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**ELIZABETH FORTENBERRY**  
GHS VALEDICTORIAN  
GHS ceremony  
May 29 & June 5

Gladewater High School will hold a Graduation Parade Friday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, June 5 at 8 p.m. graduation ceremonies will be held at Jack V. Murphy Stadium for ticketed guests of seniors. Social distancing will be observed and masks are encouraged.

Valedictorian for the GHS Class of 2020 is Elizabeth Fortenberry with a GPA of 9.34918, Salutatorian is Abigail Townsend with a GPA 9.26935 and Historian is Bethanie Longmire with a GPA of 9.16721. GHS weighted grade point averages are on a 10-point scale.

Valedictorian Elizabeth Fortenberry is a 7-year Bear Band member, a member of the flag line for six years and captain for two years. She has participated in academic UIL and is a member of the

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**HANNAH CARTER**  
UGHS VALEDICTORIAN

## UGHS ceremony set for June 1

Union Grove High School will celebrate the Class of 2020 with graduation ceremonies Saturday, June 1 at Glyn Johnston Stadium at 8 p.m. There will be limited seating and guests will be by invitation only and required to have wristband to attend.

Valedictorian for the Lion Class of 2020 is Hannah Carter with a GPA of 98.796. She has been an active member of the National Honor Society, the Systems Go Rocketry program, the powerlifting and softball teams.

Hannah plans to attend Baylor University with a major in neuroscience with the goal of becoming a surgeon. Her parents are Brandi Carter and Michael Carter.

Salutatorian Grayson Kowalik with a GPA of 98.38 has been an active member of the Lion Sweepstakes Band and FFA program.

He has been on the FFA officer team, swine show team livestock judging team, wildlife team, quiz team and Creed speaking team. He has served as FFA Greenhand

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## Gladewater High School Graduation Parade

Come out in your neighborhood and see the graduating Class of 2020!



The COVID-19 pandemic has shuttered thousands of schools across the country and canceled large group gatherings, including graduations. It is truly a different time for graduating seniors.

It has thrust new responsibilities onto teens during a pivotal time in their lives and made their futures more uncertain. Now, instead of packing auditoriums, gymnasiums and football fields with graduates and their families, some schools have even shifted to virtual ceremonies or socially distant celebrations at drive-in movie theaters and school parking lots. Gladewater, Union Grove and White Oak schools were able to delay graduations or scheduled individual ceremonies at which a graduate can walk across a stage and receive their diploma, with just immediate family in attendance.

Texas has now approved outdoor in-person graduation ceremonies in June as long as attendees stay at least six feet apart and are questioned about possible COVID-19 symptoms beforehand.

Gladewater high school graduates will kick off the area graduation events Friday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. with a "Graduation Parade." Graduates will wear their cap and

gown during the parade, which will travel throughout downtown. Residents are encouraged to join in the celebration by waving at the graduates as they pass through neighborhoods.

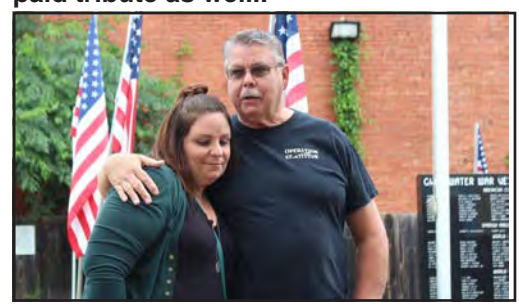
The parade calls for one car per family for each graduate. No trailers permitted. Graduates will enter the rodeo grounds through the GHS Student Parking Lot to line up. The Top 10% will line up first at 5:45 p.m., followed by the rest of the Class of 2020 who will line up beginning at 6 p.m..

The parade will leave the rodeo grounds promptly at 6:30 p.m.. Seniors who don't plan to attend the face to face graduation on June 5, will receive their diploma at the end of the parade.

GHS graduates who do participate in the traditional walk across the stage on June 5 will receive six tickets for graduation at the end of the parade. Seniors whose last name begins with A-N will receive orange tickets and sit on the home side. Seniors with last names beginning with O-Z will receive white tickets and sit on the visitor side.



Impromptu Memorial Day gatherings were held in Downtown Gladewater Monday honoring Brad Gaudet and all veterans who lost their lives to keep America safe. Gold Star Mother Rhonda Owens gathered with family and friends and Gaudet's stepfather Scott Owens paid tribute as well..



## City seeking relief grants

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater City Council met last Thursday through teleconferencing, due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions and approved the following the agenda items.

Residents will see a 3.7-percent in their trash pickup bills. The increase will be reflected on the next water bill.

\* Approved a blanket permit temporarily suspending City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §9.07.040(b) concerning "sound amplification systems" for outdoor church services during COVID-19 social distancing.

\* Approved a blanket permit for the GHS Graduation Parade to be held May 29 at 6:30 p.m. and approved the Chamber of Commerce Hotel/Motel Report for January - March 2020

\* Approved a resolution to extend the City of Gladewater Disaster

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## Body found along roadway

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of, and seeking the public's help in identifying, a person whose body was found Saturday morning off rural Crabapple Road in Pritchett community, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

The fully-clothed body, discovered by a passerby, appeared to be "a white male with long hair and a beard," Hazel said in a press release. Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch, in whose precinct the remains were found, said Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter ordered an autopsy, but that the body remained unidentified as of Monday.

The passerby contacted the sheriff's office just before noon after

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

**Ed Sterling**  
Capital  
Highlights



## State of Texas enters second phase of reopening plan

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on May 18 allowed restaurants to increase occupancy to 50% and relaxed his earlier executive orders that limited certain other public activities over the last two months to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



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Reopenings, Abbott said, must adhere to restricted occupancy levels and minimum standard health protocols laid out by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Notably, public schools have the option to provide in-person summer school so long as they follow social distancing practices and health protocols laid out by the state health department. Classes may begin as soon as June 1.

“I ask all Texans to continue heeding the guidance of our state and federal medical experts and do their part to protect public health. If we all unite in our resolve, we will

overcome this challenge,” Abbott said.

The full list of guidelines, openings and relevant dates is available at gov.texas.gov/open-texas.

Certain counties where there are surges in COVID-19 cases will have their beginning date of Phase II delayed until May 29. Those Amarillo-area counties where a spike in cases has been confirmed include El Paso, Randall, Potter, Moore and Deaf Smith. Governor’s Surge Response Teams are at work in those Panhandle counties to increase testing, maintain hospital capacity and ensure that COVID-19 is contained and mitigated.

Cumulative figures posted on May 21 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 52,268 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,440 deaths resulting from the virus pandemic had been confirmed.

### Budget cuts ordered

Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen on May 20 sent a letter to state agencies and institutions of higher education directing each of them to submit a plan identifying savings to reduce general revenue-related appropriations by 5% for the 2020-2021 two-year budget cycle.

The three highest-ranking state officials urge agencies and institutions of higher education to pursue cost-saving strategies that will not affect the state’s response to COVID-19, such as forgoing capital expenditures that can be deferred, avoidable travel expenditures and administrative expenses that are not mission critical, and keeping unfilled any open positions that are not essential to Texas’ COVID-19 response.

According to the letter, certain agencies and activities are exempted from the directive “given the importance of the state’s response to COVID-19 and the continuity of critical government functions.”

### TSTA: It’s too early

The Texas State Teachers Association, in a May 20 news release, said June 1 is too early to reopen school buildings for summer school classes and demanded that the state and local school districts agree to enforce a detailed list of safety requirements for school campuses before reopening buildings to students and school employees.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to rage across Texas, the health and safety of students, educators and our communities need to remain our first priority,” said TSTA President Noel Candelaria. “The pandemic has struck in the vast majority of Texas’ 254 counties and more than 1,200 new cases were reported yesterday. Fourteen people died of COVID-19 in Dallas County alone, a daily high for Dallas.”

Candelaria said TSTA is demanding adequate supplies of protective gear for everyone in every school workplace, steps that must be taken to enforce social distancing and sanitation practices and strong enforcement. “Half-hearted enforcement will endanger students and educators, and our members will not stand for it on their campuses,” said Candelaria.

### Child care funding is cut

The Texas Workforce Commission on May 19 announced the phase-out of a \$200 million emergency program to subsidize child care for Texas’ essential workers.

Subsidies were put in place to assist both essential workers and child care centers during limited enrollment. With Texas reopening, essential workers who are already on the subsidized plan will continue to receive child care for the three-month period they were initially approved for under the program.

Effective June 1, the Texas Workforce Commission will reinstate the requirement for parents receiving financial assistance to pay for a portion of their costs.

## Letter to launch...

Dear Class of 2020,

You were born the year 9/11 happened and our world changed tragically, rapidly and dramatically. You have no idea how dramatically, you know nothing different. Now here you are graduating during the global pandemic of COVID-19. You missed prom, you missed spring sports and academic UIL competition, state band and just hanging out with your friends.

This doesn’t make you deprived, it makes you special...and stronger. Because of the world you have grown up in and are now setting out to conquer, I have more hope for the future than I have had in a very long time. You have had the opportunity to learn lessons that can create greatness. And the good Lord knows, we desperately need the greatness of the Class of 2020.

Think about it, you know that life is not fair. It is never going to be fair, and you have learned to make the best of it. You have learned to adapt and innovate, lessons that will serve the future of all mankind, IF you choose for it to. You may well be the ones who contribute to healing this nation and moving us forward with deliberate thoughtfulness and planning instead of rhetoric, anger and mudslinging politics.

It is time for your life launch, the push into the depths of ‘adult’ life. I am so envious of the ‘where’ you are going next. What an adventure! It won’t be easy, but it will be for most of you exciting, fulfilling and a time of growth intellectually and personally that may go unequaled the rest of your lives.

Live your lives with passion as well as compassion. Life is after all, NOT a spectator sport. With that said, don’t be afraid of appearing to be foolish because you ‘go all out’. You will achieve more success, have more fun and reach new heights if you fully engage in life. Have a spirit that moves others. THAT is your true voice...not just when you speak and write, but how you live. Live with power, but know that requires great restraint and maturity on your part.

I wish so much for each of you. Ultimately, happiness is really based on the most simple of things. I can’t be more eloquent than

**Suzanne  
Bardwell**



Ronnie Van Sant in “Simple Man” so when you wonder what is truly important in life, just listen to that song.

The most satisfying life requires balance, wisdom, the ability to overcome failure and to rise up and conquer what comes next. You have already proven that you can do that. Never forget that we are all one accident or illness away from a completely different life. Be thankful every day for the gifts and opportunities you have heaped upon you, because despite what you might think, it is a Mack truck full.

Work harder than anyone else and you will conquer your world. Please know that love covers a multitude of sins. When you love others, big secret, they love you back. In service to others you will find contentment, joy and blessing. Never stop trying to make your corner of the world a better place, but allow others to help you. You are not Atlas, the weight of the world does not have to rest on your shoulders alone.

One of the most important things you can do is to be grateful. One of the greatest needs people have is to be appreciated. A pat on the back, a thank you note, a call of support, a hug, can mean the difference in the people you lead, and the people you love.

Laugh. A lot. Every chance you get. And, keep putting one foot in front of the other. It is how you get through the darkness. Many of you have learned this already as well.

Last piece of advice? Pray, and you will learn that you are never really alone.

Whether you are graduating virtually, in a parade, a parking lot, or an outside ceremony limited to your immediate family, know that you are surrounded by a community that cares about you.

You are launched...and loved.

## Class of 2020...



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### This is NOT the 1980s

Oil production costs are down sharply in Texas in recent years, but they are not yet at a level to maintain viability given current prices and uncertainty.

As a result, significant disruptions in oil production areas are occurring. The industry initiated a rapid

shutdown of drilling activity, which rippled through an enormous supply chain and supporting retail and service enterprises in the affected communities and the entire state. Banks with large energy loan portfolios are being strained, and mid-stream and downstream investments are being deferred.



Although concentrated in a few areas, the fallout permeates all regions of Texas.

With the oil market in disarray, comparisons are being drawn to the horrific events of the 1980s. While such discussions are both natural and inevitable, they are also both misplaced and incorrect. I’ve talked about oil markets previously, but given the importance of the industry to the Texas economy, it’s worth a deeper, closer look.

One key difference is the sheer speed of the downturn. The prior decline began in early 1982 and did not reach its nadir until a rapid fall in 1986. This time, it unfolded in a matter of weeks.

Moreover, the 1980s debacle occurred amidst a savings and loan and real estate crisis and ill-conceived reversals in tax

policy that led to massive failures throughout the financial system and took years to repair. It was further complicated by the complex geopolitics of the Cold War. Today, a pandemic arose as the country was enjoying the longest expansion in history with no major structural dislocations.

The 1980s downturn came on the heels of the 1970s embargo and energy crisis which brought major cutbacks in energy usage and sluggish demand. By contrast, the current situation arose as a manufacturing boom in emerging countries was driving solid global increases in consumption (and no export ban).

Back then, production and known reserves had been declining for decades and the future of the industry was in doubt. “Peak oil”

was a common mantra. Presently, reserves are expanding, technology is evolving rapidly, costs are falling, production is twice its prior peak, and there are centuries of supply.

The oil industry in the 1980s was heavily financed by institutional debt, leaving little flexibility to weather setbacks (a drop of \$1 dollar per barrel in 1982 sent the sector reeling). The recent expansion was fueled by infusions of private equity in the aftermath of the mortgage meltdown and the Great Recession; thus, it is more resilient.

The near-term situation in oil markets is undeniably severe, but it is a temporary aberration stemming from an unprecedented health issue. As the economy reopens, demand for oil will rise and markets will normalize. This is NOT the 1980s. Be safe!!

### WHAT KIND OF LIFE DO YOU WANT?

I recently read this observation about today’s society: “Modern society wants entertainment instead of enrichment and a “good time” rather than a good life.” Sadly, we see this played out in the lives of many people, and none of us are immune to the temptation to want the same.

Instead of being spiritually enriched, many only want to be carnally entertained. Many are not interested in whether or not they are living a good life, their priority is only to experience what they style “a good time!”

Hedonism is defined as “The self-indulgent pursuit of pleasure as a way of life.” The pursuit of pleasure and entertainment predominates the lives of many people. Having a good time has become the avenue of happiness for some. Having said that, it doesn’t mean that I think all entertainment is wrong, happiness is wrong, or having the right kind of good time is wrong. The truth is that clean entertainment isn’t wrong, and even has some value. Helen Keller said: “Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.” Thus, it is not wrong to have a “good time” as long as we don’t have to become less than good to have it!

We need the foresight to acknowledge that it is foolish and short-sighted to be so caught up in momentary gratifications that we forget what is really important in life. Serving the Lord is where true meaning and purpose in life is to be found. Jesus said: “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (Jn. 10: 10). What kind of life do you want? The choice is yours. Think on these things.

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# GHS ceremony May 29 & June 5

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National Honor Society. Elizabeth has participated in the GHS theater program for three years including One Act Play competition where she received Tech Awards for two years. She was voted Most Likely to Succeed in Spotlight on GHS. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler to major in psychology. Her parents are Christene and Shawn Fortenberry.

Salutatorian Abigail Townsend has been a member of the HoneyBear drill team all four years of high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was named NHS Sweetheart and was a Spotlight on GHS Best Personality nominee. Abigail received the prestigious honor of receiving the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Abigail's philanthropic endeavors include being active in the foster community as well as with medically fragile children and rescue animals. She completed the inaugural Certified Nursing Assistant's course at GHS. She plans to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine and hopes to one day have a practice here in her hometown. Her parents are Charity Robinson and Chris Townsend.

Historian Bethanie Longmire has been a Bear Band member for seven years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and served as NHS treasurer. Bethanie was a 4-year member of the HoneyBear drill team where she served as a lieutenant her junior year and 1st Lieutenant her senior year. She was voted HoneyBear Sweetheart and chosen to Who's Who for excellence in Social Studies. Bethanie plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler to major in biology with the goal of becoming a physician who specializes in obstetrics or neonatology. Her parents are Julie and Shane Longmire.

# UGHS ceremony set for June 1

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President, chapter reporter, secretary and vice president.

Grayson will either attend Texas A&M University to major in Agribusiness or accept a scholarship to LeTourneau University with a major in business. His parents are Scott and Shannon Kowalik.

Historian for the senior class is Lance Wright with a GPA of 97.625. Lance has been an active member of FFA where he served as chapter president.

He has also served as the National Honor Society President and Senior Class of 2020 President. He also participated in the Systems Go Rocketry Program.

He plans to attend Kilgore College and eventually Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in architecture. His parents are Alan and Melanie Wright.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Please don't forget Manna House during this pandemic slow down. More kids are at home with school out and many are out of work. Food donations may be dropped off at Manna House on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the southwest corner of City Hall on Hwy. 80 or at the Gladewater Mirror, 211 N. Main Street weekdays during business hours. Financial donations may be mailed to Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater 75647.



GHS Senior Christian Lacy recently signed to be a member of the track and field team at Jacksonville College!

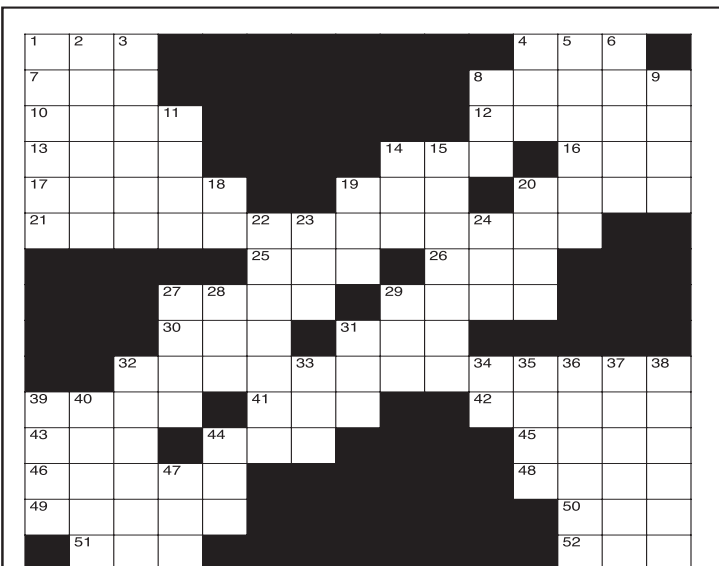


The first recipient of the Holly Ford Memorial Scholarship is Spring Hill High School senior Justin Hickerson. Justin has been accepted into the University of North Texas Honors Program. Holly Ford was a 1977 graduate of Gladewater High School and taught/coached tennis at Gladewater for 5 years and Spring Hill 20 years. Pictured from left to right: Cindy Tallent Rowe, John Lee Ussey, Eli Cook, Melissa Wells, Justin Hickerson and Jami Jones.

## OBITUARIES

### TERRY LYNN CUELLAR

Mr. Terry Lynn Cuellar, 65, of Oklahoma City, OK, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020 in Oklahoma City, OK. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2020, at the Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gladewater.

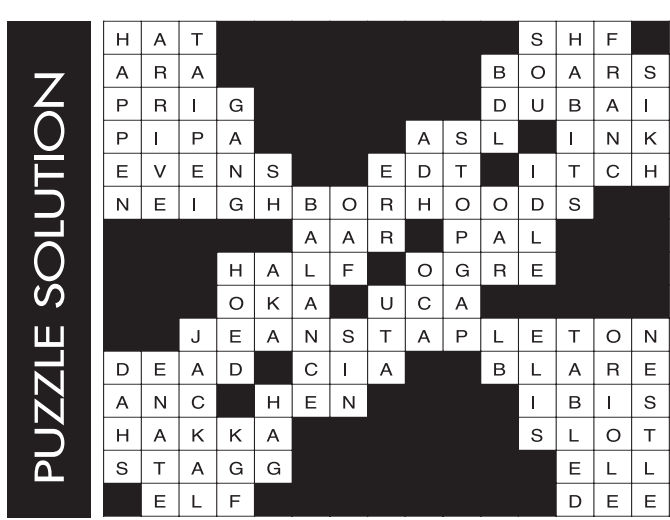


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Protects from weather
- 4. Superhigh frequency
- 7. Southern constellation
- 8. Swines
- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
- 12. United Arab Emirates city
- 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sign language
- 16. Tattoo (slang)
- 17. Makes level
- 19. Sun up in New York
- 20. It must be scratched
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Buddy
- 27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- 29. Shrek is one
- 30. Egyptian unit of weight
- 31. Fiddler crabs
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
- 39. No longer having life
- 41. Former OSS
- 42. A way to emit sound
- 43. Mandela's party
- 44. Adult female chicken
- 45. U. of Miami's mascot
- 46. Southeastern Chinese people
- 48. Casino game
- 49. Amos Alonzo \_\_\_, US football coach
- 50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
- 51. Will Ferrell film
- 52. River in NE Scotland

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Former French coin
- 5. Some are bad
- 6. Monetary unit
- 8. Package (abbr.)
- 9. Indian religious person
- 11. Crew
- 14. Antidiuretic hormone
- 15. Makeshift
- 18. Baseball box score stat
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Not moving
- 22. Even distribution of weight
- 23. Clumsy person
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Worked the soil
- 28. Alias
- 29. Plant cultivated in Peru
- 31. Side-blotched lizards genus
- 32. Wild dog
- 33. Immoral act
- 34. Pound
- 35. Manning and Lilly are two
- 36. Put on the shelf for now
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Dashes
- 40. Related on the mother's side
- 44. Witch
- 47. Kilogram force (abbr.)



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### Hurricane Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

CATEGORY DEPRESSION EYE FORCE	GUSTS HURRICANE RAIN SHELTER	STORM SURGE TRACK WINDS
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U H R H T L K N U L S E  
 U A S D C E B O N N D Y  
 J J H H U R R I C A N E  
 C K E M R O T S R Z I X  
 F A L L B I T S T A W H  
 T Y T K B R M E U S I A  
 F N E E A M E R U T U N  
 O N R C G C J P T H K G  
 X B K Z R O U E M J H M  
 C R B O F X R D T Y W K  
 X N F A I H K Y O G Z B  
 S U R G E R Z S C A W R

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ROTMS AHWCT

ANSWER: Storm watch

### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1896: HENRY FORD TAKES HIS FIRST GAS-POWERED CAR OUT FOR A TEST DRIVE.
- 1944: ROME FALLS TO ALLIED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II. IT IS THE FIRST AXIS CAPITAL TO FALL.
- 1970: TONGA GAINS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

### Brookshire to give \$1.3M in gift cards to 15,000 employees, \$13.5M and counting to employees during COVID-19

In recognition and gratitude of their service during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Brookshire Grocery Co. (BGC) is giving their more than 15,000 active employee-partners a gift card to help them get what they need for their family this holiday week. Full-time employees are receiving a \$100 BGC gift card and part-time employees are receiving a \$50 BGC gift card totaling \$1.3 million given.

It is important to BGC that employees receive the full value of the gift card to help take care of their family this week. The \$1.3 million includes additional monies the company will provide to help cover the payroll taxes on the gift cards.

"Family means everything to us, and we wanted to do something special for our employees' families this week," said Brad Brookshire, Chairman and CEO. "We are so incredibly appreciative of everything our employees are doing to take care of our customers and communities. We are excited to continue to recognize our employee-partners for their continued efforts to uphold our safety procedures while serving our customers' needs."

The gift cards are in addition to the more than \$12.2 million BGC has invested in their employee-partners for a total of \$13.5 million through bonus checks, temporary wage increases for partners in retail and logistics, retail incentives, an extra employee discount, on-site meals, and a compensation plan for those who may be directly affected by COVID-19. The company has also made several favorable changes to benefits including temporarily waiving co-pays for medical services delivered via MDLIVE.

Based in Tyler, Texas, BGC is a regional family-owned grocery business that employs more than 15,000 individuals throughout Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. The company operates more than 180 stores under the Brookshire's, Super 1 Foods, FRESH by Brookshire's and Spring Market banners, along with three distribution centers and corporate offices.



ABOUT 10 TROPICAL STORMS DEVELOP OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, CARIBBEAN SEA OR GULF OF MEXICO EACH YEAR AND TURN INTO THESE TYPES OF STORMS.

ANSWER: HURRICANES



### EYEWALL

the band or ring of clouds that surround the hurricane eye

### GOP county convention set

The Republican Party of Upshur County will hold its county convention Saturday morning at the Lantana Activity Center outside Gilmer, said county GOP Chairman Cynthia Ridgeway.

Due to regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the convention may vote to exclude all bystanders except news media, she said. Up to 50 delegates are anticipated to attend the 10 a.m. gathering, said Ridgeway.

Delegates are encouraged to wear masks, which will be provided for those who do not have one, and social distancing will be observed, the chairman added.

The convention will elect delegates to the state GOP convention, set July 16-18 in Houston, and consider resolutions from Upshur Republican precinct conventions held earlier this year, Ridgeway said.

The gathering is expected to last no more than four hours, she added. The county convention was originally scheduled for earlier this year, but postponed due to the virus outbreak.

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Windy  
**SPANISH:** Ventoso  
**ITALIAN:** Ventoso  
**FRENCH:** Venteux  
**GERMAN:** Windig

### Did You Know?

A TYPICAL HURRICANE CAN DROP 6 INCHES TO A FOOT OF RAIN ACROSS A REGION WHILE VIOLENT WINDS CAUSE WIDESPREAD DAMAGE.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HURRICANE EYE

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**GPS Kindergarten grad parade 5/27**

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The classes of teachers Easley, Carr, Mawer and Rapp/Hightower will have their parade ceremony at 10 a.m. The classes of teachers Almanza, Tension and Mike will have theirs at 1 p.m.

**Oil Patch TRTA dues deadline**

Oil Patch TRTA membership dues are due immediately. Local dues are \$10 and Texas Teacher Retirement Association state dues are \$35. TRTA membership is even more essential now to represent the interests of retired public school employees. The next session will see many cuts to statewide programs across the board and a voice for retirees will be even more important. Please mail state and local dues (unless state is already deducted from your annuity) to treasurer Sheryl Wittenbach 3502 Doublewood, Longview 75604.

**Rock Springs Cemetery Assn. announcement**

In today's health crisis, Rock Springs Cemetery Association Board has made the difficult decision to not host its usual day of shared meal, fellowship and special attention to the final resting place of loved ones. Some families may choose to gather, as usual, but there will be no formal meeting, no shared meals, no provided beverages, etc.

However, this is also the only time of the year that we solicit love offerings and donations that support the ongoing upkeep of the cemetery. Members, old and new, are urged to mail tax deductible donations to: Rock Springs Assn. Treasurer Tammy Trotter, 2896 CR 192 E, Kilgore 75662. Association President Charlie Walker and Secretary Vickie Raymond both have PayPal accounts if you prefer that method of payment. Contact information for either and a summary of the annual financial report can be found on the association's Facebook page, Rock Spring Cemetery.



**Opry Friday night special**

The Gladewater Opry will host a Friday Night Special at 7 p.m. with the East Mountain Bluegrass Band featuring the Purple Hulls. A love offering will be taken.

**GPS New student K/Head Start registration**

Gladewater Primary School Registration for new kindergarten and Head Start students will be June 1-5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-K students will register in the fall. Parents need to bring two proofs of residence including one gas, water or electric bill and one of the following a current driver's license, property tax statement and rental/lease agreement. Also required will be current shot records, student's birth certificate and student's social security card. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. This is for NEW students only. Registration will be held at Gladewater Primary School at 100 Gay Avenue.

**KC Glade grads**

Kilgore College Spring graduates include: Gladewater students Cheyenne Akers, Colby Askew, Hayley Barnes, Basoria Fransisco, Canon Chamberlain, Raymundo Coronado, Coty Ferguson, Bailey Glenn, Ryan Godlock, Jacie Gunter, Cassie Huffstutler, Samuel Longhofer, Lierin Martin, Zachary McDaniel, Desiree Murray, Aleigh Pittman, Brittan Price, Shelby Rauch, Kane Stripland, Justin Sutphen, Vickie Timmons, Janice Tucker, James Valentine, Cheyenne Webber and William Weston.



The Gregg County Sheriff's Office is seeking information on the person(s) responsible for stealing a race car and a trailer. According to the GCSO, the items were stolen between January 10 - 11, in the Liberty City/Sabine area. The trailer is a 2018 20' Kearney dual-axle, while the race car is a yellow 2013 Ingalls dirt track car with the Walden Machine logo on the rear quarter panels. If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Investigator David Falco at (903) 236-8438 or Gregg County Crime Stoppers at (903) 236-STOP.

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## Commissioners talking game rooms

By Phillip Williams  
Upshur County Commissioners Court is scheduled to consider several major actions Friday, ranging from disbursing certain funds to county school districts to allowing game rooms in the county to re-open.

Those are among matters on the 14-item agenda (counting the invocation and adjournment) for the 10 a.m. meeting at the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. As has been the case with all the court's meetings since late March, it will be broadcast live on Facebook since the COVID-19 pandemic has caused attendance

to be restricted to department heads, their designees, and others receiving permission from County Judge Todd Tefteller.

The court will consider the annual distribution of "county available" funds, which comes from lease revenue on Upshur County-owned lands in two West Texas counties, Baylor and Throckmorton.

The court normally follows the county treasurer's recommendation on how much in funds to allot each of the nine school districts lying wholly or partly in Upshur County. Each district's share is based on its

number of students who reside in the county.

In a related matter, the court is scheduled to consider taking action Friday concerning oil and gas leases on its Baylor County land. The agenda shows the possible action involves the shut-in of wells due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The court will also consider ending its March 23 shutdown of game rooms, which was prompted by the virus outbreak.

In other major business, the court will consider acting on a licensing agreement with NET Data Corporation, a firm which provides county computer software and collects delinquent fees and fines.

The court will also consider times of day for early voting for the July 14 Republican and Democratic primaries. Such voting opens June 29.

In another matter, the court will consider "hiring additional custodians to clean and sanitize county buildings" during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The court will also consider: --approving a resolution to comply with the "2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Cares Act sub-grant" to the county.

--nominating someone to fill a vacancy on the Upshur County Appraisal District's board of directors.

--approving a request by the Gilmer Area Farmers' Market committee to use the courthouse lawn and/or nearby county-owned vacant lot each Saturday from June through September from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

--approving a plat for Village North located on North St. in Gladewater.

--recording County Auditor Connie Williams' certification of unspecified "additional revenue" received after the beginning of the current 2019-20 fiscal year, and adopting a special budget for it.

--several mostly-routine items sub-grouped under one item on the agenda, ranging from approving the payroll and paying bills to accepting numerous documents for recording.

To access the meeting online, go to [www.countyofupshur.com](http://www.countyofupshur.com) and click on the Upshur County Facebook link. Questions should be submitted via the Facebook page before 9 a.m. Friday.

## Mail thief - signed, sealed, delivered

By Phillip Williams  
Postal and Upshur County authorities' investigation into thefts from mail boxes in Upshur County has resulted in a Hallsville man's recent arrest, Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel announced last Thursday.

Dalton Shane Brewer, 24, was arrested in Longview on May 15 on a charge of fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, greater than 50, "meaning more than 50 victims of this crime," Hazel said in a news release.

The offense is punishable by up to life in prison, he added. "Upshur County investigators have identified incidents of fraudulent bank accounts being opened as a result of information obtained from mailboxes by the suspect," Hazel wrote.

Inspectors from the Ft. Worth office of the United States Postal Service joined Upshur sheriff's investigators in probing the thefts, and inspectors "are in the process of notifying known victims," he added.

"This investigation began as a result of an Upshur County deputy having observed persons in a vehicle tampering with mailboxes," Hazel added. "He observed that it was not the mail carrier and it was not a car associated with the area."

Further charges are possible as the investigation proceeds, the chief deputy said.

He asked that anyone with further "personal knowledge" of the case contact either the sheriff's office in Gilmer at 903-843-2541 or postal inspectors.

## USDA offers Coronavirus assistance

In April, USDA announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). CFAP will provide direct support based on losses for agriculture producers where prices and market supply chains have been significantly impacted and will assist eligible producers facing additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by

COVID-19.

As part of applying for the program, you'll need to contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to schedule an appointment. Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and through forms asking for this type of information:

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. Information on CFAP can be found at [farmers.gov/CFAP](http://farmers.gov/CFAP)



## TXDOT PROJECT UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 2020

**TYLER** – TxDOT is planning to conduct the following construction and maintenance work in the district during the Week of May 25, 2020. Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failure or other unforeseen issues. Slow down and pay attention when traveling through work zones.

**Gregg County** – Longview Maintenance crews plan to perform bridge joint repairs on I-20 eastbound between SH 31 and the Sabine River. Seal coat is scheduled for FM 3053 from I-20 to the Rusk County line. Expect lane closures managed by flaggers and a pilot car.

Gregg County construction projects updates:

### Various Landscape Projects

- Limits: Spur 502/Judson Rd and Loop 281; median of SH 149 and US 259/Eastman Rd
- Contractor: Encino Landscape, Inc.
- Cost: \$298,628.00
- Anticipated Completion Date: June 2020

Work continues in the right-of-way with little to no traffic impacts. The project consists of landscaping improvements at Spur 502 and Loop 281, and SH 149 at US 259. Work will include landscape beds, irrigation system, and retaining walls.

### FM 3272 Restoration Project

- Limits: From US 80 to FM 2275 in White Oak
- Contractor: Reynolds and Kay, LTD
- Cost: \$3.1 million
- Anticipated Completion Date: September 2020

Work is ongoing to construct new sidewalks and driveways. Expect daytime lane closures and delays. The project consists of pavement restoration including milling, pavement repair, one course surface treatment, hot mix overlay, new sidewalk on the east side, new pedestrian crossing, and pavement markings.

### FM 1844 Widening Project

- Limits: From SH 300 (Gilmer Rd) to SS 502 (Judson Road)
- Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC
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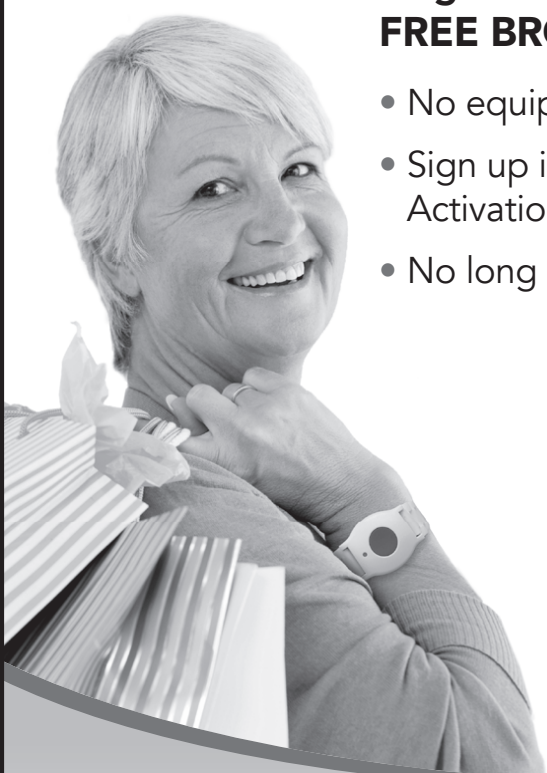


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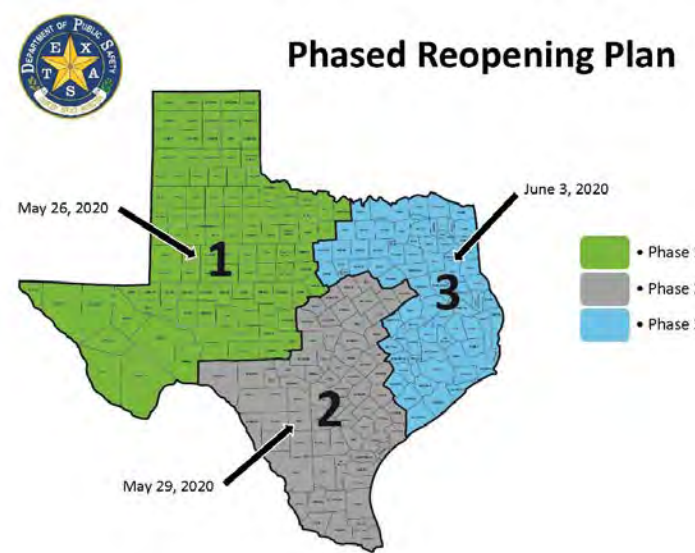
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## DL offices to reopen by appointment only

On Tuesday, May 26, at the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) were scheduled to reopen driver license (DL) offices by appointment only and with limited services.

The reopening of DL offices will happen in a phased approach, in order to allow DPS to keep customers and our staff as safe as possible, while also adhering to new safety guidelines and social distancing practices in place due to COVID-19.

Appointment availability rolled out in phases, with the first phase of starting last Friday.



### SERVICES AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

A new appointment solution, which has been in the works for several months, will take effect in DL offices as they reopen. The appointment solution allows customers to book appointments for a specific day and time up to six months in advance. DPS is moving to appointments only as part of our efforts to provide additional convenience and reduce the time Texans spend waiting in line at DL offices.

Within the new online appointment system, customers can walk through the available

appointment options, schedule appointments on a specific date and time, receive appointment confirmations, set up a reminder, and reschedule or cancel an existing appointment. Once customers schedule their appointment, they'll receive a confirmation email to bring with them to their appointment. Upon arrival at the DL office, customers can check-in with their smart device or by using the kiosk inside the office. Due to social distancing requirements related to COVID-19, we are asking that customers wait in their car after checking in. Customers will

receive a text message when it's time to come inside to complete their transaction.

### LIMITED SERVICE OFFERINGS, PHASED REOPENING

As DL offices begin their phased reopening, services will be limited to customers with appointments only who are seeking a first-time Texas DL, commercial driver license (CDL), learner license or identification (ID) card, as well as those who need to take a driving test. These will be the **ONLY** services available at DL offices during these initial phases of reopening.

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## Pandemic created 'perfect storm' for many vegetable, fruit producers

The specialty crop sector in Texas — consisting primarily of fruits and vegetables — has been one of the hardest hit sectors of agriculture due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to agricultural economists, industry groups and agricultural producers.

"Most fruits and vegetables are consumed when fresh and are highly perishable commodities," said Joe Outlaw, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural economist and co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center, AFPC, at Texas A&M University, College Station. "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the closure of most restaurants and schools has caused a major reduction in demand for produce. The pandemic has also caused significant disruptions to the supply chain and agricultural systems."

Outlaw said while some of that reduction in demand from restaurants and other food-service outlets has translated to higher demand at grocery stores, different packaging requirements, changes in volume needed, other factors are affecting fresh produce prices, mainly at the farmgate level.

A recent report by the AFPC on how the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected Texas agricultural production indicates if the pandemic persists, Texas fruit and vegetable producers could be left without outlets for their highly perishable products and ultimately lose more than \$397 million.

Fruit and vegetable producers in South Texas have experienced anywhere between a 20% to 50% reduction in sales. Additionally, imports of fruits and vegetables from Mexico went down 18% in April, so the demand is still low for both domestic and imported produce.

Many producers are struggling to find outlets for their produce and many grocery stores have significantly reduced the variety of items they stock, both of which have had a serious impact on Texas specialty crop producers.

"Overall, due to COVID-19, the short-run outlook for specialty crop producers in Texas is complicated," Outlaw explained. "The

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sudden loss of most food-service outlets for highly perishable products along with good winter production of fruits and vegetables in the state is causing low prices across most fresh produce commodities. Changing consumer purchasing habits at the grocery store, demand uncertainty and labor shortages have created the perfect storm for specialty crop producers in Texas and throughout the U.S." The COVID-19 situation has had an impact on almost all aspects of agricultural production systems, including those affecting specialty crop producers," said Daniel Leskovar, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research vegetable physiologist and director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde.

"In the Texas Winter Garden, specialty crop producers have had to deal with supply chain disruptions, lower demand, social distancing restrictions, labor shortages and other factors that have kept them from getting their products from the farm to the table," he said.

Leskovar noted while growing conditions in the state's Winter Garden area bode well for most specialty crops already in the ground, these factors will likely continue to affect producer profitability for some time to come.

"Right now, we're down to about 50% production," said Brandon Laffere, co-owner of L&L Farms in Batesville.

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