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Burn bans issued locally

By Phillip Williams

Officials in three Upshur County cities instituted bans on outdoor burning in their respective municipalities last week after County Judge Todd Tefteller issued one for rural areas June 21.

Bans were issued for Gilmer, Ore City and Big Sandy. Gladewater is included in that ban.

In addition, a spokeswoman for the East Mountain city government said Monday that incorporated city has put out signs saying it is under a burn ban because of Tefteller's order, although the order doesn't apply to incorporated cities.

Recent hot, dry weather has triggered such bans in numerous East Texas areas.

Gilmer Fire Chief Jerry Taylor said he instituted a 10-day ban Wednesday, June 22, effective the next day, and that the city council would vote Tuesday, June 28, on whether to extend his order.

Taylor said the vote was required because he lacks the authority to make the ban longer than 10 days. If the council extended it, he said, it will be effective until city officials "decide we no longer need it."

The order will not prohibit holding the city's annual July 3 fireworks show at the Yamboree Grounds, but the fire department will furnish extra protection this time, said Taylor, who was in Beaumont attending a training school.

He also reminded that city ordinance prohibits using fireworks inside city limits, although that restriction does not apply to the holiday show.

Ore City Fire Chief Gaston (Bubba) DeBerry said Friday he also issued a ban, effective at 10 a.m. the prior day, "until further notice."

Big Sandy Mayor Rex Rozell issued a ban June 22 "until further notice," or until he or the Texas A&M Forest Service determine it should be lifted.

His order said outdoor burning would worsen the current "public hazard and drought conditions" in the city.

Like Tefteller's order, however, it makes exceptions for outdoor burning "related to public health and safety," and which are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Those include, among others, firefighter training, planting or harvesting of agricultural crops, and public utility operations.

On average, 49% of the fires reported to local fire departments on the 4th of July are caused by fireworks.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tracks fire statistics from across the US. In 2018, approximately 19,500 fires ignited by fireworks were reported to local fire departments, while hospital emergency departments treated an estimated 9,100 fireworks related injuries. The most common fireworks related injuries occurred to hands/fingers (28%), legs (24%), and eyes (19%). 36% of the victims were under the age of 15.

During a 5 year period from 2014-2018, 87% of fireworks fires were outdoor fires and 28% occurred on the 4th of July.

If you are planning on lighting a few of your own fireworks, follow these safety guidelines to avoid becoming a statistic:

- Postpone your fireworks use if the weather is hot, dry, and/or windy.
- Check for burn bans and local ordinances/restrictions on fireworks use.
- Check your surroundings before lighting any fireworks. Do this during the day, if you plan on lighting your fireworks at night.

Our whole country is excited as Independence Day approaches and families plan to gather at Lake Gladewater on July 3rd to swim, boat, picnic and then watch the annual fireworks display at 9 p.m.. The annual Patriotic Boat Parade will begin at 8 p.m. and is sponsored by Austin Bank.

This year food trucks will be available from 5-10 p.m.

As you make your plans to attend the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Fireworks on SUNDAY, JULY 3, please be aware that street closures will occur. Pinecrest Street and Woodbine Street will become

one-way so that emergency vehicles can have a safe route out. There will be no parking on these streets where barricades will be placed early in the day.

Please inform your family, guests, and neighbors of these changes.

We are thankful for the blessings bestowed on our great nation and wish everyone a safe and fun holiday!

HAPPY 246T BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!

Donations are appreciated to help defray the costs. Contact the chamber at 903-845-5501.





OPINION/COMMENTARY

Make it sparkle...

Remember the July 4ths of childhood? St. Augustine grass freshly mown and soft as a carpet on tiny bare feet scampering through a sprinkler while shrieking with glee. I thought it couldn't get any better but of course it did.

Daddy came in from the field and four generations filled the front yard of the ranch house that was sheltered by a grove of Post Oak trees whose canopies shaded the huge yard, the picnic table and the smoking barbecue pit.

Pap'paw would be cranking the old wooden ice cream bucket while the kids took turns either sitting on the towel covered top or 'helping' with the cranking. Mam'maw, of course, brought the cooked banana pudding. None of this instant Jello pudding business for her. My stars, no!

My cousins, little brother and I waited impatiently for twilight as the adults sat on the porch swing, or the green and white striped lawn chairs and lazily recalled memories from their own childhood and laughed. Their laughter was the background of my childhood.

At twilight, as soon as we saw the lightning bugs flashing it was time to bring out the sparklers. Daddy would light them for us and we would whirl away ignoring the tiny sparks

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



that hit our arms. As we got older, bottle rockets and Roman candles were just dangerous enough to get us in trouble, but not too much because our parents remembered their own childhood fireworks.

Hopefully our son recalls the July 4 fireworks of his youth. When our neighbors Belle and Mr. Marion would sit in their swing across the road and pray that Josh and his Dad's firework shenanigans wouldn't catch their roof on fire while clapping loudly for the little boy who had the same glee his Momma did when it came to July 4.

Frankly, a sprinkler and sparklers may be more fun than the grandest of fireworks displays. After all, when you add in homemade ice cream and love, it just doesn't get any better than that.

Happy Independence Day friends and neighbors! May your holiday sparkle with memories.

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.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abortion officially illegal in Texas

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

"Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman's Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday's decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state's trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates Roe v. Wade, officials with those organizations said," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life," Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

State senator sues DPS over Uvalde records

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

"In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have demanded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements, and shifts of blame," Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the Texas Tribune.

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the classroom to kill the shooter.

Meanwhile, Gov. Greg Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by his press secretary: "The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal."

Wildfire risks grow as heat wave continues

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that last week marked the third week in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating the state.

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained — the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

Drunk drivers cause one in four state traffic fatalities

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000 traffic crashes involved drunk driving — up 9% over 2020.

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its "Faces of Drunk Driving" campaign to remind motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

"Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100% preventable," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend—or simply stay where you are."

Applications to become a 'Bird City'

It's time for cities to go to the birds.

Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are accepting applications from communities that would like to receive Bird City Texas certification. The program, in its fourth year, recognizes the contributions that communities make to improve nature in and around where people live, work and play.

"All communities, big and small, are eligible to participate," says Richard Heilbrun with TPWD. "Bird City Texas is a great way to demonstrate that a community values nature, that they're willing to improve that nature, and that residents are encouraged to get outside and experience nature."

Editorial

"We hold these truths to be self-evident ..."

The Declaration of Independence was an 'in your face' rebellious statement to our mother country of Great Britain. There was nothing overly diplomatic about it. It was concise, eloquent and to the point. The author, Thomas Jefferson, with a little coaching from John Adams and Ben Franklin, split the sheets with Great Britain. With the signatures of the men we now call Founding Fathers, the document put their lives on the line for their convictions.

Most of us remember the rallying cry of "no taxation without representation" from our high school history courses. What we don't remember is the problem of Britain's frontier policy and their refusal to 'hear' colonial concerns.

With the slamming shut of the important port of Boston and the declaration of martial law in Massachusetts under British colonial governors they rubbed the wrong 'fathers' the right way. At least for our future it was the right way.

Self-educated, wise old diplomat Ben Franklin and fire-brand intellectual John Adams were the proof readers for

Jefferson's work of heart. They managed to preserve the voice, the beauty and the clarity of Jefferson's words and still strike some controversial passages, especially the ones blaming King George III for the transatlantic slave trade, as well as passages blaming the British people rather than their government for unpopular colonial policies.

It was certainly wise editing because there turned out to be much sympathy among the British for their cousins across the pond. And some of those sympathetic were effective voices in parliament as George Washington became more experienced and successful in warfare. Who wants to kill and die in a bloody family feud?

The British government did its best to frame the Declaration of Independence as trivial but the words were just too important. The United States of America is the ONE nation born of ideas rather than geography. And the ideals of the Declaration were just too powerful to dismiss. In fact, they came to influence changes around the world and laid the philosophy that created the American Dream. And yes, it may have taken 200 years for us to begin effectively living up to all those ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence but indeed, some Americans throughout our history have striven to make those ideals reality. Many have died doing so.

There is great power in these words that shaped not only our country but made it a 'City on a Hill' to generations of the oppressed and is still so today as evidenced by the hundreds of thousands who continue to try and reach America.

Carefully read and embrace these words that express what it means to be an American:

"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...That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

And in those eloquent phrases equality, individual rights and self-government were created. It is time we again fix our eyes on those ideals. It is time that we strive once more to uphold the American ideals of respecting individual rights and respecting those with whom we disagree. After all, we have fought many wars to protect the ideals put forth in the Declaration of Independence and the hard won freedoms that have sometimes taken generations to establish.

Jefferson and Adams especially were often at odds with one another, sometimes stridently so. Yet in their later years they struck up a friendship of depth which is preserved in their letters. Ironically they died within hours of one another on July 4, 1826 the last surviving members of the original American revolutionaries.

It is time we follow their example of grace for one another, find our common ground with those we disagree with and stand up as Americans together in pursuit of our lives, our liberties and our pursuit of happiness. Only then will we be able to effectively govern this great nation again.

May your Independence Day be blessed with the recognition of the liberties you possess.

OBITUARY

PATRICIA DONNELLY DAVIS

Patricia "Patty" Alaine Donnelly Davis passed from this life on March 9th, 2022. Her friends and family will miss her beautiful smile and laughter. The mischievous gleam in her eyes and her sense of humor will never be forgotten. She came into this world on June 18, 1956, in Paterson, New Jersey and came to Texas after her 5th birthday.

She is survived by her husband Nolan Davis, daughter Mary Catherine Davis, brother David Donnelly and his wife Deta, nieces Dee Donnelly and Danielle Kerlin. Danielle's husband Kaylen and great nephews Tristan, Damian and Gage of Rockdale, brother Gary Donnelly of White Oak, and sister Bobbi Donnelly McDonald husband Jay, niece April Taylor and husband CJ, great nephew Drayton, and great niece Rowan. She also leaves behind a host of good friends and kind members of the Davis clan.

She was preceded in death by her parents Mary and Bob Donnelly, and brothers Mark and Chris.

Until we meet again, we will remember the good times!

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BAPTISM AND SALVATION

In Acts 22: 16, Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus, "*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*" We are repeatedly told that baptism isn't essential to salvation. Some say that all one has to do to be saved is just believe in Jesus. Others tell us that if you will say some "*sinner's prayer, and invite Jesus into your heart you will be saved.*"

It is obvious, that Saul believed in Jesus, when He appeared to him on the road to Damascus. There Jesus said to him, "*Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*" (Acts 9: 6). Saul obeyed and went into Damascus, and was there three days. He did not eat or drink, and was praying. Ananias then came to him and told him what he **MUST** do. What did he tell him? Did he tell him to just believe in Jesus? No, he told him to "*Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*" Acts 9: 18 says that Saul "*Arose, and was baptized.*"

But, we are told that "*water baptism has nothing to do with salvation, only the blood of Jesus can wash away one's sins.*" It is true that only the blood of Jesus can wash away one's sin (Rev. 1: 5; Matt. 26: 28). But when, or at what point, does Jesus' blood wash away one's sin? When, or at what point, does one receive the remission of sins? Clearly, it is when one is baptized (Acts 22: 16; 2: 38).

Thus, Saul of Tarsus was not told to "*stay down and pray,*" which he had been doing for three days, and he was not told to invite Jesus into his heart and he would be saved, but he was told to "*get up and be baptized.*" Why? To "*wash away his sins!*" Therefore, Jesus' blood washed away, (remitted) Saul's sins when he was baptized. If not, why not? Has Jesus' blood washed away your sins? Think on these things.

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Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
8/19/22	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20222996	1:32	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	CRIM MIS	20222997	5:19		2504 WOODBINE WOODBINE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222998	7:24		200 E ALLISON ALLISON ST
	EMS	20222999	9:12		806 N FERRY FERRY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223000	10:18		JEANNETTE JEANNETTE 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
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223004	14:14	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20223005	14:34	RES-MOR APARTMENTS	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20223006	18:45		505 N MAIN N MAIN
	ABANDONED 911	20223009	19:42		1002 FORREST HILL FORREST HILL
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223010	22:39		82 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223011	22:47		525 NORTH ST NORTH ST
	EMS	20223012	22:58	RES-MOR APARTMENTS	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
8/20/22	RECKLESS DRIVING	20223013	5:45	RIP'S LIQUOR	1801 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20223014	7:38		48 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	20223015	10:51		1515 VESTA VESTA AVE
	WARRANT	20223016	11:21	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	THEFT	20223017	12:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	811 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20223018	14:39		4300 W COMMERCE W COMMERCE
	EMS	20223019	15:21		302 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20223020	16:21		AIRPORT RD AIRPORT RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223021	16:24		212 N CENTER CENTER
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223022	16:43	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20223023	17:18		4300 W COMMERCE W COMMERCE
	RECKLESS DAMAGE	20223024	18:28	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	10-50 MINOR	20223025	18:27		N MAIN N MAIN
	ASSIST	20223026	18:43		1515 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	ASSIST	20223028	19:12		1515 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	EMS	20223029	19:57		801 GARY GARY
	THEFT	20223031	20:40		311 W QUITMAN W QUITMAN
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223032	21:04		817 RODEN RODEN LANE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223033	21:48		1300 E MARY MARY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20223034	23:23		58 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
8/21/22	EMS	20223035	2:51		506 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223036	3:05		1106 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	FIRE DEPT	20223037	5:35		4300 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	ABANDONED 911	20223038	9:38	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	THEFT	20223040	10:54	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20223041	12:36		411 W GAY W GAY
	EMS	20223042	15:01		506 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
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	FIRE DEPT	20223044	19:18		1204 E MARY MARY AVE
	ASSIST	20223045	19:23	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20223046	19:53	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
8/22/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20223047	0:26		321 NORTH NORTH
	EMS	20223049	0:38		10659 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD
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	ALARM/OTHER	20223052	6:38		1617 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20223054	11:02		407 N LIVE OAK N LIVE OAK
	ASSIST	20223055	12:58	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	20223057	15:48	LAMBERT'S LIQUOR	1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	20223058	16:15	GYM 101	500 E ALLISON ALLISON ST
	FIRE DEPT	20223059	18:31		UNION GROVE RD UNION GROVE RD
	ASSIST	20223060	21:40	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20223061	23:08		1927 WARREN PLANT WARREN PLANT RD
8/23/22	ALARM/OTHER	20223062	1:28		4411 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20223063	7:09	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20223064	10:30		2250 FM 2885 FM 2885
	EMS	20223065	13:02	POST OFFICE	101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20223066	13:23		PINE RIDGE PINE RIDGE RD
	ASSIST	20223067	13:52		S HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20223068	14:02	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	THEFT	20223069	15:07		1515 VESTA VESTA AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223070	15:20		84 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20223071	15:31	AEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	10-50 MINOR	20223072	15:51		501 N MAIN N MAIN
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223073	16:15		419 W GAY W GAY
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20223074	16:54	FAMILY DOLLAR	801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20223075	19:35		508 MELBA MELBA AVE
	EMS	20223076	20:53	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	EMS	20223077	22:09		704 EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223078	22:12		219 W GAY W GAY
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20223079	22:17		400 AWALON AWALON DR
8/24/22	ALARM/OTHER	20223080	0:14	POST OFFICE	101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20223081	1:38	POST OFFICE	101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20223083	3:01	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20223084	9:09		803 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP RD
	CRIM MIS	20223085	9:38	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20223086	11:33		1905 N CHESTNUT CHESTNUT
	EMS	20223087	13:20	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20223088	15:56		HIGHWAY 42 HIGHWAY 42
	EMS	20223089	16:20		1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20223090	17:59		1189 N RODEO N RODEO
	EMS	20223091	18:13		1630 N RODEO N RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223092	19:50	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	WARRANT	20223093	22:23		324 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD



Union Grove had a successful launch last week at White Sands and set a new school record of 15,400 ft+! Congratulations UG Rocket team!

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Best & Worst Places to Celebrate 4th of July

With 84% of Americans planning to celebrate the 4th of July this year and collective food spending for the holiday to reach \$7.7 billion, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2022's Best & Worst Places for 4th of July Celebrations, as well as accompanying videos, to go along with interesting stats about the holiday in its 4th of July Facts & Figures infographic and 4th of July Survey.

To determine the best places to celebrate the most star-spangled occasion, Wal-

letHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities based on how well they balance holiday cost and fun.

The data set of 21 key metrics ranges from average beer and wine prices to duration of fireworks shows to the Fourth of July weather forecast.

Best Cities to Celebrate Fourth of July

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. San Francisco, CA | 11. Miami, FL |
| 2. Los Angeles, CA | 12. Houston, TX |
| 3. Washington, DC | 13. Chicago, IL |
| 4. Atlanta, GA | 14. San Antonio, TX |
| 5. Las Vegas, NV | 15. Milwaukee, WI |
| 6. New York, NY | 16. Cincinnati, OH |
| 7. San Diego, CA | 17. Dallas, TX |
| 8. Seattle, WA | 18. San Jose, CA |
| 9. Orlando, FL | 19. Sacramento, CA |
| 10. New Orleans, LA | 20. St. Louis, MO |

4th of July Facts & Figures

- **\$7.7 Billion:** Amount Americans plan to spend on 4th of July food.
- **150 Million:** Number of hot dogs eaten each 4th of July.
- **\$1.4+ Billion:** Amount Americans plan to spend on 4th of July beer and wine.
- **\$2.4+ Billion:** Estimated amount spent on fireworks in 2021 (66% of fireworks injuries occur within a month of July 4).
- **\$6.9 Million:** Value of American flags imported annually.
- **47.9 Million:** Number of people who travel 50+ miles from home for the 4th of July.

How to stay safe when using fireworks

Love fireworks? For safety's sake, let a professional light up your Independence Day.

State Fire Marshal Orlando Hernandez said: "If you want to see great fireworks, save money, and stay safe, go to a professional show. Our office has issued more than 250 permits for Fourth of July shows, so there's probably one nearby."

Another caution: Most communities don't allow you to use fireworks within city limits or during local burn bans. Check with your local fire department to see what's allowed.

Hernandez added: "There are no safe fireworks for children." He said some sparklers burn at nearly 2,000 degrees, as hot as a blow torch.

"Have fun," Hernandez said, "but stay safe, Texas."

Fireworks are a big part of many holiday celebrations, but they also can be dangerous. For the best and safest experience, look for a professional show in your community. Here's what you need to know about using fireworks.

Follow local rules

Some areas allow only certain types of fireworks,

and most areas don't allow fireworks within city limits or during burn bans. Follow the local law and contact your local fire officials if you have questions.

When are fireworks legal?

Fireworks can be sold only certain times of the year, typically during a week or so leading up to a major holiday. Besides Fourth of July and New Year's, Texas counties have the choice of also including Texas Independence Day (March 2), San Jacinto Day (April 21), Cinco de Mayo (May 5), and Memorial Day.

You can use fireworks any day of the year as long as they are not banned in the area you live.

Be safe!

- Children should not use fireworks. Make sure an adult is always watching.
- Remember: Alcohol and fireworks are a bad mix.
- Follow the instructions on the firework.
- Avoid shooting fireworks near dry grass, brush, or other materials that can easily catch on fire.
- Never aim fireworks where they could land on a house or hit a person.
- Have a bucket of water, garden hose, or other water source ready for emergencies.



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PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before Planning & Zoning Commission of Gladewater, Texas Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas to consider a request for a variance to City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §5.05.120(B) – Connection to City System Required at AB 7 T ALLEN SUR TR 24, more commonly known as 1207-1209 Vesta.

A second public hearing will be conducted by the Gladewater City Council on July 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend these public hearings or send written comments to City of Gladewater, Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine & Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On Premise permit (BG) for Charles R. Whalen Jr d/b/a Granny B's, to be located at 1603 N Main St, Gladewater, Gregg County, TX 75647. Owner of said business is Charles R. Whalen, Sole Proprietor.



PUBLIC HEARING

The Gladewater City Council will hold a public hearing Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas to consider issuingdemolition orders for structures located at:

1. LT 4 BLK 3 NORTON & OLSON; more commonly known as 408 Sunset Ave.
2. LTS 11 THRU 17 BLK 5 MAL LOCK ADDN & PT OF ALLEY, more commonlyknown as 301 Dr. MLK Jr. Dr.
3. LT 21 BLK 8 SHEPPERD HILLS, more commonly known as 1201 Nelwyn Ave.
4. ABS A175 GOODWIN, WIL LIAM, TRACT 66, .32 ACRES & M/HOME, more commonly known as 401 Paradise Hill Rd.

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



PUBLIC HEARING

There will be two public hearings before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on July 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider:

1. Specific Use Permit request for Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit (BQ) at AB 56 M DILLARD TR 24, more commonly known as 807 S. Tyler Street.
2. Specific Use Permit request for Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Permit (BG) at LTS 9 & 10 NCB 7 GLADEWATER & PT ALLEY, more commonly known as 103 N. Main Street

There will be two second public hearings held by the Gladewater City Council on July 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James R. McGrew, Deceased, were issued on June 15, 2022 in Cause No. 2022-0192-E, pending in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Gregg County, Texas, to Patsy R. McGrew.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Longview, Texas; the post office address is:

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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.

	MBE	WBE
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SERVICES	20.41%	13.66%

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

The City is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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July 4th Boating? Here's 7 Safety Tips

Millions of boaters are expected to head out on the water this Fourth of July weekend, including more than 830,000 first time boat buyers who purchased during the COVID-19 pandemic. The increase in crowds coupled with the number of inexperienced new boaters

has caught the attention of the Water Sports Foundation.

"While we are pleased to welcome so many new boaters to the water, we believe it is critical to share important boating safety tips that we know will help reduce incidents and save lives this busy holiday weekend," said Water Sports Foundation Executive Director Jim Emmons. "We're anticipating a major wave of inexperienced boaters on the water this Fourth of July holiday and we need everyone – our experienced boaters and our newcomers alike – to plan accordingly and be well prepared."

The Fourth of July weekend traditionally offers a wealth of alluring activities for boaters including cruising to popular gathering spots with family and friends, rafting up or forming flotillas of multiple boats, dropping anchor to swim, grilling favorite foods and of course, capping the festivities with spectacular fireworks shows.

While these activities are longtime mainstays of the boating lifestyle, Emmons says new boaters need to be educated and reminded to avoid potentially hazardous situations. Common mistakes include failing to carry and wear U.S. Coast

Guard-approved life jackets; overloading the boat; passengers standing or moving while the boat is underway; drinking alcohol; launching fireworks from the boat; and ignoring safe boating operations while trying to avoid long lines at the boat ramp after the fireworks show.

Here are seven tips to maximize boating fun and safety:

- Before launching the boat, conduct a thorough inspection of the vessel and trailer. Conduct a pre-departure check to make sure all required safety equipment is on board and operational.

- Ensure U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets are available for the weight and size of every passenger, especially youngsters. Life jackets save lives!

- Check current weather conditions and forecast and plan accordingly.

- NEVER overload your boat. Check the vessel capacity plate and comply with all weight mandates.

- For boats 26' or smaller, comply with the new federal law requiring boat operators to wear and engage Emergency Cut-Off Switch (ECOS). This safety lanyard shuts off the engine if the operator falls overboard.

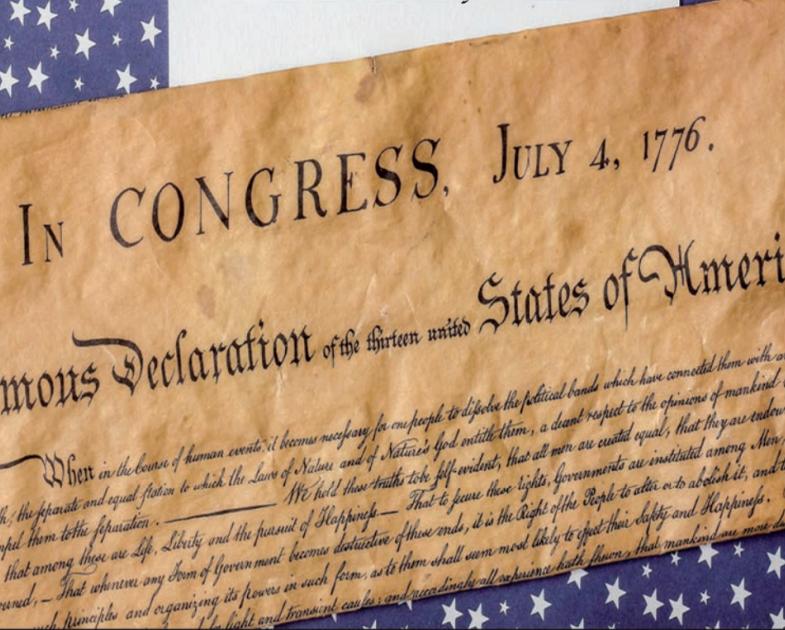
- Be sure you have the correct number of fire ex-

tinguishers onboard and that they are fully charged, and easily accessible. Check expiration date to ensure they fall within newly mandated federal requirements.

- Pack sunscreen, first-aid kit, basic toolkit and extra food and water.

- Always Designate a Sober Skipper. Don't drink and drive a boat. Boating under the influence is the primary cause of boating-related deaths in the United States. Designate someone who takes the pledge to avoid impairment and be responsible for operating the boat and getting everyone back to the dock safely. Passengers should also minimize alcohol consumption which can impair activity and judgment. Besides safeguarding family and friends from the effects and consequences of alcohol use, marine law enforcement will be heavily patrolling waterways and issuing costly citations to those operating vessels under the influence.

- Night Moves & Fireworks. Novice boaters should avoid operating after sunset, especially when considering the large crowds expected for holiday and fireworks festivities. Experienced boaters should also exercise extra precautions when operating at night.





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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.

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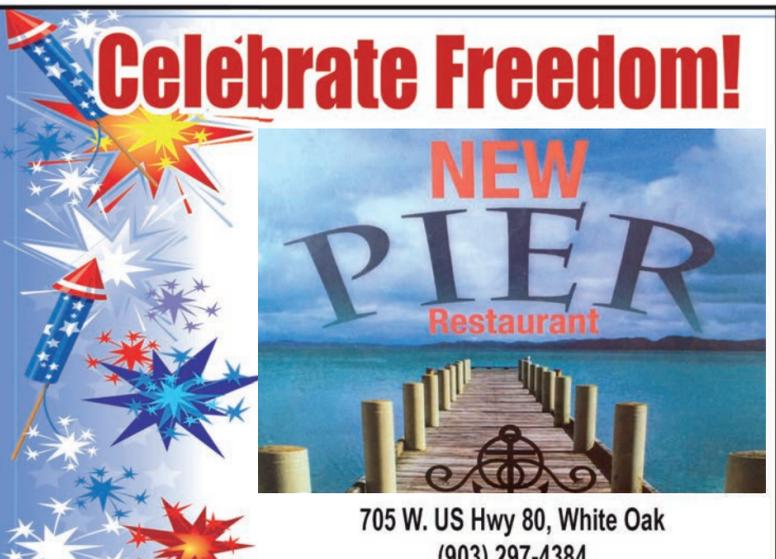
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