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FBC prayer gathering Thursday at all GISD campuses

First Baptist Church Pastor Bailey Harris has announced a Thursday, May 7, noon social distancing observed gathering on each of GISD campuses to pray for students and staff in observance of the National Day of Prayer. Individuals participating will not be expected to pray publicly and there will be a leader at each campus to facilitate prayers. All attendees will be standing six feet apart and there will be no hand holding. First Baptist Church members who are able will stay after the prayer gathering to pick up trash, landscape cleaning and weed pulling.

Poll shows voters trust how local leaders are handling pandemic

TYLER – The University of Texas at Tyler announced today that a recent election poll by the UT Tyler Center for Opinion Research, in conjunction with The Dallas Morning News, indicates Texas voters appreciate and trust local leaders for their efforts to keep communities safe during the pandemic. The survey also indicates the severity of the pandemic is not causing voters to blame political leaders.

"The public is most comfortable interacting in our communities in the ways in which our leaders have approved," said Dr. Mark Owens, UT Tyler assistant professor of political science, who conducted the poll. "Across a series of questions, we found respondents are more likely to feel comfortable visiting friends and family members in their home (+6 percent), getting food from a restaurant (+5 percent) and returning to work (+2 percent) once public spaces and businesses re-open."

Presently, 56 percent of the respondents would feel comfortable shopping at retail stores "curbside," but the percentage of those comfortable shopping dropped by 21 percent when we asked if they would shop inside the store after they open, he added.

Findings from the poll show that 68 percent of voters approve of how their local leaders have handled the coronavirus outbreak in Texas. Voters across the state also approve of how Gov. Greg Abbott has responded to the coronavirus, with broad bipartisan support (46 percent among Democrats, 57 percent among Independents, 86 percent among Republicans).

Sporting Events

As movie theaters reopen with 25 percent capacity, the next big question is will Texans feel comfortable going back to watch sports if fans are allowed to attend. The clear answer was no, with only about 20 percent of the respondents indicating any level of comfort to attend football games (19 percent), baseball games (19 percent), basketball games (18 percent), racing (17 percent) or soccer matches (17 percent). In each case, the majority of respondents indicated they would be extremely uncomfortable sitting in the stands in the near future, according to Owens.

Travel

The survey results also suggest Texans won't be traveling soon. A majority of respondents indicated they do not plan to fly on an airplane until after July 30. Eighty-four percent of those who will travel by air will do so for vacation. Of those vacations only 29 percent of people might rebook the same trip and 82 percent of people will wait more than four weeks after the coronavirus is over to take that vacation.

Voting

When asked how voters would prefer to vote in upcoming elections, 37 percent of voters would prefer to request an absentee ballot to avoid the risk of contracting the coronavirus. As the courts determine whether the coronavirus is a valid reason to vote

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Margaret Larkins owner of Gladewater Antique Mall was ready for customers Friday on the first day businesses were officially allowed to open per Gov. Greg Abbott's COVID-19 guidelines. Larkins said that she had about 40 customers and had sanitized the doors after each entry ensure her customers' safety. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Rodeo still on for June 10-13

Alternate date being explored if COVID-19 situation persists

It's almost Rodeo Time in Gladewater, Texas! And even with all the COVID-19 troubles in the world, the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo plans to ride into town June 10 - 13, at the Gladewater Rodeo Arena.

Gladewater Rodeo officials are in constant contact with the PRCA regarding the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, at this time, there is no expected change to the 2020 Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo schedule, except for Saturday's popular Gladewater Handicapable Rodeo for children and people with special needs. Due to health concerns for the children the rodeo board has decided to drop this even from the schedule.

But all the high-flying action will be held - starting on Wednesday, June 10, with a full night of XTreme Bulls, followed by three nights of PRCA rodeo excitement Thursday, June 11 - Saturday, June 13. Gates open nightly at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the 83rd Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo are \$16 for adults / \$8 for kids (12 and under) and can be purchased online at

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East Texas stores reopen while COVID-19 cases climb

By Phillip Williams and Jim Bardwell

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Upshur County and Gregg County had risen to 15 for Upshur and 97 for Gregg as of Monday.

Since the state conducted testing for the virus on Wednesday of last week at the Gilmer Civic Center, Upshur County Judge Todd Tefeller said in an email that "We look for that number to increase some. I'll post those results as soon as we have them."

As of Monday afternoon, the number remained at 15 - eight of whom were confirmed to have recovered and been released from treatment, while the other seven have been instructed to stay home, said County Extension Agent Julie York, a member of the county's advisory committee on the public health crisis.

Of Gregg County's 97, 44 people have recovered. Gladewater had no positive cases, according to Mayor J.D. Shipp.



92-year old Marie Hoffer's family turned out with three generations to celebrate their matriarch at last Friday's Legend Oaks family parade. Great-granddaughter Audrey Henderson, granddaughter Jamie Henderson and daughter Ida Parson along with her husband Mike, decked out their car in style to honor their loved one. Photos By Suzanne Bardwell

Legend Oak Nursing and Rehab Center's staffing coordinator LaTonya Bailey and 101-year old resident Pearlle Johnson enjoy the family and friends parade held last Friday morning so that residents and family members could see each other from a safe distance despite the COVID-19 restrictions that do not allow visitors at nursing homes because of the risk.



FEMCO Spencer Harris leaving Gladewater location

It was announced in April that the FEMCO - Spencer Harris Facility based in Gladewater, TX will cease operations permanently.

FEMCO Holdings, LLC will continue to operate its existing five locations based in Colorado, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, continuing to support its existing customers and OEM's through these locations, according to Brad H. Kerkhoff, Vice President, Sales & Marketing.

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absentee, the survey found that 58 percent of voters would support such a change.

2020 Election

Lastly, the poll revealed a number of important changes regarding which of the candidates voters prefer. In the race for president, President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, are statistically tied, with both receiving 43 percent.

"It still looks like most voters are continuing to focus on the top of the ticket, but Sen. John Cornyn holds similar leads over both potential Democratic challengers, +13 percent against M.J. Hegar or +11 percent against state Sen. Royce West," Owens said.

In the run-off election to determine the Democratic nominee for the US Senate, Hegar holds a 16 percent lead over West.

This is the third of six polls in collaboration with The Dallas Morning News to bring readers summaries of Texas voters' preferences leading up to the 2020 presidential election.

Methodology

The Dallas Morning News/UT Tyler poll reflects a statewide random sample of 1,187 adult residents during the 10 days between April 18 and April 27. The mixed mode sample includes 192 residents who were contacted by random phone calls to registered voters and 995 residents that were randomly selected from a panel of registered voters that have opted-in to take surveys through a company called Dynata. The online and phone surveys were conducted in English and Spanish.

The data were weighted to be representative of the Texas adult population.

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Governor's order reopens many businesses on limited basis

AUSTIN — An executive order issued by Gov. Greg Abbott to reopen in-store retail shopping, dine-in restaurants, movie theaters, museums, libraries and more took effect May 1 and will continue through May 15.

As Texas, the rest of the United States and the world's nations seek to balance cries for increased commercial activity — and the jobs that result — while also containing the spread of the deadly influenza-like virus, COVID-19, Abbott's order allows most venues to operate at up to 25% of their total listed occupancy with certain other conditions applying.



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For example, shopping malls may operate at up to 25% of their total listed occupancy. However, their food-court dining areas, play areas and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.

Abbott's order, in accordance with guidelines issued by White House and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, reminds Texans that schools remain closed to in-person classroom attendance by students through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Meanwhile, teachers and staff are encouraged to continue to work remotely from home if possible but may return to campuses to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties under strict terms required by the Texas Education Agency. Also, private schools and institutions of higher education are urged to establish similar terms to allow faculty and staff to return to campuses to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties when it is not possible to do so from home.

Notably, the order does not prohibit people from accessing essential or reopened services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential or reopened services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing or engaging in physical activity like jogging, bicycling or other outdoor sports, "so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household."

The complete executive order is available at gov.texas.gov.

Cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on May 3 showed that some 31,548 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 867 deaths had been confirmed as resulting from the influenza-like virus.

PBS, TEA launch initiative

The Texas Education Agency and PBS television stations on April 21 announced a joint initiative to air educational programming each week in each of Texas' 10 PBS viewing areas during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programming commenced statewide on April 20 through the "At-Home Learning Initiative" that preempts regularly scheduled weekday programming with grade-level-appropriate programming divided into three age groups: Pre-K through 3rd grade, 5th through 8th grade, and high school.

"This joint initiative between TEA and PBS stands to benefit all students as they work each day to navigate uncharted waters and continue to do their best to learn and grow as students and individuals," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

Revenue total decreases

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 1 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.58 billion in April, an amount 9.3% less than the amount reported in April 2019, marking the steepest decline since January 2010.

The majority of April sales tax revenue is based on sales made in March and remitted to the state comptroller in April. Next month's remittances likely will show steeper declines compared to a year ago because of the shuttering of businesses related to COVID-19 and plummeting oil prices throughout April, Hegar added.

Benefits may continue

The Texas Workforce Commission on April 30 issued new guidance to unemployment claimants concerning their eligibility for unemployment benefits should they choose not to return to work due to COVID-19.

The TWC said Texans can continue to receive unemployment benefits throughout the COVID-19 response if they choose not to return to work for certain reasons, including:

- At High Risk: People 65 years or older are at a higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19;
- Household member at high risk: People 65 years or older are at a higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19;
- Diagnosed with COVID: Individual has tested positive for COVID-19 by a source authorized by the State of Texas and is not recovered;

From the rock...

Selfless and determined, my 5' nothing mother has been my hero all of my life. My earliest memory is of her working with my severely handicapped brother doing physical therapy while playing school with me. I was at my pegboard desk and she had me playing not student, but teacher.

My mother taught me that I could do anything, be anything, survive anything. What a gift she gave me. I also watched her work, hard, really hard, beside my father on a 750 acre ranch. She drove tractors, hauled hay, worked cattle and eventually also had a 'town' job as a middle school secretary where generations of pre-adolescent kids gained a surrogate mom or grandmother, as did many young teachers.

One of the most important life lessons I watched play out in my parents' lives was a passionate marriage filled with love, teasing and partnership. Those two strong personalities could also pull in two different directions. I learned that it was okay to disagree, to think differently and come from different places and still love with a depth that writes the future of children.

As our grandparents aged, I watched my Mother bring my much loved Nanny, Mom's much loved mother-in-law, into her home and tenderly care for her. I watched her care for her parents and handicapped brother. I watched her care for my Daddy in their home until she leaned into his ear after a very long struggle and tell him it was okay. She would be okay. She would love him forever and see him soon. That was a searingly painful decade ago.

All of the things that matter most in this life I learned from my mother, and my father. My mother gave me a belief in myself that was unwavering because the foundation was her belief in me. Her rock solid faith has guided her through heartbreak after heartbreak as it does many people. But her rock was the one mine was cut from. And so, my mother's faith gave birth to my own.

Mary Juanita Brown is a gifted woman of great intelligence and great depth. She is also a gifted grandmother who loves our only child and taught him a host of life lessons along with how to drive a truck in a pasture, on a farm-to-market road and eventually, his MiMi into town. The wings our adventurous son has are without a doubt generational.

I am sure that my 92-year old mother is reading in her iBook as this is written. Probably the book of Daniel as she rocks, stopping to nap and pray for her adventurous family who still rely on her prayers. My older brother left us when he was 41 living far beyond his life expectancy.

Suzanne Bardwell



My younger brother is a Texas Tech University agronomist (plant and soil scientist). I am the intrepid hometown newspaper girl who had a 33-year calling as a high school teacher and married her adventurous, and very handsome church camp sweetheart. Today, our adventurous son is headed to Ozona where there is a huge outbreak of COVID-19. He will be fighting wildfire from a helicopter. I am counting on Mom's prayers for my son, for our family, for our business. She is counting on me to be the best I can be despite whatever life sends my way. And, of course, I can not possibly let her down.

So, today, thank you Mom for life, thank you for all I learned, thank you for all you have done. You truly wrote your children's lives through your steadfast love. Happiest of Mother's Days!



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

State Budgets

States have begun to announce major projected budget shortfalls. Some estimates put the national total at \$500 billion. The COVID-19



pandemic has not only decreased revenues, but also increased the need for state spending.

The result is large gaps and looming calamity. Many states are asking the federal government to include relief in future stimulus packages. Some leaders in Washington have even suggested that states file for bankruptcy, but that has many adverse and disruptive consequences and is likely unconstitutional.

In Texas, total State revenue

in fiscal 2018 was nearly \$120.2 billion. Of that amount, 46% came from taxes. The other 53.7% is mostly federal income (33.0% of total revenue), with a variety of categories including licenses and fees, lottery proceeds, and land income comprising the remainder.

The retail sales tax accounted for nearly 27% of total revenue for the year. Other large sources of funds were motor vehicle sales taxes (4%), motor fuels taxes (3%), and franchise taxes (3%). With the economy basically shut down for weeks on end and only reopening gradually, all of these revenue streams are down drastically. While people are still buying food, it is generally tax exempt (as are medicines).

Simultaneously, falling oil prices are decreasing severance taxes on oil and natural gas production.

Such reductions primarily affect the state's Economic Stabilization (Rainy Day) Fund and State Highway Fund, but also decrease general revenue.

Looking at where Texas spends money, the largest category by a wide margin is public assistance payments (including Medicaid), with outlays of \$45.4 billion in fiscal 2019. Intergovernmental payments totaled \$27.8 billion and include funds for schools, among other things. Other notable categories include salaries and wages, employee benefits, highway construction and maintenance, professional services and fees, and many other areas directly improving the wellbeing of Texans.

Even as revenues plummet across a broad spectrum, pressure on outlays will rise. With about

1.3 million initial jobless claims filed over the past few weeks, the need for social assistance is rapidly rising as people are out of work and under financial duress. Tax revenues to local entities have also fallen even as needs escalate.

Fortunately for Texas, the State's Rainy Day Fund has been growing well over the past decade, totaling \$12.5 billion about a year ago and continuing to increase (thanks primarily to strong growth in oil production prior to the recent price collapse). The legislature also typically builds in a little cushion in the biennial budgets. Nonetheless, it's not a good situation, and it's likely to get substantially worse. It will be terrifically challenging, but Texas is in a much better position to weather the crisis than most, irrespective of what the Federal government does. Be safe!!

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WHAT PARENTS CAN AND CANNOT DO

I read the following remarks by a parent to a child. The parent said: "I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you. I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn. I can give you directions, but I cannot always be there to lead you. I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe. I can teach you right from wrong, but I can't always decide for you. I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you. I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish. I can teach you respect, but I can't force you to show honor: I can advise you about morality, but I cannot keep you pure."

As I reflected on those true words they reminded me that there really is much parents cannot do. We cannot live life for our children. We cannot make them learn or always be there to lead them. We cannot make them believe or always decide to do what is right. We cannot make them unselfish or insure their purity.

But, while it is true that there is much parents cannot do for their children, there is, on the other hand, much that we can and must do for them. For example, while it is true we cannot live our children's life for them, it is also true that by proper teaching and example we can show them how they ought to live. (Eph. 6: 4). We cannot choose right from wrong for them, but we certainly can make sure that they are taught the truth, and that some things really are right and other things are wrong, so they may be able to distinguish between the two. (Heb. 5: 14).

Yes, it's true, that there is much parents cannot do, but what is so sad today, is not that parents cannot live life for their children, but that many parents are doing so little that they could be doing to prepare their children for life now and in eternity. Think on these things.

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Financial donations are greatly appreciated and may be mailed to: Manna House, P. O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647.

County to improve 4.1-miles of Union Grove roads

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court last Thursday approved an interlocal agreement under which the city of Union Grove paid the county \$320,000 to improve up to 4.1 miles of roads in city limits.

Union Grove Mayor Randy Simcox, who arranged the deal under executive authority and brought a cashier's check to the meeting, told the court he had been mayor for 32 years and "I (have) been saving about 32 years for it" (the road work.)

County Road Administrator Andy Jordan said that weather permitting, the work should take only a week, and County Judge Todd Tefeller said the agreement stipulates it will be completed within 90 days from when the court approved it. The agreement, however, makes provision for adding on days due to the COVID-19 pandemic or bad weather, Tefeller added.

The judge said he would ask County Auditor Connie Williams to keep the funds in a separate line in the county budget for the project, and that the roads in worst condition would be improved first. Jordan said he planned to pulverize some of the roadways, stabilize their bases and install a two-inch overlay.

Simcox said two exits to Union Grove Road "direly need" work. The funding is paying for materials, which Jordan estimated would cost \$310,000 to \$320,000, while the county provides the labor. He said any leftover monies would be left in a fund "for future repairs to those roads."

Plans originally called for additional road improvements outside city limits in the city's "extraterritorial jurisdiction," but Tefeller said Simcox had determined he (the mayor) lacked authority for that.

Jordan thanked Simcox and the court for approving the deal, while Tefeller thanked Jordan for the work his Road and Bridge Department has done during the virus outbreak.

(Due to the pandemic, this was the court's fourth straight meeting to be shown live online since attendance was restricted to department

heads, their designees and those receiving permission from Tefeller, including a representative of *The Mirror*.)

In other business last week, the court authorized seeking \$2.28 million in grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation to improve six county-maintained roads damaged by oil exploration.

While the county will spend \$452,000 on the roads, and the state will reimburse 90 percent of that since Upshur is considered an economically disadvantaged county, Jordan told the court "you always want to apply for way more" since "that way, they (state officials) can see how bad we need it."

After the meeting, he said the court was seeking more than the 90 percent of the \$452,000 just in case the state decided to award more. During the meeting, however, Tefeller said "it'd be a cold day in August, probably" before the county received \$2 million in the first round of such grants.

Jordan told commissioners funds were once allocated for roads damaged by both oil exploration and road production, but that the rules were changed to exclude production.

Roads scheduled for work under the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund grant include Seagull and part of Silk Tree, both in precinct one; and Orange, Mulberry, and portions of Lemon and Cottonwood, all in precinct three. Jordan said recently, however, he will attempt to spend roughly the same amount of funds on each of the county's four precincts in his department's overall budget.

Also last Thursday, the court approved the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce's request to place "Shop Local First" banners on county-owned property. Commissioners authorized one sign each at the county courthouse and Rock Building, both in Gilmer, and the Road and Bridge Department, just outside city limits.

Tefeller expressed concern that the court would create a "slippery slope when you turn your courthouse yard into an open forum." Precinct 3 Commissioner Frank Berka raised the possibility of placing four signs at the downtown courthouse, one on each corner, but voted for the motion to place one each at three sites.

In other business, the court approved declaring certain items from the county library as salvage if no department head needs them, and if any are left over from being auctioned.

County Librarian Cynthia King, who proposed declaring the wooden bookshelves, tables and chairs as salvage, said she would email department heads before auctioning anything.

"We may have some other needs for them," Tefeller said of the items.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson said anything which department heads do not want must be put up for auction before it can be declared as salvage.

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Apron Strings is a downtown Gladewater Historic Antique District display tradition. The aprons are hung on Mother's Day week with a look at the history of the apron from necessity to accessory, as well as to honor those who wore them. These aprons were on display this past weekend at Gladewater Antique Mall on Commerce Street.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



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WEDNESDAY
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OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN RICHEY

Private graveside services were held for Mrs. Kathleen Richey, 91, of Kilgore under the direction of Rader Funeral Home Kilgore. Mrs. Richey passed away April 30, 2020 in Longview.

Kathleen was born June 1, 1928, in Wink, Texas to William Oscar Alexander and Coy Lane Alexander. She was an avid diner at both Texas Traditions and The Circle Cafe in Kilgore. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl Earl Richey; and son, David Wayne Richey.

Kathleen is survived by her two sons; William Clayton Richey and Phillip Earl Richey, both of Kilgore; six grandchildren, Scott Richey and wife Wendy of Kilgore, Chad Richey of California, Angie Torres and husband Archie of Longview, Lisa Richey of Kilgore, Lori Winkelman and husband Mike of Katy, and Shawna Richey of San Antonio; numerous great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter Lilita Welch; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Online condolences may be left at raderfuneralhome.com

Local tax office now open

The Gregg County Tax office at Gladewater City Hall is back open for business.

Kirk Shields, Gregg County Tax Assessor-Collector, said Monday the office, which had been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is not open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The tax office is located at 519 E. Broadway.

As reported last week, Gladewater area taxpayers needing to do Upshur County business can resume using the Gladewater annex.

Upshur County Tax Assessor-Collector Luana Howell announced Monday she is lengthening the hours for her Gilmer office to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

County offices had been closed to the public at noon for several weeks under an order from the county commissioners court.

In an email announcing the new hours, Howell did not say whether she was re-opening the Gladewater and Diana branches of her office, which have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Job site

New Word

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How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Building
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FRENCH: Édifice
GERMAN: Gebäude

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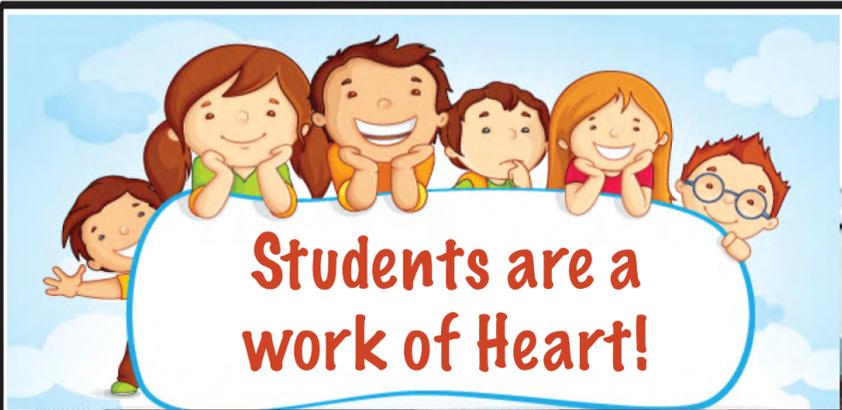
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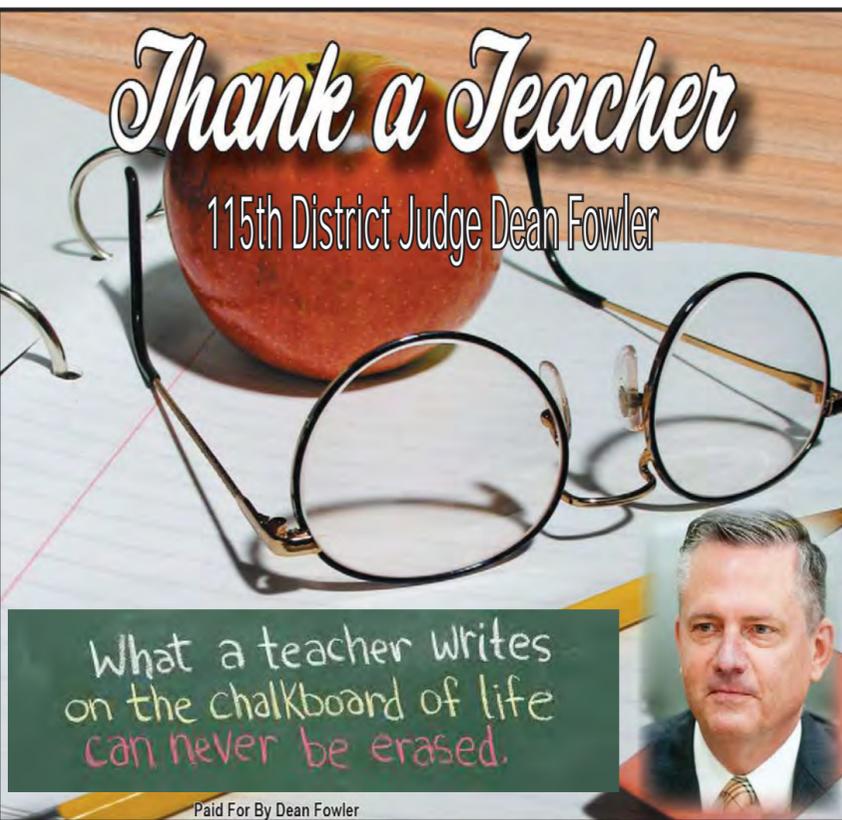
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CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
4/26/20	MISCELLANEOUS	202002439	0:53	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002441	3:33	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	202002442	5:02		105 N PAUL PAUL
	ASSIST	202002443	10:52		414 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202002444	14:13	BODACIOUS BBQ	1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202002445	15:38	VICTORY TEMPLE	415 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002446	15:47		205 S MILL MILL
	ABANDONED 911	202002447	16:00		506 N POST POST
	FIRE DEPT	202002448	16:05		2316 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	202002449	16:08		509 S MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202002450	16:10		701 ELEANOR ELEANOR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202002451	16:58		507 N POST POST
	ALARM/OTHER	202002452	17:13		1002 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002453	17:32		OLD LONGVIEW OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	ABANDONED 911	202002454	18:47		
	ALARM/OTHER	202002455	19:07		1506 N FULTON FULTON
	ALARM/OTHER	202002456	19:19		105 N PAUL PAUL
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002457	19:19		1200 N SHELL SHELL
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202002458	20:33	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	202002459	21:38		1400 N LYNN LYNN
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202002460	22:15	TEXAS TRADITIONS	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ASSIST	202002461	0:05	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEYS MONEY ST
4/27/20	EMS	202002463	8:43	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202002464	8:47	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202002465	9:14		2455 WILLOW OAK WILLOW OAK RD
	ALARM/OTHER	202002466	9:47		410 MONEYS MONEY
	FIRE DEPT	202002467	9:52		220 GODFREY GODFREY
	ASSIST	202002468	10:31		5 MCKAIG MCKAIG CIR
	ASSIST	202002469	13:18		UPSHUR UPSHUR
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	202002470	13:26		117 N FERRY N FERRY
	10-50 MINOR	202002471	13:54		E BROADWAY E BROADWAY
	EMS	202002472	14:00		833 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002473	15:24	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002475	16:40	ABC AUTO PARTS	705 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202002476	17:31		
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002477	17:36		1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	ALARM/OTHER	202002478	18:03	WALKER PHARMACY	402 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002479	18:10	CITY NATIONAL BANK	895 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002480	18:16		GAY GAY
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002481	18:22		106 N LYLE LYLE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202002482	18:53		VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	FIRE DEPT	202002483	22:13		QUEEN QUEEN ST
4/28/20	ALARM/OTHER	202002484	7:18	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202002485	7:50	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202002486	7:57		833 N MAIN MAIN
	10-50 MAJOR	202002487	8:35		RODEO RODEO
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202002488	9:29		115 N PAUL N PAUL
	MISSING PERSON	202002489	10:33	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202002491	15:40		515 GODFREY GODFREY ST
	THEFT	202002492	16:37	KINDER MORGAN	GREGGORY GREGGORY LN
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002493	16:59	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	CRIM MIS	202002494	18:09		401 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	ALARM/OTHER	202002495	19:34	CASH AMERICA PAWN #552	207 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002496	21:46		QUEEN QUEEN ST
	ASSIST	202002497	22:06		W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002498	22:48		1104 LYNN LYNN ST
4/29/20	ALARM/OTHER	202002500	1:05	AARONS SALES & LEASE	1412 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202002501	1:39		218 PYEATT PYEATT
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002502	2:34		313 SUNSET SUNSET
	ALARM/OTHER	202002503	6:21		314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202002504	8:52		2113 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	EMS	202002505	9:05		903 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	202002506	9:52		501 SPENCER SPENCER
	ALARM/OTHER	202002507	11:11		105 N PAUL N PAUL
	ASSIST	202002508	11:59	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202002509	13:30		1809 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	202002510	13:53		224 W HULL HULL
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202002511	14:25	FAMILY CLEANERS	201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002512	16:35		W GAY GAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202002513	16:43	ANYTIME FITNESS	603 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202002514	17:27		2418 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS ST
	ASSIST	202002515	17:51		1003 NORTH NORTH ST
	ASSIST	202002516	19:13		PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	EMS	202002517	19:36		JULIAWOOD HOMES JULIAWOOD HOMES
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	202002518	19:59		534 NORTH NORTH ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002519	19:57		312 W GREGG GREGG ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202002521	20:20	WARD PLAZA	501 N AMES AMES ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002523	22:37		321 W SUNSET SUNSET
	10-50 MINOR	202002524	23:06	CEFCO	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002525	23:50		605 N GARY GARY ST
4/30/20	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002526	0:10		605 GARY GARY ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002527	0:40	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	202002528	1:45		4215 COOMERCE COOMERCE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002529	4:30	FRED'S	601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202002530	6:34		400 ALLISON ALLISON
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002531	7:44		W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	THEFT	202002532	8:03	GLADEWATER PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE	416 S TYLER TYLER ST
	EMS	202002533	10:52	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEYS MONEY ST
	FIRE DEPT	202002540	15:00		1211 NELWYN NELWYN
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002541	15:44	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202002542	16:27	O'REILLYS AUTO PARTS	901 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202002543	17:26		205 S MILL MILL
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002544	18:16		POMEGRANATE POMEGRANATE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002545	18:56	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202002546	20:08		304 MAPLE MAPLE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002547	20:34		305 MAPLE MAPLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002548	22:20		500 MAPLE MAPLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002550	23:44		
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002551	23:50		N SHELL SHELL
5/1/20	EMS	202002553	0:16		106 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002554	1:36		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	10-50 MINOR	202002555	8:12		1900 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	202002556	11:23		515 GODFREY GODFREY
	FIRE DEPT	202002557	12:18	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002558	12:59		312 N LEE N LEE
	FIRE DEPT	202002559	13:06		512 HANCOCK HANCOCK
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002560	15:08		916 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	10-50 MINOR	202002561	15:34	GRANNY B'S SHAVED ICE AND MORE	1603 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002562	15:59		1603 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202002563	16:21		215 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002564	16:50		WOOD WOOD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002565	17:55		GAY GAY
	EMS	202002566	18:42		501 N RODEO RODEO
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002567	21:10	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002568	21:17		271 271
	ABANDONED 911	202002569	21:32		401 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002570	22:02		401 PARADISE PARADISE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002571	22:22	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	FIRE DEPT	202002572	22:41		S TYLER TYLER
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002573	23:25		401 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
5/2/20	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202002574	1:10		2207 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002575	1:56		1015 N LYNN LYNN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002576	3:16	FRED'S	601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002577	4:23		1007 N LYNN LYNN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002578	5:16		1015 N LYNN LYNN
	10-50 MINOR	202002581	12:12		TEXAS TEXAS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002582	13:00		1104 N LYNN LYNN
	FIRE DEPT	202002583	14:59		COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202002584	15:21		2208 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002585	15:23		OTHALIA OTHALIA
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002586	15:41	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002587	15:43		205 S MILL MILL
	ABANDONED 911	202002588	16:01		211 W ELEANOR ELEANOR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002589	17:56		LYLE LYLE
	ALARM/OTHER	202002591	22:15	MIKE'S MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202002592	22:24		HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002593	22:27		1800 S TYLER TYLER
5/3/20	EMS	202002595	1:20	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002596	1:46		JEANETTE JEANETTE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002597	3:08		2318 W GAY GAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202002598	3:54	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002599	4:13		HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002600	7:12		227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202002601	8:31		55 JULIAWOOD HOMES JULIAWOOD HOMES
	ASSIST	202002602	9:41	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	202002603	9:54		2712 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202002604	10:47		804 S TYLER TYLER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002605	12:25	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	202002606	13:11		2803 ELIJAH ELIJAH
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002607	14:24		510 S WHITE WHITE
	FIRE DEPT	202002608	16:53		EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	10-50 MINOR	202002609	16:57		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202002610	18:10	HWY 271 SOUTH CITY LIMITS	1975 S TYLER TYLER
	EMS	202002611	18:26	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202002612	18:30		1608 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	ABANDONED 911	202002613	18:43		
	CRIM TRESPASS	202002614	19:06		207 HULL HULL
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002615	19:11	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202002616	20:06		1012 KAY KAY DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202002617	20:51		RAMPY RAMPY
	EMS	202002618	21:18		1515 MUSTANG MUSTANG DR
	10-50 MINOR	202002619	21:39		MESQUITE MESQUITE RD

GPD ARREST REPORT

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
5/1/20	5/1/20	1:48	HELPHENSTINE, DILLON THOMAS	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	507 MARSHALL W
	5/1/20	16:07	ANDREWS, LEVI DALE	W	M	UNLAWFUL POSS FIREARM BY FELON	1621 N MAIN ST
	5/1/20	16:07	ANDREWS, LEVI DALE	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1621 N MAIN ST
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Gladewater PD makes narcotics arrests

On the morning of May 2, Gladewater Officer Ka'Darrius Sanders initiated a traffic on East Broadway on a black Chevrolet Impala driven by Rodney Smith.

After obtaining probable cause for a vehicle search, Officer Sanders located a large amount of Methamphetamine, Crack cocaine, and multiple heroin capsules. Officer Sanders also located approximately \$3500 dollars in US currency. The passenger was also arrested, Deidra Canales, for the illegal narcotics found.

In the evening of May 2, Officers Lucrecia Davidson and Sgt. Jason Barnes initiated a traffic stop in the 1700 block of South Tyler Street, (In Smith County), on a black Chevrolet impala.

The driver continued driving approximately a mile

or so until finally pulling over. The driver, Jonathan Medina was found to be extremely intoxicated.

While being searched incident to arrest, Medina was found to have Klonopin pills in a baggy in his pocket.

Gladewater Rodeo still on for June 10-13

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GladewaterRodeo.com. Proceeds from the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo go to funding scholarships for area students.

Reserved Seating is available until 6 p.m. each night, and group tickets (20% savings on 10 or more adult tickets) are also available through GladewaterRodeo.com.

Again, this year, special VIP ticket packages include reserved seating behind the bucking chutes, VIP parking, a souvenir program signed by rodeo legend, Don Gay, and access to free food and drinks before, during, and after the rodeo in the VIP Pavilion.

Plus, all active members of the military and first responders are eligible for special half-price tickets for Thursday night, June 11; available only at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo Ticket Office with a valid ID.

The Ticket Office on the rodeo grounds is located just north of Highway 80 in Gladewater and will be open for ticket sales on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Monday-Saturday, June 8-13, starting at 9 a.m. daily.

Depending on government guidelines at the time, Kids Mutton Bustin' and the traditional calf scrambles will be held each night.

Registration forms for Kids Mutton Bustin' (5-7 years of age; under 50 pounds) are available anytime for download online at GladewaterRodeo.com or at the Rodeo Ticket Office on May 25. All completed forms may be submitted online to the Rodeo's website May 25-June 8 (by 5 p.m.) or in person to the Rodeo Ticket Office on June 8 (by 5 p.m.).

Participating children will receive one (1) free adult ticket for signing up. Mutton Bustin' starts at 7:45 p.m. nightly.

The Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo's nightly Calf Scramble is free to kids in two age groups: 8 and Under and ages 9-12. Two winners per age group will each win a \$50 cash prize. No pre-registration is required.

If the COVID-19 situation worsens between now and rodeo time, the rodeo board will look at possibly rescheduling the 4-nights of rodeo. More information will be made available soon.



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Round-Up Rodeo sponsorships and vendor spots are still available – contact Chris Thompson, 2020 Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo Association President, by completing the contact form at GladewaterRodeo.com/Contact, and for those interested in supporting the Handicapable Rodeo, contact Lindsey Donaho Hitt at 903-790-4415.



Working on capturing senior memories despite COVID-19 playing havoc with traditional grad moments, Gladewater High School seniors Mariha Kinsey and Emily Pennington were caught downtown Friday afternoon in their caps and gowns taking senior pictures.

"It is disappointing and it is the hand we have been dealt," Mariha said. "We just have to make the best of it." GHS graduation is planned for Friday, May 29 with the time to be released later. Graduates and their families will be in cars which will line up at the rodeo grounds and proceed in a parade through Gladewater and return to the high school bus ramp where diplomas will be presented to each senior in their car. A photo opportunity will be available next to the Jack V. Murphy sign by the stadium for 24 hours after graduation. COVID-19 social distancing guidelines will be observed throughout the event. Supt. Sedric Clark said that the district is working closely with the Texas Education Agency and the state of Texas to create the best graduation ceremony option for the seniors.

"We are proud of our graduates and hate that graduation can't go on as normal," Supt. Clark said. "We plan to have a face-to-face graduation exercise before the members of the Class of 2020 begin the next stage of their lives."

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SBA Opens Up Loan for Farmers

Farmers who have been waiting for the Small Business Administration to open up more loan funding need to take action quickly to get their loans in line.

SBA on Monday announced it would open Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) programs for farmers. SBA will essentially "reopen" the loan portal for those EIDL loans, the agency stated.

The EIDL has been a challenging loan program for farmers to access since the COVID-19 pandemic began and aid was approved by Congress. In the first batch of funding in early April, SBA would not allow farmers to apply for EIDL loans. Then in the latter part of April, Congress approved a new round of small-business funding and specifically detailed that farmers are allowed to apply. Yet, up until Monday SBA was stating there was such a backlog of EIDL loan applications that it was not accepting new applications.

EIDL loans go directly through SBA and they provide individual grants to small businesses for up to \$10,000. But the EIDL loans can go as high as \$2 million for small businesses. The EIDL loans are not forgiven, but EIDL allows low-interest loans (3.75%) for up to 30 years. And the loans are not as limited in what they can be used for compared to SBA's other emergency loan aid, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. The EIDL also does not have the collateral demands that small businesses and farmers might face from commercial lenders.

USDA stated to DTN on Monday that farmers do not have to worry about SBA loans affecting farm program eligibility. In a brief comment, USDA stated, "Participation in SBA's PPP or EIDL program does not impact producer eligibility for USDA's forthcoming CFAP (Coronavirus Food Assistance Program)."

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza noted in a news release that for 30 years SBA has been prohibited from providing disaster assistance to agricultural businesses, but the legislation passed by Congress opened up those loan programs. "These low-interest, long-term loans will help keep agricultural businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation's vitally important food supply chains," Carranza said.

Since early April, farmers have faced a lot of confusion with SBA

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over the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the EIDL loans. SBA took weeks to provide guidance that farmers could use a Schedule F to apply for programs instead of a Schedule C, for instance. PPP loans go through private lenders, but EIDL loans and grants go directly through SBA.

SBA will now take new EIDL applications "on a limited basis only" to provide relief for farmers.

For agricultural businesses that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 will be

processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., chairman of the Senate Agricultural Appropriations Committee, said farmers and ranchers with fewer than 500 employees are now eligible to apply for the EIDL grants and loans.

"Access to these loans and the emergency loan advance is another important support for our farmers and ranchers, who continue to provide us with the food we need as we combat this pandemic," Hoeven said. "That's why we worked to secure additional funding as well as eligibility for agriculture businesses. We appreciate the SBA for working with us to implement our legislation in a timely way and for prioritizing support for producers."

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Online Help for Teachers and Parents ...

A&M system celebrates 'Teacher Appreciation Week; with new website

As teachers move their classrooms online and parents struggle with home school, The Texas A&M University System has launched a new website with helpful resources for both.

"This global health crisis has created many challenges we have

not faced before," said John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. "We created this site, We Teach Texas, to share helpful resources and share our commitment to producing the highest quality educators who are prepared to deliver world-

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The website includes the work of experts from the 11 universities across The Texas A&M System, which have prepared highly qualified teachers for more than 100 years.

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"We are committed to continually

improving the effectiveness of our educator preparation programs using the latest research and data, producing the best teachers to educate the children of Texas," said Shonda Gibson, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs for the A&M System. "This

resource highlights our approach to educating and preparing Texas teachers. We are proud to say, We Teach Texas."

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With more people staying home because of the COVID-19 pandemic, some veterinarians are seeing unusual pet injuries

After spending part of March and all of April at home, many people are looking for creative ways to pass the time with hobbies like painting, embroidery and jogging.

Though finding fun and productive ways to pass the time is important for your wellbeing, Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical assistant professor and emergency and critical care specialist at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that pet owners should be cognizant of any hazards these new hobbies might introduce into their pet's environment.

"I'm seeing a very different variety of injuries at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital," Rutter said. "I'm seeing a lot of pets eating a sewing needle because their mom is home and sewing, something that she wouldn't normally do, or 'I took the puppy fishing and now there's a fishhook in his paw.'"

If pet owners are learning a hobby like sewing, knitting, crocheting, fishing, or another activity that relies on sharp tools and supplies, it is important that they keep potentially dangerous equipment stored out-of-reach from their pet. Other craft supplies, like some paints, modeling clays and glues, can also be dangerous if ingested.

"Decrease opportunities for environmental injury," Rutter said. "If you're trying out new hobbies or activities, make sure that you're keeping the things (tools, etc.) associated with those hobbies safely away from your pets."

Pet owners exploring more physical hobbies, such as jogging, should also be mindful of how a change in routine affects their animal.

"Whenever you're starting a new exercise routine with your pet, you want to do the same thing that we would recommend for any human starting a new exercise program," Rutter said. "Talk to your veterinarian; if your dog has co-morbidities — things like underlying chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, respiratory disease, chronic coughing, if they've had any changes in their bark or difficulty breathing, or if your pet has an orthopedic disease, a history of limping, history of joint issues or replacement — you really want to make sure that you start off slow."

As the weather warms up, it is also important that owners consider how the heat may affect their pet, especially during exercise.

"In Texas, heat and humidity

are a big deal," she said. "You probably should not go out and exercise your dog a lot when it's very humid; with humidity over about 60 percent or temperatures over about 80 or 85, we start worrying about heatstroke. Also, keep exercise sessions short when you can't stay underneath those environmental restrictions."

Heatstroke is a very serious condition that requires emergency veterinary care.

"If you suspect your pet has heat stress at any time, that is not a time to wait and see what happens. If your pet seems exhausted on a walk, has trouble breathing, is panting and can't stop, vomits, or seems dazed or can't stand up, those would be emergencies," Rutter said. "You should not feel at all bad about going to your veterinarian's office immediately."

"It can also be helpful to cool your pet down by wetting them," she said. "However, you should not put them in ice water — just lukewarm water, wet their fur

and head to the closest veterinary hospital because heatstroke is a huge emergency, and dogs die of it every day."

Though it is important that pet owners are mindful of how changes in activity might affect their furry running partner, Rutter says that most dogs would benefit from being included in this new hobby.

"I wouldn't want to dissuade people from exercising their pets or having a good walk, because they need ways to get out their frustration and their anxiety," she said. "They need a way to get that out, and a walk is a really great way to provide them not just the physical exercise, but also that social structure."

A new hobby can be a healthy outlet and productive way to pass the time at home. There are plenty of activities owners might wish to pursue while sheltering in place, and many can be done with a cat in your lap or a dog by your side, provided owners make the correct adjustments to keep their furry

friend safe.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine

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Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.



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Upshur County Judge

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Teaching in a coronavirus classroom...

Teachers tend to have some common characteristics.

Yes, they can be bossy. And, yes they can be know-it-alls, but teachers can also be forgiving and compassionate when many others would, as we say in the south, 'cut bait'. The dedicated ones among the profession never give up on

kids and their ability to learn. Even when those hard-working educators have to teach from their computers at their kitchen tables or create endless paper lesson packets for individual kids who don't have computer access and may or may not have supervision to complete the

work.

It seems appropriate, that the COVID classroom tends to be from a kitchen or dining room table. After all, our families have a tendency to congregate around tables. Most teachers see their classroom of students as their 'second family'. I imagine that

many kids are getting a big kick out of catching a glimpse of their teachers' secret agent life which is lived at home.

My teacher friends have done some amazing work during this challenging stay-at-home crisis with lessons that engage and entertain. The truly gifted teachers have probably relished the opportunity to see what can be accomplished under such strict constraints without the face-to-face relationship that is at the heart of classroom teaching.

In the last couple of months I have taken pictures of teacher car parades winding their way through kids' neighborhoods where the kids were beside themselves to see their much loved (for the most part) teachers. I have stood in the sun while administrators handed out meals to car load after car load of kids. I have covered school board meetings where trustees agonized over grading schedules, distance learning and employee health

protection while still conducting school, albeit a form we have never seen on a regular basis before.

This week we honor those teachers who have risen to the task of heroically trying to meet the instructional needs of their students. We pray that school will return in the fall in a form that we all know and now appreciate a lot more. Caring parents who have given it their best shot to help their kids learn now know just a bit of what it takes to be a teacher. But let's be honest, when school rolls back into session teachers are going to have to do a great deal of re-teaching, tutoring and catching up, if possible, those kids who did not have parents who saw to it that their learning

continued.

And you know what? Whether the parents were there are not, the teachers will be. It will be a rough road ahead for many students and teachers. But one thing I know, is that gifted teaching is a work of heart. And the majority of teachers I know have huge hearts, almost infinite patience, and the ability to see possibility and potential where others do not. And for that, we are exceedingly grateful to our teachers, all of them. Those that teach the 'littles' and those that teach young adults. You, dear teachers, write the future in the lives of your students. Godspeed as you forge new paths in education through these challenging times. You are, indeed, appreciated.

Suzanne Bardwell



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Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative will sponsor a drive from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at its headquarters at 1200 W. Tyler (Texas 154) in Gilmer.

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