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Masks mandated, but law enforcement mixed on enforcement

By Jim Bardwell

While the Gregg County Sheriff's Office and the Gladewater Police Department plan to follow the Governor's executive order for the wearing of masks, Upshur County will turn a blind eye to the mandate.

A statement from Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerliano's office says:

The Gregg County Sheriff's Office would like to address questions on the enforcement of the Governor's executive order for mask.

"First, please understand if a business refuses you service for not wearing a mask they have the right to do so.

"Second, if the Gregg County Sheriff's Office is placed in a position where enforcement is necessary we will start with education and requesting voluntary compliance.

"If Gregg County Sheriff's Office Deputies encounter an individual that refuses to voluntarily comply, verbal warnings and or written warnings will follow. As a very last resort a citation can be written at the discretion of the deputy.



Stores posted signs on doors in an effort to obey Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order on wearing masks.

"Please continue to send your thoughts and prayers for everyone affected by COVID-19 across our great nation."

Gladewater Police Chief Gordon Freeman is taking a similar stand when it comes to the Governor's executive order, issuing the following statement:

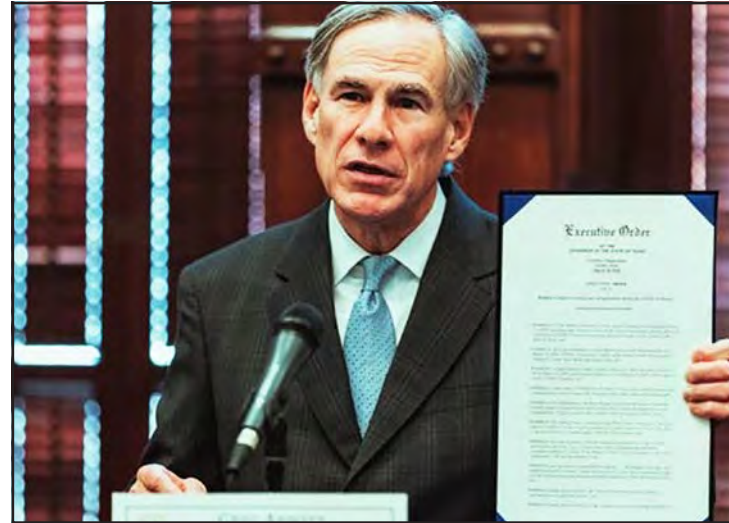
"If a business refuses you service for not wearing a mask they have the right to do so.

"If enforcement becomes necessary we will prefer to educate and request voluntary compliance. If there is an individual that

refuses to voluntarily comply, verbal warnings and or written warnings will follow. As a very last resort a citation can be written at the discretion of our officers.

"We are all in this together and we can safely get through it if we work together."

Sheriff Larry Smith in neighboring Smith County is urging people to voluntarily comply with Gov. Abbott's order saying - "The Smith County Sheriff's Office STRONGLY encourages all citizens to practice safe social distancing during



these times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Most of you have heard by now the governor's order to wear a mask while in public. While we STRONGLY encourage the public to take all precautions, we will encourage VOLUNTARY compliance regarding wearing a mask and will not be issuing citations for failure to comply.

"Our deputies out in the public will be adhering to the governor's executive order as an example to the public.

"Should a business refuse to

serve someone for failure to comply they do have the right to request you to leave.

"We hope this answers some of the many questions we have been answering since this order went in to effect."

Sheriff Larry Webb said in a press release that the Upshur County Sheriff's Office will not take actions to enforce the Texas Governor's Office Executive Order GA29, issued on July 2, regarding the mandatory use of face masks.

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GHS food services worker COVID-19 positive

A Gladewater ISD cafeteria employee has tested positive for COVID-19, according to Sedric G. Clark, Superintendent of Schools for the Gladewater Independent School District.



CLARK

The employee worked the summer feeding program at GHS on Monday, June 29 but had no interaction with students or parents. The employee exhibited no symptoms and had no fever while at work, but tested positive on Wednesday, July 1.

Clark said Gladewater High School closed and was scheduled to reopen on Monday, July 6.

The GHS cafeteria was disinfected and sanitized during the closure. He said all employees who worked the summer feeding program will be quarantined for 14 days.

Upshur runoff election set for Tuesday, July 14

By Phillip Williams

Republican voters in two Upshur County precincts on Tuesday decide GOP runoff races for two county precinct offices, while Democratic runoff voters statewide choose nominees for the United States Senate and a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 14 polling locations in Upshur County. Early voting, meantime, continues daily through Friday at County Election Administrator Lory Harle's second-floor office in the Upshur County Courthouse on the downtown Gilmer square.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Wednesday (July 8), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. As of 11:40 a.m. Monday, said Harle, 331 GOP voters and 71 Democrats had cast ballots, which she termed a "moderate" turnout considering that only Republicans in two precincts could vote in that party's election.

The GOP runoffs feature Kent Abernathy and Michael Ashley vying for retiring Precinct 3 County Commissioner Frank Berka's seat, and Precinct 4 Constable Larry Sewell seeking re-election against David Thompson (no Democrats are seeking those posts.) Republican voters in one of those precincts cannot vote in the other precinct's runoff.

The Democrats' ballot in Upshur County has only the two statewide races. State Sen. Royce West and Mary (M.J.) Heger are vying to oppose Republican incumbent John Cornyn in the Nov. 3 senate election, while Chrysta Castaneda and Roberto R. (Beto) Alonzo seek the nomination for the railroad commission to oppose Republican Jim Wright in November.

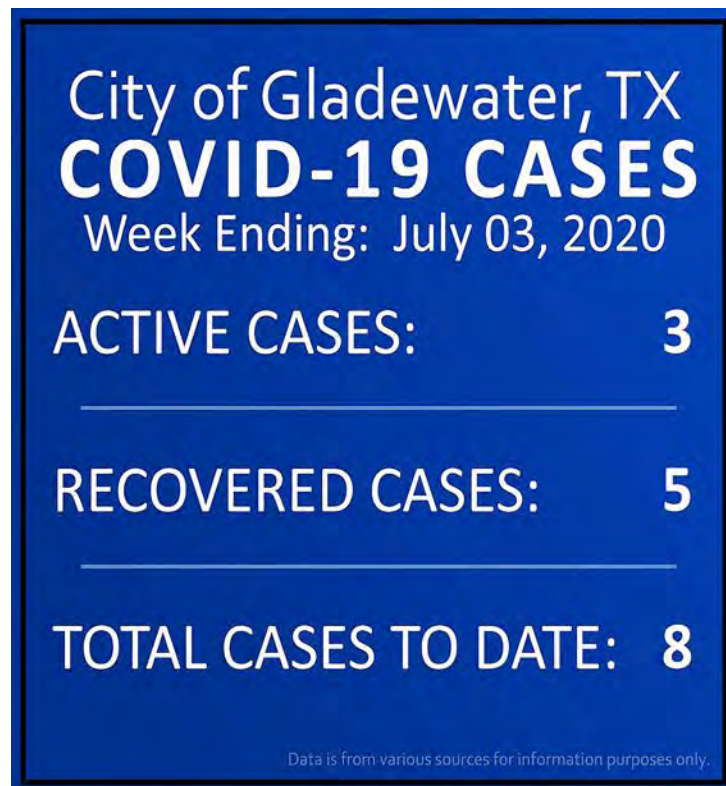
Anyone who voted in one party's March 3 primary cannot legally vote in the other's runoff. Photo identification, such as a driver's license or military ID, is required for in-person early voting and election-day voting, but under the county's "countywide" voting system, a qualified Upshur voter can cast a ballot at any polling place in the county on election day.

Harle's office will provide curbside early voting for persons who are too handicapped to enter the courthouse. They should call the office at 903-680-8506 to receive the service. In addition, mail-in ballots must be received by her office at 100 W. Tyler by election day to be counted, and deadline for requesting such ballots has passed.

All in-person early voting and election day voting is electronic. Election day polling places include East Mountain Community Center, Glenwood Water Supply Corporation, Ashland Masonic Lodge No. 1138 in Diana, Assembly of God in Gilmer, Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Diana, Ore City Community Center, Big Sandy School, Pritchett Community Center, St. James Baptist Church in Gladewater, Enon Community Center, Oak Hill Baptist Church at Bettie, Simpsonville Volunteer Fire Department, Rosewood Baptist Church and the Upshur County Library in Gilmer.

Two polling places used in the March 3 primaries, in Lafayette and Indian Rock communities, will not be utilized this time.

Texas political party runoffs were originally set in May, but Gov. Greg Abbott postponed them due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



City plans to only release local numbers

For months now Gladewater city officials have been keeping citizens up to date with the latest COVID-19 test results.

But now the city will only release numbers that are inside its city limits. Gladewater is geographically situated in Gregg and Upshur counties. In addition, a Gladewater mailing address can stretch far beyond the city limits - going as far south at Liberty City and north in Union Grove. So while some COVID-19 positive cases have been attributed to Gladewater, the person may not have lived in Gladewater.

"We are providing the latest official county information for the week ending on July 3, 2020. The information provided is based on cases found only within the city limits of Gladewater," said Mayor JD Shipp. "Please note that Gladewater mailing addresses do exist beyond the city limits. Also be aware that confirmed cases may be immediately known by family members and not yet found within the official reporting by Upshur and Gregg Counties. This is due to the processing time of that information to reach these Emergency Management Officials. Practice social distancing and, most importantly, show respect and love to one another. We are all in this together.

Upshur County COVID-19 cases jump to 75

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Tuesday of last week received an updated report on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the county--which was 57 then, but had jumped to 75 by Monday of this week.

County Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols told the court there had been a significant rise reported Monday, June 28, but 37 persons had recovered and 20 cases remained active. On Monday, however, the total numbers had risen to 40 recovered and 35 active, said County Extension Agent Julie York, a member of the county's COVID-19 advisory committee.

In other business last week, the court tabled accepting the resignation of Don Gross as hearing examiner for appeals of denials of applications to operate

game rooms. County Judge Todd Tefteller said Gross submitted a June 24 letter saying he planned to travel and spend time with his family, but after holding a closed session on possibly replacing him, the court voted to table both his resignation and appointing anyone else.

The court also tabled approving a license agreement with Net DATA Corporation, which provides software and collection services to county governments. The court has been negotiating with the corporation for a three-year agreement to continue its services instead of a five-year one, and Tefteller suggested commissioners take no action "pending further negotiations."

In another matter, the court approved using grant funds for COVID-19 relief to employ two part-time workers, each for up to

28 hours weekly at \$12 hourly.

They will perform such tasks as taking temperatures and cleaning.

Commissioners also approved an interlocal agreement with the city of Big Sandy for road maintenance and repair after hearing from City Administrator Laura Rex and County Road Administrator Andy Jordan.

In another matter, the court heard Tefteller report that the state had denied the county any further funding for now for the long-planned renovating of the 83-year-old county courthouse. The judge said, however, the county would re-apply for the funds if the state would help pay for updating the renovation plan.

The court additionally approved the county employees manual.

Commissioners further approved a three-year service contract with NetMotion to provide software

maintenance and support to Sheriff Larry Webb's office for computer tablets in department vehicles.

Cost is \$4,331.25 monthly.

In other business, the court:

--authorized County Treasurer Brandy Vick to open an additional account at First National Bank in Gimer for depositing and re-issuing unclaimed property.

--took no action on the idea of amending the county policy on naming or designating roads before they are accepted into the county road inventory.

--approved the amended plat of the Woodbriar subdivision on Flamingo Road and accepted it for recording.

--authorized the Open Range Cowboy Church to play music and sing on the courthouse lawn on the earliest available Saturday.

--recognized county volunteers

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GOP plans to go ahead with state convention in Houston

Last Thursday night, the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) passed a resolution in support of moving forward with the Party's in-person Convention at the George R. Brown Convention Center in

Houston from July 13-18. "After extensive debate Thursday evening, the State Republican Executive Committee reinforced its support for proceeding with our State Convention in person in Houston," said RPT Chairman

James Dickey.

The convention is prepared with multiple precautions and safety measures for attendees. Thermal scanners will be present at entryways. Expanded seating will be in place for social distancing in caucus and general

session meetings. Meeting areas will be deep-cleaned thoroughly after each gathering to prepare for the next meeting. Hand sanitizer stations will be found throughout the convention center. Sponsors have donated masks which will be readily available for delegates'

and attendees' use in compliance with Governor Greg Abbott's most recent order.

Committee meetings begin on Monday, July 13, and the general session to open convention is on July 16. The State Convention is set to conclude on Saturday.



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Ed Sterling
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Highlights



Governor's order mandates wearing of face masks in public

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 2 issued an executive order to slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus while keeping Texas as open as possible for business.

With few exceptions, the order requires all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases.

Abbott also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people and mandating that with certain exceptions people cannot be in groups larger than 10 and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

"We have the ability to keep businesses open and move our economy forward so that Texans can continue to earn a paycheck, but it requires each of us to do our part to protect one another — and that means wearing a face covering in public spaces," Abbott said.

"I urge all Texans to wear a face covering in public, not just for their own health, but for the health of their families, friends, and for all our fellow Texans," he added.

Cumulative figures posted July 5 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 195,239 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 2,637 confirmed deaths resulting from the disease.

Wear-mask videos posted

The governor's office released a video of Abbott to coincide with his July 2 executive order plus two more public service announcements imploring Texans to step up efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Major League Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Iván "Pudge" Rodríguez urges Texans in both English and Spanish to wear a mask in public to protect themselves and others from the deadly virus.

Tom Herman, University of Texas head football coach, urges Texans to work together as a team to stop COVID-19 by washing hands regularly, social distancing, wearing a mask and staying home when possible.

Similar public service announcements released previously by the governor's office feature Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan and Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith.

SNAP deadline extended

Gov. Abbott on June 29 extended the deadline for families to apply for the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program to July 31.

"Ensuring access to healthy food in our communities is an important part of our response to this pandemic," Abbott said.

This one-time benefit of \$285 per eligible child can be used in the same way as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits to pay for groceries. Eligible families include those with children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program due to school closures.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission partnered with the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency to launch the \$1 billion federal program on June 1 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Winner to face incumbent

In the top spot on the July 14 Democratic primary election runoff ballot are state Sen. Royce West of Dallas and former U.S. Air Force officer Mary "MJ" Hegar of Round Rock. The winner will face incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the Nov. 3 election.

West, an attorney whose current term as a state senator will expire in 2022, has been a member of the body since 1993. He serves as vice chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and is a member of Senate committees on Administration, Education and Finance.

Hegar has 12 years of military experience, including three tours as a helicopter pilot in Afghanistan, where she flew combat search and rescue and medical evacuation missions. She is a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor.

Cornyn, of San Antonio, a member of the U.S. Senate since 2002, previously served as an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court from 1992 to 1997 and as Texas attorney general from 1999 to 2002.

Revenue total is down

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.67 billion in June, an amount 6.5% less than the amount reported for the month of June 2019, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said on July 1.

The decline in collections was driven principally by steep drops in remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors. Collections from the construction and amusement service sectors also were down sharply, Hegar said.

However, "While collections from restaurants also were depressed, the extent of the decline was checked by increased takeout and delivery sales," Hegar said. "And retail trade receipts rose significantly, buoyed by increased online shopping and building material purchases, as business premises were modified for COVID-19 precautions."

The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the agency in June.

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CREATORS' SYNDICATE



Peace like a river...

As I went to church by car radio Sunday morning and celebrated the Creator's beauty in His natural cathedral, I had a moment of connection with a young buck grazing on the edge of the woods. He was sleek and beautiful and apparently fearless. Just last week I saw a newborn fawn sunning in the woods with its little spots shiny and precious.

A few nights ago I heard a ka-thunk on the deck and found two masked bandits (raccoons) on my deck stealing cat food I had put out for the feral cats that live around our country home. There are also a couple of friendly possums that love my flowerbed fruit and vegetable composting. Then there is, as Mr. Bardwell clearly points out, 'Suzie's Cat', a wildy I tamed that loves to wend its way around my feet. She enjoys loudly demanding to be fed on the front porch resulting in the name 'Front Porch Kitty'. Despite the fact hubby says he doesn't like cats he feeds them while proclaiming the only reason he does is to keep snakes, mice and rats away.

King the 80-pound rescue Rough Collie chases the feral cats with glee but regularly goes nose-to-nose with FPK in a game of chicken before one hisses and one backs off. That little 2-pound kitty knows who's the boss and it ain't the ginormous Lion King Wonder Dog. FPK often tauntingly sits on the porch railing and slowly grooms herself near a window so King has something to hoarsely bark at from his den cell. It is a 40 foot porch and the only place the cat sits on the railing is where King can see her. Devious, and smart.

Despite the wild cats, birds abound in our East Texas jungle of a yard. We have multiple bird and hummingbird feeders, bird baths and birdhouses. We also happen to be saps who have a problem cutting down trees. Maybe it is the fact that we are both country kids who bought a country house that is now surrounded by other homes. So our place looks a little 'shady', pardon the pun, as we have withdrawn behind our green curtain.

Foolish tree lovers, we even allowed a dreaded Sweet Gum tree to grow in our front yard which now shades us from the hot west sun. Too bad King's tail acts as velcro when it comes to the much hated sweet gum balls. And with Chewbacca King that means we often discover them in the middle of the night as we shuffle in the dark. Ah well, our fuzzy monster dog and our Sweet Gum tree will both remain important parts of our lives. And I will continue to reprimand

Suzanne Bardwell



Mr. Bardwell for his salty talk when he steps on those prickly little suckers in the middle of the night.

With the threat of COVID-19 growing, the politicization of every word written and posted, and phenomenally inaccurate information regularly shared on social media platforms, I need more of Creation and less technology. I need more nature and less anger. I need more Creator and less me. Ah, there it is, the source of peace in the midst of chaos. Maybe I need to go sit by the river. Water does give me peace. Peace does not mean life is going to be 'still', it means that peace washes over you, like a river.

So friends and neighbors, how about taking a break from social media platforms, assumptions, worries, finger pointing, anger, arguing, justification and rationalization. Come and sit beside me on the 'river bank' and let's be still and see what we see...together. We might just be surprised.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Texas Jobs

As with the US numbers a couple of weeks ago, Texas experienced an expected uptick in employment in May. The addition of 237,800 jobs led all states and was by far the largest monthly gain that Texas has ever seen. Given all of the bad news for the economy, it's nice to have at least an initial signal that the



worst may be over.

Even so, there remains a long journey to recovery and some perspective is in order. Employment in the state is still 917,800 lower than last May and even further below where it would

have been without the pandemic. Moreover, the gain was more than a million fewer than the number lost in April (1,298,900). We are seeing businesses continue to reopen, and jobs have been added as a result.

While the recovery has begun, it remains to be seen how smooth or steady it will be. Dropping 1.3 million jobs in April and getting back less than 20% of them in May is clearly not the "V-shaped" comeback that some are touting. Moreover, we can't expect to add jobs at this rate for months on end. Once the rush of rehiring in restaurants, retail outlets, bars, and personal service establishments stabilizes, the pace of improvement will slow. The ongoing high levels of new claims

for unemployment suggest that, while the national recovery will likely be more rapid than 2008 (Texas was aided by an oil boom), it will take about two years to return to 2019 employment levels.

Everything could change, however, if we see a major surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalization. Some increase in cases in Texas was expected with the relaxation of the most stringent social distancing measures, but the spike is higher than necessary due to lack of adherence to safety recommendations and is becoming alarming. If hospital capacity remains at acceptable levels and hotspots are carefully monitored and effectively addressed, we should be able to avoid another broad shutdown (which would be

devastating to the economy but may be unavoidable at some level if current trends continue).

It is important to recall that the economic crisis was fostered by a health crisis, and full economic recovery depends on controlling the virus. While it is imperative to restore the economy and lessen the suffering that the shutdown has caused, it is equally imperative that we all follow appropriate behavioral guidelines.

Turning the corner in the jobs market for now is a welcome step along the path to revitalizing the Texas economy. The underlying structure was sound before the pandemic and a return to solid growth is on the horizon, but a little patience may be required along the way. Be safe!!

THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE # 4

Allow me to illustrate how far God's love would go for all men; If you were to ask me, "Do you love your wife?" I would reply, "Certainly, I love her. She is kind and lovely. She has a beautiful smile. She loves me and makes sacrifices for me every day." By my answer you would understand why I love my wife. However, what if I said, "Certainly, I love my wife. She is mean and ugly and does everything she can to hurt me. She hates me." You would have a hard time understanding why I love her wouldn't you? How amazing it is then, that God loved us when we were ungodly sinners, His enemies!

A little boy was running and playing with his little dog in the front yard when suddenly, the puppy darted into the street in front of an oncoming vehicle. The little boy, seeing the danger, rushed into the street to save the little dog. There was a terrible screech as the car swerved to miss them, but it was too late. Both the little boy and his dog were killed instantly.

At the funeral, beside the casket for the little boy was a small wooden box and, in it, the remains of the little dog. Both were lowered into the grave. On the tombstone were the following words:

"He found an orphan pup one night; though none could see it's worth,

He nourished it and cherished it as if of noble birth.

He took it in and dried it off from cold damp winter's rain;

And nursed it till its mangy coat was bright and thick again.

He watched that sickly dog get well; it filled his heart with joy;

God help us all to understand the love of a little boy."

The service closed with these words: "Jesus loves us like this little boy loved his dog." That is the LENGTH, or how far God's love went for all men! Think on these things

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“The executive order includes specific language prohibiting law enforcement use of detention, arrest, or confinement to enforce the order. This language strips police of the fundamental tools necessary to enforce compliance with the law.

“This language would subject our agency to liability for even speaking to a person about this order, as that could be construed as a detention. Furthermore, holding someone for the purpose of issuing a citation related to a fine, would be, under current law, a legal detention.

“The Sheriff’s Office must consider the intent of the Texas Constitution in regards to how laws of the land are passed and enforced in this state. Traditionally, law enforcement only enforces laws and statutes that are the product of the legislative process or the product of regulatory authorities authorized by the legislature. The further removed we become from this, the more liability and responsibility we incur as an agency.”

Th press release went on to sayd the sheriff will not require deputies to wear face masks on duty for two reasons:

1. The wearing of objects near the face and neck provide an offender possible tools to impose harm to an officer, and the office will not put the deputy in an unnecessary disadvantage during physical confrontation. For the same reason, deputies at this agency are not required to wear neckties on duty unless in ceremonial events.

2. In light of recent allegations in the nation of misconduct on the part of police, The Sheriff will not restrict the deputy’s ability to clearly communicate intentions when in contact with citizens.

Webb went on to say “The Sheriff’s Office will not prohibit a deputy from wearing a face mask if they so choose.”

Webb added that “the Sheriff’s Office does not make this statement as any disrespect to Governor Abbott and we encourage all citizens to take reasonable precautions in their own life to mitigate possible exposure to the corona virus.”

Candidates speak out at GOP forum

By Phillip Williams

More than 20 Republican candidates for offices ranging from the county level to Congress and state party offices addressed a forum sponsored by the Republican Party of Upshur County and Cherokee Rose Republican Women near Gilmer Monday night of last week.

While candidates in the July 14 runoff for county Precinct 3 commissioner and Precinct 4 constable will be on the ballot, candidates for the other offices who spoke will be elected not by the public, but by certain party officials or delegates to the state GOP convention.

The Congressional candidates are vying for their party’s nomination in a special Aug. 8 election in which only GOP precinct chairmen and Republican county chairmen who live in Congressional District 4 can vote. The winner, however, will appear on the Nov. 3 general election ballot as his or her party’s nominee for the House seat recently vacated by John Ratcliffe.

In addition, candidates for Republican state chairman—incumbent James Dickey and his challenger, former U.S. Rep. Allen West—addressed the gathering since delegates to the upcoming state GOP convention will elect one of them. The event at Lantana Activity Center also featured speeches by candidates for offices ranging from the State Republican Executive Committee to delegate to the national GOP convention.

Among those facing the most questions from the audience were the two candidates for Precinct 3 commissioner, Kent Abernathy and Michael Ashley, who are vying to succeed the retiring Frank Berka. Also speaking were incumbent Precinct 4 Constable Larry Sewell and his opponent for re-election to a second term, David Thompson.

Asked their position on raising taxes, Ashley said he had never voted for a tax hike and “would not vote for a tax increase” in this “difficult” time, while Abernathy said “I’m for raising taxes if there’s a benefit” to citizens.

Abernathy said the two-cent increase in the tax rate which the county commissioners court approved last year was warranted as it gave county workers a pay raise, and employees “are your most important assets.”

Asked what they would do to procure an emergency medical facility or hospital for the county, Ashley said he would talk to Tyler and Longview hospitals about locating a 24-hour emergency care center here, and Abernathy said “I’m along the same lines” as Ashley on that topic.

One candidate for constable, Thompson, said he had 30 years experience in law enforcement--15 each in Upshur and Gregg Counties--and that “the constable should be out riding the roads” and being seen.

“That’s the biggest reason I’m running,” Thompson said.

Sewell said he had been asked why his constable car sits at his home, and explained that he has another part-time job and serves 75 percent of his constable-related papers from his personal vehicle.

“I’m out in the county all day long” and has a police radio and cell phone in his vehicle, Sewell said. “I believe in being out and about” throughout his precinct, he added.

The 13 possible or definite candidates for Congress who spoke included Aaron Harris, Bob Worthen, Christopher Schell, T.C. Manning, Floyd McLendon, Jason Ross, John Cooper, State Rep. Matt Schaefer (R-Tyler), State Sen. Pat Fallon (R-Celina), Robert West, Steve Gorman, Rockwall City Councilman Trace Johannesen and Atlanta Mayor Travis Ransom.

Upshur County Republican Chairman Cynthia Ridgeway said 87 persons signed in as attending the meeting.

GOV. ABBOTT ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING ALL TEXAS WEAR FACE MASKS

EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Children under 10
- People with medical condition/disability that prevents wearing a mask
- While in church
- While eating or drinking or sitting at restaurant to eat or drink
- While exercising outdoors/engaging in physical activity & maintaining social distance
- While driving alone or riding in a vehicle with members of the same household
- While swimming in pool, lake or similar body of water

“Wearing a face covering in public is proven to be one of the most effective ways we have to slow the spread of COVID-19.”
Gov. Greg Abbott

Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face-covering requirement, a person’s second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

As I learn to live in my personal “new normal”—suffering from computer illiteracy—your newspaper is my link to my Gladewater family—I love so much. You do a good job of keeping me on the page. At this point, I have no hope of keeping up—but through the eyes of the Mirror I see which way they are going. I know someday—we will all be there together.

Thanks,
Evergrace Derrick

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Blood drives set

Tyler-based Carter BloodCare plans two blood drives in Gilmer this month.

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative, at 1200 W. Tyler (Texas 154), will host one from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

For more information, contact Dee Wingfield at 903-680-0227.

A "Gilmer Community Blood Drive" is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the county Rock Building at 301 E. Butler.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent Julie York, whose office is located in that building, at 903-680-8128.

To donate blood, call or text 800-366-2834 or visit Carterbloodcare.org.

In a news release circulated by York, the blood center announced that since it "is facing the most prolonged period of a critical blood shortage in its recent history," it "will provide coronavirus antibody testing on all successful donations from its blood donors for a limited time." While the test indicates

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someone has been exposed to coronavirus, "it is not a diagnosis of immunity to COVID-19," the news release warned.

Carter BloodCare, a non-profit organization, provides transfusion resources to more than 180 medical facilities in more than 50 Texas counties, the document noted.

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.

12-week course targets owners of new, inherited, existing land

"The Generation Next curriculum targets new landowners, those who are inheriting land or those who are looking to start a new agricultural operation on an existing ranch," said Megan Clayton, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist, Corpus Christi. "It is an online school where participants will work towards developing a business plan with plenty of support from professionals who specialize in each field and topic."

The course fee is \$250, which includes 12 weeks of expert instruction (Aug. 17-Nov. 8), a Generation Next T-shirt and a completion certificate at the end of the course. Attendees will also have the opportunity to complete a business plan by the end of the

course. Call 979-845-2604.

"Those who attend will gain ideas that can be applied to a new operation or an existing one, such as learning about options for setting up grazing and wildlife leases and smaller niche market opportunities," Clayton said. "Participants will also be exposed to the latest land management tools and techniques."

Participants will also learn about starting a new agriculture business or enterprise, including tax implications, insurance needs, developing grazing or wildlife leases, finance management, land management techniques and resources, alternative ranching, ecotourism opportunities and direct marketing, and setting goals with measurable objectives for success, she said.

For more information, contact Clayton at 361-265-9203.

Beef cattle short course Aug. 3-5

The annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course set for Aug. 3-5 has extended the early registration deadline to July 15, so there's still time to register for the education-packed event featuring live demonstrations.

While the three-day event will be online this year due to COVID-19, the live demonstrations will continue, offering ranchers who need basic beef production information can see how things are done up close, said Jason Cleere, Ph.D., conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist in College Station.

Cost will be \$99 before July 15, then \$129 until the conference, and \$149 after the conference is over. Registration is open now, as well as the opportunity to join the mailing list for continual updates.

For more information, call 979-845-6931 or <https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/>.

Jarvis Christian College forgives \$10,000 student debt

If there is one thing that COVID-19 allowed all of us to see is that there is a difference between those who are able to work from home and those who are considered essential and have to go to work even when the world is in a pandemic. What undoubtedly is included in that difference is whether or not an individual has a college degree and work in a field where he or she can "telework". It also exposed to all of us the disparity that exists in this country related to health, wealth and socio-economic barriers faced by some Americans.

Jarvis Christian College's president and his cabinet took a look at the impact that COVID-19 had on people of color and subsequently upon their students. As corporations, the federal government and other entities were providing some relief to Americans, JCC thought that it would do likewise for the students who have committed to earning their college degree through the "Jarvis Cares Program." The program stems from the *Jarvis Promise*...our commitment to keep JCC accessible and affordable. It is designed to reduce the students' debt by an amount up to \$10,000.00, which is Jarvis' way of assisting students with their dream of obtaining a college degree that can make a difference in how and where they work. In order to be qualified, students will have to follow three simple steps: register for the 2020 Fall semester, complete their FAFSA and create their UNCF Profile. They will receive 50% of the reduction in their balance when they successfully complete the fall semester and the other 50% when they successfully complete the spring semester.

Most often, students stop out because they are so overwhelmed by financing their education. Jarvis Cares give them the chance to reduce their balance and continue on to completion. Jarvis Christian College's President Dr. Lester C. Newman stated, "We wanted our students to know that during this difficult time that we value them and want to see them succeed. Jarvis Cares helps us to do that for our students."

In addition to the student debt forgiveness, the Jarvis Cares Program seeks to address issues related to the digital and technological divide that has been made evident during this pandemic when educational institutions had to quickly transition from face to face classes to remote and distance learning modalities. When survey results showed that students at JCC were being negatively impacted because of their lack of access to the internet and Wi-Fi, the college quickly decided to provide needed students with laptops that have Wi-Fi capability imbedded in the laptop beginning in the fall. Newman stated, "This will allow our students to have the technology they need to be successful in their classes whether they are on campus or at home. This is what Jarvis Christian College is about, helping our students to succeed and make a difference in this global society."

If any Jarvis Christian College student would like to know more about the Jarvis Cares debt forgiveness or how to access the technology support, you may contact Ms. Brandy Gray, Student Account Representative at (903)-730-4890 ext. 2710 or Mr. Chris Watson, Director of Information Technology at (903) 730-4890 ext. 3603.

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Planned Night Work Night work continues Sunday, July 5, on Loop 323 in Tyler with paving operations on the south side from SH 155 moving east to US 69. Work is planned for 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday evenings. Expect lane closures and delays as work is conducted. Get more project information in the Smith County section of this release. In Smith County, motorists can expect a slow-down in travels through the overpass project at US 69 and FM 346 on Tuesday, July 7, as more night work is conducted. Expect lane closures during this work from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Get more project information in the Smith County section of this release.

Elsewhere, district seal coat operations continue with work in Wood and Smith counties. Motorists should expect lane closures and delays during this work to seal and protect roadways from water, and provide a longer life cycle. Seal coat operations are scheduled for:

Wood County
- SH 37 – From FM 515 (Winnsboro) south 22.9 miles to 0.4 mi north of Loop 564 (Mineola)

Smith County
- Spur 364 – From SH 31 south and east for 3.9 miles to Loop 323 in Tyler

- SH 155 – From Sunnybrook Dr. in Tyler south for 1.9 miles to Loop 323

- FM 346 – From 0.4 miles south of Hagan Rd. going south for 7.0 miles to Melton St.

- FM 345 – From SH 135 west for 2.0 miles to near Lake Tyler East

- SH 64 – From FM 3326 east for 5.8 miles to 1.2 miles west of SH 135

Gregg County – Longview Maintenance crews plan to conduct edge repairs on FM 2087 from the railroad tracks to I-20. Expect lane closures with flaggers and pilot car providing traffic control.

Gregg County construction projects updates:

Various Landscape Projects

- Limits: Spur 502/Judson Rd and Loop 281; median of SH 149 and US 259/Eastman Rd
- Contractor: Encino Landscape, Inc.



Construction updates, traffic advisories

• Cost: \$298,628.00
• Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2020
Work continues in the right-of-way with little to no traffic impacts. The project consists of landscaping improvements at Spur 502 and Loop 281, and SH 149 at US 259. Work includes landscape beds, irrigation system, and retaining walls.

FM 3272 Restoration Project

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

New sidewalks and drives are being constructed. Expect daytime lane closures and delays. The project includes pavement restoration - milling, repair, one course surface treatment, hot mix overlay, new sidewalk on the east side, new pedestrian crossing, and pavement markings.

FM 1844 Widening Project

• Limits: From SH 300 (Gilmer Rd) to Spur 502 (Judson Road)
• Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC
• Cost: \$2.6 million
• Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2020

The contractor will be milling and laying asphalt. Expect lane closures and delays with flaggers managing traffic control. The project includes widening, placing hot mix asphalt, surface treatment, extending culverts, and applying striping.

Smith County – Tyler Maintenance crews plan to continue work on the FM 2015 rehab project at the junction of US 271. Work includes sealing the roadway at the beginning of the week and then applying an overlay. Expect lane closures with flaggers providing traffic control. Mowing operations are also underway in Smith County.

Smith County construction projects updates:

- Loop 323 Resurfacing Project
- Limits: 0.1 miles west of SH 155, east to 0.8 miles east of US

69 in Tyler

- Contractor: Drewery Construction Co. Inc.
 - Cost: \$5 million
 - Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2020
- Nighttime paving operations are underway on the south side of the Loop. Work hours for this project will be 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday evenings. Two eastbound lanes will be closed on Loop 323 in the paving area each night. Use alternate routes to avoid delays. The project consists of pavement resurfacing.

SH 135 Widening Project

- Limits: From Arp to Troup
- Contractor: Drewery Construction Co. Inc.
- Cost: \$9 million
- Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2021

The contractor is scheduled to perform pavement rehab operations. Expect daily lane closures with a pilot car managing traffic control. The project is adding passing lanes, improving drainage structures, and pavement resurfacing.

FM 346 Bridge Replacement Project

- Limits: From FM 346 at Prairie Creek south of Lake Tyler
- Contractor: Staline Construction, LLC
- Cost: \$2 million
- Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2020

The contractor is scheduled to install vegetative seeding, and signage, and perform project cleanup activities. The speed limit is 45 mph. The bridge project is building a wider structure.

I-20 Ramp Improvement Project

- Limits: From US 69 to Jim Hogg Road
- Contractor: Longview Bridge and Road, Ltd.
- Cost: \$14.8 million
- Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2021

Frontage road and ramp construction continue. Crews are relocating the concrete barriers on I-20 eastbound and westbound necessitating daytime lane closures. The westbound frontage road will be open to traffic during non-work hours. The westbound entrance ramp from Jim Hogg Rd., and the westbound exit ramp to US 69, will be closed for removal. The project consists of ramp improvements and construction of frontage roads.

Upshur County
US 271—From Camp County Line to 0.5 mile north of FM 2088, resurfacing highway.

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	EXTRA PATROL	202003846	4:59		1102 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	ASSIST	202003847	6:41		314 N MAIN N MAIN
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003848	10:29		906 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202003849	10:00	CEFCO	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202003850	11:19	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202003851	16:37	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/OTHER	202003852	16:48	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202003853	17:05		HWY 271 HWY 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003854	17:44		1604 MUSTANG MUSTANG
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003855	18:14		4009 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003856	19:17	GLADEWATER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX	1006 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202003857	19:25		GAY GAY AVE
	THEFT	202003858	20:00		1300 E MARY MARY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003859	20:23		1625 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202003860	21:06		N RODEO RODEO
	EMS	202003861	21:36		1000 NORTH NORTH ST
	EMS	202003862	21:50		501 GODFREY GODFREY
	EXTRA PATROL	202003863	22:12		1502 E VIOLA VIOLA ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003864	22:12		SUNSET SUNSET
6/30/20	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003865	0:03		419 GODFREY GODFREY
	ALARM/OTHER	202003866	1:22		205 MILDRED MILDRED ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003867	1:39		312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202003868	3:23		2211 OAKRIDGE OAKRIDGE DR
	FIRE DEPT	202003870	7:32		2870 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	202003871	7:54	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	HARASSMENT	202003872	8:19	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	202003873	11:30		1025 SANDERS SANDERS
	EMS	202003874	11:45	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	FIRE DEPT	202003875	13:42		210 HURLEY HURLEY
	EMS	202003876	14:48		801 TENERY TENERY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003877	21:02		S EDWARDS EDWARDS ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202003878	21:23		PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003879	22:44		GUY GUY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003880	22:59	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
7/1/20	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003881	4:56	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202003882	5:16		1677 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202003883	8:31		2409 W HAROLD W HAROLD
	FIRE DEPT	202003884	9:58		2400 E BROADWAY E BROADWAY
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202003885	10:36		804 E MARY E MARY
	EMS	202003886	11:46	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ESCORT	202003887	11:54	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003888	12:44		GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY
	EMS	202003889	14:00	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003890	14:44	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	202003891	15:54	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	202003892	18:59		1300 N RODEO RODEO ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202003893	19:13	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202003894	19:27		1300 N RODEO RODEO ST
	ABANDONED 911	202003895	19:52		700 MELBA MELBA ST
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	202003896	21:09	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202003897	21:40		328 S TYLER TYLER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003898	22:09		802 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003899	23:32		405 SPENCER SPENCER
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003900	23:56		105 TENERY TENERY
7/2/20	FIRE DEPT	202003901	0:43		105 N LYLE LYLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003902	1:39		TYLER TYLER
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003903	2:43	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003904	6:08		RODEO RODEO
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003905	7:39	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202003906	11:16		1113 N LYNN LYNN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003907	12:28	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S SUPER STOP)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	202003910	12:32		HWY 80 HWY 80
	10-50 MINOR	202003911	12:57		803 RODEO RODEO ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202003912	13:26		
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003913	13:39		521 QUEEN'S QUEEN'S ST
	EMS	202003914	13:47		411 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003915	14:29		GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003917	14:44		801 N RODEO RODEO
	ABANDONED 911	202003919	18:34		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003920	19:07		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	ABANDONED 911	202003921	19:40		203 N TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003922	20:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003923	21:28		105 TENERY TENERY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003924	21:29		805 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003925	22:03		200 MAPLE MAPLE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003926	22:18		8 MCKAIG MCKAIG CIR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003927	22:23	CEFCO	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
7/3/20	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003930	0:20	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003931	3:17		W HWY 80 HWY 80
	10-50 MINOR	202003932	6:35		2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003933	9:28		120 N LEE LEE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003934	10:07		515 GODFREY GODFREY
	ABANDONED 911	202003935	16:55		1510 N ALICE ALICE ST
	EMS	202003936	17:01		210 OAK OAK DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003937	17:24		801 TENERY TENERY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003938	19:24		75 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	CRIM MIS	202003939	19:40		2109 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003940	20:16		1203 E MARY MARY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003941	20:20		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	EMS	202003942	21:24		7 MONTE CARLO MONTE CARLO
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003943	21:52		TEXAS TEXAS ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003944	22:27		2200 PINECREST PINECREST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202003945	22:46		HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003946	22:56		322 MELBA MELBA
	ALARM/OTHER	202003947	23:26		1212 FM 2885 FM 2885
7/4/20	MISCELLANEOUS	202003948	0:32		RODEO RODEO
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003949	1:23		601 TENERY TENERY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003950	4:34		PHILLIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003951	7:29		1102 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	THEFT	202003952	8:43		104 PYEATT PYEATT DR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202003953	9:17		205 W GAY GAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003954	10:13		504 FERRY FERRY ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003955	10:45	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202003956	12:19		1209 N SHELL SHELL RD
	FIRE DEPT	202003957	12:53		504 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003958	13:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	202003959	14:49	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	202003960	15:07	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202003961	18:32		1200 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	EMS	202003962	18:51	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003963	18:59		1003 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	EMS	202003964	19:14	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003965	19:41		1007 FOREST HILLS FOREST HILLS
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003966	21:00		1107 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003967	21:02		SUNSET SUNSET
	EMS	202003968	21:09		850 TEXAS TEXAS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003969	21:20		2314 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003970	21:22		EDDY EDDY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003971	21:50		S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003972	21:53		1680 SCARLET OAK SCARLET OAK RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003973	21:57		2314 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003974	22:09		210 EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003975	22:21		100 EMPIRE EMPIRE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003976	22:26		212 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003977	22:29		WALTON WALTON
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003978	22:49		210 EDDY EDDY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003979	23:12		TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003980	23:35		710 TENERY TENERY
	FIRE DEPT	202003981	23:53		47 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
7/5/20	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003982	0:11		1401 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003983	0:46		709 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202003985	1:50		705 MELBA MELBA
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202003986	2:20		W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003987	2:56	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202003988	3:17	THE BAR	26237 COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202003989	4:32		271 271
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	202003990	6:00	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202003991	7:15	REGENCY INN	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202003992	7:53	DIXIE MOTEL	328 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202003993	8:24	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	EMS	202003994	9:48	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	202003996	11:04		165 PR 1301 PR 1301
	EMS	202003997	16:58		1005 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE

	EMS	202003998	17:47	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202003999	17:49		403 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	10-50 MINOR	202004000	18:23	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S SUPER STOP)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202004001	19:32	DOLLAR GENERAL	804 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202004002	20:10		403 E COMMERCE COMMERCE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202004003	20:51		88 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
7/6/20	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202004004	2:08		MARtha MARThA
	ALARM/OTHER	202004005	3:15	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202004006	6:20		1105 N HACKBERRY HACKBERRY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202004007	6:23		1307 N RODEO RODEO
	ABANDONED 911	202004008	7:49		801 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE

GPD ARREST REPORT

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/29/20	6/29/20	22:58	CRAIG, JUSTIN WAYNE	W	M	OPERATE UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE	500 SUNSET AVE
	6/29/20	22:58	CRAIG, JUSTIN WAYNE	W	M	ENDORSEMENT VIOLATION NO CLASS M	500 SUNSET AVE
	6/29/20	22:58	CRAIG, JUSTIN WAYNE	W	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	500 SUNSET AVE
6/30/20	6/30/20	1:57	CLIFTON, DAKOTA LEE	W	M	POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PG 1>=4G <200G	200 N TENERY ST

Upshur COVID-19 cases jump to 75

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Building (see separate story in today's issue.)

for placing third in the Texas Oncology Challenge for donating masks to the needy. York said the group received a \$250 check to make more masks, and that it made several hundred.

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Tourism in Turmoil

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Texas is struggling to strike the appropriate balance in the tragic choice between effective public health measures and restoring vitality to the economy. Moving ahead with reopening before recommended safety milestones were met has led to reversals and setbacks on the path to progress. Physical health and economic health are both essential. Nowhere is this tension more intensely evident than in the tourism industry.

People traveling to new areas inherently involves enormous public health implications as cases of COVID-19 escalate. On the other hand, tourism is a major driver of the economy in urban and rural areas alike. Estimates by my firm indicate that travel spending added \$155.3 billion in total gross product to Texas in 2019 and supported over 1.5 million jobs.

To put it mildly, tourism and related services have experienced a turbulent few months in what is usually a bustling season. In April, the first full month of shutdowns, 518,000 jobs were lost in the Texas leisure and hospitality industry, a decrease of 38.1%. In May, the economy started to rebound and the leisure and hospitality industry gained back 193,400 jobs, but is still down 24.5% from January.

Performance in the hotel industry has followed a similar pattern. In April, hotel gross operating profits fell by 116.9% and into negative across the US, led by Houston which reported a decline of 135.3%, according to data produced by STR. Hotel occupancy hit a low of 22.0%, and individual cities recorded even lower rates (such as Austin, with 3.4% occupancy the first week of April). Airline performance followed a similar pattern.

Once restrictions began to ease in early May, many Texas cities saw the beginnings of a rebound in hotel occupancy. The first weekend of May saw increases of 31 and 24 percentage points in the beach communities of Galveston and Corpus Christi, respectively. As of the week ending June 20th, hotel occupancy across the US was 43.9%, up from historic lows in April but still down 41.8% from the previous year. With an uptick in COVID-19 cases and renewed restrictions, tourism-related businesses may be further impacted, though some activity will continue.

Moving forward, the near-term solutions likely will require distancing, facial coverings, increased sanitation procedures, and other measures to help people feel (and be) secure for traveling. Over a longer horizon, vaccines, treatments, tracing, and innovations will allow us to move forward. As I have often noted, this is an economic crisis that was spawned by a health crisis. You can only fully overcome the former by dealing with the latter. People love to travel and Texas is an iconic destination. Tourism will resume and prosper, though it may look a bit different. Be safe!!

THSCA convention & coaching school goes all virtual

After careful consultation with the Texas High School Coaches Association Board of Directors and with due regard to the increased uncertainty of the COVID-19 climate in San Antonio, the THSCA will be cancelling the in-person 2020 THSCA Coaching School and Convention and will be moving the convention to an entirely Virtual format instead.

"We had hoped for a decrease in the spread of the coronavirus as we neared the convention date but the situation has evolved rapidly and we are committed to do our part to protect our attendees, sponsors, vendors and staff," THSCA officials stated in a press release.

"This is an enormous disappointment and not a decision we have taken lightly. THSCA's Coaching School and Convention is the biggest event of the year for the association and it is our favorite way to celebrate high school coaches from all over the state with educational lectures, fellowship, and many other events. It was a tough call to make but in our efforts to support the preventative protocols set forth by our Texas school administrators, the UIL Executive Staff and governing authorities at both state and local levels, we are choosing to prioritize health and safety first.

"We appreciate the Texas High School Coaches Association working for as long as they did to try to hold their conference in San Antonio" said Casandra Matej, President and CEO of Visit San Antonio. "This was not an easy decision for the association and its leadership, and we know from our decades-long relationship with THSCA how much they enjoy coming to our destination. While we feel we had gone above and beyond to ensure a very safe conference, we are in uncharted territory that is requiring difficult decisions for everyone."

"In collaboration with the UIL staff, the Dead Dates of 7/20 and 7/21 have been rescinded and the 2020 Coaching School agenda has been updated to allow for coaches to resume regularly scheduled strength and conditioning/sport-specific training."

"Those who register for Coaching School will be granted access to all sport-specific and professional development lectures, all mandatory UIL CCP courses, panel discussions, the THSCA Head Coaching Academy, and THSCA Regional & General Meeting broadcasts. Upon the conclusion of Coaching School, all registrants will receive an emailed certificate for 15-hours of Continuing Professional Education Hours from a TEA Accredited Entity. We will also offer all registrants unlimited access to our Virtual Trade Show platform that allows attendees to shop our exhibit hall, network with other coaches, visit our Career Center, attend a Hudl training session, and hold virtual team meetings all from their desktop/laptop computer at home. For coaches needing Tackle Training Certification from Atavus, THSCA is making arrangements for access to their online platform for free on Wednesday, July 22 from noon to 5 p.m..



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