

## GISD Calendar start changed to Aug. 12

By Suzanne Bardwell

With a full plate of business items and reports for the June meeting, GISD board members voted to alter the 2020-2021 school calendar. Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot presented a proposed revised student start date from Aug. 17 to Aug. 12 and for teachers from Aug. 10 to Aug. 5.

"This will add three instructional days to the school year, padding our instructional minutes in case we have to close temporarily due to further COVID concerns," Dr. Lightfoot said.

According to Dr. Lightfoot the benefits of the calendar revision include additional face-to-face instructional time for students at a time when learning gaps will likely be wider than usual; give GISD more flexibility if school closure locally becomes necessary and it will reduce the likelihood of extending the school year into June, 2021 to make up missed school days. Board members approved the revised calendar 5-0 with Jon Keller and George Glenn absent.

Board members also approved a budget amendment from existing funds for a \$75,068 payment to Upshur County Coop because of service costs resulting from school closure issues.

Supt. Sedic Clark reported on the study to reduce bus routes eliminating pick up of students living within one mile of their school campus because of a shortage of bus drivers. Transportation Director Steve McFarland presented a report on possible fuel savings if the district installed its own diesel and gas fuel station. The proposal suggested a tank lease option that requires the district to expend money only on lighting, security cameras and securing the station at a cost of \$1,500. McFarland said he has spoken to the County Fire Marshall about the suggested site and that it was distanced from nearby homes and structures.

McFarland said that only one district employee would fuel vehicles recording a ticket for each fill. He said that monthly savings could be over \$2,000. He also said that after one year of purchasing from the company maintaining the tanks, fuel could be purchased from any company. The initial proposed cost would be 22 cents above the

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The Gladewater Museum hosted a special event in the Rodeo Annex Saturday for area rodeo lovers. Director Elaine Roddy read the 'Cowboys' Prayer' and Boy Scout Troop 198 presented the flags and led the pledge. Gladewater Mayor J.D. Shipp read a Proclamation proclaiming June 13 a day of celebration for "The Rodeo That Almost Happened" since the rodeo was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Former rodeo association president James Moore shared rodeo stories with attendees. Jamie Cook was the winner of the Rodeo Annex Quiz! It was a wonderful opportunity to share Gladewater's Rodeo History with visitors. Rodeo scholarship winners were announced - Maci Brooke Childress - Big Sandy ISD, Luke Thomas Davidson - Union Grove ISD, Audrey Nolan - Gilmer ISD and Bailey Nicole Smith - Gladewater ISD.



## COVID-19 up locally

By Jim Bardwell and Phillip Williams

Gladewater reported another positive case of COVID-19 Monday, bring the total number of cases to five for the city."

"The city of Gladewater has a new confirmed positive case within the Upshur County region of our community," Mayor J.D. Shipp announced Monday. "This results in the following within the city limits of Gladewater:

Confirmed Positives 5  
Recovered Cases 4  
Active Cases 1

"While mitigation strategies are becoming less restrictive to our actions, the pandemic is not over. Continue to practice social distancing and following current CDC guidelines to protect yourself and others from the spread of this virus."

As of Monday, Gregg County had 285 total cases of COVID-19 with 173 active cases being reported by the Northeast Texas Public Health District.

Upshur County now has 40 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, including 22 active and 18 recoveries, county Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols told the county

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## Sales tax revenue up 6.79%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 10 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$690.4 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The revenue to be distributed is 11.7% less than the amount distributed in June 2019, a decline Hegar attributed to social distancing statewide in April. The June 2020 allocation percentages, based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly, break down as follows: cities, down 11.1%; counties, down 7.2%; transit systems, down 17.4%; and special purpose districts, down 4.4%.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, widespread social distancing requirements were in place across much of the state in April, leading to the steepest year-over-year decline in allocations since September 2009. While most cities' numbers went down, Gladewater's sales tax revenue went up 6.79-percent compared to last year at this time - \$90,951.92 compared to \$85,161.25 in 2019. And the city's totals were well above last year by 16.95-percent - \$603,972.82 compared to \$516,427.97.

Clarksville City also went up 11.01-percent while White Oak posted a -18.46-percent decline. Warren City also posted a -24.12-percent slip..

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
<b>GREGG COUNTY</b>							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$5,692.23	\$5,127.49	11.01%	\$35,688.16	\$27,505.75	29.74%
Easton	1.000%	\$3,259.79	\$2,976.92	9.50%	\$21,013.58	\$12,570.62	67.16%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$90,951.92	\$85,161.25	6.79%	\$603,972.82	\$516,427.97	16.95%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$447,349.32	\$801,239.51	-44.16%	\$3,813,439.18	\$5,107,217.36	-25.33%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$17,359.98	\$19,765.49	-12.17%	\$107,837.90	\$107,473.75	0.33%
Longview	1.500%	\$2,182,633.37	\$2,841,649.95	-23.19%	\$16,287,072.73	\$17,135,328.42	-4.95%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,290.98	\$1,701.40	-24.12%	\$8,509.72	\$10,542.24	-19.27%
White Oak	1.500%	\$86,464.39	\$106,049.21	-18.46%	\$518,571.96	\$570,788.70	-9.14%
<b>UPSHUR COUNTY</b>							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$23,413.48	\$16,769.84	39.61%	\$112,077.85	\$104,445.24	7.30%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$3,717.25	\$2,364.73	57.19%	\$21,138.48	\$16,748.56	26.21%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$181,488.82	\$149,340.96	21.52%	\$1,041,131.93	\$935,669.84	11.27%
Ore City	1.500%	\$18,752.97	\$16,398.89	14.35%	\$108,380.33	\$93,225.10	16.25%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$379.24	\$661.20	-42.64%	\$2,020.88	\$2,738.16	-26.19%



Celebrating 30 years of service as an educator, GISD Coordinator of Community Relations and 1985 Bear alum, Darren Richardson's retirement reception was held Monday at the newly renovated Broadway Campus board room with a packed house. Richardson's career led through GHS to the University of North Texas where he played bassoon in the band and was a vocal major. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Texas in 1990. Richardson spent 10 years as an elementary music teacher in Tyler ISD before coming home to Gladewater where he has served as choir teacher, Fine Arts Director, GHS Assistant Principal, Weldon Elementary Principal and culminating his career in the GISD community relations position. Richardson also teaches private piano and voice lessons, is a member of the Gladewater Rotary Club and a Chamber of Commerce Director. His music career was built on God-given talent that saw him receive All State Choir honors as a high school student. During his career as a choir director he helped many other students strive for that goal. Richardson plans to continue his work with his private students and is considering sharing his music educator talents by working part-time in the future. Richardson was gifted with a rocking chair and a commemorative plaque in recognition of his years of service to the district. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

## Public hearings on council agenda

The Gladewater City Council will discuss a lease proposal between the city and the Union Pacific Railroad concerning land along the downtown tracks at Thursday's 6 p.m. meeting.

The Union Pacific is asking the city to renegotiate its lease and the two parties have been hashing out the dollar value of the lease for several months. The railroad is asking for more money.

In other action, the council is expected to:

- \* Approve a blanket permit from the First United Methodist Church for a Pastor Appreciation Parade to be held Saturday, June 20.

- \* Conduct a public hearing and possibly approve a request regarding a zoning change request from neighborhood shopping to light industrial

for a distillery 105 Broadway Avenue; and a request to rename a portion of E. Upshur Avenue to N. Mill Street; and a specific use permit for a request to sell beer and wine at Booshay's located at 103 N. Main Street.

The council will also consider board appointments/reappointments - Airport, Ball Park, Beautification, Board of Adjustments, Cemetery, GEDCO, Lake, Library, Planning & Zoning Commission.

A proposed donation of Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, Block 5, of the Briar Wood subdivision, Lots 1, 13 and 14, Block 3, of the Briar Wood subdivision, and 0.50' portion of proposed street Briar Wood Drive will also be reviewed.

The Baseball Association and Softball Association is asking for credit towards next year's lease due to shortened season because of COVID-19.

## Upshur to regulate game rooms like Gov. Abbott regulates bars

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Monday approved applying to game rooms whatever regulations Gov. Greg Abbott may order concerning the reopening of bars and taverns.

The court on March 23 ordered such rooms in the county closed as a precaution against the COVID-19 virus, but County Judge Todd Tefeller issued a June 4 directive letting them re-open at up to 50% of their customer capacity. In the order, he said he did so because Abbott allowed bars and saloons to do the same, and the judge said he

considered game rooms to be similar operations to those.

Tefeller's order also requires the gaming establishments to "socially distance" customers at least six feet apart between games and outside, as well as operate within regulations set by the court in late February, and follow state health protocols applicable to bars.

Sheriff Larry Webb told the court only three of the county's 19 game rooms are currently operating.

Concerning his directive, Tefeller said citizens had wanted to know when such establishments

would re-open and that he could not see "treating them any worse than a saloon or tavern." In addition, "We just didn't have a justification to keep them all closed" for "political reasons."

The court took no action on an agenda item to ratify Tefeller's June 4 directive, but it remains in effect. He said he put the matter on the agenda only because "I was being nice" since he was unsure a vote on ratifying was necessary.

Webb, meanwhile, told the court a hearing is set for 9 a.m. June 23 on Harry Fox's appeal of the sheriff's office denying

his application to open three such rooms.

(Under the regulations the court approved in February, gaming rooms must submit such applications. The court appointed former Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Gross as hearing officer for appeals of application denials).

The sheriff's office recently said it denied Fox's applications, and had launched a criminal investigation of him, after he falsely stated on the documents that he made certain donations to that office and three city police departments.

Upshur County Crime

Stoppers, a private organization, made the donations instead and confirmed Fox donated funds to it, said Sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

In other business Monday, the court approved seeking slightly more than \$32,000 in state "coronavirus emergency supplemental funding" to provide special "negative pressure cells" in the county jail for prisoners with COVID-19 and other contagious diseases.

Webb said such cells allow quarantining inmates inasmuch as air is pulled from the cells and does not circulate back into

the jail. He also said that type cell could hold more than one prisoner.

In other action Monday, the court voted to table approving a licensing agreement with NET Data Corporation, a firm which provides computer software and collection services.

The court wants a two-year agreement with NET Data, whose services have drawn mixed reviews from county officials, instead of a five-year pact. Tefeller, noting he and Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson recently met with representatives

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Dads that matter...

Hurray for the Dads who were there for their kids. Especially the Dads who didn't have that kind of Dad when they were growing up. My dad was one of the great ones. His dad not so much. My sweetheart, and father of our only son, was another great dad who created his own blueprint. He once told me he learned some of his best 'daddy' lessons from watching "Andy Griffith". That was a pretty dog gone good blueprint. Both Opie and our son Josh turned out to be good men.

This is a hard world to bring kids up. It has always been hard. The world can be cruel, confusing and far too ugly for innocents. And that may be at the heart of being a good dad. You make sure that your kids have a childhood while preparing them for a lifetime.

Both my Dad and my Hubby were imperfect fathers, but I believe

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Bardwell



with all my heart they were the perfect Dads for their kids, warts and all. Dads need to convey unconditional love while also providing discipline. That is a "narrow row to hoe" as we country kids say. I can remember making my Dad so angry one night when I was playing rock 'n roll in the middle of the night and burning incense.

What I realized as an adult is that during that crazy time in our culture my Dad equated that with rebellion, drug use and on his part, fear for his baby girl. I just thought I was being cool. I didn't even like the incense. Some other kid had given it to me. Probably because their parents told them they couldn't burn it in their house.

Fear is a big part of parenting. But it should never be the biggest part. The goal of raising kids who are independent, responsible, loving and generous is a mighty big bill to fill when the nurse puts that squalling, scrunch-faced infant in a daddy's arms for the first time. You haven't yet faced the childhood illnesses, accidents, teenage rebellion and heartbreaks that bring out the best, and worst, in a dad.

And it doesn't stop when the kids go to college or work. Some of my sweetheart's best parenting has been as the father of an adult son. His wisdom, patience and restraint are a gift. I know that it must have made my hubby just a little uncomfortable when my Dad checked our tires every time we made a visit 'home'. But it made me feel loved.

Almost every card, every letter that my Mom initiated to me always had at least the phrase "I love you Darlin' Daughter" in my Daddy's 'hand' on it. I am sure that it is easier for a Dad to raise a daughter. After all, it is easy to be Daddy's Little Girl and much harder to fill Daddy's Big Boots if you are a son.

We all have baggage we carry. My goal is to keep mine to a carry on size and not dragging a psychological steamer trunk throughout my life. Because I know I was loved deeply my carry on has gotten



smaller and smaller over the years. And for that I am eternally grateful. I am also grateful for the faith my father modeled for my brothers and me. I often heard my Daddy sing the old hymn "Farther Along" and the words to that song sung by my Daddy pop into my thoughts often...still.

"Farther along we'll know all about it  
Farther along we'll understand why  
Cheer up my brother live in the sunshine  
We'll understand it all by and by"

Of course Daddy also taught me "you have to laugh to keep from crying" and most important of all when it comes to character "a 'man' is only as good as his word". Indeed.

The work of dads is never done. Although I lost mine in 2010 his voice within me still guides me. And for that I too, am grateful. And it isn't just dads we should be thankful for, sometimes it is not the dad at all who does the work of a father. The granddads, stepdads, uncles, brothers and others who fill the gap are true heroes on this Father's Day. And, yes, even good old Andy Griffith deserves a nod for the good dad that he modeled for those who needed it.

Happiest of Father's Day to all those who have done the work that matters most and doing the best you can to raise kids to be men and women of character. We celebrate YOU on this Father's Day.

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Highlights



## Governor promises action to family of George Floyd

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott pledged to institute police reforms when he met with the Houston family of George Floyd, who was handcuffed and killed by police in front of a Minneapolis convenience store on May 25.

Video footage showed the 46-year-old Floyd subdued by four uniformed officers and pinned down on the pavement, one of them pressing his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. Floyd lost consciousness and was later pronounced dead. Outrage over Floyd's death and other police-involved deaths of African-Americans inspired protest marches in cities across Texas, the United States and around the world over the last three weeks.

Abbott told reporters he met with the Floyd family in their home June 9 to assure them that George Floyd did not die in vain and that his life "would be the stimulant for reforms that will make Texas and the country a better place."

Abbott said there was no reason for a police officer to have his knee on Floyd's neck, that there must be better strategies for police to use, and that reforms would be a priority in the 87th Texas Legislature.

### Reform work is ahead

Texas House County Affairs Committee Chair Garnet Coleman and Senate Criminal Justice Committee Chair John Whitmire, both D-Houston, on June 9 announced they would continue to work together on criminal justice reform in the upcoming legislative session scheduled to convene in January.

Whitmire, the most-senior member of the Texas Senate, and Coleman, who is the fifth-most-senior member of the Texas House, released a joint statement, saying: "The recent murder of longtime Houston resident George Floyd by a law enforcement officer in Minneapolis is a painful reminder to us that though we have traveled so far, there is still a long way to go. The passion shown by the millions of people who have made their voices heard against racism have helped fuel our commitment to continue to work towards justice."

Whitmire and Coleman said their goal is to "ensure equal treatment for people of color, increase transparency and accountability and keep both law enforcement and the public safer."

### COVID measures increase

Texas is increasing efforts to identify and expand COVID-19 testing operations in underserved and minority communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus.

Gov. Abbott on June 8 said the Texas Division of Emergency Management is coordinating with local governments, public health officials and emergency management entities to speed up testing and identification of COVID-19 cases.

Abbott said walk-up and drive-thru testing sites are in place and expanding in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, Abilene, the Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Bend, Laredo, Midland-Odessa and particularly in urban areas where large-scale protests have taken place. "As many Texans continue to gather for protests," Abbott said, "the state is also taking steps to address potential surges in COVID-19 cases. We are ensuring that Texans can continue to safely exercise their First Amendment Rights while putting protocols in place to identify and mitigate any spread of COVID-19."

Cumulative figures posted June 14 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 87,854 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,976 deaths confirmed from the virus pandemic.

### Ryan: Follow protocols

With plans to reopen Texas while COVID-19 testing, cases and deaths continue to increase, the governor's office on June 10 posted a public service announcement delivered by Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.

In the short video titled "Don't Be A Knucklehead" Ryan encourages Texans to follow established COVID-19 protocols: "Wash your hands, socially distance yourself from others and wear a mask. Do the right thing. Look out for your fellow Texans and together we'll make it through this," Ryan says.



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### A Modest Uptick

The most recent US jobs report brought a gain of 2.5 million jobs in May and a decrease in the unemployment rate from 14.7% to 13.3%. It's an important positive signal, particularly given that many analysts were anticipating losses of another eight million or more. However, the situation remains challenging and fluid, and the recovery will likely be bumpy.

There are two countervailing forces in the job market. Many companies are continuing to struggle and lay off workers. While initial weekly jobless claims have fallen substantially from peak levels, they are still three times

as high as the previous records set during the 2008 recession. Simultaneously, as the economy reopens, some of the most labor-intensive segments (such as retail, bars and restaurants, and personal services) are hiring in large numbers. On balance, there was improvement in overall employment in May.

This pattern is certainly encouraging and consistent with our earlier assessment that, because there were no major structural problems in the economy, it could recover more rapidly than in 2008 (when it took 58 months to restore job losses). It is important, however, to keep things in perspective. The US lost more than 20 million jobs in April and gained about 2.5 million in May, so there remains an enormous gap to bridge. Much

has been made of the fact that May bought the largest monthly gain ever recorded. While this statement is accurate, the increase restores only a fraction of the unprecedented prior loss. We may see some additional large net gains over the ensuing months given the dynamics of reopening, but this pace will not persist indefinitely.

In addition, subsequent data releases may well present a different picture. Job gains are based on a survey of establishments and could be notably revised downward in the next benchmarking if the number of operating locations has dropped. The unemployment rate is based on a survey of households, and there may have been some individuals who were classified as employed who were

not working due to COVID-19 closures; if these people had been instead counted as unemployed on temporary layoff, the overall unemployment rate would have been several percentage points higher (although the direction of movement should be similar). The Bureau of Labor Statistics has acknowledged this issue.

It should take about two years to return to prior peak levels even with no major additional disruptions. Health and safety remain of paramount concern, and progress will depend on the ability to continue to resume activity without creating an additional spike in infections that will necessitate a new wave of restrictions. Even with these caveats, the fact that the job market is showing signs of recovery is clearly great news. Be safe!!



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## THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE #1

First John 4: 8 says: "God is love." Verse 9-10 says: "This is how God showed His love among us; that He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Love is not a mere attribute of God it is His very nature. He is not just loving He is love itself! Love originates with Him. Therefore, love springs from Him because He is the very essence and fountain of all love. Thus, love is not just one of God's activities, but all of His activity is loving.

We can never comprehend love until we understand God's love for us. 1 Jn. 3: 16 says: "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us." Jesus said: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends. (Jn. 15: 13). We all are familiar with Jn. 3: 16, which has been labeled "God's love for man in a nutshell."

In Ephesians 3: 17-19 we see the vastness and comprehensiveness of God's love for us. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend...what is the width (breadth) and length and depth and height-to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." If we will grow and appreciate Christ's love, and become rooted and grounded in it, we will be able to comprehend the incomprehensible, and know the unknowable i.e. "to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge." This describes what it means to love Christ, and what it means for Christ to love us, and what it means to love others because of Christ. Such can only be accomplished when Christ dwells in our hearts by faith. Think on these things.

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# Coronavirus fraud is everywhere

Criminals are getting busy — and creative — with an onslaught of new frauds preying on people's fears and anxieties about the coronavirus pandemic.

The big picture: Desperate people are finding their unemployment checks and stimulus payments stolen. They're also being bombarded with offers for fake cures, fake work-at-home offers and messages asking for personal financial information.

In perhaps the most widespread scam, criminals are filing fake unemployment claims on behalf of real people who haven't lost their jobs, hitting one state after another.

The rush to get relief money in people's hands has introduced new vulnerabilities to unemployment systems — state agencies and corporate human-resources departments alike are quick to approve claims without requiring much proof.

A Nigerian crime ring called "Scattered Canary" may be responsible for a lot of this fraud, which is made more attractive by the extra \$600 a week in unemployment benefits Congress enacted.

Washington state — an early locus of coronavirus in the U.S. — seems to have been hit hardest, with hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits siphoned off, per the Seattle Times.

Where it stands: The Federal Trade Commission says consumers have reported about \$50 million in losses to the agency.

TransUnion, the credit bureau, runs a weekly survey that shows that 29% of consumers say they've been targets of digital fraud related to COVID-19.

"Some of the really pernicious stuff that we were seeing were about people ordering P.P.E.-type materials — face masks, hand sanitizer — and then it never arrives," Monica Vaca of the FTC tells Axios.

"Fraud is big business, and it runs just like every other corporation out there," Will LaSala of OneSpan, which sells antifraud software, tells Axios.

Misinformation about COVID-19 — plus runs on items like soap and toilet paper — prompted a lot of people to try to buy things on merchant websites that turned out to be fake, or to click on phishing offers.

Fraudsters dangled lures like "check your \$1,200 stimulus pay status" to get people to divulge information via email, phone and text.

Other scams include fake charity websites, false offers of Small Business Administration loans; sham work-at-home schemes that get people to pay money up front, and calls from a local area code that purport to be from a person's doctor.

Official-looking notices claiming to be from the government might say you've been overpaid in stimulus or unemployment benefits and need to return the money immediately.

"A lot of times, they'll say you have to do it right now or you'll be arrested — and, oh, by the way, put it on an Apple gift card," Paul Stephens of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse tells Axios.

Then there are W-2 scams, in which a hacker spoofs the email address of a CEO and asks the H.R. department for a list of employees' tax information.

"When we were working from offices, there were firewalls in place that really blocked a lot of this, but now that we're working from home, we don't have those safeguards in place," LaSala says. "That really led to a lot of these attacks."

Who's scammin' whom: While the elderly are frequent victims, more unexpected are millennials (who are at the prime age to be home, online, idle and jittery) and college students, who are nervous about their academic future and tuition status.

"They pretend that they're from the school's financial department and they're giving you choices," Paige Hanson, chief of cyber safety education at NortonLifeLock, tells Axios. "They'll say, 'click on this link to verify your personal information.' It will go to a fake landing page" where criminals collect the information they need to take advantage of the student.

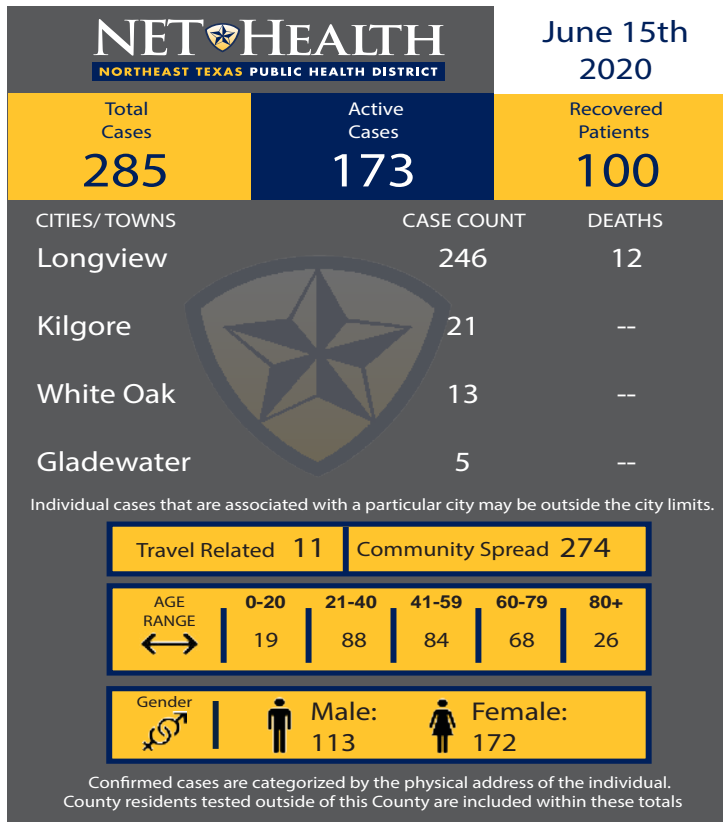
Even if only a tiny percentage of these fraud attempts works, "the payoff is significant," Crane Hassold, senior director of cyber intelligence at the email security firm Agari, tells Axios.

"Some of these attackers are working 40 hours a week. These attacks are becoming more sophisticated, more realistic."

Experts offered some advice to try to protect yourself:

"Be suspicious of any unsolicited phone call email or text message you might receive from anyone, unless you initiated the contact with that person," Stephens said. If in doubt, call back to a number you know is legit.

Talk to someone before taking action. "Tell a friend, tell your sibling or somebody," Hanson said. "Even though you're in that moment and you want to react, they might know about this scam."



## COVID-19 up locally

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commissioners court in Gilmer on Monday.

Nichols said the state notified him of three of the cases since Friday, including one Monday morning. None of the 40 were in nursing homes in the county, all of which have undergone comprehensive testing for the disease, and the county has recorded no COVID-19 deaths, he noted.

After the meeting, Nichols said the state had not informed him whether any of the 22 persons currently with the disease are hospitalized.

Kent Abernathy, a candidate for Precinct 3 commissioner in the July 14 Republican runoff, asked during the court's meeting if the recent "spike" resulted from increased testing. County Judge Todd Tefteller replied yes, adding "We're very fortunate to be at these low numbers" compared to surrounding counties.

Tefteller also said there is one possible additional case of the virus in the county, but that the state government might not notify Nichols of a positive diagnosis for up to 10 days.

After the meeting, Nichols said the delay resulted because, when a case is diagnosed as positive, it is sent to a laboratory serving the federal Centers for Disease Control for confirmation.

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There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Trunk is shorter 2. Bird in background 3. Two rocks 4. Missing tree branch

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**HISTORY**

- 1749: HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, IS FOUNDED.
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**Juneteenth celebration in Gilmer Saturday**

By Phillip Williams  
A daylong public "Juneteenth Celebration" to mark the end of slavery in the United States in the 1860s is scheduled in downtown Gilmer on Saturday.  
The event, co-sponsored by three organizations and featuring a car show, tractor show, vendors, food and entertainment, is set from

10 a.m. to about 5 p.m. The stage will be located at the Titus Street intersection in front of the Upshur County Courthouse north lawn, and Eddie Turner will be master of ceremonies.  
The Iris Garden Club, Upshur County Historical Commission and Historic Upshur Museum are co-sponsoring what is possibly

Gilmer's first-ever celebration of Juneteenth (which actually occurs the prior day, June 19), said commission Chairman Gwen Jewett.  
According to The New York Times, it was on June 19, 1865, that a Union general advised enslaved African-Americans in Galveston that the Civil War had ended (in April) and that they were free--thus putting into effect the Emancipation Proclamation which President Abraham Lincoln had issued two years earlier on Jan. 1, 1863, before being assassinated days after the war ended.  
Jewett said the freed Texas slaves hoped "their descendants would not be involved in" slavery.  
She also stressed that Saturday's event, which has free admission and is for all races, is "not a protest" and "it's not political," but instead "a great celebration" like the Fourth of July. The sponsoring groups wanted to "make it more of a community event," she said Monday.

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**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.

**GISD vaccination clinic**

Gladewater ISD will hold an immunization clinic on July 16 from 9 a.m. until noon. At the Gladewater Center for Community Education Building (brick building in front of the high school) at 2109 W. Gay Avenue. If you are currently insured there will be no out of pocket expense. Please bring insurance card—private insurance, Medicaid or CHIPS. If no insurance the cost will be \$5 per immunization for 18 and under. If you are over 18 and have no insurance contact Aurora Concepts by calling 936-598-3296.

**3 named to SHSU Dean's List**

Gladewater students receiving the distinction of being named to Sam Houston State University's Dean's List are Valeria Antuna, Kymberly Martin and Christopher O'Neal. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted.

**Haggard makes Dean's List**

Tiffany Haggard a Mass Communications major from Gladewater was named to Midwestern State University's Dean's Honor Roll. To qualify for the distinction students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours in one semester with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade. MSU is located in Wichita Falls.

**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.

**GHS Class of 1995 Reunion set**

The Gladewater Class of 1995 25th Reunion will be June 20 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Gladewater Former Students Center. The event is free of charge with donations accepted.



**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

**Magic of Chemistry for kids this Friday**

The magic of chemistry is very real and will be demonstrated in a program sponsored by Lee Public Library's summer reading program this Friday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church gymnasium at 217 N. Quitman Avenue in Gladewater. The program is performed as a free public service funded by Texas A&M's Department of Chemistry, College of Science Outreach Program, Dow Chemical Company and Shell Oil Company.

Although the library's children summer program is on hold because of the restriction of COVID-19, the Texas A&M Chemistry Roadshow will go on. The kids in attendance will see demonstrations that may include elephant toothpaste, oscillating colors, ice bombs,

burning money, rainbow magic and much more.

The program developed by Texas A&M University's Dr. John L. Hogg, who passed away in 2008, continues to inspire generations of children to pursue education in the sciences. Using sensory impact the goal of the demonstrations performed is that chemistry, unlike magic, is comprehensible and that chemistry is a human activity that real people love and find exciting. Another goal of the program is that chemistry and chemicals, like any other kind of knowledge and technology, are safe and beneficial when used carefully and intelligently.

When children enter the gym they will see a long row of tables filled with chemical glassware and apparatus. Colors

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.

**Fatal I-20 crash under investigation**

TYLER – At 11:49 last night, Troopers responded to a fatal crash on IH-20, westbound at the SH-31 exit ramp, in Gregg County. The investigators preliminary report indicates that the driver of a 2004 Lincoln Navigator was traveling westbound on IH-20 and attempted to exit the roadway at the SH-31 left exit. The driver failed to negotiate the exit and ran off the exit ramp to the left and overturned several times. The unrestrained driver was ejected and pronounced at the scene by Judge Bryan. The crash remains under investigation.

dazzle, polymers grow before the children's eyes. Minds are stretched as the demonstrators explain the wonders the children are seeing. Without leaving their seats the audience members take part in experiments, make observations and test hypotheses, and so learn that they know

more about science they they may have ever guessed. Finally, when the show is finished the demonstrators answer questions from the audience.

All area children are invited to attend the event which will also provide snow-cones and door prizes after the presentation.

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# Texas A&M System regents create \$100 million scholarship fund

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents created a special \$100 million scholarship fund with the goal of making the A&M System's 11 universities better reflect the state's demographics. The scholarship program is

to address diversity issues as well as concerns of students who are first-generation and/or from low-income families in the wake of economic uncertainty associated with COVID-19, current unemployment rates and families' depleted emergency savings.

"Historic challenges call for historic action," said Chairman Elaine Mendoza. "Given the economic impact families are enduring across the state, it is imperative we act now before the Fall semester begins. Our board's strategic plan articulates clearly our commitment to ensuring our institutions serve a diverse student body. By doing this now, our administration has another tool to support Texans and enable them to pursue their education."

The program is in line with the Board of Regents' Strategic Plan that promises the A&M

System will remain accessible and affordable for all students, regardless of socioeconomic background.

Monday's agenda item emphasized that "the A&M System must ensure that cost and a lack of support for diverse students do not prevent qualified students from attending and finding success at a member institution."

"Too often we are getting outbid for great kids by out-of-state schools that can make larger offers," said Chancellor John Sharp. "We don't intend to lose underrepresented students to them without a real serious fight. The goal is to make the A&M System look like Texas."

The program provides \$10 million annually over 10 years for scholarships to students from all socioeconomic backgrounds, particularly to low income, first-

generation and students from geographically underrepresented regions of the state. The universities will be engaged in fund raising to help support this effort.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the state's demographics last year broke down: 41.5% white, 39.6% Hispanic or Latino, and 12.8 percent black or African American.

Though system-wide the 11 universities are within a few percentage points of reflecting the state's demographic, the student population on some individual campuses skews this data. The strategic plan calls for all Texas A&M System universities to better represent the population of the state.

"This has been in the works for years," said Chancellor Sharp. "With financial challenges from COVID-19, now is the time to do this."

## GPD ACTIVITY REPORT

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	MISCELLANEOUS	202003466	18:12	LAKE GLADEWATER	205 S MILLS MILLS ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003467	19:08		306 W OLIVER OLIVER
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003468	19:56		401 MELBA MELBA
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003469	20:40		1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	202003470	21:22	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	701 ELANOR ELANOR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003471	22:04		801 N LEE LEE ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003472	22:57	EVERETT PARK	3 MCKAIG MCKAIG
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202003473	23:58		80 80
6/13/20	ASSIST	202003474	1:21		SUNSET SUNSET
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003476	11:08		HWY 135 HWY 135
	FIRE DEPT	202003477	11:33		300 N MAIN MAIN ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003478	11:55		511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202003479	12:06	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003480	12:24	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	2403 BLSAM BLSAM
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003481	15:10		904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202003482	16:33	DOLLAR GENERAL	N LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202003483	17:12		SABINE SABINE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003484	19:03		120 MCNEESSE MCNEESSE
	ABANDONED 911	202003485	19:24		GREGGORY GREGGORY LANE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003486	19:53		10805 UNION GROVE RD UNION GROVE RD
	ASSIST	202003487	20:35		1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202003489	23:09	MIKE'S MINI MART	WALTER DERRICK WALTER DERRICK
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003490	23:11		64 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003491	23:49		101 EMPIRE EMPIRE ST
6/14/20	MISCELLANEOUS	202003492	0:13		1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003493	7:12	CEFCO	GREGGORY GREGGORY LANE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003494	7:43		2902 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003495	8:36	RODEO GROUNDS	886 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202003496	9:06	CITY NATIONAL BANK	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	CRIM TRESPASS	202003497	11:16	CEFCO	2200 PINECREST PINECREST DR
	ABANDONED 911	202003498	11:33		2802 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202003499	12:32		403 PYEATT PYEATT DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003500	12:44		904 E MARY MARY
	EMS	202003501	13:03		501 N POST POST
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202003502	13:40		1006 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	THEFT	202003503	15:27	GLADEWATER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX	1001 N RODEO RODEO
	ABANDONED 911	202003504	16:03		1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	202003505	16:10	LAKE GLADEWATER	E ARMSTRONG ARMSTRONG RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003506	16:41	ROSDALE CEMETERY	705 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202003507	17:38	ABC AUTO PARTS	WALTON WALTON ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003508	18:17		1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003509	18:14	LAKE GLADEWATER	1020 UNION GROVE CEMETERY UNION GROVE CEMETERY
	EMS	202003511	19:05		809 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003512	19:14	STEWBABS GRILL	1409 E VIOLA VIOLA ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003513	19:26		505 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202003514	21:20		505 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS
	ASSIST	202003515	23:07		801 ALLISON ALLISON
6/15/20	EMS	202003516	0:21		2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202003517	1:04	TRUMAN SMITH	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	TERROR THREAT	202003518	8:33	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	

## GPD ARREST REPORT

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/8/20	6/8/20	20:38	HILL, DANIEL BRASWELL	W	M	ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY ( FAMILY VIOLENCE)	6 JULIA WOOD
	6/8/20	20:38	HILL, DANIEL BRASWELL	W	M	EVADING ARREST DETENTION	6 JULIA WOOD
	6/8/20	20:38	HILL, DANIEL BRASWELL	W	M	CRIMINAL TRESPASS HABIT/SHLTR/UPPR/FUN/INF/STRT	6 JULIA WOOD
	6/8/20	20:38	HILL, DANIEL BRASWELL	W	M	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	6 JULIA WOOD

# Family sentenced for tax evasion and laundering of gambling proceeds

BEAUMONT – A Beaumont businessman, his wife, and son have been sentenced for federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, announced U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Cox today.

Larry Earnest Tillery, 70, Judy Kay Tillery, 63, and Brian Tillery, 47, all of Beaumont, pleaded guilty on June 25, 2019 to federal charges and were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield.

Larry Tillery pleaded guilty to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity and tax evasion. Today he was sentenced to 33 months in federal prison. Tillery was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,000,040.00 and to forfeit approximately \$2 million in cash, jewelry, and sports memorabilia that were proceeds of his illegal gambling enterprise. A money judgment of \$32,758,541.00 was also ordered by the court.

Judy Tillery pleaded guilty to structuring of financial transactions to evade reporting requirements and was sentenced to serve two years federal probation. Judy Tillery shares the forfeiture judgment with her husband.

Brian Tillery pleaded guilty to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity and was sentenced to two years of federal probation.

Brian Tillery was ordered to forfeit approximately \$245,477.00 and a residence on Christina Court in Beaumont with an appraised value of approximately \$600,000.00 that was determined to be proceeds of the illegal gambling enterprise. Additionally, a money judgment of \$700,000.00, which represents the proceeds of the illegal

gambling enterprise.

According to information presented in court, Larry Tillery was engaged in the business of accepting illegal wagers on sporting events from 1985 until April - 2017. Till



# Understanding Equine Strangles Disease

COLLEGE STATION, June 15, 2020 – Since the first vaccine was invented in 1796, the practice of immunization has transformed how we view infectious diseases, taking many pathogenic invaders from being deadly threats to easily preventable maladies. For humans and animals alike, vaccines are important healthcare tools.

Dr. Leslie Easterwood, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says the equine strangles vaccine is one that is of particular importance for horse owners in protecting their animal.

“Strangles is the common term for the bacterial respiratory disease caused by *Streptococcus equi*, subspecies *equi*,” Easterwood said. “Strangles infections most commonly present as an upper respiratory infection that primarily involves the lymph nodes in a horse’s jaw. Symptoms include high fevers, thick nasal discharge, depression and a lack of appetite.”

The bacteria that causes strangles in horses may sound familiar to their human owners; a cousin of this bacteria, called *Streptococcus pyogenes*, causes strep throat in people. Though these bacteria are genetically similar and cause upper respiratory symptoms in both species, horses with strangles cannot infect humans, and humans with strep throat cannot infect horses.

“Strangles is spread via respiratory secretions from infected horses,” Easterwood said. “It is highly contagious from horse to horse and is pretty common.”

Since strangles is easily transmitted between horses, vaccination is

an important tool for minimizing the spread of this disease.

“Although the disease rarely results in a fatality, it will make horses sick and can lead to loss of production, decreased performance and quarantine, in some circumstances,” Easterwood said. “Vaccination does not provide complete protection, as with all vaccinations, but it can help to decrease the chance of contracting the disease in susceptible populations.”

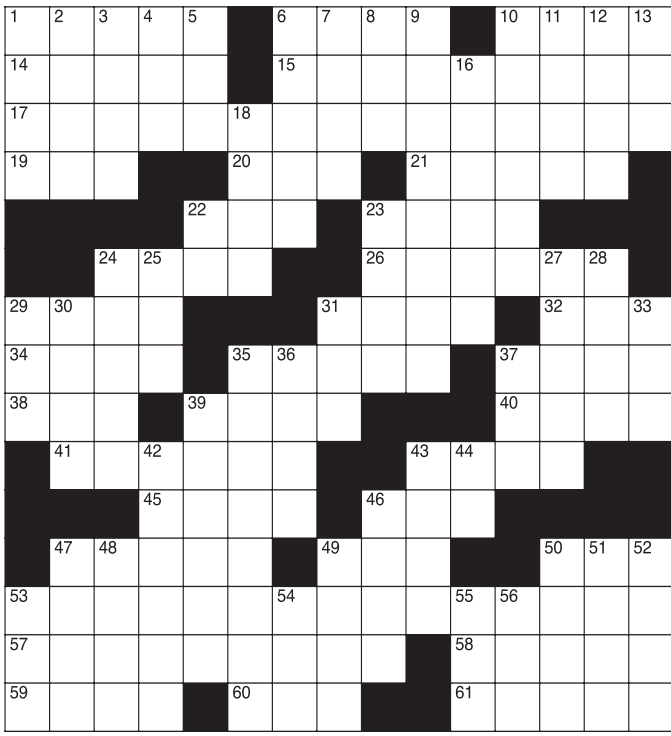
Since horses are often kept in groups — grazing together at pasture, sharing pens or neighbored in stalls — contagious diseases can quickly work their way through a herd. As such, vaccination remains an essential tool for both individual and herd health.

Ultimately, the decision of whether to vaccinate an animal comes down to the owner, Easterwood says, although there might be situations during which a third party takes interest in a horse’s vaccination records.

“There are no governmentally mandated vaccinations in horses,” Easterwood said. “Some boarding and breeding facilities will require vaccination to board at their location, but that is not a legal requirement.”

Even if no legal requirement enforces the vaccination of horses, owners should still consider consulting with their veterinarian to determine what care is best for maintaining the health of their animal.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

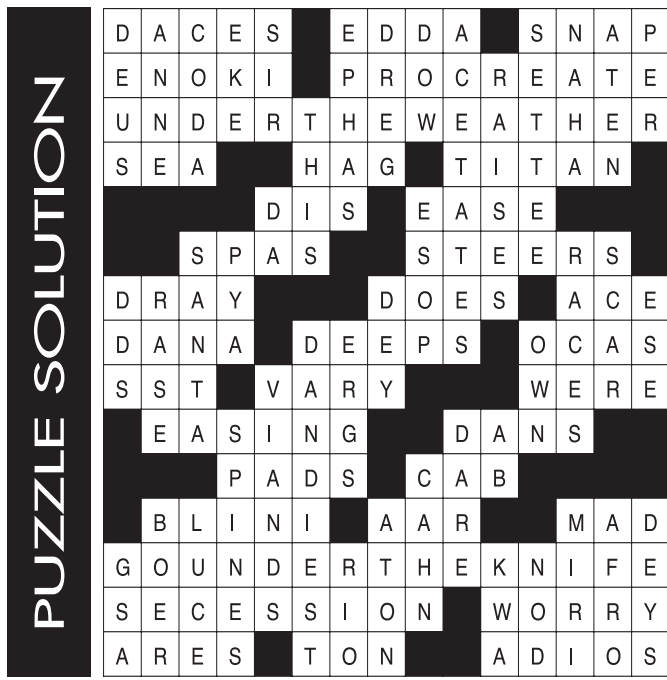


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cyprinids
- 6. Icelandic literary works
- 10. Break in half
- 14. Japanese mushroom
- 15. Have offspring
- 17. Not feeling well
- 19. A very large body of water
- 20. Witch
- 21. Behemoth
- 22. Speak negatively of
- 23. Absence of difficulty
- 24. Pampering places
- 26. Drives
- 29. Truck that delivers beer
- 31. Makes
- 32. A team’s best pitcher
- 34. \_\_\_ Carvey, comedian
- 35. Seas
- 37. S. American plants
- 38. Time zone
- 39. Deviate
- 40. No longer are
- 41. Moving in slowly
- 43. Patrick and Glover are two
- 45. Living quarters
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Not happy
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Give way to anxiety
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2K lbs.
- 61. Word of farewell

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. \_\_\_ ex Machina
- 2. WWII diarist Frank
- 3. Concluding passage
- 4. Supplement with difficulty
- 5. Title of respect
- 6. Cubic measures
- 7. Remnant
- 8. \_\_\_ Jones
- 9. Salts of acetic acid
- 10. Long, upholstered seat
- 11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture
- 12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra
- 13. Prefix denoting “in a”
- 16. Propels upward
- 18. What we are talking about
- 22. Prosecutor
- 23. Employee stock ownership plan
- 24. He brings kids presents
- 25. Burmese monetary unit
- 27. Hurries
- 28. Injury remnant
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane
- 31. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan
- 33. Midway between east and southeast
- 35. Most excellent
- 36. Heat units
- 37. Possess legally
- 39. Food items
- 42. Skeletal structures
- 43. Challenge to do something bold
- 44. Blood type
- 46. Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter
- 47. Farmer (Dutch)
- 48. Clare Booth \_\_\_, American writer
- 49. Piers Anthony’s protagonist
- 50. Malaysian coastal city
- 51. Hairstyle
- 52. NY-based department store
- 53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)
- 54. Brazilian city
- 55. Niger-Congo languages
- 56. Gesture



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**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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# Upshur to regulate game rooms like Gov. Abbott regulates bars

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of the firm, said he thought they made "some progress" toward a solution, but asked the court whether he should keep working with NET Data or instead seek bids on the licensing matter. Nicholson moved to table the issue, saying he did so because Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller was absent (due to a death in his wife's family.) Nicholson said he wanted to delay action until Miller could be present and give input, and Tefeller pledged, "I'll keep this (matter) on each and every agenda till we see daylight one way or the other."

Also on Monday, the court approved the county investment policy after County Treasurer Brandy Vick said it provided considerable funding in state-approved plans in which other counties invest.

Vick also said investments are restricted, and that the policy must be recorded yearly in the court's minutes as "it just shows procedures."

In another matter, the court approved buying a \$649.99 laptop computer for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Wyone Manes' office after she said of the office's current laptop, "No one can get it to turn on." Precinct 3 Commissioner Frank Berka quipped, "Have you taken it to one of your grandchildren?"

Tefeller said Gilmer Computer

Tech, which is the county's information technology provider, was selling the computer at no profit.

The court also took no action on another agenda item--authorizing County Librarian Cynthia King to attend an out-of-state conference for small and rural libraries--after she told the court she had learned

the conference would be held online. She also said the \$290 fee for participating was already in her budget.

Commissioners also heard Upshur County Historical Commission Chairman Gwen Jewett discuss a "Juneteenth Celebration" scheduled in downtown Gilmer on Saturday

## Upshur GOP committee passes resolution for law enforcement

By Phillip Williams

The Republican Party of Upshur County's Executive Committee last week approved a resolution "unequivocally" supporting all law enforcement agencies in the county and condemning "the idiotic idea of those on the left that want to defund or eliminate police departments."

GOP County Chairman Cynthia Ridgeway said Monday a quorum of committee members unanimously approved the document June 8 at La Finca Mexican Restaurant in Gilmer.

It came in the wake of sometimes-violent protests in large American cities over a May 26 incident in which an African-American man died when a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight and a half minutes.

George Floyd's death resulted in the officer being charged with murder, other officers at the scene being charged in connection with the incident, and triggered calls in some quarters for defunding or eliminating police departments.

"We recognize that a very small percentage of our nation's law enforcement do not act in a professional way, but that should not negate sacrificial, professional and needed service and protection these men and women provide our county," the GOP committee's resolution said.

The document, a copy of which was furnished this newspaper by county GOP Secretary Carl Byers, also expressed "thank you to all our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our county... You do a wonderful job."



The 2020 Gladewater Bears have earned the sixth position on Dave Campbell's Top 10 in Class 3A, Division I. The complete report will be released soon in the upcoming Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

## GISD Calendar start changed

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refinery cost per gallon.

Trustee Ross Morgan said the option sounded good but that he would like to know what the additional insurance costs would be if the tanks were installed.

"I think it is a good idea," Morgan said. "I just think we

need to look carefully through it for any liability issues."

Lunch prices were voted to remain the same as last year with the charges: Primary School \$2.20, Weldon Elementary \$2.45, GMS at \$2.70 and GHS at \$2.70. The board accepted resignations for GHS teachers Stephanie

Morgan, Tracy Wells, Shana Schneider, Larita Hill and Callie Faul, as well as GPS teacher Kalli Henson. Trustees approved contracts for Terrie Rambo, Laurie Roberts Smelley, Wacey Newman, Rubicela Delgado, Felecia Chandarliis, Wendy Jasper and Katelynn Bean.

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