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## Pets and fireworks don't mix

The anticipated celebration of America's Independence Day calls for an annual celebration full of fireworks, grilling, and cheers. Amid the fun-filled chaos, however, sometimes lies the overlooked care of pets that may have a contrasting and much more fear-filled perspective of the Fourth of July.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical associate professor of emergency and critical care medicine at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, helps owners prepare for the underlying pet hazards that are present during the noisy and food-abundant festivities of the upcoming holiday.

### Keeping Your Hotdogs To Yourself

"Puppy-dog eyes" has been coined as a tool of persuasion by society for millennia, and for good reason — one look and your left-over dinner becomes your canine companion's treat.

Despite the charm of a patiently wagging tail, Rutter implores guests attending Independence Day celebrations to resist the pull of offering party foods that could unintentionally put the animal's health at risk.

"Corn cobs (which cause GI obstruction), grease (from the ground or in grill grease traps), and tasty bits from unsecured trash or handouts commonly cause problems," Rutter said. "Dogs typically eat a pretty regular diet, so abrupt dietary changes can really throw them into havoc."

Just because the grill-heavy day will end in a food coma for us does not mean our pets should experience the same fate. Rutter offers an alternative approach to turning away the really cute and cuddly stars of any family get-together.

"I provide carrot sticks, sugar snap peas, and melon, or other healthy treats, for people who want to give something to my dogs," Rutter said. "It keeps the dogs from being handed a hotdog by well-meaning friends."

### Lost In The Lights

Sitting at home on a seemingly normal night and hearing the loud crack of a firework might raise a sense of confusion and alarm for anyone. Now, imagine these bursts of fireworks multiplied tenfold for pets that do not understand the celebratory purpose of these jarring sights and sounds.

"You can see how from their perspective, the loud noises and flashes are quite triggering," Rutter said. "Dogs can act out by hiding, house soiling, destroying things, becoming defensive, or running away."

It is difficult for owners to imagine a more heart-wrenching experience than discovering that a pet has gone missing due to the disorientation of the Fourth. For this reason, it is vital to not minimize the intimidation factor that fireworks can bring to pets of any and all sizes, according to Rutter.

For extreme cases of firework anxiety, Rutter suggests that medication can offer relief but advises against giving human medications due to their different effects on animals' systems.

"Medications should be given to a pet before the fireworks begin to help minimize the fear they experience," Rutter said. "Waiting until they are already upset makes the fear more difficult to manage. Owners should ask their vet how early and how often to give medications; every medication is different."

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## Gladewater woos inn crowd

By James Draper

Back in 1994, The Gladewater Mirror's front page Dec. 21 heralded the looming development of a new two-story, 37-room motel at 1101 East Broadway.

It's been almost three decades since "Council hangs out welcome sign" for today's Regency Inn still operating at the site. Meanwhile, local officials are dusting off the sign once again, hoping to land another lodging operation in town.

In June, Gladewater Economic Development Corporation's board of directors committed \$8,500 for a hotel feasibility study by HVS, a Dallas-based hospitality consulting firm.

It's a proactive step to stop "leaking" overnight stays to the hotels and motels of Longview and Tyler, according to former mayor and GEDCO's interim executive director, Scott Owens: if Gladewater aims to profit more from community visitors, the city needs to put heads in beds here, and wishing won't make it so.

"I think we all think and know we need a quality hotel," Owens said. "This puts hard data into it for the decision makers."

"It's up to the investors. We've got to get them the data so that they can get the return on their investment."

The team from HVS has already been to town for an initial visit, and they're now crunching the numbers from available public data and proprietary sources to find where Gladewater falls in the lodging equation.

"You've got four major players — like Marriott, Hilton, IGH — that have multiple brands," Owens said, "from luxury brands and spa resorts down to the economy traveler," and analysts are working to determine which subset would appeal most to Gladewater visitors. "They just wanted to get the feel for the community."

The crew will return for additional insights, such as interviewing various people involved with a range of local events and destinations. Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo draws substantial crowds along with Gusher Days, the Gladewater Arts & Crafts Fair and holiday events.

It's more than large-scale events, Owens added. Gladewater's community ballpark is a developing draw along with regular visitors for private reunions, weddings and other events that might be held at, for example, the Gladewater Former Students Building.

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## Mirror nets 4 first place wins

The Gladewater Mirror brought back a small stack of plaques from Texas Press Association's 2024 Convention & Trade Show last month.

Gathering print journalists from across Texas (and surrounding states) the annual assembly put a particular spotlight on the rise of artificial intelligence and how it will and won't affect the still-thriving and ever-evolving news industry.

Capping the three day event, this year in College Station, the 2023 Texas Better Newspaper Contest included four 1st Place awards for the local paper's staff along with two 4th Place finishes.

The Mirror earned the top spot in Headline Writing among Division 10 Weeklies, with TPA's judges highlighting the label on a feature about one of Lee-Bardwell Public Library's ever-growing collections: "Gnome Sweet Gnome / Pint-sized posse takes up resi-



dence at local library."

A 1st in News Writing included coverage of ongoing attention to the Lake Gladewater Dam, which also featured in a 1st for the Mirror's Community Service Entry.

Behind the Mirror's lenses, photographers Kim Hill and Mike Peery earned another 1st in Sports Photography while Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell and reporter James Draper shared a 4th Place finish for Feature Photography.

GladewaterMirror.com also earned a 4th Place nod at the convention June 20-22.

"I am very proud of the quality James Draper has brought to the Mirror and I'm confident this is just the beginning," said Bardwell. "And winning first place in 'Community Service' is a tribute to my late wife Suzanne, who valued that more than any other because that makes a difference in our world for our readers."

## Upshur looking at elected officials raises

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday approved publishing a notice of intent to possibly raise most elected officials' annual salaries by \$1,200.

The possible hike could apply to all elected county officials—including the court members—except those who received pay raises under Senate Bill 22, approved by the Texas Legislature. The elected officials who received increases under that bill included Sheriff Larry Webb and the county's four constables—Tim Barnett, Jason Weeks, James Casey and David Thompson.

Although he voted to publish the notice, Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller said "I don't want or need a pay raise." Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson said he didn't either, but he and Miller both said "We don't need to hold the (budget) process up" and that they favored an increase for other elected officials.

County Judge Todd Tefeller said he had to think about elected officials other than himself, but that he

may or may not vote for such a raise. The court won't take its final vote on the county budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year for several weeks.

In other business at the meeting in Gilmer, the court approved transferring monies from two funds to cover up to \$30,000 in medical expenses for county jail inmates. (By law, the county is responsible for prisoners' medical costs if they face Upshur County charges. The county doesn't have to pay such expenses for inmates it holds for other counties or the federal government.)

James Grunden, the jail's chief deputy, said that in the past two months, inmates have gone to a hospital with serious illnesses, and "I have never seen this many people ending up in the hospital."

He said they suffered legitimate illnesses, such as heart attacks, and that the problem had become so bad that if inmates aren't facing serious charges, officials try to release them from custody.

## TxDOT spotlights impact, loss from drunk driving

An average of 89 Texans were killed every month in 2023 alcohol-related crashes

AUSTIN — We all know that drunk driving is dangerous and yet people still choose to get behind the wheel impaired, causing on average of 65 alcohol-related crashes every day last year on Texas roadways. Three Texans died daily in 2023 as a result — their lives extinguished at the hands of those who never thought they would be responsible for a roadside tragedy.

Making the choice to drive drunk

instead of finding a sober ride home can lead to serious consequences, including a lifetime of anguish. This is the painful reality for Charles and Shenica Trammell of San Antonio, who will never see their child again.

The cost of a DWI in Texas ranges from place to place. See how the costs could add up:

1st DWI offense fine: \$250 to \$2,000

Bail: up to \$1,000

Court costs: up to \$500

Attorney fees: varies, but average is up to \$9,400

Probation fees (12 months): up to \$1,200

Alcohol Education Course: \$70 to \$200

Increased car insurance: about \$1,000

Car impound and towing fee: about \$200

Car storage fees (up to 5 days): \$100

Ignition interlock device (12 months): \$1,400

Restitution amounts: not included

GRAND TOTAL: UP TO \$17,000

others,

not knowing that he would actually die while doing so," said Shenica Trammell. Her 20-year-old son and Texas Wesleyan University football player Charles Jr. was killed while changing a friend's tire on the side of the road in Fort Worth.

"All because someone made the decision to get behind the wheel after drinking," she said.

Shenica and her husband Charles are among the faces seen and voices heard in an exhibit traveling across Texas to showcase first-person testimonial videos by survivors, offenders and those who've suffered the loss of a loved one to a drunk driver.

July and August are the calendar's two deadliest months for drunk-driving fatalities. Heading into these months, TxDOT's "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign is spotlighting these stories of grief and remorse to emphasize the importance of driving sober and the consequences of drinking and driving.

"Drunk driving can change lives forever," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "In the worst case, families lose loved ones or face devastating injuries. But even when there isn't a crash, the decision to drink and drive can ruin careers and relationships. That's why we want everyone to know how important and easy it is to always plan ahead for a sober ride."

Beyond the possibility of taking a life — including your own — driving impaired and getting a DWI can result in time-consuming legal hassles and fines and fees up to \$17,000.

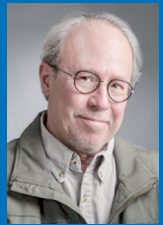
The "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign's "Faces of Drunk Driving" initiative overlaps with heightened law enforcement efforts to keep Texas roads safe during the Independence Day holiday. From June 21 through July 7, increased patrols aim to reduce the number of DUI-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

Even though the number of drunk driving deaths on Texas roadways in 2023 is down 15% from 2022, we must strive to continue that trend.



# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Fire safety urged for Fourth

With the Fourth of July bringing a possible four-day weekend for lucky Texans, the Texas A&M Forest Service urges outdoor enthusiasts to exercise fire safety outdoors, especially when using fireworks or starting campfires to roast hot dogs and toast marshmallows.

Approximately 90% of wildfires are caused by humans and their activities, and the Fourth of July is one of the top days for reported wildfires, according to the forest service.

Large wildfires generally are not expected, and none are prevalent currently, but north and northeast Texas has received little to no rainfall since early June. That reduces moisture content and increases the potential for wildfires to start.

"As we start to observe typical summer weather with conditions becoming hotter and drier, we anticipate wildfire activity to increase," said forest service chief Wes Moorehead. "State and local firefighters are prepared to respond quickly, but we need Texans to be careful and prevent wildfire ignitions while conditions are hot and dry."

Anyone considering using fireworks is urged to comply with any burn bans in place, follow the warning labels on fireworks, use only under close adult supervision and keep them away from structures, dry grass and brush.

### Cornyn bill would increase security for judges

Legislation sponsored by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn would, if passed, establish a new resource center that would monitor threats to local judges and provide training for both judges and staff at state and local courts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

At a panel held recently at the University of North Texas law school, participating judges and prosecutors expressed support for the measure, which passed the Senate unanimously in mid-June and awaits consideration in the House.

A consultant for the nonprofit National Center for State Courts said attacks and threats against members of the federal judiciary increased 400% from 2015 through 2021. In Texas, security incidents involving local judiciary have increased four-fold on average since fiscal year 2017, though the number dropped slightly last fiscal year.

"This isn't partisan. It's just common sense," Cornyn said during a news conference after the roundtable discussion.

### Top 10 state parks listed by TPWD

With summer in full swing, Texas' 89 state parks are expecting an influx of visitors. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently released the top 10 parks in terms of visitors. The top 10 in reverse order are, according to the Austin American-Statesman:

10. Ink Lakes State Park, Burnet County
9. Dinosaur Valley State Park, near Glen Rose in Somervell County
8. Brazos Bend State Park, Fort Bend County
7. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, between Fredericksburg and Llano
6. McKinney Falls State Park, Travis County
5. Ray Roberts State Park Isle du Bois, Denton County
4. Cedar Hill State Park, Dallas County
3. Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Sanger Unit, Denton County
2. Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Armstrong County

And the top state park for visitors: Garner State Park, located in Uvalde County, which hosted more than 475,000 visitors in 2023.

### Paxton probe appears headed to grand jury

A federal appeals court appears to have cleared the way for officials in Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office to testify before a grand jury probing alleged corruption, the Houston Chronicle reported.

While the case before the 5th Circuit of Appeals remains under seal, last week the court last rejected an unnamed state agency's attempt to stymie federal investigators from calling top officials.

While the case is under seal, the Chronicle reported, "the dates and details line up with those in the years-long federal probe into allegations by Paxton's former top deputies, who say the attorney general took bribes to benefit Nate Paul, an Austin developer who is a friend and donor of Paxton's."

The court said that the AG officials may have evidence of a potential crime, and that the Department of Justice can invoke the "crime-fraud exception" to get around potential attorney-client privileges.

## EDITORIAL

Happy Birthday divided, complex United States of America!

Former Prime Minister of England Margaret Thatcher once profoundly said: "Europe was created by history. America was created by philosophy."

Today might be a good time to reflect on that founding philosophy and pledge more than allegiance but sincere commitment to the ideals this country was built on.

First and foremost must be Thomas Jefferson's words penned in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

We are supposed to value the sanctity of life in this country. We value freedom and we sometimes too enthusiastically and selfishly embrace our individual right to the Pursuit of Happiness.

Yes, we need to go to the writings of our Founding Fathers and remind ourselves that in the original 13 colonies there was a great philosophical divide between federalism and anti-federalism. But the men of the constitutional convention came together and based on commonly held ideals built a bridge to create the greatest nation of HOPE to ever be carved out of world history.

### 'We the People' ...

You know we take 'it' for granted. The 'it' that is at the heart of being an American, our personal freedom.

We assume we have the right to express our opinions about everything, everywhere almost all the time, and loudly. And lately we seem to have lost any semblance of good manners when doing so.

We sometimes scream about OUR rights, OUR feelings and don't hesitate to point out what is wrong with everyone else. If we paused long enough to draw a breath and consider the cost and sacrifice that won us such freedom maybe, just maybe we would expend our opinionated expression in more valuable ways on more important issues.

Consider the questions:

What are you willing to fight for? What are you willing to die for?

The first generation of Americans expended 4,435 lives in the battle to create a nation free from tyranny. Farmers stood shoulder to shoulder with muskets and faced down the greatest military on the face of the earth and triumphed.

Yes, to you historians out there, we do owe much to Lafayette and the French but that doesn't take one iota of heroism away from those farmers at battles like Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill where the proud English found that conviction and minutemen were a lethal combination. And yes, tyranny was a perception but self-rule was the costly prize that is still prized today.

We repaid our debt to Lafayette many times over during World War I and World War II, especially on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Which leads us to the next big question:

Would you die for someone else's freedom? Well, would you? In WWII, 291,557 Americans lost their lives in combat and another 113,842 from war-related events. Casualty lists throughout our history from all over the globe should be remembered when we celebrate freedom. Sometimes the sacrifice is from declared War or a police action, sometimes from covert missions where only a star on a wall in an agency stands to memorialize the sacrifice. But sacrifice is what this country has been built on and we need to look to our heritage of sacrifice for inspiration.

We have a dear friend who is still haunted by Vietnam and it presses at the edge of his life daily. I have former students who left for the Middle East as patriotic boys and came back forever changed men. We didn't wring our collective national hands over those boys, because after all, they volunteered. As if that made a difference in the sacrifice between the eras of Vietnam and the Gulf War to the present.

There are those soldiers/airmen I know in intelligence who are a computer stroke ahead of the bad guys protecting us from attack and the uniform they wear might as well have a target on it 24/7.

So what are these ideals that are still worth fighting, dying and living for? Let's start with the 45 most important words that every American should not just know by heart, but work to preserve every single day:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

We need to model their example of compromise and civility today. We need to celebrate our convictions, their brilliance, and the sacrifice of so many over the history of this country to ensure freedom.

Let's study carefully what the authors of the Constitution wrote as the introduction to the Constitution. Their statement of principles that our history and culture is built upon is a great lesson in real patriotism.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

It is time to come back together as a nation and work to solve the challenges we face from the local to the national level.

If our Founding Fathers could work together and face down the greatest empire in the world to build a nation based on ideas that became the inspiration to the rest of mankind surely we can work together for a better tomorrow for our posterity.

I know we can. Let's get started. That is the best birthday gift we can give our great nation.

Happy Birthday America!

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



redress of grievances."

And yes, you do get this first amendment lesson from me on a somewhat regular basis. Do you know why? Because when we don't know what our rights are any longer we will lose them.

Then the convenience of government limiting information to the masses, pressing special interest agendas or protecting others 'for their own good' will haunt us for our unwillingness to protect freedom and the blood of heroes throughout our history will have been wasted by a lethargic and self-centered generation who worried more about their own comfort than the future.

So what do we do to ensure that we aren't that generation? We move to the preamble of the most important document in our nation's history of course.

"We the People..."

That includes, you, me, everyone who is a citizen or is becoming a citizen. This country is ours not just to enjoy but to protect. We at the *Gladeater Mirror* work diligently to cover meetings, boards and events that matter to your every day lives. Mundane decisions that address your pocketbook, how your taxes are being spent and how you are being represented.

Information is indeed power. What citizens do with that information writes the future.

We all routinely stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance, but do we mean it? Really deep down, do something about it 'mean it'? Do we mean it enough to get in the trenches in our city, our schools, our county, our state and our nation?

I guarantee you this, if you do not educate yourselves to issues and become an active citizen-participant in government at all levels, others who often believe that they know what is best for the rest of us will make the decisions for all of us, in spite of our desires and against our convictions.

Whether it is the president of the United States, or a Gladeater city or school official, the job description requires service to citizen over self. That is a tough path to choose and these men and women are to be congratulated for their service while "We the People..." are challenged to support, question and hold them accountable.

On this birthday of the United States of America I hope that you and your families have a memorable day filled with celebration. Just make sure that you carve out just a little bit of time to remember all those who have served and those who have died so that we may grumble, worship and protest as we see fit. And, please consider serving your community in some aspect. It can be as simple as asking questions and encouraging those in positions of power? Are you informed?

Are you making a difference?

A lot of people have sacrificed everything for the opportunities that we squander daily. Isn't it time that "We the People..." stepped up? Again.

After all, that is our heritage. It is what Americans have been doing for 248 years.

### LORD PROP US UP ON THE LEANING SIDE

All of us face temptation in life, and are prone to stumble, if we do not exercise care. Remember that the apostle Paul said, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10: 12). I often think of the old fellow who always prayed, "Lord, prop us up on our leaning side." After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, "Well sir, you see, it's like this...I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time. It's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall. Then, I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms, and I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing, too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop me up on my leaning side. I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward illicit sex, leaning toward a lot of things we shouldn't. So, we need to pray, Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again to glorify You. We need You, Lord to give us the strength to stand whenever we get out of balance. In those times, Lord, prop us up on our leaning side."

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isa. 41: 10). Think on these things.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Steelman to lead Gilmer masons

Longview Fire Chief John Paul (J.P.) Steelman was installed as worshipful master of Bethesda Masonic Lodge No. 142 A.F.&A.M. at the Gilmer lodge's installation of officers for 2024 Saturday night.

Also at the ceremony, *Gladewater Mirror* and *Gilmer Mirror* contributor Phillip Williams was presented a plaque of appreciation for his newspaper coverage of the lodge by its outgoing worshipful master, Richard K. Smith.

Officers besides Steelman who were installed Saturday included Smith as treasurer, Senior Warden Thomas Brent White, and Secretary Robert Cromley. Also present was Tiler Clayton Venn, who didn't require installation since he already held that post.

Other officers for 2024 will be installed at a closed stated meeting of the local lodge unless, like Venn, they already hold their respective posts. They include holdover officers Master of Ceremonies Robert E. (Bob) Lansdale, Marshal David Holden, and Chaplain James Parker, along with new officers Junior Warden Joe Lynn Tillery, Senior Deacon Bob Bates, Junior Deacon Chris E. Elliott, and Stewards Kevin D. Saxon and Troy Murray.

Holden was installing master and Travis Covin was installing marshal for Saturday's ceremony.



It was Gladewater Night at the Piney Woods TimberHogs game last Friday. Johnny Hawley, a 2024 GHS senior, sang the National Anthem and Mayor Brandy Flanagan threw the first pitch to former Mayor Scott Owens.

### Church's 'Boot Camp' set July 27

Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church's annual Kids for Christ B.O.O.T. Camp returns July 27 at 231 PR 3487 in Big Sandy.

The 'Biblical Outlook & Outreach Training' is crafted for children who have completed Pre-K (4 years-old) through those who have finished 5th grade.

The camp begins with registration at 8 a.m. then runs 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and a hot dug lunch will be provided.

### Shake, rattle & Roll

A '50s and '60s show group is ready to getting things rockin' come August. The national and international award-winning women of Shake Rattle & Roll will be performing at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the invitation of Gladewater Former Students' Association. Tickets are \$25 per person for the concert in

the GFSA Building at 2509 Hendricks St. All seats are General Admission, and free for children younger than 12. For more information, call 903-845-2631.

### Churches hold joint gathering Sunday

Four area Church of Christ congregations which meet jointly on the first Sunday monthly will do so Sunday afternoon at the Pritchett Church of Christ at 1258 FM 1404.

Besides Pritchett, participating congregations include the Lyle Street Church of Christ in Big Sandy, along with the Shady Grove and Holly Lake congregations.

David Cotham, preacher for the Sand Hill Church of Christ and who usually attends the joint gatherings, announced Sunday's arrangements.

### No storytime

The "Storytime" reading of books to small children, usually presented Thursdays

at the Upshur County Library in Gilmer, won't be held this week since it will be closed for the July 4 holiday.

"Storytime" resumes Thursday, July 11, with sessions set for 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Two books will be read both times--"A Penguin Like Me" by Marcus Pfister and "Spike: The Penguin with Rainbow Hair" by Sarah Gulen and Carmen Ellis.

### Blood drive set

Carter BloodCare of Tyler, which says it has a critical need for blood donations, will hold two blood drives in Gilmer on Sunday and one Monday. Sunday's drives are set from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Walmart, and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Tractor Supply, both on U.S. 271.

Monday's drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Upshur-Rural Electric Cooperative on Texas 154.

For more information, contact Donna Russell at 903-574-4998.

## FSA seeking nominations for farmers and ranchers to serve on local county

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers and ranchers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. These committees make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2024.

"Serving on a Farm Service Agency county committee is your chance to ensure that other producers who share your interests, your production practices, and your perspective are represented. County committee service is a unique opportunity in the federal government for citizen stakeholders to participate in the implementation of policy and programs at the local level," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Nominations are now open, and elections will begin in November; don't miss this chance to help FSA serve all producers."

Elections for committee members will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Customers can locate their LAA through a geographic information system locator tool available at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections) and determine if their LAA is up for election by contacting their local FSA office.

Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they:

Participate or cooperate in a USDA program.

Reside in the LAA that is up for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying

organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority, women, urban and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as making decisions on county office employment and other agricultural issues.

The 27 cities with urban county committees are listed at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections) and [farmers.gov/urban](https://farmers.gov/urban). Of these, ten urban county committees will hold an inaugural election this cycle.

## State sales tax revenue totaled \$3.9 billion in June

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.94 billion in June, 0.4 percent more than in June 2023. The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the agency in June.

"Monthly state sales tax collections were essentially flat compared to collections in June 2023, following the strong gains seen in May," Hegar said. "The overall trends we have seen through the first three quarters of fiscal 2024 were evident again in June."

"Sales tax remittances from the major sectors driven primarily by business spending were generally down, except for modest growth in receipts from the construction sector."

"Receipts from consumer spending-driven sectors were up slightly overall compared with a year ago, with growth in receipts from both retail trade and the services sectors. Within the retail trade sector, remittances from general merchandise



### Foreign Direct Investment ...

Investments in the United States by companies from other countries is a significant, though often overlooked, source of economic activity and expansion. Foreign direct investment (FDI) enhances US productivity growth, increases export volumes, and creates high-paying jobs for American workers. Foreign-owned business operations in the United States account for about 7.9 million direct jobs (many more when spillover effects are included) in a wide variety of industries, as well as substantial research and development expenditures. These companies also account for about 23% of US exports.

The motivations for foreign investment in the US economy are many and varied. The American economy and consumer market is by far the largest, with gross domestic product of \$25 trillion and a population of 335 million. Although only about 4% of the world's population resides here, US households account for nearly one third of global household consumption. Even beyond this massive domestic market, there are 20 other countries interacting with the US through free trade agreements, thus opening additional opportunities.

A business-friendly regulatory environment, a stable democracy with strong political and economic institutions, the dominant world currency, and a transparent and predictable legal environment are further US advantages. We have a large and diverse workforce, and American workers are among the most productive (higher interest rates have provided an added boost). The list goes on.

It's little surprise that the United States has been ranked as the top destination for foreign direct investment for 12 consecutive years. The level has surged to almost one-third of the global total in recent times, as compared to about 18% before the pandemic. Over the same period, China's share has fallen from 7% to 3%.

For two decades, Texas has been the leading US destination for FDI expenditures. About 660,500 jobs in the state are directly supported by majority foreign-owned affiliates, and more than 1,900 foreign corporations have ongoing operations. The top investing country is the United Kingdom with 19% of projects, followed by Germany (8%), Canada (8%), Japan (7%), and France (5%). More recently, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Egypt, and Mexico have also begun to invest in earnest.

Top industry sectors by projects in Texas include software & IT services, business services, industrial equipment, renewable energy, and transportation & warehousing. Much of this activity is naturally concentrated in the largest metropolitan areas, but notable investment is also occurring elsewhere.

FDI is a win-win, offering foreign companies access to US markets, workforce, and resources. Simultaneously, these investments enhance domestic economic growth and prosperity. Texas is a clear winner, with projects ranging from energy to technology to aviation and everything in between adding significantly to the state's dynamic economy, enhancing opportunities for Texans, and increasing future growth potential. Stay safe!

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stores led the way."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2024 was up 0.5 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$560 million, down 6 percent from June 2023;
- motor fuel taxes — \$340 million, up 5 percent from June 2023;
- oil production tax — \$493 million, up 8 percent from June 2023;
- natural gas production tax — \$171 million, down 7 percent from June 2023;

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Photo by James Draper

## TAMUC's Profili captures Team Roping Championship at College Nationals

Texas A&M University-Commerce Rodeo Team member Kaden Profili highlighted the Lions' success at the 2024 College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) with a National Championship victory in the Team Roping event.

Profili, a senior majoring in agricultural science and technology from Jacksonville, Texas, won the event as the team's heeler. He was paired with James Arviso of Hill College. This was Profili's fourth trip to the CNFR and his first national title, with his previous best finish being 12th.

In Team Roping, two cowboys – a "header" and "heeler" – work together to successfully rope a steer in the fastest time possible. The header must secure his rope around either the horns, head or neck, while the heeler must successfully rope both hind legs. The clock stops once there is no slack in the ropes and both horses face each other.

Profili and Arviso finished with a cumulative time of 31.6 seconds across four rounds, and the team's second round time of 4.1 seconds is one of the fastest in CNFR history. Profili's horse, Gunna Be an Angel or "Grace," was also named the Overall Men's Horse of the Year and Horse of the Year in the Team Roping event by the American Quarter Horse Association.

This victory made 2024 the third consecutive year that an A&M-Commerce rodeo student-

athlete was crowned a National Champion at CNFR. In 2023, Kincade Henry captured the title in the Tiedown Roping event, while Bryana Lehrmann was champion in Breakaway Roping and was the Women's All-Around champion in 2022. In addition, this was the second year in a row that an A&M-Commerce rodeo team member's steed took the title of the Men's Horse of the Year, after Cutter Carpenter's horse "Twix" received the honors in 2023.

Also competing in this year's event were A&M-Commerce students Addie Weil and Rylee George, both in the Breakaway Roping event.

Weil, a sophomore from Edna, Kan., currently double majoring in animal science and biological sciences, finished 25th in the event in her second CNFR appearance. George, a graduate student from Oakdale, Calif., majoring in agricultural sciences, finished 37th in her fourth time at the CNFR.

A&M-Commerce Rodeo Head Coach Dameon White had high praise for the Lions' performances at CNFR.

"Kaden's performance speaks volumes to how he handles the pressure of competitive rodeo. He consistently roped great the whole year and just kept it going at the CNFR," White said.

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Konin Pharr holds a 27-inch Black Bass he pulled from Lake Gladewater June 16 alongside his dad, Charles. The 11-year-old Union Grove angler was using a 30-inch Dock Demon pole with a Whopper Plopper lure on a braided line during the Father's Day Excursion. "I just hear the water blow up," Charles said. "I turn around and his pole was bent over. That's the fish of a lifetime right there," though – tragically – the weight was undetermined: "The battery was out on the scales... I'm 35 years-old, and I've never caught a bass that big. In my personal opinion, it'd be a state record for his age and the tackle he caught it on." The lake was recently restocked through Texas Parks & Wildlife.



## Library turns up heat on activities as summer temps drive visitors indoors

"Let me tell you some really exciting news – we had more than 1,000 people come into the library last month."

Maybe it's the weather sending locals into the stacks at Lee-Bardwell Public Library. Regardless, Brandy Wynn was glad to see another 48 visitors walk in the doors July 1 after a healthy turnout in June.

"We're off to a really good start," she said, and the fun stuff hasn't even begun.

Naturally, the local library director's all about book-learning, but sometimes a person just has to go hands-on, and the 312 W. Pacific Ave. facility will kick-off its slate of July 2024 activities with 'Home Ec Day' this weekend.

"I'm really excited about July 6," Wynn said, getting everything in place alongside Library Clerk Dotti McCoy and their band of volunteers. "We're going to have a ton of stuff going on."

Certainly, Saturday will feature more than just home economics, but that was the nugget of the idea – a local home-school family dropped by one day looking for leads about life skills classes.

"They were talking about how no one teaches certain things anymore," Wynn says,

practical things like cooking, canning and gardening. The idea soon snowballed and all those skills – and more – are on tap 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for July's first Saturday. "I'm just really excited about the whole concept of having some type of learning program that we're going to be able to do quarterly, if not more often."

How about a budgeting booth? How about a how-to on starting a small business? Maybe the youngsters (and adults in-tow) can learn a bit of marketing?

"I've got booklets from the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. Basically, it's teaching elementary school children financial literacy," Wynn said. "There's several different things. It's about home budgets, business budgets, how to build your own very small business. I've looked through some of this, and it's really neat, really cool stuff."

"We also have the beekeepers coming out because they're pretty awesome," and there'll be a spotlight on fire prevention along with a crash course in first aid. "Everyone needs to know how to bandage someone if need be, what to do in case of emergency."

Later, July 8-12 will be the

second week of the library's new Teen & Young Adult Book Club as the group reads "Siege and Storm," the second book in the "Shadow and Bone" series.

Gladewater Fire Department will visit for a Storytime session July 18 then they're back for the library's second water balloon fight of the summer, set for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 31 – coinciding with the annual celebration of Harry Potter's birthday. It's also the last day of the 2024 summer reading program and includes a drawing for end-of-summer prizes.

"It's just going to be a really exciting, fun day," Wynn said. She's also jazzed about July 25: the Creature Teacher will be bringing a mini-menagerie of animals to the library at 11 a.m. (followed by a hot dog lunch) courtesy of Buckner's HOPES and ASQ.

"They are sponsoring different types of programming for several of the libraries in the area."

## "Coot's Corner"

By Coot Putley

### You Can't Duck Dynasties

Last week we talked about parity, and the idea that every team in each league might have a (nearly) equal chance to win a championship each year.

While this might create hope in every city, with true parity there would seldom be a \*dominant\* team that everyone else is chasing each year.

The closest thing we have to a dynasty now is in Kansas City – with back-to-back Super Bowls and three titles in five years, they are generally regarded as the favorites to win again. But even with all their success, they don't seem to be regarded as villains. Maybe it's the good guy images of Andy Reid and Patrick Mahomes, but

it's hard to dislike the Chiefs. The New England Patriots certainly played the enemy role well for a decade or so, but they have slipped badly recently. The team that everyone either loves or hates? The Dallas Cowboys. Despite their lack of appearances in a title game for 25 years, people still get worked up talking about them every year! Fascinating.

The unquestioned beasts in baseball are the New York Yankees. Even people who don't follow the game at all know about the Yankees. The franchise has about one fourth of all the titles. They have 27 wins in 40 appearances.

Even though they haven't won a World Series since

2009 they are still the lead story every year.

In the NBA, the Boston Celtics have won more titles than any other team, but the Los Angeles Lakers still get the most attention. They have had the flashiest players over the years, and the stars come out for the show. LeBron James always makes sure he is the center of attention, so the Lakers are the team you adore. Or despise.

Parity has its place, but sometimes having a dominant team to root against can provide an extra level of entertainment. Which is more fun – watching the enemy lose or watching your team win?

That's one man's opinion – what's yours?



Members of East Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, West Mountain VFD and Judson FD practice drafting and pump operations at the East Mountain Baptist Church June 29.

## Gladewater woos inn crowd

Continued from Page 1

Likewise, entertainment venues Jackson's Cozy Theatre and The Stockyard Steakhouse have activities to woo overnight guests.

"With the first blush of this, they felt there would be no issue with weekend capacity. They'll be looking at what kind of occupancy they'd have during the week," whether from business travelers, antique shoppers or others.

There's no specific site to speak of at this point, but there are plenty of options – depending on what the data shows.

"A hotel doesn't necessarily need to be right on the highway," Owens noted. "You need to have some visibility of a sign but with travelers now booking online and using a GPS, it needs to be accessible but not right on the highway."

Notably, GEDCO and its stakeholders, as well as its partners, face restrictions on what can be said about a given project.

There are some preliminary leads, Owens allowed, but nothing that's ready for public consumption.

"Very preliminary," he added. "I have gotten some indication, but I don't want to share that yet, not until we get hard data."

That said, he anticipates solid development within two months at the outside.

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**ACROSS**

1 "got a \_\_\_ in my throat" (emotional)

5 TX Roy Orbison hit "It's \_\_\_" (1964)

6 home of Baylor

7 flim \_\_\_ (scam)

8 commercials, e.g.

9 TX Clay Allison epitaph: "He never killed \_\_\_ did not need killing"

16 pekoe and green

18 in Bandera, "Dixie \_\_\_" for city slickers

21 \_\_\_ Campo, Texas

22 Maureen O' \_\_\_ of Texas-based film "Rio Grande"

23 TXism: "his facts \_\_\_ elastic" (liar)

24 TXism: "it \_\_\_ poke in the eye with a sharp stick"

30 TX-based Sunoco once was "\_\_\_ Company"

34 TXism: "bend \_\_\_ elbow" (drink)

35 record companies

36 TX Roy Bean's court \_\_\_ was in his Langtry saloon

37 petty quarrels

39 \_\_\_ Court is last resort for civil appeals

43 TX Gene Tierney 1945 film: "Leave \_\_\_ Heaven"

44 delicious melon: "Pecos Can \_\_\_"

45 WBAP is a Fort Worth \_\_\_ station

46 "it's \_\_\_ better days"

47 TXism: "\_\_\_ on her" (pretty girl)

49 degraded

52 Texas-based American Airlines would hire this aircraft mainten. worker

53 dir. from Andrews to Junction

54 wind turbine part

55 TXism: "never sign anything in \_\_\_ of a neon light"

58 "\_\_\_ out" (golf expression)

59 Slim Whitman's "A Travelin' \_\_\_"

60 "and so on" abbr.

61 TX George Strait's "Marina del \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1 Texas Registered Longhorn Beef is this (2 wds.)

2 birth town of TX McConaughey

3 TXism: "\_\_\_ su casa" (neighborly)

4 seniors dance

9 just one of 8-across

10 this Ali took TX Foreman's title in 1974 "Rumble"

11 TX singer Meat Loaf was born Marvin Lee \_\_\_

12 noted fictional detective, Wolfe

13 thin, ghostly figure

14 laugh word

15 TXism: "plain as the ears \_\_\_ mule"

17 7-Eleven slushies

19 Texas Nokona baseball gloves are hand \_\_\_

20 this Josh was the Aggie offensive line coach (2019-22)

24 great NFL and UT quarterback, Bobby (init.)

25 enjoy fried okra

26 you can make \_\_\_ at Lone Star Park

27 a regional Bank in East Texas

28 Olympic ski race

29 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a baby's backside"

31 neither's sidekick

32 Texas case that's been overturned "\_\_\_ v. Wade"

33 keeps out of sight (2 wds.)

38 in Duval County on U.S. 59

40 \_\_\_ Ross State University in Alpine

41 once a rival to the AP news agency

42 trauma room in a hospital

48 \_\_\_ Ward, Texas in Hale County

50 TX Kenny sang you gotta know when to hold 'em and when to \_\_\_ 'em

51 OJ's judge, Lance

56 four-bagger by an Astro or Ranger

57 make ecstatic

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### WOPD Activity

For the reporting period of June 24th through the 30th, 2024, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 242 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Animal Complaints, Burglar Alarms, Domestic Disturbances, Investigative Follow-ups, Traffic Issues (reckless drivers, collisions, traffic control, escorts, etc.), Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.). Two traffic collisions were investigated resulting in no injuries and no ongoing criminal investigations. One person was arrested by White Oak Police during this reporting period: Luis Alfonso Mosqueda-Cantero, 33, of White Oak was arrested on an outstanding warrant issued by the White Oak Police Department for Assault - Family Violence - Impeding Breath or Circulation

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CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
6/23/24	EMS	20243502	0:05		1593 N RODEO N RODEO
	EMS	20243504	0:16		288 PRIVATE ROAD 1016 PRIVATE ROAD 1016
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20243505	0:23		111 N PAUL N PAUL
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20243506	0:24	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20243507	4:29	GLADEWATER ISD	500 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20243508	4:48		208 HULL AVE HULL AVE
	EMS	20243509	5:52	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20243510	9:03	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20243511	9:39	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243512	9:43		315 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	EMS	20243513	11:36		MARTIN LUTHER KING MARTIN LUTHER KING
	ALARMOTHER	20243514	14:58	PENNYS FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	ESCORT	20243515	15:20	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	INCIDENT WIREPORT	20243516	15:22		PECAN PECAN ST
	EMS	20243517	15:55		120 N LEE LEE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20243518	15:56		75 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20243519	18:37		HWY 80 TO TOWN FM CL HWY 80 TO TOWN FM CL
	ABANDONED 911	20243520	17:12		2104 WOODBINE WOODBINE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243521	17:40	BUMBLE BEE PARK	637 COACH COOKSEY ST COACH COOKSEY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243522	20:00		1804 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243524	21:11		203 EMPIRE EMPIRE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20243525	21:26		200 PINEWOOD PINEWOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243526	22:20	LAMBERTS LIQUOR	1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20243527	22:30		1305 EDWARDS EDWARDS ST
6/24/24	MISCELLANEOUS	20243528	3:15		S TYLER TYLER
	ALARMOTHER	20243532	10:14	ZIPP'S LIQUOR STORE	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20243533	14:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243534	14:57		301 SAUNDERS SAUNDERS
	EMS	20243535	15:11	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243536	15:49	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	THEFT	20243537	16:04	EZ AND SONS TIRE REPAIR	303 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20243538	16:28	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243539	17:48		MILK AND MAIN MILK AND MAIN
	EMS	20243540	18:54		614 WILLOW WILLOW DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243542	19:43		803 TENERY TENERY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243543	19:45		221 HULL HULL ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243544	21:00		HWY 80, FINA STATION HWY 80, FINA STATION
	ALARMOTHER	20243545	21:01	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243546	21:34	BUMBLE BEE PARK	637 COACH COOKSEY ST COACH COOKSEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243547	21:50	O'RELLY'S AUTO PARTS	901 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20243548	21:57		900 NORTH NORTH ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243549	22:01		104 N COTTON COTTON ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243550	22:14		N LOOP 485 N LOOP 485
	EMS	20243551	22:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243552	22:31		JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	EMS	20243553	22:41		10890 HWY 271 HWY 271
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243554	23:06		42 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243555	23:49		39 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
6/25/24	EMS	20243556	0:20		1205 VESTA VESTA DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243557	1:07		MELBA MELBA
	ALARMOTHER	20243558	3:19	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20243559	10:44		205 S MILL MILL ST
	ALARMOTHER	20243560	11:15	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	401 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20243561	13:51		594 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE
	10-50 MAJOR	20243562	14:08		804 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20243563	15:21		403 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20243565	17:08		609 STARN'S STARN'S
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243566	18:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243567	18:46	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243568	20:00	SEYMORS WILCO	1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20243569	20:22		BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20243570	21:43		N 271 271
	MISSING PERSON	20243572	23:25		39 GREENWAY GREENWAY
6/26/24	MISCELLANEOUS	20243573	0:26		48 GREENWAY GREENWAY
	ABANDONED 911	20243575	2:38		515 MARSHALL MARSHALL ST
	ALARMOTHER	20243577	7:31	JULIAWOOD HOMES	36 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	20243578	9:23		1003 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	ASSIST	20243579	9:37		2300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20243582	13:36		222 PRIVATE ROAD 1019 PRIVATE ROAD 1019
	THEFT	20243583	14:34		3065 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	THEFT	20243584	16:21	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20243585	19:53	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20243586	20:18		2411 W HAROLD HAROLD ST
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	20243587	21:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243588	21:25		900 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243589	22:26		101 N PAUL PAUL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243590	23:00		GAY GAY
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20243591	23:11		N FERRY N FERRY
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20243592	23:46	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/27/24	MISCELLANEOUS	20243593	0:59		303 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20243594	1:52	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	HARASSMENT	20243595	6:02	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20243596	7:08		204 HULL HULL AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20243597	9:21	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ESCORT	20243598	9:23	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	20243599	11:55		508 GODFREY GODFREY
	EMS	20243600	12:19		5291 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM
	EMS	20243601	13:32		402 W GAY GAY AVE
	WARRANT	20243602	17:14		DEAN DEAN

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	MISCELLANEOUS	20243603	17:28	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20243604	19:52		510 HANCOCK HANCOCK
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20243605	20:28	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243606	21:44		2011 OLD LONGVIEW OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20243607	22:24		1509 N DAISY DAISY ST
6/28/24	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20243608	1:15	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20243609	2:30		512 W JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20243610	9:57	ZIPP'S LIQUOR	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20243612	11:09	CVS PHARMACY	1402 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20243613	14:51		515 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243615	15:29		10 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243616	16:29	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243617	16:46		109 N PAUL PAUL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243618	16:52		905 GARY GARY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243619	17:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20243620	17:28	SKIPPERS PIER	103 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243622	18:16		HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20243623	19:34		507 S WHITE WHITE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243625	20:46		GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20243626	21:09		805 COACH COOKSEY COACH COOKSEY
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20243627	21:43		N LOOP N LOOP
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243628	21:46	GLADEWATER AREA GLADEWATER AREA	
	ASSIST	20243629	22:17		1603 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243630	22:46		597 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243631	22:50		601 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD
6/29/24	MISCELLANEOUS	20243633	0:50		1300 E MARY MARY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243634	2:11		1079 W MARSHALL MARSHALL ST
	EMS	20243635	6:02		310 GODFREY GODFREY ST
	ALARMOTHER	20243636	6:51		501 N AMES AMES
	CREDIT/DEBIT ABUSE	20243637	9:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	CREDIT/DEBIT ABUSE	20243638	9:48	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	CRIM TRESPASS	20243639	11:59		103 COTTON COTTON
	ESCORT	20243640	13:24	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	20243641	13:52		1102 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	ASSIST	20243642	14:17		1208 N EDWARDS EDWARDS ST
	ALARMOTHER	20243643	14:33		308 W SHEPPARD SHEPPARD AVE
	ASSIST	20243644	16:13		9734 HWY 271 S HWY 271 S
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243645	16:31		1208 N EDWARDS EDWARDS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243646	16:46	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20243647	17:02		1388 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20243648	17:12		5291 SWEETGUM SWEETGUM RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243649	17:28		SHEPHERD TO 271 SHEPHERD TO 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243650	17:48	TEXAS TRADITIONS	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20243651	18:01		101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	ALARMOTHER	20243652	18:07		1000 N E LOOP 485 N E LOOP 485
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20243653	18:23	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243654	18:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20243655	18:45	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	ALARMOTHER	20243656	18:46	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20243657	18:51	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	10-50 MINOR	20243658	19:31		600 S LOOP 485 S LOOP 485
	ASSIST	20243659	19:36		1875 RIDGE RIDGE ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20243660	20:11	TEXAS TRADITIONS	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
6/30/24	FIRE DEPT	20243662	1:00		901 VESTA VESTA AVE
	EMS	20243663	1:07	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20243664	1:18		555 FM 2911 FM 2911
	ABANDONED 911	20243665	1:46		803 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20243666	2:09	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	20243667	2:16		802 WILLOW WILLOW ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20243668	3:58		209 EMPIRE EMPIRE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20243671	8:26		814 MARTHA MARTHA DR
	ALARMOTHER	20243672	9:19	3D PLASTICS QUANTUM PLASTICS	1095 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	EMS	20243674	11:23	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20243675	12:01		606 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20243677	13:28	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

## GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/23/24	6/23/24	15:17	AMLAW, ALYSSA	W	F	RAN STOP SIGN	1100 HALL ST
	6/23/24	15:17	AMLAW, ALYSSA	W	F	NO DRIVERS LICENSE	1100 HALL ST
6/24/24	6/24/24	17:45	OAKLEY, CALVIN RASHAR	B	M	ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	200 E ELEANOR ST
	6/24/24	17:45	OAKLEY, CALVIN RASHAR	B	M	INTERFERE W/EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALL	200 E ELEANOR ST
	6/24/24	17:45	OAKLEY, CALVIN RASHAR	B	M	EVADING ARREST DETENTION	200 E ELEANOR ST
	6/24/24	3:34	ROARK, HEATHER RANEE	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	100 DEAN
	6/24/24	3:14	HARROD, LANCE THOMAS	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	100 DEAN
6/27/24	6/27/24	21:55	PENA, MICHELLE CHRISTIANA	W	F	CRIMINAL TRESPASS HABIT(SH/LS/RS/UPR/FUND/INFSTR)	1804 OLD LONGVIEW HIGHWAY
	6/27/24	21:55	PENA, MICHELLE CHRISTIANA	W	F	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	1804 OLD LONGVIEW HIGHWAY
	6/27/24	21:55	PENA, MICHELLE CHRISTIANA	W	F	ASSAULT: ON PEACE OFFICER	1804 OLD LONGVIEW HIGHWAY
	6/27/24	17:22	BARKER, AMBER NICOLE	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	200 DEAN ST
6/29/24	6/29/24	3:07	HOLLAND- LACEY, LARRY JAXON	B	M	ASSAULT: (CLASS C) FAMILY VIOLENCE	507 MARSHAL
6/30/24	6/30/24	2:15	DUFFEY, JIMMY LAVOICE	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1802 LAKESHORE



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# Pets and fireworks don't mix

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## Reining In Their Freedom

Despite the reverence given to independence on this holiday, pet owners should strive to tighten the leash on their pet's traversing.

"It's best to keep pets indoors in an environment they are familiar with," Rutter said. "Be sure the space is cleanable, has minimal furniture (or things that could be destroyed), and consider a white noise generator."

Variables such as anxiety levels, disagreeable food access, firework discombobulation, and more all vary from pet to pet. In the unknown of what the zealous excitement that the Fourth of July brings as a form of stress to your beloved furry friend, it is always recommended to proceed with caution and prepare to pair your celebrations with their care.

"Be careful not to 'fawn' over fearful pets," Rutter said. "You don't want them to think you are also afraid based on your tone or actions. Provide stability and consistency for them to reassure them that they will be OK."



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Water erupts from a line break at Saunders and Anderson Lane July 1 following a rupture in a two-inch line.

# Local leaks reveal sodden surprises

By James Draper

Another day, another leak repaired, another Gladewater valve unearthed.

Gladewater Public Works personnel started July with a splash after a break in a two-inch line near Weldon Elementary School sent a geyser of water 40-feet in the air Monday.

Granted, it wasn't an instant Old Faithful – the ruptured pipe at Saunders and Anderson Lane was buried three feet down alongside, it so happens, one more long-lost valve.

"That's what we run into every single day," lamented interim Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith. "These valves are supposed to be exposed so we can isolate these lines; they've been covered up for whatever reason."

With about two years under his belt in Gladewater's executive seat, Smith counts dozens of newly-discovered valves that ostensibly shouldn't exist. There's no accurate inventory of which lines have valves and where they're located, complicating maintenance.

"When I first came to work over here, I was told there were no valves on these lines," and, consequently, no good way of closing off sections of the water system when repairs were necessary. However, "They did put valves on these lines, and now we're finding them and exposing them," Smith said. "It makes me upset, and furious sometimes, because this should never have been covered up. Ever. People just didn't care."

Had the location of the July 1 valve been on record – even



Gladewater Public Works crew members Seth Filkins (right) and Billy Williams stand in a three-foot hole next to a broken two-inch line at Saunders and Anderson Lane July 1. Repairs would have been easier, Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith said, had personnel known the location of the valve buried next to the pipe.

if it was buried three feet down – it could have saved the city several thousand gallons of treated water.

Hindsight's 20/20, of course: "Back in the day when the city privatized the public works, I think we suffered big time because of that. You can put that in the opinion column," he quipped. That said, "We keep trudging along, and we're making progress."

"I'd bet in the last two years we've found 60 valves, at the minimum, that supposedly didn't exist. That's not an exaggeration. I'm probably

undershooting that a little bit."

As for the Saunders leak, public works employees worked it hot: digging the spot out, clamping the line, moving the clamp over the leak and securing it. Once the nearby buried valve was discovered, they killed the water to the line and progressed with digging out the stretch for replacement.

"That thing, it was bad," Smith said.

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