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Council hires interim city manager

Charles Smith, who recently retired as neighboring White Oak's city coordinator, has been hired to be Gladewater's interim city manager.

Smith was hired at last week's city council meeting. He will begin work on July 11, but Gladewater Mayor Scott Owens said Smith has already begun getting familiar with the city's various operation.



SMITH

Smith, who will replace out-going city manager Ricky Tow who is leaving July 7

for a similar job in Cameron, began his municipal and county law enforcement career in 1978 and had been employed with the City of White Oak since 1998.

He first served the citizens of White Oak as a police officer, later being promoted to Chief in 2001.

In 2008 Smith was chosen to replace the retiring City Coordinator Ralph Weaver. Smith is a graduate of the Stephen F. Austin Certified Public Managers course and a member of the Texas City Managers Association. He has also maintained his position as a commissioned peace officer, a member of the East Texas City Managers Association, North East Texas Economic Development Roundtable conference and training chair, and a member of the Texas and East Texas Police Chiefs Association.

Smith also served as the White Oak EDC executive director and organized all economic development activities. Over the past several years White Oak EDC has continued its efforts in maintaining the quality of life in White Oak as well as increasing the tax base. The White Oak EDC has been involved in many relocation projects, business retention projects, and development projects.

Mayor Owens said Smith will be paid \$9,166.67 per month, with a \$400 car allowance.

Upshur Co. hikes child safety fee

By Phillip Williams

A bare quorum of Upshur County Commissioners Court last week approved a 50-cent increase in the "child safety fee" charged county residents when they annually register a vehicle.

The fee, which was raised to \$1, goes to the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, which interviews physically and sexually abused children to assist law enforcement agencies.

The center, headquartered in Winnsboro with offices in Gilmer and Emory, serves eight counties. The organization's executive director, Lauren Fleming, told the court that while all eight allocated funding for the center, Upshur is among only three counties which charge the child safety fee as well.

The fee tacked on to vehicle registrations can be up to \$1.50. Wood County charges \$1, while Hopkins County assesses 50 cents, Fleming told the court at its June 15 meeting.

Freddie Fitzgerald, a former investigator for the Upshur County Sheriff's Office who is now with the center, requested raising the fee. He said the organization had interviewed approximately 58 children, including 17 in Upshur County, thus far this year.

County Judge Todd Tefeller suggested the court make the local fee at least \$1.

In other action June 15, the court approved the state-required publication of its proposal to raise almost all elected officials' annual salaries.

Tefeller recently proposed increasing the pay by \$5,000 in the county's forthcoming 2022-23 fiscal year budget. He has also suggested a \$1,200 pay raise for most county workers.

In a matter related to those workers, the court approved lowering the amount of paid COVID leave hours from 80 to 40 effective immediately.



Juneteenth, a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans, was formally celebrated Saturday in Gladewater with a parade and festivities at Bumblebee Park. Juneteenth is often also observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The name "Juneteenth" references the date of the holiday, combining the words "June" and "nineteenth." Newly crowned Miss Gladewater Rodeo, Kallie Rogers, joined parade marshals Evergrace Derrick, 85, and Mozelle McNeely, 90, in the Juneteenth parade.



Trustees add two to GISD board

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater ISD board of trustees accept the resignation of board member Jamie Robertson at Monday night's monthly meeting and chose to appoint Danielle Boudreau to take her place. The board also appointed Chris Thompson to fill a vacancy left when Jon Keller resigned last month.

Both will be sworn into office at a special June 30 board meeting.

In other business Monday, trustees accepted the resignations of - Emmalee Alatorre, Brandon Jones, Bryan Aaron, Amy Johnson, Robin Cook, Megan Morris, Robin Hightower, Melissa Donahue, Pamela Rapp, Jon Carter, Phillip Castles and Lisa Luttrell.

The board accepted the hiring of - Devin Russell, Debbie Henderson, Kimberly Dolese, Marissa Blanco, Josie Edge, Steve Costello, Jermaine Carpenter, Amanda Nabors, Dennis Pickering, Paul Balcorta, Payton Evans, Renee Ebeling, Ashley Jordon and Zackary Spears.

- Superintendent Dr. Sedric Clark told the board the school district is re-examining its safety policies in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting and would report on this at a later date.

- Under the Financial Report for May, the board was told GISD's total cash and investments were at \$11,230,342, while its general operations funding was at \$16,853,840 in revenue and \$17,756,947 in expenditures. Tax collections are at 92.85 percent.

- The board approved a resolution from Gregg Appraisal District regarding the sale of excess property.

- Approved action to select an architect for Gladewater Primary School Gym Expansion Project and authorized the superintendent to select, retain, and contract with architect for the GPS Gym Expansion Project.

- The board approved changing the dates of the board meetings in November, December, January and February to Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13, due to conflicts with school holidays.



The Gladewater Fire Department was out Monday afternoon on a brush fire just outside the city limits. These are not safe conditions for any burning. Drone shots provided by GPD officer Kotulla.



Gladewater High School musicians Sarah Walbridge and Matt Smith have been recognized as Outstanding Performers for their solos at the UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Sarah was recognized for her trumpet solo "Napoli" while Matt was recognized for his euphonium solo "Beautiful Colorado". This recognition is such a special honor. According to Dr. Bradley Kent, the UIL State Director of Music, only 2% of all soloists from across the state in class 1A-6A are named as Outstanding Performers. They were given gold medals that all UIL state champions are given, as well as a personal congratulatory letter from Dr. Kent.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

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.

...everything

The meaning of life is something I have never had to search for. It was always just 'there', sure as the black dirt beneath my feet. The rock solid truth is that the ultimate reason for being is simply to love and be loved. Harder to do for some than others. I was taught that love was a choice. Love is not a feeling, or not just a feeling, love has to be an action regardless of how you feel. That kind of love enables you to survive just about anything, do just about anything.

I learned early that life is not fair. It is never going to be fair and the sooner that fact of life is grasped the smoother the road you trod can be simply by not wasting your energy and emotion on what you have been denied, what has been taken from you, what you did that was credited to someone else, or cruelty that is undeserved and unearned. It just is. So the power one has is when you have done all you can do, "just stand"...until you find your way to step forward.

I know that we all can be very small-minded creatures. We often preach the Golden Rule and the importance of not judging others and then we spend most of our time breaking the former and doing the latter. What a waste of time. I have found that when people's conception of what is right or wrong, or even their perception of God is rattled they have a tendency to attack, often viciously. If someone is indeed convinced they are right, why do they feel threatened? Why do they feel the need to angrily attack someone they disagree with? If you are right rest in your confidence. Also, why drive the other guy further from what you believe to be the truth with anger?

If you know you are right, why are you not at peace letting your light illuminate a better path. You can not be heard when

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



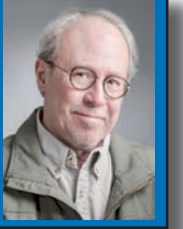
you are screaming. Sometimes only actions can be 'heard'. So, how do we find purpose and peace? Maybe it is time for a diet of the soul. One that requires a little less screen time, a lot less social media and a whopping helping of kindness.

My wise mother taught me that we make the life we live. We choose how we will respond to the anger, injustice, cruelty and harshness of life. We decide if it will make us bitter or better, and it is a choice. A choice that we make over and over again. A choice that makes our lives, and our corner of the world a much better place to be when we choose better.

Anger and grudges can be the acid that burns away our soul and damages those we love. Choosing forgiveness, choosing kindness and compassion even when it is undeserved is my idea of peace on earth. At least in this tiny corner of mine.

I am surrounded by people who make this corner better every single day by their hard work, their commitment, generosity and sheer goodness. The magic to their success is not that they walk on water but that they start anew when they fail...time after time. They don't give up, or in, to the frailties of being human. They know the secret too. I bet that most of you dear readers know it as well. When we forget we just need someone to remind us that love is the greatest gift of all. If we have that gift we have everything.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Comptroller releases broadband plan

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week released his agency's plan to support the expansion of broadband internet access to areas with limited or no access. Hegar and his agency's Broadband Development Office received feedback through a series of town halls, virtual discussions and more than 16,000 responses to a survey.

"An important, recurring theme has been the reminder that though high-speed internet may once have been a luxury, it is now a necessity," Hegar wrote in a letter to Texas legislators. "Texans need reliable, high-speed connectivity for a wide range of potential applications including public health, safety, education and modern agriculture."

Census data collected in 2020 indicates as many as 7 million Texans — nearly one-fourth of the state's population — do not have broadband access. The issue disproportionately affects rural communities, low-income families and communities of color, the report said. The report notes the statewide plan will require additional funding. The Legislature provided \$5 million to jump-start the Broadband Development Office, and the federal American Rescue Act allocated \$500.5 million for broadband expansion. In addition, the recently passed infrastructure bill allocates at least \$100 million.

By early next year, the BDO will:

- Establish a broadband-focused, federally compliant grant program.
- Publish a broadband availability map.
- Manage recurring coordination and communication opportunities across stakeholder groups.

"Texas faces a huge challenge: Connecting over 1 million households to high-speed broadband, improving connectivity for over 5.6 million households, improving affordability of broadband for 3.6 million households and assisting 3.8 million Texans with digital literacy challenges," Hegar said.

Test scores rise slightly in three subjects

Test results released last week by the Texas Education Agency showed modest improvement in three subject areas over last year. However, they still are lower than they were before the pandemic.

High school students took the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness in four subjects required to graduate: algebra, English I and II, biology and U.S. history. Compared to last year, scores rose in all but English I and II, which were largely unchanged. Test score results are still short of the pre-pandemic results from 2019. In algebra, for example, scores are 16 points lower than spring 2019.

"We have made some progress to date, but there is still work to be done to fully recover from the academic effects of the COVID slide," TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said.

Results for STAAR tests taken by students in grades 3-8 will be made public this week.

Texas again leads nation in jobs created

May employment numbers released by the Texas Workforce Commission show the state has added 762,400 nonagricultural jobs since May 2021. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate in May was essentially unchanged at 4.2%.

"Texas continues to set records for employment growth with more than 250,000 jobs added from the beginning of this year through May," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "Training and upskilling are crucial to maintain this level of employment growth, and TWC remains committed to offering innovative training programs."

The job increase is the highest in the nation, with a record 13.357 million Texans employed, according to TWC.

Ex-boy band member wrangling litter

Wearing a cowboy hat, spurs and a fringed vest, singer and actor Joe Jonas is lassoing litter in the latest "Don't mess with Texas" campaign.

The former member of the Jonas Brothers Band, whose hometown is Dallas, filmed a video in which he goes around the Don't mess with Texas office, dragging a barrel and gathering trash, according to the Austin American Statesman.

"Joe understands the pride that we have in our state and in keeping it clean for everyone to enjoy its beauty, now and in the future," said Becky Ozuna, coordinator for the Don't mess with Texas campaign. "We are thrilled to have Joe join us in bringing attention to our litter-free message through his comedic talent and timing."



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DIVORCE ONE'S SPOUSE WHO HAS ALZHEIMERS?

Pat Robertson stated on his 700 Club T V broadcast that a man can divorce his wife stricken with Alzheimer's and move on with his life. He said: "It would be understandable for someone to divorce a spouse who has Alzheimer's....I know it sounds cruel, but he should divorce her, and start all over again." Of course, Robertson flatly contradicts the Bible's teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage (READ Matt. 19: 9; Rom. 7: 1-4). Such false teaching is more than cruelty, it is embarrassing, and a repudiation of the gospel of Christ.

Robertson's views are not really surprising. Men have long felt the rules the New Testament establishes for marriage, divorce, and remarriage are too strict, and has sought to mischaracterize what Scripture says for their own convenience. Our government simply ignores what God says on the matter. Most of the religious world has long ago abandoned the truth on this subject, and allows divorce and remarriage for any and every cause. It has redefined marriage to include whatever man wants it to include. Men can marry men and women can marry women if they can even determine who is a man and who is a woman. My, my, times, they are changing!

God's truth on this subject has not changed. The government may legalize sin, and religion may seek to change, accept, and permit it, but, we will not be judged by the laws of the government, or by the by-laws of various religious bodies. But rather we will be judged by the word of the Lord. Jesus said: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (Jn. 12: 48). See also Deut. 18: 18-19.

I'm reminded of the man whose wife was in the nursing home, and he would visit her faithfully every day. He was asked: "Why do you visit her every day even though she doesn't even know who you are?" His reply was: "I know who she is." Enough said! Think on these things.

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Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
6/12/22	ALARMOTHER	20222878	3:13	SUPER STOP EXON	801 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222879	3:32	905 TENERY TENERY	
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20222880	3:44	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20222881	4:12	905 TENERY TENERY	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222882	4:16	STURKIE PROPERTIES	100 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	CRIM TRESPASS	20222883	5:38	FAMILY CLEANERS	201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20222884	6:32	905 TENERY TENERY	
	10-90 MINOR	20222885	9:23	E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20222886	10:48	203 WALTON WALTON AVE	
	ABANDONED 911	20222887	11:10		
	FIRE DEPT	20222888	13:17	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20222889	13:48		
	FIRE DEPT	20222890	14:01		
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20222891	14:38	GLADEWATER YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	FIRE DEPT	20222892	15:02		
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20222893	15:48		
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20222895	18:01		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222896	18:26		
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20222897	23:15		
6/13/22	EMS	20222898	9:38		
	LAKE MISC.	20222899	11:24	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	THEFT	20222900	12:08	FAMILY DOLLAR	801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20222901	13:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	20222902	16:17		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222903	17:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20222904	17:56		
	EMS	20222905	18:00	CEFCO #79	314 W OLIVER W OLIVER
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20222906	19:11		
	EMS	20222907	19:31		
	ASSIST	20222909	19:59	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	THEFT	20222910	21:08		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222911	21:15		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222912	21:43		
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20222913	21:54		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222914	23:04		
	ABANDONED 911	20222915	23:44		
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	FIRE DEPT	20222917	0:20		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222918	5:13	DOLLAR GENERAL	2808 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20222919	10:31		
	EMS	20222920	10:48		
	ASSIST	20222921	11:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	4005 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP RD
	ASSIST	20222922	12:27		
	ASSIST	20222923	12:31		
	EMS	20222924	13:03		
	TERROR THREAT	20222925	13:18	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	ALARMOTHER	20222928	16:41		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222929	17:57		
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20222930	19:44		
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20222931	23:27		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222932	23:44		
6/15/22	EMS	20222934	10:46		
	EMS	20222935	11:03	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	ALARMOTHER	20222936	11:09		
	ALARMOTHER	20222937	11:42		
	ASSIST	20222938	13:28	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	510 WOOD WOOD ST
	EMS	20222939	16:38		
	EMS	20222940	16:38		
	EMS	20222941	16:40	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20222942	17:46		
	ASSIST	20222943	17:53	U-HAUL	303 S TYLER S TYLER ST
	EMS	20222944	17:57	TEXAS TRADITIONS	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY

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ASSIST	20222945	18:37	SKATEBOARD PARK	514 W MARSHALL MARSHALL	
ALARMOTHER	20222946	19:12	AEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST	
MISCELLANEOUS	20222947	20:08		321 EDDY EDDY ST	
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EMS	20222950	23:58		912 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD	
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MISCELLANEOUS	20222953	12:15	TEJAS CAFE	1414 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	
RECKLESS DRIVING	20222954	12:37		W UPSHUR W UPSHUR	
THEFT	20222955	13:41	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD	
ANIMAL CONTROL	20222956	17:08		520 NORTH NORTH ST	
FIRE DEPT	20222958	18:40		1814 OLD LONGVIEW OLD LONGVIEW HWY	
INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222959	18:52		10290 S US HWY 271 US HWY 271	
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EMS	20222964	8:10		2804 OTHALA OTHALA	
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WARRANT	20222976	20:25		1500 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD	
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ANIMAL CONTROL	20222983	11:11		1005 N RODEO RODEO DR	
EMS	20222984	11:55		1006 KAY KAY DR	
ALARMOTHER	20222985	12:30	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1823 E BROADWAY BROADWAY	
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FIRE DEPT	20222987	13:48	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL	414 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485	
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INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222993	20:38		E SABINE SABINE ST	
INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222994	22:47		619 W QUITMAN QUITMAN	
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6/19/22	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20222998	1:32	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
CRIM MIS	20222997	5:15		2504 WOODBINE WOODBINE	
INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222998	7:24		200 E ALLISON ALLISON ST	
EMS	20222999	9:12		306 N FERRY FERRY	
DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223000	10:18		JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE	
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20223001	10:54	CHURCH OF CHRIST	1000 N LOOP 485 LOOP 485	
INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223002	13:03		306 MAPLE MAPLE AVE	
ABANDONED 911	20223003	13:52		403 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR	
	20223004	14:14	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	

Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/13/22	6/13/22	12:29	GUNTER, RICKEY BARNARD	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	227 S MAIN ST
	6/13/22	12:29	GUNTER, RICKEY BARNARD	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	227 S MAIN ST
6/17/22	6/17/22	21:07	MAULDIN, DUSTIN WADE	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1500 SHELL CAMP RD



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

East Texas Horticultural Field Day set for June 30

The 29th East Texas Horticultural Field Day will feature more than 350 ornamental plant trial varieties for public viewing on June 30 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Overton.

The center headquarters is about 2 miles north of downtown Overton at 1710 Farm-to-Market Road 3053. For driving directions to the center or the East Farm trial site, go to <https://flowers.tamu.edu/field-day/> or call 903-834-6191.

This year's field day will allow in-person attendance from 8:30 a.m. to noon for a free, "open house-style" event, said Erin Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Research horticulture research associate, Overton.

"We are looking forward to having visitors at the field trials and around the center," she said. "The field day is a fun opportunity for gardeners or flower lovers to find inspiration and for us to show them the research we are doing."

About the field day

The annual field day started in 1993 to showcase the ornamental trials for commercial seed companies, local nursery managers and gardening enthusiasts.

The field day will begin at the center's Bruce McMillan Jr. East Farm, 2215 Texas Highway 135 E., 2 miles east of Overton from 8:30-11 a.m.

The entrance to the ornamental trial field is on County Road 133, just past the East Farm main entrance. There will be signs to guide visitors, Smith said.

Attendees can also visit the demonstration garden and view container plant trial selections at the Overton center until noon.

Ornamentals on display

Ornamental plant lovers can expect to see around 350 selections, including potential new releases, being tested under various trial conditions, Smith said. A wide array of petal and foliage colors



West Mountain volunteer firefighters quickly extinguished this escaped debris burn off Thrush Road last week. Damage was limited to their stacked firewood. The homeowner had a tractor and garden hoses on site which aided it keeping the fire from progressing to his home until firefighters arrived.

Photo by Josh Bardwell

and shapes will be on display. Smith said large petunia, begonia, pentas, lantana, marguerite daisy and zinnia trials were planted this year. The trials include many plants from the Ball Flora Plant and Proven Winner programs.

There will also be selections of New Guinea impatiens that include varieties grown from vegetatively propagated lines and from seed for performance comparisons, Smith said. The center is also participating in the All-American Selection trials again this year, including a variety of in-ground and container selections.

Participants are encouraged to take a tour of the ornamental trials at the demonstration garden, which includes a variety of container selections, at the Overton Center after visiting the East Farm.

The container trial features heuchera potted in the spring of 2021 that have shown good vigor in their containers through the summer and winter seasons, Smith said.

Class of 1977 hosts 45th Reunion

The GHS Class of 1977 is hosting its 45th reunion on July 16th from 6 - 10 p.m. at the Red Rock Historical Association Building located at 2629 Rodeo St. in Gladewater. This reunion is reaching out to ALL classmates of this group, whether you actually graduated from GHS or not. Maybe you only went through middle school with us, "Come on down!"

The event will include visiting, a buffet style dinner, 70's music and dancing. The meal will consist of a variety of soul food dishes catered by "Aunt Sandra's Boudian & More" in Gladewater. Dress is casual. The charge is \$10 a person and you can bring a date if you would like. Please send check to Dr. Margo Bell at P.O. Box 562, Gladewater, TX 75647.

Storytime set

Two books will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday (June 23).

"Walter the Whale Shark and His Teeny Tiny Teeth" by Katrine Crow, and "Oona and the Shark" by Kelly DiPucchio, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn. A craft will follow each Storytime, Dunn added.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.) The events are free to the public, but children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.yousemore.com/upshur.

Class of 1972 hosting 'All School Reunion'

The Gladewater Class of 1972 is hosting this year's "All School Reunion" on September 24. Classmates of 1972 and all those who attended GHS. Forever Friends are invited to attend the event.

The Class of 1972 is hosting a Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle show in downtown Gladewater August 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss it! Contact Lucinda Moore Coker at (903)241-0394 or cindymoore72@gmail.com for questions or more information.

Softball touney set

A "Battle of the Businesses" softball tournament, sponsored by the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce to benefit the Gilmer Area Senior Center, is set Saturday at the Yamboree Park off north U.S. 271.

Fourteen teams are entered in games starting at 8 a.m., and entry deadline has expired, said chamber Executive Director Gloria McLuckie. Each game will last 45 minutes, and admission is free, she said.

A food truck will be present, while bottled water and sno-cones will also be available, McLuckie added. Some businesses, and the Gilmer Police Department, are individually fielding their own teams. Some other firms are either sponsoring someone else's team, or jointly sponsoring a team.

Businesses sponsoring their individual teams include the defending champion of last year's touney, Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative, Etex Communications, Robroy Industries, Gilmer National Bank, Credit Union of Texas, Gilmer Animal Clinic and Crossfit 154.

Mary's Authentic Mexican Restaurant is sponsoring a city of Gilmer team, while Coil Specialist Inc. is sponsoring the T-Toms Lawn Care team. Business combinations who are jointly sponsoring a team include Wicked Pine Outfitters and Urban Local Clothing, Musclemans Moving and Texas Real Estate Executives, Ark-La-Tex Guns and More and Cal Maine Foods, and KRS Cabling and Security Solutions.

Sara Kate Jenkins chairs the chamber committee overseeing the tournament. For more information, contact the chamber at (903) 843-2413. The senior center, located in the old Gilmer fire station on Harrison Street, is open Monday-Friday, but actually meets Tuesdays for games and Fridays for potluck dinners. Membership is open to anyone at least age 50. For more information on it, call its president, Andy Gibson, at (928) 853-0259.

Masons to install officers

Bob Lansdale will be installed as worshipful master of Bethesda Masonic Lodge No. 142 A.F.&A.M. at the Gilmer lodge's annual installation of officers Saturday afternoon.

The public event is set for 5 p.m. at the lodge at the intersection of Harrison and Trinity Streets. A meal will follow.

Lansdale succeeds Joe Lynn Tillery, who will be master of ceremonies at the installation.

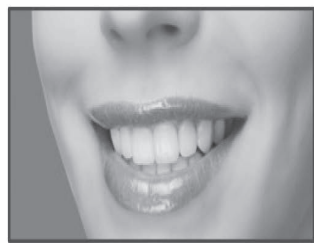
Other officers to be installed, or re-installed to a current position, include Richard Smith, senior warden; J.P. Steelman, junior warden; Bob Bates, senior deacon; Kelly Ferrell, junior deacon; David Chandler, treasurer; James Parker, chaplain; Todd Stansbury, secretary; David Holder, marshal; David Skinner, senior steward; Troy Murray, junior steward; and Clayton Venn, tiler.

Robert Cromley will be installing marshal.

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 (Google the address and click Zillow.)

We were not going to do any out-of-town sales this year, but we made an exception! This home is incredible!
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 The gorgeous 5952 sq ft. Noble Manor (built in 1909) sold quickly! The contents are exceptional: large/deep sofa; other sofas; din. table/ chairs; other 4-6 person tables; elaborately carved antq. cabinet; Kurzweil (Mark 152) baby grand electric piano; violin & bow; oval antq. table from Germany; antq. settees; lg. buffet; leather sofa & loveseat; lg. coffee table; 2 lg. ottomans; display cabinets; 4-poster (columns) bed; antq. dresser; antq. marble top side tables; marble top sofa table; other side tables; lg. secretary; antq. mirrored wardrobe; vintg. Singer sew. machine; antq. chairs; candelabras; brass fan fire screen; solid brass side table; plant stands; room dividers; luster lamps; vanity & bench; vanity chair; antq. vanity dresser; vanity items; rugs; antq. fainting couch; Provincial chairs; 2 matching robin-egg blue tufted sofas; 3 Bombay chests; abundance of Paris décor; antq. fireplace mantel; plush bedding; 6 matching red velvet antq. chairs; 75+ pillows; framed art; urns; rose bowls; wall sconces; 15+ fur coats/ stoles; eve. wear; vintg. wedding dress; tiaras; costume jewelry; vintg. purses; dress forms; vintg. clothing; clocks; soap stone Asian figure art; Native American headdress; other Native American selections; Kachina dolls; luxury cigar ashtrays; Exon items; items from Qatar (on the NE coast of the Arabian Peninsula); Arabic handmade lute oud sting instrument; stain glass lamps; vintg. lamps; porcelain figurines; antq. Santos cage doll; dif. size dolls; books; lion bookends; game table; chrome & glass side tables; cups & saucers; china; sm. appliances; tea sets; silverplate selections; cake plates; bakeware; carving sets; elephant plant stand; many Christmas trees, decorations, etc.; other holiday selections; birdcage; Fairy Garden items; vintg. doll buggy, highchair, & bed; many movies; records (33's); wardrobes; many poolside tables, chairs, sofas, cushions, planters; canopy chairs; two 3-piece patio sets; soooooo much more!

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PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the Gladewater City Council on July 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to consider a Specific Use Permit for a wine and malt beverage permit (BG) at LTS 1 & 2 BLK 15 SHEPPERD HILLS, more commonly known as 1603 N. Main Street.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in this public hearing. If you are unable to attend the meeting you may send written comments to Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, City of Gladewater, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEER, BOND COUNSEL, AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The City of Gladewater, Texas (City) requests the submission of qualifications statements, which will lead to the possible award of contracts to provide services for a project involving the City's waterworks and/or wastewater system.

Scope of Work

Services to be provided by Engineer: professional engineering services associated with proposed (a) water treatment, storage, and distribution system improvements, including water treatment plant, storage facilities and water lines; (b) wastewater collection and treatment system improvements, including multiple lift station, sewer lines, wastewater treatment plant, equalization pond upgrades, and Asset Management Plan; and (c) assistance in application preparation and documentation to federal, state, and other possible funding sources.

Services to be provided by Bond Counsel: assist in obtaining loan and/or grant funding and to provide legal opinion with respect to validity of any debt obligations issued by the City for capital financing; preparation of resolution authorizing and securing the debt and/or authorizing any grant agreements as necessary.

Services to be provided by Financial Advisor: strategic financial planning; analysis of market conditions; recommended investments of bond proceeds; provide recommendations to the City for financing through programs established by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), including loan and grant funding.

Guidelines for Content of Qualification Statements

DO NOT INCLUDE COST INFORMATION with the qualification statement. Responses that include cost or pricing information will be rejected and will not be considered by the City.

Detailed instructions on preparation of the qualification statement must be obtained from the City. For more information on preparing and submitting the qualification statement, contact Mr. Ricky Tow, at (903) 845-2196 or rtow@cityofgladewater.com. This information should be requested as soon as possible in order to allow time to prepare the document and comply with the procedures.

Submittal Deadline

One (1) copy of the qualifications statement must be filed with the City by 2:00 PM (Central) on Friday, July 8, 2022, at City Hall, 519 E Broadway Ave., Gladewater, Texas 75647.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria

The City will evaluate the proposals to determine which firm has the best qualifications.

Contract Terms and Negotiation Schedule

Consultants for Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, Engineering services are expected to negotiate an agreement for services which is acceptable to the City. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the City may formally end negotiations and begin negotiating with the next highest qualified person or firm.

Contracts are contingent upon release of funds from the TWDB. Any contract awarded under the Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to the RFQs, or any resulting contract. These RFQs are issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act) and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 31 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

Contracts include goals for Minority and Women's Business Enterprise participation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the following Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) "fair share goals" for the TWDB State Revolving Fund programs. EPA policy does NOT mandate that the fair share goals be achieved but does mandate that a documented good faith effort be made toward achieving the goals.

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Prime contractors are required to comply with EPA's good faith effort policy when awarding sub-agreements for construction, supplies, equipment, and services. A complete version of TWDB document, "Guidance for Utilization of Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses in Procurement", is available at: www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/instructions/doc/TWDB-0210.pdf

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- Keep your grill clean. Remove excess grease to prevent flare-ups.

- Never leave your grill unattended.

- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill.

- Only use grills in open areas, away from flammable objects/materials, including overhead objects like branches or patio covers.

- Clear an area around your grill of vegetation and other flammables.

- Avoid grilling on windy days.

- Only dispose of coals when completely cold

- Do NOT travel with a lit or smoldering grill in the back of a truck or trailer. Embers may blow out while you are driving and cause a roadside start.

GRILLING STATISTICS

• Data provided by NFPA



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61% of households own a gas grill.

Safety Tips

- ★ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ★ Place your grill in an open area.
- ★ Avoid grilling on windy days.
- ★ Remove excess grease to prevent flare-ups.
- ★ Only dispose of coals when completely cold.





Rotarian Al Harrison and speaker Christian Allen Christian Allen, the City of Gladewater's Media, Design and Technology Liason Contractor, was last week's Gladewater Rotary guest speaker and he took the opportunity to introduce the new partnership between the City of Gladewater and Genasys. Genasys is a global provider of critical communications systems and solutions that help keep people safe. Genasys for Gladewater is a next-step alternative Alerting and Notification system to replace our current provider, Nixle with more features, flexibility, and lower costs. Allen said new sign-up will be required and the city will start using Genasys exclusively October 1, 2022.



Sydney Keller
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Sydney Kayte Keller is proudly representing the Kiwanis Club of Gilmer. She is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Keller. Sydney is the granddaughter of Harold and Dianne Keller and Bruce and Sandy Campbell. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Buster and Gladys Calvert.

Sydney is a senior at Gladewater High School where she is involved in varsity volleyball, basketball, tennis, and softball. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and actively involved in FFA where she has shown swine for the last several years in the Yamboree Livestock Show. Upon graduation, Sydney plans on attending Texas A&M University with the goal of becoming an Orthopedic PA and ultimately having her own practice.

Follow us on instagram: sydneykate4queen



FUN & FINER THINGS and Cindy Slaughter were formally welcomed into the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce family Saturday with a Chamber Ribbon Cutting. Located at 124 S. Main, FUN & FINER THINGS is a East Texas family owned wine room and gift shop that specializes in wine produced at local vineyards with Texas grown fruit and grapes. Courtesy photo

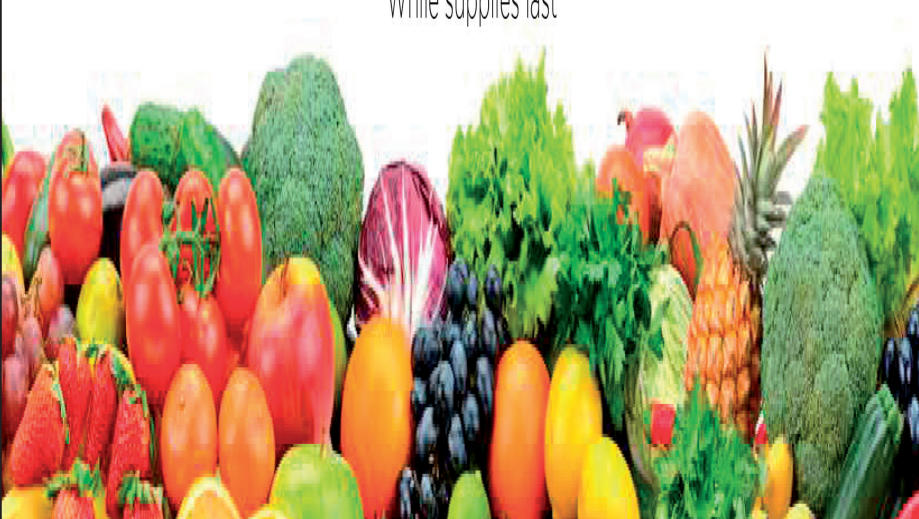


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"This again recognizes our laboratories' long history of excellence and CAP accreditation, arising from the diligence our laboratory personnel bring to work every day to serve our patients," said Brent R. Harris, MD, the lab facilities' medical director.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures

for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management. During the onsite inspection there were over 1,500 individual standards reviewed for the laboratories.

The U.S. federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

"The laboratory caregivers at our UT Health Tyler and South Broadway locations are continually committed to providing excellence in laboratory services," said Joy Anderson, UT Health East Texas market director for laboratory services. "The team

has exceptional passion for our patients and approaches each test as if belongs to a member of their own family. I am extremely proud of the outstanding outcome for our laboratories due to the exemplary work of this team of professionals."

UT Health East Texas provides care to thousands of patients each year through an extensive regional network that includes 10 hospitals, more than 50 clinics, the Olympic Plaza Tower, 13 regional rehabilitation facilities, two freestanding emergency centers, regional home health services covering 41 counties, an EMS fleet of more than 50 ambulances and four helicopters, and a comprehensive seven-trauma center care network, including the region's only Level 1 trauma facility.

UT Tyler School of Medicine achieves major accreditation status

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine has received notification from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) that it has been granted preliminary accreditation, a monumental milestone that will allow the school to begin recruiting its first class of medical students for 2023.

"Many individuals have worked for years with relentless determination to make this medical school a reality. "We have celebrated milestones along the way, and

this is another significant one, because it means we are now ready to open the doors to medical students in Tyler," said Kevin P. Eltife, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents. "By extension, it means opening doors to individuals who seek greater access to health care. It means enhancing our region as a destination point to live, train, work, and contribute to our economic vitality."

"This achievement is the result of a transformative gift from the ETMC

Foundation and both the visionary governance and the resources from the UT System Board of Regents. Additional support from elected leadership, donors and the community were essential to the medical school moving forward.

I thank our vice provost, dean and faculty for their expertise in guiding us through this complex process and bringing us one step closer to enrolling our first class in July 2023," said Kirk A. Calhoun, MD, UT Tyler president.



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A Honor Roll**

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2nd Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

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4th Nine Weeks
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**3rd Grade update
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

Drew Brookshire, Makenzy Causey, Liam Dabbagh, Colsen Manley, Isabella Polanco, Sadie Shackelford, Chevelle Sisson, Emily Youngblood-Smith

**3rd Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

Roberto Arreguin, Taylor Axelson, Zahan Brown, Mackenzie Buchanan, InaSue Budro, Gisselle Ceballos, William Cerda, Talan Crenshaw, Remy Crews, Brooklyn Dangel, Natalie Davies, Lizzy Delgado, Victor Espinoza, Korbin Evans, Kar'Dae Ford, Leah Haley, Maverick Hamby, John Jackson, Zae'Chamerial Jackson, Alijah Mendoza, Keylin Mills, Rucker Murry, Laken Nichols, Kinsley Nielsen, Tyler Overman, Prince Rivera, Jayden Rojas, Lily Rose, Isaias Sanchez-Landaverde, Gracie Schlaefer, Raylynn Schneider, Aliyah Thomas, Landry Townsend, Lily Trichel, Jimena Valdez Galaviz, Devon Wade, Brantley Wright, Laura Zihlman

**4th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

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**4th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

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**5th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

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4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

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**7th Grade
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A/B Honor Roll

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A Honor Roll**

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**GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL
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A Honor Roll**

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**11th Grade
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A/B Honor Roll

Benjamin Alvarez, JaKiyah Bell, Logan Bohanon, Haylee Boyce, Riley Crane, Jerry Gallegos, Teya Grooms, Kasi Harper, Alexis Hart, Ryleigh Hightower, Angelena Howard, Brock Jones, Caleb Kimbrell, Kaila King, Ta'mya Miles, Peyton Morgan, Valeria Olivian, Jessica Paredes, Zachary Polanco, Ximena Rojas, Jayda Ross, Katie Sisk, Timber Smith, John Trevino, Brian Vanhouten, Mariana Vargas, Kimberli Vite, Shelby Weaver, Kenneth Wise, X Xavier Woods



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Drought and trees - Explained

Only mid-way through June and Texas has already seen extreme heat and very little rain this summer, with the trend predicted to continue. The anticipation of drought can bring many thoughts to mind from water shortages to increased wildfire risk, but what do drought conditions mean for our trees?

Drought is defined by a relatively long duration with substantially below-normal precipitation, usually occurring over a large area, and Texas is no stranger to drought. According to the US Drought Monitor, in 2011 more than 80% of Texas experienced exceptional drought conditions. This drought killed an estimated 300 million trees, 5.6 million being urban shade trees.

According to experts at Texas A&M Forest Service, tree fatalities occur during a drought because drought is a significant stress to trees.

"A stress is anything that reduces the capacity of the tree to function efficiently and grow vigorously," said Karl Flocke, Texas A&M Forest Service Woodland Ecologist. "Stresses are things that can affect growth, nutrient uptake, the ability of the tree to photosynthesize and ultimately the ability of the tree to defend itself against pathogens – things like heat, cold, predation from animals, insects and diseases – a number of different things."

Drought alone may not kill your trees, though it could be the tipping domino of tree mortality and should be cause



for concern.

"Most trees usually die from a combination of different stresses," said Courtney Blevins, Texas A&M Forest Service Urban Forester. "One of the biggest stresses we see in Texas is drought. When that happens, stresses build up and secondary pests or diseases can establish in trees."

Secondary pests and diseases are those that attack a tree that is already stressed by something else, such as a drought or a winter storm. Hypoxylon and most boring insects are considered secondary pests and diseases - with the exception of the Emerald Ash Borer, which attacks both healthy

and stressed ash trees.

When a tree is already stressed, then these types of insects and diseases will increase and according to Blevins, these secondary insects and diseases not only increase during the time of drought, but for years after a drought or other large stressor event has ended as it takes time for trees to recover.

Drought-stressed trees

So, what happens to trees during a drought? Ultimately, the lack of water causes trees to photosynthesize less, or make less food, which leads to a lack of nutrients needed to survive.

"Plants generate their own food through photosynthesis and one of the key components of photosynthesis is water," said Flocke. "Water is necessary for the chemical reactions that create sugars, it's also necessary to help move the needed materials around in the tree and finally, to utilize those materials."

Without water, a tree cannot generate sugars and cannot utilize those sugars – a necessary part for the entire process of tree growth. When this happens, trees will start to show physical symptoms of the lack of nutrients. While these symptoms can vary from species to species, most trees will begin to show signs of water stress through their leaves.

"The things to look for on your tree are leaves dropping or wilting, small or malformed leaves, yellowing of the leaves and browning tips of the leaves," said Blevins. "Some species, like junipers, may totally brown out, losing all of their leaves."

Just because leaves begin to fall from your tree, does not mean the tree is dead though. For small trees, you can simply use your thumb nail and scrape some of the smaller twigs – if there is still green underneath, then the tree is not dead. Within a few weeks, it may leaf back out. If you are concerned your tree is dead, contact a certified arborist for a professional opinion.

Reducing tree stress

The most helpful way to reduce stress to your tree during drought conditions is to give supplemental water – though the amount and how often you water will depend on your specific tree and area.

"Watering is going to depend on the tree; the size, species and age of the tree as well as the soils you have in your area," said Flocke. "If you have established trees that are well-adapted to your location, it's very likely that they might not need supplemental water at all. But I would monitor them to look for signs of stress."

If you begin to see signs of stress in your trees and the ground under your trees is extremely dry, it's time to begin watering. To test the dryness of the soil, you can take a long screwdriver and stick it in the ground. If the screwdriver doesn't go easily six to eight inches into the soil, it's time to water.

"Start by watering the area around the canopy of the tree," said Flocke. "Not just at the base of the tree and not just around the edge of the dripline but water the entire area underneath the canopy of the tree until the point where you have water start pooling and running off the surface."

Watering can be done with a water hose, soaker hose, sprinkler or bucket – each way being efficient so long as the tree is getting the water it needs. A good guideline for the amount of water your tree needs is two to three gallons per one inch trunk diameter.

According to Blevins, a general rule of thumb for newly planted trees during the heat of the summer is to water them up to three times per week, in the absence of precipitation. Though, you want to make sure the soil is not completely saturated with water at all times.

Larger, established trees may not need much water at all but extremely high temperatures and lack of precipitation may warrant watering them every couple of weeks.

When watering your trees, adhere to any water use restrictions you may have in your area and try to maximize the water you do give.

"The most important thing is to avoid watering during the heat of the day because much more water is going to be lost in evaporation," said Flocke. "Either early in the morning or later in the evening is the best time to water."

An easy tip for watering trees during a drought is to try and mimic what a typical summer looks like for your trees, watering every 10 days to two weeks and knowing that it's okay to not be on a set schedule – just like normal summer rain.

Another way you can help your trees manage drought stress is by mulching. Mulch is an easy and inexpensive option to help your trees because it conserves water, regulates soil temperatures, reduces competition from other plants and improves soil health.

"In general, apply a layer of mulch no more than two to three inches deep," said Flocke. "In reality, the entire area under the canopy could be mulched, but mulching out several feet around the base of the tree, being sure not to let the mulch touch the base of the trunk, will help."

Avoiding tree stress

During times of drought, be extremely cautious not to add additional stresses to your tree, making them more susceptible to secondary insects and diseases. First, do not prune your trees unless absolutely necessary.

"What you're trying to do is reduce stress to the tree, so pruning, even when you have to, is adding stress because you are wounding the tree," said Blevins. "If you're pruning out live branches or live leaf areas of the tree, you're removing food and the site where the tree's root growth hormone is developed, affecting root growth and further stressing the tree at a time where it's already too stressed."

According to Blevins, the exception to pruning trees during drought is a completely dead branch or one that is a hazard to its surroundings.

Another common mistake that can be harmful to your trees during a drought is putting out fertilizer.

"Just generally applying fertilizers without knowing if there is a deficiency is a really bad idea," said Blevins. "If there is not a nutrient deficiency then it's not going to help anything and it can actually hurt things and make the tree worse."

During the summer heat, and especially when experiencing drought conditions, monitor your trees for stress symptoms, adding supplemental water when necessary, and continue to enjoy the values that trees add to our lives.

"Trees provide an enormous value to us in our landscape," said Flocke. "Keeping trees, especially near our homes, can help to reduce overall energy bills, keep us healthier and provide shade for the house. If we lose those trees, we potentially lose benefits that have taken decades to accumulate."

For additional information on caring for your trees during drought conditions, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/after-the-storm/Drought/>.

Stay informed on drought conditions in your area by visiting <https://tfsfrd.tamu.edu/ForestDrought/>.

Gov. Abbott announces Small Business Series at KC on June 23

Governor Greg Abbott announced the next statewide 2022 Governor's Small Business Series will be held in-person at Kilgore College's Devall Ballroom on Thursday, June 23.

The Governor's Small Business Series connects small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs with the resources and information needed to start, strengthen and grow a business.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy," said Gov. Abbott.

"Already home to 3 million small businesses that employ nearly half of the Texas workforce, our state is focused on developing an environment where entrepreneurs can aspire, grow and prosper. I look forward to continuing working with small businesses and communities in every region of the state to ensure they have the tools needed to succeed."

The Governor's Small Business Series—Kilgore, cohosted by the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Office in partnership with the Kilgore Economic Development Corporation, Kilgore College and the Texas Workforce Commission, provides Texas small business owners and entrepreneurs the opportunity to network with other business owners and meet experts who can share timely, relevant and actionable advice on a multitude of small business topics.

A \$20 registration fee includes lunch and access to all sessions. Visit <https://gov.texas.gov/business/event/governors-small-business-series-kilgore>.



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