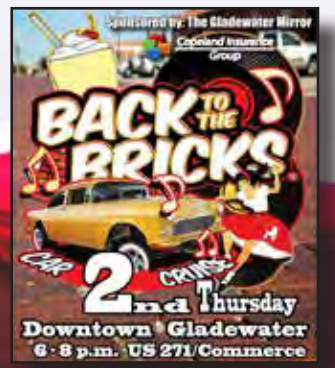


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Best Wishes

## to the Class of 2020

By Suzanne Bardwell

On a muggy June 5, Friday night in Jack V. Murphy Stadium at 8 p.m. the culmination of 13 years of learning, play, competition and growth was celebrated with the Gladewater High School Class of 2020. Born during the year that 9/11 occurred, and lucky to have an in-person graduation during the COVID-19 pandemic thanks to the herculean efforts of GISD administration and staff, the graduates were at last celebrated after missing out on the last two and half months of their senior year.

"Not having a face-to-face ceremony was never an option," Supt. Sedic Clark said. "After completing 13 years of school and after having their senior year cut short by the pandemic, our graduates deserved to have the ceremony. Celebrating them was of the utmost importance to us."

The families in attendance were seated on both sides of the stadium with families together and social distanced from other families. National Honor Society President Chris Houston gave the welcome

## GHS graduation not stopped by COVID-19

followed by a prayer offered by Class Historian Bethanie Longmire. Salutatorian Abby Grace Townsend delivered a reflective speech that gave context to the unusual experiences of the Class of 2020 which included the following closing.

"In all seriousness, how fitting is it that the Class of 2020 is the class that holds the clarity and vision to see the things that are important in life? Love big. Push forward. Find your passion. Take nothing for granted. Above all, be proud of the name you make for yourself. Know that always, this community, your tribe, Bear Nation, will be rooting you on. Hold on to what we have learned the last several weeks. Whether we are together or apart, we are all in this together."

The Top 10 percent were recognized by GHS Counselor Brandy Humphreys. Those students in order of rank are: Elizabeth Fortenberry, Abigail Grace Townsend, Bethanie Longmire, Ashley Lara, Zoie Pilgrim, Jacob Weaver, Daisey Bewley, Chloe Caldemeyer, Chris Houston, Lily Cahal and Victoria Perry.

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## Valedictorian

2020

ELIZABETH FORTENBERRY

Welcome friends, family, GHS faculty, board, and class of 2020. We've made it. Even through this pandemic, we made it. Sure, it's definitely not the senior year we expected, but we've made the most of it. I want to thank all the teachers of Gladewater High School for trying to make the rest of the year as normal as it could be. Coach Clark, I didn't think I would say it, but explicating all those poems was actually kind of fun. Reading Frankenstein actually captivated my interest, and my little brother's because I made him read it with me. You're welcome, Nathan. I love you.



To all my fellow classmates, thank you for these past four years. It has been wild. From freshman to senior year, we've been through a lot together. From random cafeteria fights to crazy projects, high school sure has been one heck of a ride. There are so many people to thank, and so many memories to share, but so little time.

Hannah Ballard, I loved being a part of our little hype squad at football games. Also, bop bop.

Bethanie, I love how often teachers mixed us up. You are amazing and I'm glad if I got mixed up for someone else, that it was you.

Ramzey, everybody get mad in 3,2,1. No but seriously, you are awesome and classes with you were always pretty epic.

Logan, my dude, I will never forget the first 10 amendments thanks to our silly video.

Aubrey, I will never forget us being dumb together in 7th period and making tik toks sometimes. You are just so blunt and honest, and I live for it.

Heavyn, you are the sweetest human that I have ever met, and I'm glad we got closer this year. You are as beautiful as a butterfly, and I know that you will do good things in life.

TJ, what can I say? You've always been there to make me laugh. Especially at lunch. You were an amazing knight and I'm excited to see

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## Salutatorian

2020

ABIGAIL TOWNSEND

Good evening friends, family, faculty and of course, the graduating class of 2020. To our friends and family, we are honored you were able to join us. A few short weeks ago we feared we would be having our graduation via Zoom; since then, we've been elated to hear that not only would we be having an in-person graduation, but would also be able to have six guests join us. That means to our class, you are some of the most influential people in our lives. If no one has told you lately, you are essential.

To our administration, we sincerely thank you for finding a way to give us this opportunity and closure. It means so much to us that you have jumped through hoops to make sure that this graduation happened. To our teachers, thank you for being dedicated to our education and, in what seemed to be overnight, transformed the way you teach, present, communicate and motivate to approximately 500 students.



To our graduating class... I know many of you, much like myself, have felt mixed emotions during all this. Salty. Disappointed. Heartbroken. Unfinished. Defeated. Discouraged. Robbed. Lost. Allow yourself to feel those things. Process those emotions, but then let them go and hold onto something greater. Hope.

Relish this moment as it is a moment that almost didn't happen. If there is anything that I have learned since the day our world turned upside down, take nothing for granted, leave nothing unsaid; remember that tomorrow is not promised. None of us had any idea our last moments would be our last; our last lunch with friends, our last performance, our last game, our last time to walk down those hallways and out those doors. We had no idea we would never have a senior prom. Cherish everything. We all loved social media, until it was our only platform for being social. Put down your phones, drink in the moment, the lights, your family, your friends, your tribe.

Approximately 18 years ago, when the world was blessed with our presence, our nation had just been through one of the greatest tragedies our country has ever known and here we are, at our rite of passage into adulthood, again overcoming great tragedy. Just as we did after 9/11, I am confident that we will rise from the ashes stronger, braver, more compassionate, and more determined to succeed.

The last three months do not define our high school career, our senior year, or where we are heading. The last three months have

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Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp and city manager Ricky Tow met with downtown merchants last Friday to discuss reopening the public restrooms. The restrooms have been closed ever since the COVID-19 Pandemic arrived in Texas and Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott closed down businesses across the state.

Most Gladewater downtown merchants do not have public restrooms and now that Gov. Abbott has reopened businesses local merchants have been asking the city to reopen the public restrooms for the convenience of their shoppers.

The city and local merchants decided to work together in reopening and keeping the facilities clean for shoppers, adhering to CDC rules pertaining to COVID-19 concerns. Photo by Jim Bardwell

## How COVID-19 will affect Gladewater's bottomline

By Jim Bardwell

Governor Greg Abbott, in response to a letter from members of the Texas Democratic Congressional Delegation regarding tax burdens on Texans, recently voiced his support of lessening the tax burden on Texans by local governments like the City of Gladewater.

Abbott pointed out that local governments - not the State of Texas - set the property tax rates.

"Property owners shouldn't be saddled with rising property taxes while dealing with a pandemic," said Governor Abbott. "As a result, local governments, who set property tax rates, should find ways to reduce the tax burden on Texans. Whether we're facing times of challenge or times of prosperity—raising taxes on the people of Texas is never the answer."

While Gov. Abbott's push to curb potential tax hikes by local governments is a plus for taxpayers, it is sure to put cities and counties in a bind as each struggles to maintain expected services at a time when extreme belt tightening has been the norm for several years.

Gladewater Mayor J.D. Shipp said as the city begins preparing next year's 2020-2021 budget, he is "apprehensive about the upcoming budget. There is a level of uncertainty that has not existed heading

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Elaine Osteen observes COVID-19 CDC recommendations for grocery shopping by wearing her mask and social distancing. It is still necessary to practice precautions to ensure that the most vulnerable in our communities remain protected. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

**Ed Sterling**  
Capital  
Highlights



## State continues to battle COVID-19

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 5 said the state's ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 also continue and East Texas residents in particular should be extra mindful of both threats. Cumulative figures posted June 6 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 74,978 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,830 deaths resulting from the virus pandemic had been confirmed.

### State extends SNAP

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide approximately \$177 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits for the month of June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Abbott announced June 4.

More than 900,000 SNAP households will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by June 12. The emergency June allotments are in addition to the \$414.7 million in benefits previously provided to Texans in April and May, Abbott added.

### Fomenters are warned

Gov. Abbott and Texas-based U.S. Attorneys John Bash, Erin Nealy Cox, Stephen Cox, and Ryan Patrick warned June 1 that individuals "who come to Texas from out of state to engage in looting, violence or other destructive acts in violation of federal law" would be subject to federal prosecution and transferred to federal custody.

"Today's announcement will ensure there are harsh consequences for those breaking the law and that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Abbott said.

### Ruling draws comments

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 4 commended the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for unanimously ruling to block a San Antonio federal district court order allowing all qualified voters to vote by mail.

"I applaud the Fifth Circuit for staying the federal court's erroneous decision and preventing widespread mail-in balloting while the case proceeds," Paxton said.

Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, disagreed with the ruling, saying, "We find ourselves in the midst of a once-in-a-century pandemic. Voters who are rightfully worried about the safety of in-person voting should have the option to vote by mail. The Constitution prohibits divvying up our rights by our age, gender or race and the Fifth Circuit decision of today would allow voters of a certain age different voting rights than the rest of us."

### Party holds convention

The Texas Democratic Party conducted its first digital, online convention June 1 to June 6.

Over those days, the party took up a slate of issues such as vote-by-mail, education, textbook censorship, racism, religious freedom, LGBTQ rights and reproductive rights.

Virtual attendees participated in live panels, training and regular party business.

A virtual debate was held June 6 between state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and former Air Force helicopter pilot M.J. Hegar. The two are in a runoff to decide who will face Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the November general election.

### Cenotaph move opposed

State Rep. Kyle Biedermann, R-Fredericksburg, last week asked Gov. Abbott to halt the relocation of the Alamo cenotaph, a 60-foot-tall stone sculpture erected in 1939 to honor the defenders of the Alamo in the historic 1836 battle.

Under a \$450 million plan to redevelop the historic zone approved by the state and the City of San Antonio, the cenotaph would be moved from Alamo Plaza to a spot by the Menger Hotel, a short distance away.

Biedermann, in a June 4 letter to Abbott, complained that the proposed site to relocate the cenotaph is outside of the Alamo battlefield footprint. Biedermann asked the governor to insist that the cenotaph remain in place. The governor's office did not respond to a request for comment before the press deadline.

### Revenue total droops

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 1 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, an amount 13.2% lower than the total reported for the month of May 2019, marking the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010.

Declines in sales tax receipts hit all major economic sectors except telecommunications services, Hegar said. The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining as energy companies cut spending on well drilling and completion following the recent crash in oil prices, he added.

Also, Hegar said, business closures and restrictions and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred deep drops in collections from restaurants, amusement and recreation services, and physical retail stores. Those declines were offset in part by increases from big box retailers and grocery stores that remained open as essential businesses, online retailers and restaurants that could readily pivot to takeout and delivery service.

## We must all do better

I have had my share of graduations, one high school and three college, my son's in 2002 and every single year I taught high school. Now I cover them for our newspapers, at least two or three ceremonies a year. I hear, often similar speeches, the same important truths spoken year after year.

But this group of kids is different, just as my son's Class of 2002 was different. While the Class of 2002 was weighed down by the experiences of their time, the Class of 2020 has been isolated to process what our weary world is struggling through at this time. They have been celebrated in unique ways because their educators and their communities know what they have missed...proms, parties, spring sports and most of all a chance for closure.

Our area superintendents took a risk and ensured these kids had in-person graduation ceremonies which observed, as much as those in attendance were willing to observe, of social distancing. This is a strange beast, this pandemic, but in spite of it, our kids had the opportunity for closure. Hopefully they have gotten just that.

The rest of us could use some closure as well. As in closing the screens on our phones and computers. Throughout the world today the misinformation that is spread is global, insidious and dangerous beyond our comprehension. And we click away online at the informational 'creations' of others and consume it as truth.

That is why journalism, good journalism is important. To report on our government and society from the bottom to the top is a heavy responsibility. It is just as important to report on what is done well, not just the mistakes and abuses.

Right now, at this time, it feels to me as if we are abdicating our judgment as citizens. Note I said 'feels'. We need to remember that not everyone we support politically is 100 percent right and the

**Suzanne Bardwell**



other guys are not 100 percent wrong. What happened to our ability to discern, to analyze, to THINK and to compromise? To do those things which result in an effective government and culture you have to consume and know how to use information you do not necessarily agree or perhaps feel comfortable with.

I have always had friends who believe differently than me. I love them. They are good people who challenge me, sharpen me, make me more thoughtful. How have we gotten into the ditch of 'hating' those we disagree with? Or 'hating' those who are different from 'us'. Why in the world do we feel threatened by different opinions when that has been the hallmark of our democracy?

You know what I believe? The good Lord above created us all. If we believe that then we are called to treat others as we wish to be treated. I also believe in what our Founding Fathers wrote. And no, we don't always live up to it, but that doesn't make the foundational truths of this country any less true. There is a HUGE difference between a consumer and a citizen. It is time that we return to true citizenship. And that is a heavy responsibility. It requires us to truly be informed. To not swallow click bait hook, line and sinker. It requires that we verify information, sources and assess the veracity of what we are being told. We must understand our history, and just as important, the world's history.

I believe that our graduates of the Class of 2020 can do better. They must do better. We must all do better. Our future depends on it.



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### The Short-Term Outlook for the Texas Economy

Measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19, while necessary, have had substantial negative effects on the Texas economy. In addition to shutting down large segments of the economy, the pandemic has also contributed to a downturn in oil and natural gas. However, the state is well positioned to return to growth once social distancing requirements can be more fully relaxed. The Perryman Group's latest outlook calls for a significant drop in business activity this year, but a return to growth next year (and even later this year).

For 2020, The Perryman Group estimates that the Texas economy will experience significant losses due to both COVID-19 and disruptions in the oil market (which accounts for about 14% of the state economy during normal times). Real gross product is expected to decline by \$133.8 billion relative to 2019 levels (a 7.60% loss), while total employment on an annualized basis is likely to drop by almost 861,000 (down 6.48%). Job losses are expected to be concentrated in the spring and summer months with some improvement later in the year, so reported losses at some points in time will be even higher (more than two million Texans have filed initial claims for unemployment since the pandemic began).

While the unemployment rate has jumped sharply and millions of Texans are out of work, many jobs will return as social distancing requirements are relaxed. The industries likely to see the largest drops in the numbers of jobs include accommodation and food services, retail trade, manufacturing, and mining (primarily oil and natural gas in Texas). In addition, expected economic growth for 2020 has been foregone. When compared to baseline projections before the pandemic, real gross product losses for the year reach \$206.3 billion, with more than 1.1 million fewer annualized jobs in Texas relative to the pre-COVID-19 expectations.

For 2021, a notable improvement is projected. Gains in real gross product are forecast to be \$154.4 billion (a 9.50% increase), while the number of jobs rises by almost 685,000 (up 5.51%). It is expected to take two to five years to return to the level of business activity the state would otherwise have experienced in the absence of COVID-19 and the related measures to prevent a spike in infections.

The state economy is declining steeply at present but is expected to begin to expand later this year (although, as noted, the year-over-year numbers will likely be down considerably). Because the underlying economy was strong prior to this situation and Texas will retain many of its competitive advantages going forward, it is likely to be more of a pause than a fundamental change (assuming safe and effective measures to resume activity are successful with no additional outbreaks and shutdowns). Be safe!!



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## LIFE'S REQUIREMENTS

Sports teaches many lessons that are essential for a well-orchestrated life. Vince Lombardi, the well-known and very successful football coach of the Green Bay Packers said, "Football is like life-it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority." Of course, Lombardi is talking about a successful, well-orchestrated life. Doesn't Christianity require the same? When the above traits of character are missing, you don't have much of a football player, or any other kind of athlete. Spiritually speaking, when these traits are missing in one's life, you don't have much of a Christian either. All of the character traits mentioned by Lombardi, are to be integral parts of the well-rounded Christians life.

For example, we are to add to our faith "perseverance" (2 Pet. 1:6). We are to "deny ourselves" (Matt. 16:24). We are to "exercise" ourselves unto godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). Whereas in football this exercise and hard work is physical, the Christian's hard work and exercise is spiritual. We are to present our bodies "a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1). We are to be "dedicated and respectful" of authority (Col. 3:17).

What kind of life do you want? Do you want a life free of requirements? Or do you want to have life, and have it more abundantly? (Jn. 10:10). Many folks think that the abundant life, or living life to its fullest, is to "enjoy the passing pleasures of sin," or to "live it up" in the bright lights of the far country of sin, as the prodigal son did, or to "take their ease, eat, drink, and be merry" as the rich fool did. (Heb. 11:25; Lk. 15; Lk. 12). But the truth is, that in order to enjoy life to its fullest is to follow Jesus. Otherwise, one is just here, just existing, and not really living at all! Think on these things.

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# OBITUARIES

## MARTHA SHELTON

Mrs. Martha Shelton, 93, of Gladewater, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in Gladewater surrounded by family. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2020, at the Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gladewater with Bro. Wayne Norvell officiating. Interment followed at Lakeview Memorial Gardens.



Martha was born May 8, 1927 in Dallas, Texas to the late Roy Wayne Starnes, Sr. and Ruby Clark Starnes. She moved to the camp in Union Grove during the oil boom and was a Union Grove Alumni. Martha worked for Bell Telephone and then for the Gladewater ISD before retiring. She was known to many as "Gran"; she loved life and her family.

Martha enjoyed collecting pictures of all her kids, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Martha always looked forward to going to the mall to "thump" every Saturday. She was loved by all and will be dearly missed by all the loving family she leaves behind.

Martha is survived by her three daughters Donna Hunt and husband Doss of Gladewater, Diana "Pidgeon" Wheat of Gladewater and Jana Watts and husband Loyd of Gilmer; ten grandchildren Michele Philpot and husband John of Gladewater, Dee Hunt and wife Tonya of Union Grove, Todd McGrede and wife Jenni of Watauga, Monica Hardy of Madisonville, James L. Hanson, Jr. of Kilgore, Lisa Schumacher and husband Scott of Bellville, Marci Smith of Bryan-College Station, Dee Watts of Ore City, Amy Piersall of Gilmer and Donny Watts of Glenwood; 16 great grandchildren; 38 great great grandchildren as well as many other loving family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lou Shelton, brother Roy Starnes, Jr., daughter Becky Knight and great granddaughter Krissy Cordray.

Memorials in Martha's memory can be made to the St Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Longview Animal Care & Adoption Center, 303 H.G. Moseley Pkwy, Longview, TX 75604

Online tributes and condolences can be made at [www.croleyfh.net](http://www.croleyfh.net)



## BETTY JO JACKSON FILES

Betty Jo Jackson Files of Gladewater, age 86, passed from this earth peacefully on June 4, 2020. She was born February 27, 1934 in Van Buren, Arkansas to Minnie and Lewis Jackson. She married Robert L. (Bob) Files and they celebrated over 60 years of marriage.

She was a United States Air Force wife for over 20 years, moving household and kids, making a home at a new base several times in the U.S and abroad. Upon Bob's retirement from the service, they settled in Gladewater in 1971. Betty was an active member of the community, working and being an excellent employee. She was a Charter Member of Clarksville Baptist Church, where she served tirelessly & ministered to others. She also volunteered with the local Meals on Wheels, and enjoyed serving those in the community. She loved her family dearly and held them close to her heart.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are a daughter, Valerie Files Manley and husband Ray of Gladewater; sons, Michael Files and wife Barbara of Rockaway Beach, Missouri; Terry Files and wife Deba of Portland, Texas along with 11 Grandchildren, 29 Great Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. As well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends that mourn her passing but celebrate her life. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert L. Files, as well as her daughter, Rhonda Files Walker, and a granddaughter, Tiffany Denise Files.

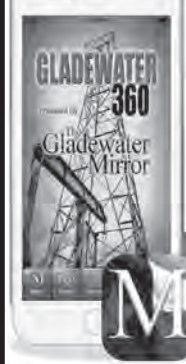
The family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to Betty's caregivers, Angela Lobdell and Rhonda Pee, who took such loving care of her.

In Betty's memory memorials can be made to the Hospice of East Texas at 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 or [www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org).

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater and a private family memorial service will take place at a later date.



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## Evans among 11 students inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society

The Kilgore College Adult Education and Literacy program inducted 11 students from across Gregg, Upshur and Rusk counties into the National Adult Education Honor Society.

The annual ceremony was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Selections were made from more than 1,000 students enrolled in adult education programs (ESL, AEL, literacy and HSE) from the three-county area during the 2019-20 program year.

To qualify for NAEHS membership, adult education students must demonstrate the following attributes: effort, achievement, perseverance, initiative and desire.

This year's inductees:

**Gladewater:** Lisa Evans  
Grand Saline: Betsy Chesnut  
Henderson: Mounia Elouahidi  
Henderson: Maria Antonia Hinojosa  
Kilgore: Furn Kennedy

Longview: Margie Bales  
Longview: Shelia Gladney  
Longview: Alsenne Hagler  
Longview: Jahaziel Lopez  
Longview: Dayneisha Nelson  
Longview: Regina Skinner

## LeTourneau honors Gladewater students

LeTourneau University's 2020 President's List included Gladewater students Elizabeth Aguilar and Marissa Alderson. Aguilar is a junior majoring in interdisciplinary studies and Alderson is a senior pursuing a degree in nursing. Students must achieve a GPA of 4.0 to receive this honor.

Dean's List honorees include Gladewater's Ethan Hill, a junior computer science major, Hannah Moore a senior interdisciplinary studies major and Katerina Patterson a senior interdisciplinary studies. Dean's List students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

Gladewater spring graduates include Marissa Alderson with a BS in Nursing, Cum Laude, Stephanie Hearnberger, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Cum Laude and Darian Skipper, Master of Education in Education Administration.

## Judge reopens gamerooms

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefeller last Thursday issued a directive authorizing game rooms in the county to re-open, but restricting the number of on-premises customers to 50% of capacity.

The county commissioners court had on March 23 ordered all such establishments closed as a precaution against the COVID-19 pandemic. The court also took no action May 29 on an agenda item which would have re-opened them.

In his three-page directive, Tefeller said a recent order from Gov. Greg Abbott authorizing the restricted re-opening of bars and saloons prompted him to let game rooms re-open since he believed "that a game room is a similar establishment to a bar or saloon." (The directive also said the March ban "provided that said closure would remain in effect pending termination or cancellation by the Upshur County judge, or by the Upshur County Commissioners Court in open session.")

Abbott is letting bars/saloons serve "up to 50% of the total capacity of such facilities, and further dropped his prohibition of video games and other interactive amusement devices, so long as those devices are disinfected to protect customers, and so long as said devices are disinfected before and after the use by each customer, among other minimum standard health protocols published by him," Tefeller said.

Thus, the judge said Upshur County game rooms "should be allowed to partially re-open only up to 50% of patron capacity, and only if said game room is authorized to operate pursuant to the Upshur County game room regulations" which the court approved Feb. 28.

Tefeller's directive also decrees that game room patrons be "socially distanced from each other for at least six feet of

separation between games," and outside the building.

"Further, all of the standard minimum standard health protocols applicable to bars and similar establishments dated June 3, 2020 and as may be further revised and published by the Texas Department of State Health Services shall be fully complied with," the directive said, noting they are listed on the county's website.

The directive further establishes that failure to comply with the order is a class B misdemeanor punishable by a jail term of up to 180 days and/or a fine of up to \$1,000. The order was effective at 11:59 p.m. the day it was issued.

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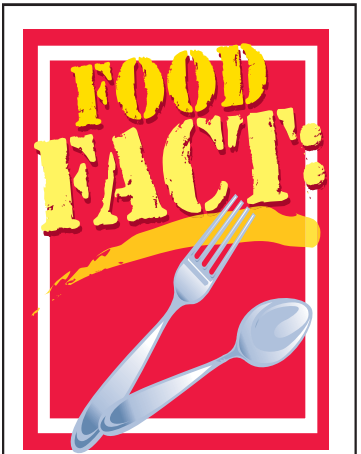


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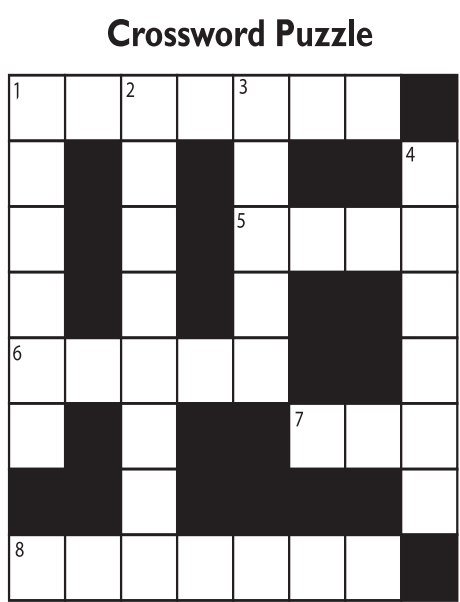
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ANSWER: EGYPTIANS



- ACROSS**
- Sweetly coated
  - At a distance
  - Tall, branched plants
  - Having high degree of heat
  - Confections
- DOWN**
- Another name for candies
  - Plant product found in soaps and skincare
  - Enjoys a book
  - Special desserts

Answers:  
Across: 1. Sweets 2. Glycerin 3. Reads 4. Treats  
Down: 1. Sugared 5. Ajar 6. Trees 7. Hot 8. Candies

**THIS DAY IN...**

- JUN 15 HISTORY**
- 1215: KING JOHN OF ENGLAND PUTS HIS SEAL TO MAGNA CARTA.
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**PULL**  
to stretch certain types of candies

**How they SAY that in...**

**ENGLISH:** Sugar  
**SPANISH:** Azúcar  
**ITALIAN:** Zucchero  
**FRENCH:** Sucre  
**GERMAN:** Zucker

**Did You Know?**

CAKE POPS ARE A COMBINATION OF MOIST CAKE DIPPED INTO A CANDY OR CHOCOLATE COATING.

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ANSWER: SWEET AND SOUR CANDY

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6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

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**Fireworks at lake canceled**

The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce board of directors met Monday via Zoom teleconferencing and voted to not host this year's Fourth of July Fireworks Show at Lake Gladewater.

The board decided to cancel the annual fireworks show and boat parade based on health concerns due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which is still active in East Texas and across the state and nation. The board, which regretted canceling the community event, plans to resume the event in 2021.

Fireworks watchers can still find bright lights in the sky at Longview's annual July 4 fireworks show. The event will be a drive-in only fireworks show. Additional social distancing and hygiene precautions will be taken to help ensure community health and safety. The festival portion of the event, including the Live Main Stage, vendors, and carnival rides is still canceled.

In addition to the fireworks, several planned activities will continue as virtual events, including an online Fourth of July Talent Stage hosted by Partners in Prevention, an online patriotic animal event hosted by the Longview Animal Care and Adoption Center, and online summer reading club activities hosted by the Longview Public Library.

**GISD summer meal program**

Grab and go meals began on Monday for curbside pickup at Gladewater High School. Students may come each Monday through June to pick up meals that will include five breakfasts and five lunches. Pickup time runs from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

**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.

**Gregg GOP County Convention moved**

The Gregg County Republican County Convention will be held at the banquet facilities at the Summit Club which is located at 3700 Judson Rd, Longview, instead of the Pine Tree Auditorium after GOP officials were informed that facility is not available to third party events.



The convention will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 9 a.m. If you have any questions call 903-424-9587 or chairman@greggcountygop.com. There are to be close to 30 resolutions to be approved and delegates for the State Convention in Houston on July 13-18 will be elected.

**VBS set for Pritchett Church of Christ**

The Pritchett Church of Christ will hold a one-day Vacation Bible School for ages two through adults Saturday, June 27.

Theme of the event, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is "How Real Is He To You?" A free lunch will be served. The church meets at 1258 FM 1404 near the intersection with Texas 155.

Pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the congregation's youth minister, Jaelyn Downey, at 903-352-5838. H.L. Shirey is the church's minister.

**Extension agents plan webinars**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents from three area counties will present health-related webinars at noon on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning June 10.

Cherokee County agent Nykole Vance will make the first broadcast on diabetes, while Nacogdoches County agent Lexi Perimon will do the second on medicine, and Upshur County agent Julie York will present the June 24 talk on being active.

For more information, contact York at 903-680-8128.

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how far your future takes you! Also, playing Dungeons and Dragons with you, Andrew, and Lindsey is so much fun.

Raiden, thank you for always being there to listen, even if we weren't necessarily getting along. Thank you, Alyssa and your parents for letting me be a part of the extended family. Thank you guys for opening your home to me whenever I felt like showing up.

Thank you Mom and Dad. You've helped me on this pathway to adulthood and I love you. I don't think I'd be where I was now without your help.

Thank you to Miss Smith. 8th period was a hoot for the time I got to spend in theater production. Thank you to TJ, Raiden, and even McKinney, even though you were only in it for the first semester; you traitor (just kidding), for belting out the lyrics to Drunken Sailor with me and the rest of the class. We're graduating today. Every time I hear Drunken Sailor, I do and will think of those times in 8th period where we most definitely disrupted the Spanish class next to us. Sorry Mrs. Duesterhoft. Miss Smith, I know that all of us theatre kids will carry the memories we made with you for a long time. I'll never forget I'm a limp person from OAP this year. I'll never forget my theater experience, and I thank you for that. Also, to my entire 8th period, you just lost the game, and all hail Hal!

Miss Duesterhoft, sorry we didn't get to publish that newspaper pdf. But hey, I'm excited for y'all to do that next year! Doing UIL with you was amazing. Sophomore year Spanish class was great. I'll never forget the Spanish word for backpack, and I'm sure anyone that has had you for Spanish won't either. I need some mo chili for my hotdogs.

Mr. Smith, I think I'll miss you a lot. Not too much, because I'm gonna be in the UT Tyler band with your son, so I'll probably see you every once in a while, but I'm still sad to leave the GHS band most of all. The memories us band kids have are irreplaceable. Remember guys, Mr. Smith doesn't ask for much. Just perfection.

# Valedictorian

2020 ELIZABETH FORTENBERRY

I want to also thank the coaches for all their hard work. I wasn't involved in sports myself, but I have seen the exceptional talent in our athletes. Without our amazing coaches, we couldn't have made it to playoffs for football or girls basketball. An extra thank you to the coaches who also teach any required subject. Not only do you give up your free time to coach, you also give up your days to teach.

To Mr. Bratcher, thank you. You've only been here for a year and a half, and you've already made such a difference. Your teaching skills are magnificent, you explain things very well, but most importantly, you give each of us the respect that we deserve. You are an amazing person, and you've definitely made my year much more fun. No Bratcher, no school. You are an advocate for mental health, and that means so much to me.

Not everyone knows this, but I struggle quite a bit with mental health myself, so seeing a teacher care about that and really speak about it touches my heart. During my freshman and sophomore year, my mental health was at an all time low. I had daily panic attacks and thoughts of suicide. Looking back, I don't think I would be here right now if it weren't for people like Mr. Bratcher, Coach Lindsey, and my friends. Coach Lindsey taught health my freshman year. We were required to cover the topic of mental health, and he spoke about it from his heart. Because of people like Coach Lindsey, I felt that it was time that I decided to speak up about it and get the help I needed. So, here I am, three years later, alive, and in a much better

mental state. I am on medication and I see a therapist. To anyone here that feels like they might need help, please don't be afraid to speak up, and get the help you need. It's worth it.

There is hope. We've made it this far, and I know we will only go on to do bigger and better things. It has truly been an honor to be a classmate to all of you.

To all my younger friends that will still be here next year, I'll miss you, but just remember that I'm a mere phone call away. Lilah, Alyssa, K-Can, Brady, Garrett, Slayden, Grayson, Hannah E, Brock, Nikki, and so many others, thank you so much for making my senior year extra special. Some of you are leaving too, and many of you will still be here. I just wanted all of you to know, whether you are staying or not, that I love you guys.

You know, as I was writing this speech, I realized how many of my memories were with upper and lower classes than my own. Though we all may not have been close, I feel like I've definitely become closer to my class this year. This definitely isn't the senior we imagined, but for what we had, I would say it was pretty fun.

You know, somebody once told me that the world was gonna roll me. I may not be the sharpest tool in the shed, but I would still say that I don't regret a single moment of high school. We may be known as the rowdy class but that is a-okay with me. Being rowdy just made for really fun football games.

As we all go on to do greater things, whether it be college, trade school, armed forces, or even going straight to work, remember one thing, fellow graduates: life is what you make it. We must be true to who we are and accept when we need help. Ask and ye shall receive. No matter what we all go to do, we should do it with confidence and hope for the future. These are our futures, and only we can decide what to make of them. To my fellow classmates, thank you for making my senior year so memorable. I wish us all the best in our future endeavors.

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shown how much perseverance, dedication, and tenacity we have within. This has been a challenge for all of us, in one way or another. Maybe you learn best when you are in person, maybe you excel in a hands on environment, maybe you didn't have internet and had to spend hours sitting in the parking lot of the school to complete your assignments, maybe your parent lost their job, and on top of completing your course work, you had to help provide for your family, or maybe you have five little brothers and sisters in four different grade levels and you jumped in to help your mom and waited until late at night to finish your own assignments, or maybe in a moment of poor judgment, you binged watch the entire Tiger King series the night before your assignments were due. But either way, we did it.

# Salutatorian

2020 ABIGAIL TOWNSEND

We overcame it. We figured it out, and are here living in this moment. I encourage my classmates to find closure. Reach out and thank those educators that made a difference. Walk on that baseball field one

more time. Walk on that stage. Walk down that hallway and out those doors one last time, even if it has to be only in your mind. Don't let the failure of losing those last moments turn into a failure to launch. We are destined for great things. We are unstoppable. I mean, without even trying we became the Senior Skip Day World Champions, am I right?

In all seriousness, how fitting is it that the class of 2020 is the class that holds the clarity and vision to see the things that are important in life? Love big. Push forward. Find your passion. Take nothing for granted. Above all, be proud of the name you make for yourself. Know that always, this community, your tribe, Bear Nation, will be rooting you on. Hold on to what we have learned the last several weeks. Whether we are together or apart, we are all in this together. I love you all and I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for our lives. Go out there and do big things. And as always GO BEARS!



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## Virtual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course set for Aug. 3-5

The annual Beef Cattle Short Course will be held virtually this year. While it may be hard to 'virtually' eat the famous prime rib dinner associated with the event, the educational aspect will still be provided as it has been for the past 65 years to ranchers who need basic beef cattle production information and the latest on hot issues concerning their operations.

The three-day online event is set for Aug. 3-5. Cost will be \$99 before July 1, \$129 after July 1 and \$149 after the conference is over. Registration is open now as well as the opportunity to join the mailing list for continual updates.

"Participants can still learn from beef industry experts, only they will be in the comfort of their home, learning at their own pace and able to watch sessions over and over again if they want," said Jason Cleere, Ph.D., conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist in College Station.

The short course is the largest beef cattle educational event in the country and typically attracts more than 2,000 beef cattle producers from Texas and abroad to College Station, Cleere said. It is hosted by AgriLife Extension and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University.

"We still plan to offer more than 20 sessions covering basic practices, new technologies and hot topics, along with a virtual trade show and live cattle demonstrations," he said. "Participants will be able to ask questions live



during the sessions, and they'll have the option of receiving a paper copy of the proceedings."

These sessions provide participants an opportunity to choose workshops based on their level of production experience and the needs of their ranch, Cleere said.

"One positive of a virtual conference is that participants are not limited to the workshops they can attend due to time and space," he said. "The live concurrent sessions will be recorded, which will allow our participants the option to see all of the sessions on forage and beef cattle management, health, nutrition and reproduction, record-keeping, genetics, purebred cattle and much more."

The demonstrations will be on cattle handling, chute-side calf working, brush management, fence building, tractor safety and beef carcass value determination.

"The goal of the short course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information needed by beef cattle producers, and that won't change this year even with the new format," Cleere said.

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**RECOVERED Patients: 79**

CITIES/TOWNS IN GREGG COUNTY CASE COUNT DEATHS

Longview	239	11
Kilgore	16	--
White Oak	13	--
Gladewater	4	--

Individual cases that are associated with a particular city may be outside the city limits.

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AGE RANGE: 0-20 (18), 21-40 (84), 41-59 (81), 60-79 (64), 80+ (25)

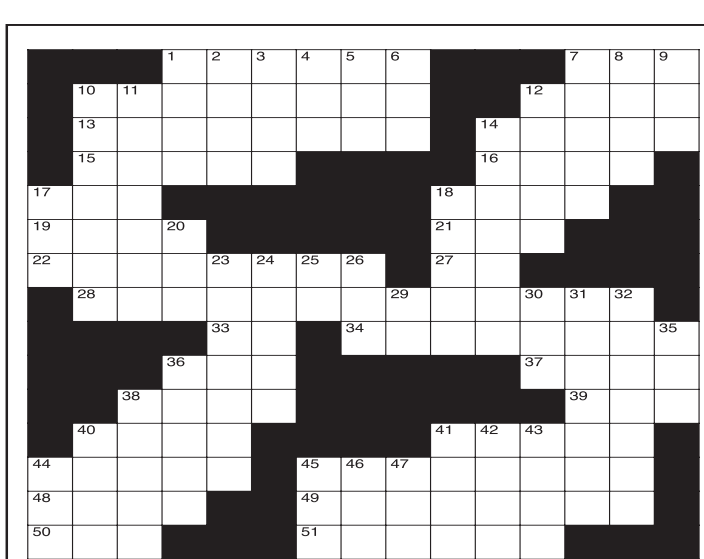
Gender: Male: 106, Female: 166

Confirmed cases are categorized by the physical address of the individual. County residents tested outside of this County are included within these totals

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Confirmed Cases of the 2019 novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Date	Confirmed Cases in NET Health's 7 County Jurisdiction						
	Smith	Gregg	Van Zandt	Henderson	Wood	Anderson	Rains
June 8, 2020							
March 8 - April 4	57	18	5	4	2	1	--
April 5 - May 1	89	69	11	24	8	31	2
May 2 - May 8	28	31	2	13	4	13	--
May 9 - May 15	15	52	4	7	4	9	--
May 18 - May 25	9	15	4	7	5	12	1
May 26 - May 29	6	28	5	2	6	2	--
May 30 - June 5	19	44	8	11	20	17	1
June 8	12	15	1	3	2	6	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



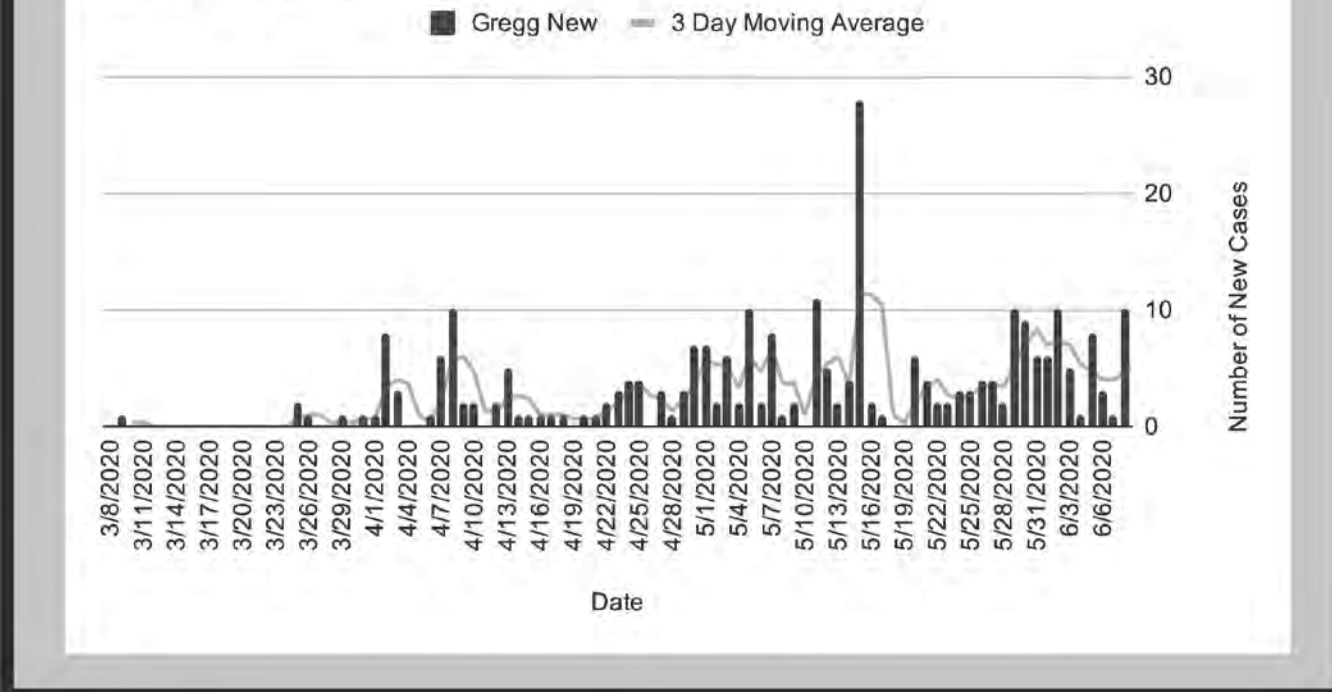
- CLUES ACROSS**
- African nation
  - \_\_\_ fi (slang)
  - Not arranged according to size
  - A demand for a show of hands in a card game
  - Having a play of lustrous rainbowlike colors
  - Panama has one
  - Taking legal action
  - Top of the body
  - Part of (abbr.)
  - Soul and calypso song
  - Murres
  - Irish river
  - Accepts as true
  - The Bay State
  - 1950s Hollywood icon
  - Blood type
  - In a way, became lost
  - Large primate
  - A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
  - Mama \_\_\_ folk singer
  - Visual metaphor (computers)
  - Trim by cutting
  - Small group of people
  - Pulitzer-winning scientist
  - Unique S. American mammal
  - Energy, style and enthusiasm
  - One who works for you
  - Snakelike fish
  - Consumers

- CLUES DOWN**
- Cylindrical sacs
  - Extinct North Germanic language
  - Late rocker Allman
  - Word element meaning ear
  - Amino acid (abbr.)
  - Promotions
  - Actress Lathan
  - Clothed
  - Unwell
  - Loosen
  - Cephalopod mollusks
  - \_\_\_ at Obdurata: Harmful papal bull
  - Musical composition
  - Irish bar
  - Greek island
  - Afflict
  - Goes by
  - Ambience
  - Video game manufacturer
  - Surplus Marketing Administration
  - Football position
  - Electronic musical style (abbr.)
  - Furniture with open shelves
  - Clouds of gas in outer space
  - Indian midwife
  - Packers' signal caller
  - Secret political clique
  - Cry weakly
  - Gomer \_\_\_, marine
  - Academic Bill of Rights
  - Negatives
  - Hip hop icon Kool Moe \_\_\_

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<p><b>903-845-5885</b></p> <p><b>West Pacific Pizza</b> 224 West Pacific Ave, Gladewater Tuesday - Sunday 11 am to 9 pm Take-Out, Deliver or Dine In w/limited seating <i>USE OUR APP - Put in the notes to leave on your Porch for Social Distancing</i></p>	<p><b>903-845-2318</b></p> <p><b>Guadalupe's</b> 101 E Pacific Ave, Gladewater <b>CALL FOR RESERVATIONS</b> Curbside Pick up, To-Go or Delivery Open: Tues. - Thurs. 11 am to 8:30 pm, Fri-Sat. 11 am to 9 pm, Closed Sunday</p>
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<p>Advertise your <b>TAKE OUT</b> and <b>DINE-IN</b> service here! Call Suzanne at 903-240-1181 or 903-845-2235 or email her at <a href="mailto:Sales@Bardwellink.com">Sales@Bardwellink.com</a></p>	<p><b>(903) 759-1441</b></p> <p><b>Dairy Queen</b> 100 E. US Hwy 80, White Oak Open Every Day 10:30 am to 9 pm <i>Drive Thru, Take-Out &amp; Dine-In</i></p>
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Miranda Case was recently honored with the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo's "Wrangler of the Year" award by Marla Moore. Miranda was joined by her daughter Kaitlyn Hadaway for the formal photo.

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## Gladewater Rodeo to hand out scholarships

This week should have seen cowboys being bucked off broncs and bulls and cowgirls racing around barrels to beat the clock. That's what should be going on in Gladewater - but the COVID-19 Pandemic forced the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo to be canceled for the first time after 82 years straight.

But even though the rodeo action can't take place, area seniors will still benefit with scholarships passed out Saturday afternoon (June 13) at a special event held at the Gladewater Museum's Rodeo Annex located at 112 West Pacific Street next to the museum. The event is free and open to the public between 1-4 p.m.

"This has been a heart-breaking decision," said Chris Thompson, Gladewater Rodeo Association President, adding the decision was in the "best interest of participants, fans, vendors, sponsors, and volunteers. Primarily, the decision is based on concerns surrounding the COVID-19 virus and public safety, and the second issue is that we are only allowed to accommodate a 25% crowd capacity. The loss of revenue would be detrimental to the financial future of this great institution."

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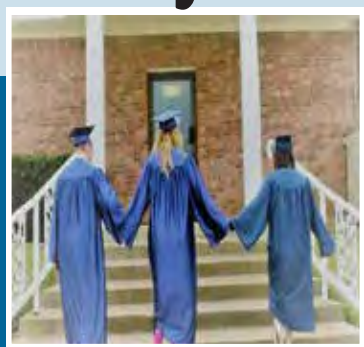

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