID-19 and (2) rising supply

(and threats of even more) due to the collapse of talks earlier this year among major global oil producers attempting to bring discipline to the market. The inevitable outcome of falling demand and rising supply is declining prices. As I wrote at the time, neither Saudi Arabia nor Russia could remain economically viable at these levels.

The recent deal involves 23 countries agreeing to reduce the global supply of oil by 9.7 million barrels per day, which is about 13% of world production. In addition, new wells in the US and elsewhere won't be brought online, enhancing the effect of the agreement by additional millions of barrels in the not-too-distant future. (Newly fracked wells often exhibit high production

initially but decline quickly; thus, fewer new wells drop production rapidly.) The US was actively involved in brokering the deal.

The agreement is not an immediate solution. The supply reductions, while substantial, are dwarfed by the demand decreases, leaving a glut. In March, demand dropped by 20 million barrels per day. The International Energy Agency is projecting that in April, demand will be 29 million barrels per day lower than a year prior and down to a level last seen in 1995, with May little better. A massive shutdown around the globe obviously has profound short-term implications.

With these declines and storage facilities essentially full, the recent agreement doesn't balance the market. However, it does keep

the supply overhang from getting massively worse. As the economy begins to recover once social distancing and travel prohibitions can be relaxed, oil markets can normalize more quickly.

Demand won't return all at once, but as long as we don't have to shut down the economy again, it shouldn't take long to recover around 10 million barrels per day (roughly 40% of the loss after the virus). With the production cuts, that's enough to get to an orderly market and support the beginnings of a resurgence for the industry.

There was no feasible deal that could have resulted in an immediate balancing of the oil market given the current environment. The recent agreement is not sufficient but is clearly a vital and necessary step.

Gladewater ISD Trustees navigate COVID-19

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"Our teachers are working really hard to make sure we are in touch with students who were at risk of failure in the last marking period to ensure they have the optimum opportunity to recover and succeed," he said.

Dr. Lightfoot also reported that the Texas Education Agency proposal to omit school district ratings due to the current COVID-19 crisis would result in GISD's current rating of 'B' carrying forward.

In other business the board accepted resignations of GHS Math teacher George Kale, fourth grade teacher Vicki Garcia, first grade teacher Elizabeth Lee, kindergarten teacher Heather Tennison and Special Education pre-K teacher Jessica Llewellyn. Ramonda Hawley, fifth grade ELA teacher's contract was approved, as well as new hires, first grade teacher Jennette Branum and GPS Counselor Stuart Sutton.

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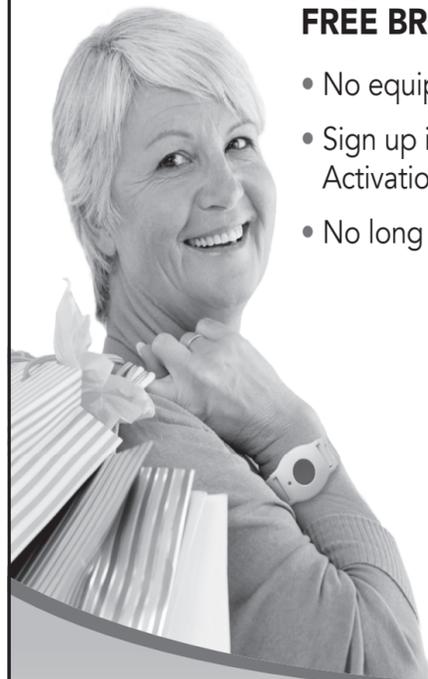


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OBITUARIES

KASEN COLE WATTS

Kasen Cole Watts passed peacefully in the arms of his parents, Dylan and Sydney Watts, on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in Longview, Texas. He was born at 12:04 a.m. and met the eyes of Jesus at 1:36 a.m. the same day. He weighed 15.8 ounces and was 11 inches long. During Kasen's short time on earth, he experienced holding hands with mommy and daddy, hugs and kisses, and being told "I love you" an uncountable amount of times.



In addition to his parents, Kasen is survived by maternal grandparents, Robert and Brandy Holland of Pittsburg; maternal grandparents, Rick and Cori Arevalo of Gladewater; paternal grandparents, Joe and Sissi Watts of Big Sandy; maternal great grandparents, Robert and Jimmie Ann Holland of Longview; maternal great grandparents, Ray and Patricia Newman of Collins, MS; maternal great grandparents, Donald and Tammy Sherrod of Kilgore; maternal great grandparents, Roger and Connie Arevalo of Gladewater; paternal great grandparent Micki Orpineda of Big Sandy; paternal great grandparent Junior Jones of Forney; paternal great grandparents Johnny Ray & Caroline Glasscock of Tyler; aunts and uncles: Amber Lint and husband, Cody, Robert Holland III, Jackson Arevalo, Levi Arevalo, Faith Watts, Trace Watts; cousins, Ryleigh Lint and Reagan Lint; and numerous other relatives and friends.

DEBORAH KAY WILKERSON

Deborah Kay Wilkerson, 67, born in Paris Tx on May 5, 1952 passed away in Longview on April 16, 2020. A private memorial service will be held Friday, April 24, 2020 with services by Wilson Royal Funeral Services of Gladewater.



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Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public: Myth busters

5G mobile networks DO NOT spread COVID-19
Viruses cannot travel on radio waves/mobile networks. COVID-19 is spreading in many countries that do not have 5G mobile networks. COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks. People can also be infected by touching a contaminated surface and then their eyes, mouth or nose.

Exposing yourself to the sun or to temperatures higher than 25C degrees DOES NOT prevent the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
You can catch COVID-19, no matter how sunny or hot the weather is. Countries with hot weather have reported cases of COVID-19. To protect yourself, make sure you clean your hands frequently and thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

You can recover from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Catching the new coronavirus DOES NOT mean you will have it for life.
Most of the people who catch COVID-19 can recover and eliminate the virus from their bodies. If you catch the disease, make sure you treat your symptoms. If you have cough, fever, and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early – but call your health facility by telephone first. Most patients recover thanks to supportive care.

Being able to hold your breath for 10 seconds or more without coughing or feeling discomfort DOES NOT mean you are free from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or any other lung disease.
The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are dry cough, tiredness and fever. Some people may develop more severe forms of the disease, such as pneumonia. The best way to confirm if you have the virus producing COVID-19 disease is with a laboratory test. You cannot confirm it with this breathing exercise, which can even be dangerous.

Drinking alcohol does not protect you against COVID-19 and can be dangerous
Frequent or excessive alcohol consumption can increase your risk of health problems.

COVID-19 virus can be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates
From the evidence so far, the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted in ALL AREAS, including areas with hot and humid weather. Regardless of climate, adopt protective measures if you live in, or travel to an area reporting COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself against COVID-19 is by frequently cleaning your hands. By doing this you eliminate viruses that may be on your hands and avoid infection that could occur by then touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

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Cold weather and snow CANNOT kill the new coronavirus.

There is no reason to believe that cold weather can kill the new coronavirus or other diseases. The normal human body temperature remains around 36.5°C to 37°C, regardless of the external temperature or weather. The most effective way to protect yourself against the new coronavirus is by frequently cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or washing them with soap and water.

FACT: Taking a hot bath does not prevent the new coronavirus disease

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To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquitoes. The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

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How effective are thermal scanners in detecting people infected with the new coronavirus?



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Thermal scanners are effective in detecting people who have developed a fever (i.e. have a higher than normal body temperature) because of infection with the new coronavirus.

However, they cannot detect people who are infected but are not yet sick with fever. This is because it takes between 2 and 10 days before people who are infected become sick and develop a fever.

FACT: No. Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body will not kill viruses that have already entered your body. Spraying such substances can be harmful to clothes or mucous membranes (i.e. eyes, mouth). Be aware that both alcohol and chlorine can be useful to disinfect surfaces, but they need to be used under appropriate recommendations.

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FACT: No. Vaccines against pneumonia, such as pneumococcal vaccine and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccine, do not provide protection against the new coronavirus.

Do vaccines against pneumonia protect you against the new coronavirus?

The virus is so new and different that it needs its own vaccine. Researchers are trying to develop a vaccine against 2019-nCoV, and WHO is supporting their efforts. Although these vaccines are not effective against 2019-nCoV, vaccination against respiratory illnesses is highly recommended to protect your health.



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FACT: No. There is no evidence that regularly rinsing the nose with saline has protected people from infection with the new coronavirus.

Can regularly rinsing your nose with saline help prevent infection with the new coronavirus?

There is some limited evidence that regularly rinsing the nose with saline can help people recover more quickly from the common cold. However, regularly rinsing the nose has not been shown to prevent respiratory infections.



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FACT: Garlic is a healthy food that may have some antimicrobial properties. However, there is no evidence from the current outbreak that eating garlic has protected people from the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Can eating garlic help prevent infection with the new coronavirus?



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Upshur County commissioners re-set early voting dates

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court recently re-scheduled early voting dates for the Republican and Democratic party runoff elections after Gov. Greg Abbott postponed election day to July 14 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The runoffs were originally set for May 26. The GOP ballot has races for two Upshur County offices, pitting Kent Abernathy against Michael Ashley for Precinct 3 county commissioner and incumbent Larry Sewell against David Thompson for Precinct 4 constable.

No Democrats are seeking either office in the Nov. 3 general election, meaning winning the Republican primary is expected to be tantamount to election.

In a March 31 meeting in Gilmer, shown live online since public attendance was restricted, the court re-set early voting for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 6-8, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 9-10, all at County Election Administrator Lory Harle's courthouse office in Gilmer.

In other business, the court approved charging certain county schools seven percent more for having a school resource officer or officers from Sheriff Larry Webb's office. The hike is effective in the coming 2020-21 school year.

Adjusted for salary and benefits, the new fee is \$50,757.68 per officer, a \$3,327.15 hike, said County Auditor Connie Williams. She said the county's contract with schools required notifying them of an

increase by April.

Five of the seven school districts centrally located in the county have one or more such officers: three at Gilmer ISD, two at New Diana, and one each at Ore City, Union Hill and Union Grove.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Frank Berka said the court had already approved pay increases for the officers in its current 2020-21 budget, so the schools would now pay for that. He also said schools would pay more than the court proposed if they used another method of having an on-campus law officer or officers.

Sheriff Larry Webb said this week that part of the fee increase was to cover \$1,200 pay raises the court gave each of the officers.

When Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller asked during the meeting what would happen if a school district said it could not afford the pay hike, County Judge Todd Tefeller replied he thought the district would talk to him or Webb.

Said Precinct 1 Commissioner Paula Gentry, "They (schools) would have to show that they can't" afford the increase.

In other business, the court approved a resolution supporting its application for a state grant to renovate the 83-year-old courthouse--funds the county has sought for several years. The resolution applies to round 11 for seeking such funds.

Tefeller said the document was needed "to keep our hat in the ring" for the grant, and that he guessed the county's matching share

of any state funding would be 10 percent. He also said he understood Upshur is among four counties vying for a total of \$25 million, and understood that the county has been working on the matter since 2002.

Noting the five-story courthouse's age, Tefeller said, "We can't afford not to do this (seek the grant)" although "I've been told not to get your hopes up." He said one factor that hurts Upshur in seeking the funds is that Gilmer does not have many historical houses.

If the project takes place, he said, county offices in the building must temporarily move elsewhere while the restoration is progresses.

The court also approved a resolution seeking a state grant to continue funding the Upshur County Family Violence Intervention Program Project, under which Assistant District Attorney Rebecca J. (Becky) Ojeman prosecutes such cases.

Commissioners additionally proclaimed April as "Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month," allowing the county's Child Protective Services workers to place pinwheels and other items on the courthouse lawn to represent youngsters in foster care.

Kim Rankin of CPS told the court the county's unit of her agency has 122 foster children in its care. Tefeller placed a stuffed animal in one of the windows of the court's meeting room to cheer such youngsters.

In other business, the court approved trading in an old haul trailer from the Road and Bridge Department for a 55-ton 2020 model trailer from Brazos Trailers in Wills Point.

County Road Administrator Andy Jordan said total cost to the county after receiving \$5,800 on the trade-in was \$49,999, so the court was not legally required to seek bids since those are only mandatory on purchases of \$50,000 or more.

The court's meeting appeared live on Facebook since attendance was restricted due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and a citizen sent in an online complaint that Road and Bridge crew members were working less than six feet apart (thus not practicing the social distancing recommended by the government). Tefeller responded that "what Mr. Jordan does is not a social gathering"--a reference to the 10-person limit on those imposed by Gov. Greg Abbott--and that "if there's anybody that's concerned" about workers' health, it was the road administrator.

Upshur now has 10 COVID-19 cases

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefeller told the county commissioners court last week that the county has nine confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus--a number which he announced had risen to 10.

The latest case involved a 48-year-old woman, the second confirmed case involving a Gilmer city resident, Tefeller announced.

During the meeting in Gilmer, he said the nine cases confirmed to that point included two in the Upshur County portion of Gladewater, one each in Big Sandy and Gilmer, and five in various parts of the county, including one in the unincorporated Diana community.

Tefeller also said one of the cases in the county was initially wrongly thought to involve a Gilmer city resident. County Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols indicated that error stemmed from the person having two addresses, and confusion arising over where the individual would be quarantined.

Texas State Parks reopen for day-use

Texas State Parks began reopening for day-use only April 20 as part of a broader effort to begin reopening the state of Texas. Per Governor Abbott's direction, new restrictions in effect include requiring visitors to wear face coverings and maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

"As we navigate through these challenging times, it is essential that outdoor experiences and opportunities are available for Texas families. We have been diligently working with our partners in local communities across the state to help safeguard our state park visitors, volunteers and staff when they return to Texas State Parks," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "During the temporary closure, our State Parks team has been cleaning and sanitizing park facilities, addressing routine maintenance projects, and ensuring requisite safety protocols are in place to ensure visitors have the best possible experience."

Due to limited staffing, weather conditions and continuing construction projects, some state parks will not be open at the current time. Park visitors should check the Texas State Parks Alert Map regularly for the latest information about the status of individual parks. The resumption of overnight camping will be announced to the public once a date has been determined.

TPWD recommends visitors continue to adhere to local, state and federal travel restrictions and other guidance for safety and social distancing before traveling. Additionally, visitors are required to

pre-purchase and print day-use permits through the Texas State Parks Reservation System before traveling to a park. Day-use reservations can be made online at www.texasstateparks.org or by calling 512-389-8900.

Visitors planning on coming to a state park are encouraged to bring all necessary provisions, such as hand sanitizer and face masks, with them in order to help local businesses have enough goods to properly serve their communities during this time. This will also help park staff have necessary supplies available for all guests during their stay.

Anyone traveling to a Texas State Park should continue to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) public health recommendations and adhere to strict social distancing and cleanliness standards while in public spaces. Those traveling to parks in rural areas should remember possible limits on available resources and local health care capacities.

Operational changes still in effect at parks include the suspension of all transactions at parks, equipment rentals and in-person interpretive programs. All group-use facilities, visitor and nature centers, headquarters and other enclosed spaces where people congregate will also remain closed.

Texas State Park Passes can now be purchased online through the reservation system or over the phone by calling the Texas State Park Customer Service Line at 512-389-8900. For guidance troubleshooting issues with the reservation system or using Texas State Park Passes online, visit the reservation help page on the TPWD website.

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	ASSIST	202002145	3:28	ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH	2800 W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202002146	4:42		511 VISTA VISTA LN
	ALARM/OTHER	202002148	6:16	CITY NATIONAL BANK	865 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	ASSIST	202002152	8:29	ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH	2800 W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	THEFT	202002153	8:44	FOAMING BRUSH CAR WASH	402 LEE LEE
	FIRE DEPT	202002154	9:08		E LAKE E LAKE
	THEFT	202002155	9:13	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	BURGLARY/BUILDING	202002160	13:24		911 S TYLER S TYLER
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	EMS	202002177	5:19	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002216	12:24		500 JEANETTE JEANETTE
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	THEFT	202002228	20:19	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	EMS	202002297	20:54		512 W JEANETTE JEANETTE
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	ASSAULT CLASS A	202002299	22:08	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
4/20/20	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003000	0:02		305 AMES AMES ST

GPD ARREST REPORT

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
4/18/20	4/18/20	21:30	ROGERS, RYAN TILTON	A	M	POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PG 1 >= 1G < 4G	2028 EAST LAKE DR
	4/18/20	21:30	ROGERS, RYAN TILTON	A	M	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA < 2OZ	2028 EAST LAKE DR
	4/18/20	21:30	ROGERS, RYAN TILTON	A	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	2028 EAST LAKE DR
4/19/20	4/19/20	0:12	SPENCER, JAMECEIA AKAYSHA	B	F	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	400 W UPSHUR
	4/19/20	0:12	SPENCER, JAMECEIA AKAYSHA	B	F	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	400 W UPSHUR

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Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Bears AD headed to Lobos

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friend Jerrod Baugh resigned. Berry had a long and successful career as an assistant coach at Longview under John King, in fact, Berry and Baugh were on the Lobos coaching staff before Baugh was named AD/Football Coach at Gladewater in 2010.

Berry was also an assistant coach at three schools in Louisiana, Ouachita High School, West Ouachita High School and Oak Grove High, where he was at a program that won two state championships.

With the school year shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Berry said he will be able to start work at Longview in May.

He said he has spoken with his GHS staff, as well as GISD Superintendent Sedric Clark about the coaching move and plans to contact his players later this week.

As for his replacement, Berry said there are a number of good candidates on his current coaching staff, but figured the GISD school board will want to interview others outside the system to make sure they get the right person for the job.

"I am confident Gladewater will continue to win and will have a successful program," Berry said.



Coach Berry explains what is needed during a game.

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Farmers to get up to \$250,000 in coronavirus cash, with more possible

Farmers will get cash payments of up to \$250,000 apiece — possibly more, depending on the rules — to survive an estimated 20% drop in farm income this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. President Trump announced \$16 billion in direct agricultural aid and said additional money might be spent this summer to bolster the sector.

In addition, the government will spend \$3 billion to buy fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat, which will then be donated to food banks and other charities. The food donations will include a form of the harvest box that the administration has repeatedly proposed.

Market prices for most agricultural commodities dropped sharply as the pandemic spread worldwide; wheat and rice are exceptions because of panic buying. Low prices are forecast to persist for months. Stay-at-home orders disrupted processing and marketing channels by shutting down restaurant sales. Meatpackers slowed production at some plants or closed them

temporarily for sanitization or because of illness and absenteeism.

"I'm announcing ... a \$19 billion relief program for our great farmers and ranchers as they cope with the fallout of the global pandemic," said Trump at the White House on Friday. The USDA will receive additional funding in July "to continue help" to producers, he said.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the USDA would move as quickly as possible to write the rules for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, accept applications, and issue checks. "I'm hoping we can get checks out by the end of May."

Perdue told reporters, "I do anticipate we will need additional money" beyond the \$19 billion announced on Friday.

Farmers and ranchers will be eligible for up to \$125,000 per commodity with an overall payment limit of \$250,000 per person or entity, said the USDA. The only ineligible people would be those with more than \$900,000 in adjusted gross income and those who get more than 25% of their



income outside of agriculture.

The payment limits are double the cap set by Congress for traditional farm subsidies and may be as porous, said critics. Spouses are automatically eligible for crop subsidies, so married couples can collect twice as much as the individual payment limit.

The USDA has not decided if spouses will be eligible automatically for coronavirus aid. If they are, the limit per farm couple would be \$500,000. If producers are partners in other farming entities, they could receive money from federal payments to those entities.

Cattle producers would get nearly a third of the coronavirus

money, \$5.1 billion, according to North Dakota Senator John Hoeven, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on agriculture. Row-crop farmers would get \$3.9 billion, dairy farmers \$2.1 billion, specialty crop growers \$2.1 billion, hog farmers \$1.6 billion, and producers of other crops \$500 million, he said. The USDA provided little beyond the top-line numbers on Friday and said details of the program would be announced later.

"Critical details" are lacking to assure the money is distributed as specified by Congress, said Eric Deeble of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, a small-farm advocate.

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