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Burn ban extended to July 15

By Phillip Williams

A bare quorum of Upshur County Commissioners Court last Thursday extended County Judge Todd Tefteller's ban on outdoor burning until the court's next scheduled meeting July 15.

The three commissioners present approved, without discussion, Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle's motion to prolong the ban until 6 p.m. that day. (The court normally meets at 10 a.m. and is expected to do so July 15.)

Tefteller and Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller were in Austin to appear before the state government concerning the county's application for a grant to renovate the county courthouse. Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson presided in the judge's absence, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley also attended.

Tefteller issued the order, which does not apply to incorporated cities in the county, June 21. (Several cities which are wholly or partly in the county, including Gladewater and Gilmer, have issued similar bans).

The county's order does not ban fireworks, and allows exceptions for "burning activities related to public health and safety," such as firefighter training, natural gas pipeline operations, harvesting agricultural crops, etc.

Violating the order, triggered by hot, dry weather, is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

In other business Thursday, the court approved interlocal agreements with five school districts for the sheriff's office to provide protective school resource officers.

The schools include Union Grove, Gilmer, Union Hill, Ore City and New Diana.

Commissioners also approved an interlocal agreement under which Smith County will pay Upshur to house Smith inmates in the Upshur County Jail at Gilmer.

James Grunden, chief deputy in the sheriff's office's jail division, told commissioners Smith will pay \$45 per day per prisoner and all their medical costs. Smith also agreed to pay \$20 per hour for a deputy needing to stay with any hospitalized prisoner, he said.

In another matter last week, the court approved paying \$18,000 more than County Auditor Connie Williams said was originally budgeted for the county government's share of the Upshur County Appraisal District's annual budget.

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Team Louvier took 1st place in the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's annual boat parade, sponsored by Austin Bank. Parade Marshal AKA, Team Long, grabbed 2nd place, and Team Haley came in 3rd place in the boat parade, held prior to the fireworks display.

Photos by Chris Jones



GISD swears in new trustees, approves budget

By Jim Bardwell

Two new Gladewater ISD trustees - Chris Thompson, Place 4, and Danielle Budro, Place 6, were sworn in at last week's special meeting.

Both are serving in unexpired terms following the resignations of Jon Keller and Jamie Robertson.

In addition, trustee Garth Cockrell was elected secretary of the board.

In other business, the board held a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for 2022-2023, which drew no attendance to the 8:30 a.m. meeting.

After hearing that the 2022-2023 budget would be \$19,710,839 for maintenance and operation and \$1,758,360 for the interest and sinking fund, the board voted to approve the budget.

The tax rate will be discussed in August. But the proposed tax rate discussed last week was \$1.3987 per \$100 valuation.

The School board also revised the 2022-2023 District Calendar to include Juneteenth on June 19, 2023.

The following resignations were accepted: Kelly Berry, Andee Pootee, Katrina Dews, Kalyn Brisby and Christie Ernst.

And the following new hires approved included were: Jennifer Keller, Keira Ewald, Dalia Miles, John Beard, Bryan Beaver, Christian Brown, Monicia Preston and Erin Beaver.

City council begins budget process Thursday

The Gladewater City Council is scheduled to meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in City Hall for a budget workshop.

The council is also hosting a public hearing regarding a specific use permit request for a wine and malt beverage permit (BG) at 1603 N. Main Street.

Following the public hearing a vote will be taken on the matter.

The council is expected to consider a professional services agreement between the City of Gladewater and D. Christian Allen, who handles much of the city's social media and information.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, the *Gladewater Mirror* livestreams the proceedings at its Facebook Page.

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/GladewaterMirror> to view the meeting.

Union Grove Rocket Program soars to new heights

Union Grove recently had a successful launch at White Sands and set a new school record of 15,400 ft+!

The Union Grove High School Rocketry Program began preparing in August 2021 for this launch. Students had to research, test, and present information to NASA in preparation for their launch. SystemsGo is an innovative high school rocketry/aerospace curriculum that uses project-based learning to teach science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Students develop skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership. This program also encourages careers in the engineering industries. Union Grove High School is one of ten schools in the state that participate in the Goddard program.

These rockets have the capa-



Pictured above is the Union Grove rocketry crew that launched at White Sands with what was left of the rocket after the launch. Courtesy Photo

bility of payloads of 100,000 feet and are launched at White Sands Missile Range.

This year Union Grove was one of four schools that were eligible to launch rockets at White Sands. Union Grove High School was the only school to leave the rail on Saturday, June 25th.

The rocket climbed to 15,400' before rolling over and returning to the range ballistic. This was a school record for Union Grove! It was recovered by White Sands Missile Range personnel by digging it out and it was returned in one large piece and several smaller pieces.

It was a good day for Union Grove!

Congratulations to UGHS rocketry students and the teachers that make this program possible; Greg Park and Rhonda Baker!



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Seeing around the bend...

It's easy to believe you are 'around the bend' in today's high stress, overloaded, social media driven world. We long to return to a simpler time. I am guilty of saying that myself, far too often. And, I know better. After all, I am a history girl. I taught American History at the high school and college level. But our collective family history should weigh in too.

My grandparents raised their children in the middle of a Great Depression. I interviewed my Dad and his mother for a Depression & World War II grad course. My 'Nanny' spoke of never wasting a thing, which included making her children's clothes from flour sacks. My Daddy and his little sister rode a horse to school. There was no air conditioning, no entertainment—except self-made, and chores past dark on the farm every night.

This farm family received no stimulus checks, no small business loans, no food assistance. They managed to make their land payments despite fighting through a decade long economic meltdown. "We never knew we had it bad, all we had ever known was hard work and how to get by," my grandmother said in the interview. "We had each other and that was enough."

And this was from a woman who buried two children in the middle of it all. A tragedy that was not uncommon during that time.

The depression era generation of kids grew up to fight a World War sacrificing their youth and innocence, going from the hayfield to the foreign field, and even eventually rebuilding the world.

Their kids had to survive polio, smallpox, chicken pox, measles, mumps and rubella pandemics. And by the way, to fight those epidemics the GOVERNMENT required that we take vaccines for polio and smallpox as they were available. We didn't question whether we were becoming socialist or having our freedoms trampled. Our mommas lined us up when it was time to take the sugar cube with Dr. Salk's polio vaccine saturating it. We kids of that era nearly

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



all have the scar from

the smallpox vaccine as well. My son and his generation have no such scars and their mobility was never threatened by the horror of polio. The Baby Boomers' kids had to take the measles, mumps, rubella and whooping cough vaccines. With fear of vaccines and the growth of unvaccinated kids these diseases, which can cause death and disability, are raising their ugly heads once again.

Now here we are today, once again facing a pandemic that we are just beginning to see the effects of regionally. And things are scary any way you cut it. I worry about the health of my family and our communities. I worry about our family owned businesses and I worry about our future. But you know what? The generations who came before us dealt with more than we will ever face.

Whenever I feel overwhelmed I think of Daddy in his flour sack school clothes working as hard as any adult. I think about the losses, the heartbreaks and the unshakeable faith of people who lived their beliefs daily and didn't give in to poverty, back breaking labor, an unstable world or fear. There were people just like them all over this country. Those people were our parents and grandparents. We have a well-trodden path to follow we just have to look for it. It's there for you and me.

And don't forget, our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were exhausted, anxious and unsure of what was to come, but they kept putting one foot in front of the other until they came through to the other side of the bend. We can do this friends and neighbors.

We already know the way.

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



Three arrested in deaths of 53 migrants

Three people were arrested last week by federal authorities in connection with a human smuggling incident that left 53 migrants dead.

The migrants were discovered inside a tractor-trailer on San Antonio's Southwest Side, according to the San Antonio Express-News. The victims were from Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

Eleven other people were rescued from the trailer.

"We are devastated by the news," Cesar Espinosa, an immigrant advocate with FIEL Houston, an immigrant rights organization, told the Express-News. "Unfortunately, this is not the first time, and unfortunately, it won't be the last time that it happens as long as we don't have a pathway for people to migrate safely into the U.S."

Meantime, Gov. Greg Abbott announced additional truck checkpoints would immediately be established targeting semi-trucks, and strike teams consisting of 20 troopers are being sent to the Eagle Pass region "to detect and defer unlawful border crossings and apprehend illegal migrants."

The trailer had passed through a federal Border Patrol checkpoint.

More cases of monkeypox reported

Multiple cases of monkeypox have been reported in Texas by the Texas Department of State Health Services and local health departments. A dozen cases have been identified in people who did not travel outside the state, meaning they were exposed in Texas.

"With the sharp increase in monkeypox cases worldwide, it's not surprising to see the virus spread in Texas," said Dr. Jennifer Shuford, chief state epidemiologist. "We want people to know what the symptoms are, and if they have symptoms, to avoid the types of close contact with other people that can spread the disease."

Monkeypox is a viral illness with symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, and exhaustion. People who develop a rash should avoid direct contact with other people and contact their health-care provider for next steps.

A vaccine is available and can be given to people within four days of exposure.

Additional funding for school safety, mental health

Abbott and other state leaders last week announced the transfer of \$105.5 million to support additional school safety and mental health initiatives through the end of August 2023.

"This additional funding will boost actions the state of Texas has already taken to make schools safer and support the mental health of children, teachers, and families following the tragedy at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde," according to a news release.

Roughly half of the funds are going for bullet-resistant shields. Funding is also being provided for mental-health services and other school safety services.

Texans urged to 'stay dry' while boating

Boaters are being urged to fight back against the aquatic invasive species that threaten Texas lakes.

"The best way to prevent the spread of many destructive aquatic invasive species is to clean, drain and dry your boats and equipment – every time," said Brian Van Zee with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Zebra mussels and giant salvinia remain the biggest threats to Texas lakes, though other invasive species are being spread, including water hyacinth, crested floating heart and quagga mussels.

Zebra mussels are found in 33 Texas lakes, while giant salvinia is present on 23 East Texas lakes and numerous rivers, creeks and marshes between Houston and Beaumont.

"Boaters need to remove all plants, mud and debris from boats, trailers, vehicles and gear and drain all water from the boat, equipment and on-board receptacles before leaving the lake. In addition, boats should be dried completely before visiting another lake, preferably for at least a week," according to TPWD.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Pain at the Pump

The price of gasoline remains elevated, with the national average briefly surpassing \$5 per gallon before retreating modestly. In parts of the country (particularly those distant from refineries), it's already well above that level. Unfortunately,



I think that prices will generally stay relatively high through the summer driving season before abating to some extent.

One plan which has been put forth is to pause the federal gasoline tax. This approach would likely provide some modest relief in gasoline prices to the extent that the savings are passed along to consumers. However, the federal tax is only \$0.18 (less than 4% of the current cost), so such a move is not a game changer. In California, where prices

exceed \$6 per gallon, the legislature has acted to send rebates. Whether federal or state, these types of actions may help consumers, but don't shift the underlying market dynamics. In fact, how much gets passed through relates to some arcane interactions of elasticities of supply and demand, which I will spare you at this point.

As with any product or service, supply and demand are clearly important. As prices rise, people tend to buy less while suppliers have an incentive to increase the amount they are producing. We are indeed seeing this phenomenon, with demand for gasoline lower this year than last even though the economy continues to add jobs and people are ready to get out and about after being restricted by the pandemic. During the summer, demand will likely remain strong as people take advantage of being able to travel more freely. With airlines dealing with challenges which are causing waves of flight cancellations and delays, road trips have even greater appeal. Once we get into the fall, consumption will decline. Longer-term trends, such as greater fuel efficiency and greater use of hybrid and electric vehicles, will gradually impact usage patterns.

As to supply, oil production is ramping up in the Permian Basin (by far the largest oil production region in the US), as well as the Eagle Ford, the Bakken, and even Saudi Arabia. That should help, as about 59% of the cost of gasoline is the underlying crude oil. However, refining capacity is constrained due to declines during the pandemic, the shutdown of a sizable Louisiana facility emanating from Hurricane Ida, and the transition of several plants into making biofuels. Nonetheless, facilities and expansions are coming online, non-critical maintenance is being postponed, and we're importing more refined products.

In short, the summer months will likely see high costs remain in effect. The good news is that there are factors of both supply and demand that are beginning to put downward pressure on gasoline prices. That's the power of markets. Stay safe.

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WHO MAKES THE RULES?

Jeremy Rifkin, American economic and social theorist and activist, and proponent of evolution and "New Age Religion" said: "We no longer feel ourselves to be guests in someone else's home, and therefore obliged to make our behavior conform with a set of pre-existing cosmic rules. It is our creation now. We make the rules. We establish the parameters of reality. We create the world, and because we do, we no longer feel beholden to outside forces. We no longer have to justify our behavior, for we are now architects of the universe. We are responsible to nothing outside ourselves, for we are the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever."

I'm sure that when some read Rifkin's ramblings, they think they are seeing great wisdom, when in actuality they are reading foolishness! It is certainly true that many have never wanted their behavior to conform to pre-existing rules. They want to make the rules and establish the parameters of behavior and reality, and want little or no responsibility to nothing, and no one, outside of themselves.

Romans 1: 21-22 says: "Because although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise they became fools." Those under consideration did not honor God or give Him thanks. Neither does Jeremy Rifkin. Without God, this world does not make sense. "Where did we come from"; "Why are we here"; and "Where are we going" are questions that go unanswered. When God is abandoned, we have no standard of reference from which to make sense of things. Consequently, people become misguided and ignorant in their thoughts or reasoning i. e. their reasoning is without reason. Some translations say their thoughts become "complete nonsense." Their heart becomes "foolish" i. e. without discernment, void of understanding and senseless. Although such a people consider themselves wise, in actuality they are "fools." This is the sad result when one attempts to explain this world and the things in the world apart from God's revelation of Himself and His will.

God's standard, or rules, if you please, are for our good always, (Deut. 6: 24) even though we may not always think so. They are found in His written Word, and we will do well to conform our lives to it (Col. 3: 17), because by it we will be judged (Jn. 12: 48). That is why we should "Fear (respect, honor) God and keep His commandments" with the understanding that "God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Eccl. 12: 14). Think on these things.

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Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
6/27/22	ALARM/OTHER	20223132	9:53		214 E GLADE E GLADE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20223133	11:35		824 MAPLE MAPLE ST
	ASSIST	20223134	11:37	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223135	16:15	PIZZA HUT	1210 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223137	16:53		511 W MARSHALL W MARSHALL
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223138	17:15		W QUITMAN W QUITMAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223139	17:34		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20223140	18:03		S LOOP 485 S LOOP 485
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20223141	19:09		815 W GAY W GAY
	FIRE DEPT	20223142	20:05		2114 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223143	20:12		85 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20223144	21:25		705 MELBA MELBA AVE
	EMS	20223145	21:37	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223146	23:28		710 TENERY TENERY
6/28/22	ABANDONED 911	20223147	1:10		321 SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223148	1:48		315 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	EMS	20223149	2:30	RES-MOR APARTMENTS	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20223150	6:18	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20223151	8:18	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	FORGERY	20223152	10:13	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20223153	11:15	ECONOMY INN	701 N BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20223154	14:46		707 N HOLLY N HOLLY
	EMS	20223155	15:58		184899 CR 3131 CR 3131
	EMS	20223156	18:02	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223157	19:34		300 WALTON WALTON AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223158	19:37		113 W GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20223159	19:50		
	10-50 MINOR	20223160	23:45		806 S TYLER TYLER
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	20223161	23:49		704 HOLLY HOLLY ST
6/29/22	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20223162	1:06		1211 RODEO RODEO ST
	EMS	20223163	7:19		1210 SANDERS SANDERS ST
	TERROR THREAT	20223164	7:42		317 N MAIN N MAIN
	ASSIST	20223165	7:43		106 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	EMS	20223166	7:46		1105 N RODEO N RODEO
	ASSIST	20223167	9:27		505 N FERRY N FERRY
	ASSIST	20223168	9:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20223169	12:12	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	10-50 MINOR	20223170	13:47	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20223171	13:59		719 N MAIN N MAIN
	EMS	20223172	14:10		1520 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	ASSIST	20223173	15:37		1303 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	EMS	20223174	16:37		2820 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	EMS	20223175	18:37		317 EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223178	20:13		GAY GAY
	FIRE DEPT	20223179	21:11		800 EDDY EDDY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20223181	21:41		1511 N ALICE ALICE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223182	21:48		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223183	22:05	GYM 101	500 E ALLISON ALLISON ST
6/30/22	EXTRA PATROL	20223185	2:10		303 S TYLER S TYLER ST
	ASSIST	20223186	7:30		OLD HWY 135 OLD HWY 135
	EMS	20223187	9:11	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20223189	15:11		271 271
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20223191	18:40		710 TENERY TENERY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20223192	20:40		GAY AVE GAY AVE
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20223193	21:24		892 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223194	21:30	RX MOTORSPORTS	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223195	22:50		1511 PHILLIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223196	23:11		800 CANFIELD CANFIELD
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	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20223200	2:22		MAPLE MAPLE ST
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20223248	15:29		2503 WOODBINE WOODBINE
	EMS	20223249	15:39		205 E GAY GAY
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	20223250	15:45	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20223251	16:36		1007 RICHEY RICHEY
	10-50 MINOR	20223252	16:55		2403 GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223253	17:35	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20223254	18:53		507 S WHITE WHITE
	INCIDENT W/REPORT	20223255	19:35	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20223256	20:44		
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20223257	20:59		2316 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20223258	21:59		1108 E MARY MARY AVE
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	THEFT	20223262	4:49	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/27/22	6/27/22	17:30	BUNCH, SHANNON RACHELLE	W	F	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	200 W QUITMAN
6/28/22	6/28/22	0:19	MATTHEW, KENNETH UBONG	B	M	MANUFACTURE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PENALTY	806 S TYLER AVE
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	6/28/22	0:19	MATTHEW, KENNETH UBONG	B	M	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY FELON	806 S TYLER AVE
7/1/22	7/1/22	2:27	LANTZ, KEVIN DEWAYNE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	400 W MAPLE
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	7/1/22	2:27	LANTZ, KEVIN DEWAYNE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	400 W MAPLE
7/3/22	7/3/22	19:35	MARQUEZ, MARK ANTHONY	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1800 LAKE SHORE



Gladewater Fire, during the month of July had the following calls: Medical 45, Public Service 10, Fire 9, Canceled 8, Alarm 6, Unauthorized burning 2, Controlled Burn 2, Accident 2, Bomb/Arson Threat 1, HazMat 1, for a total of 86 calls for service.



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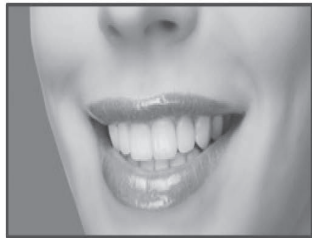
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lytic converter is located underneath your vehicle and may start wildfires if exposed to dry vegetation. Catalytic converter operates between 550-1600°F and can reach 2000°F if the engine is not running properly.

- Keep vehicles well maintained, including the vehicle's exhaust system - failing catalytic converters may emit extremely hot metal fragments and ignite a roadside wildfire.

- Always connect your trailer safety chains, even for short trips. Loose chains can create sparks, igniting roadside grasses.

- Underinflated tires and/or tire failure pose a wildfire hazard. Wheel rims may produce sparks if contact is made with the pavement. Keep a pressure gauge in your vehicle

and ensure all tires are properly inflated. Inspect tires regularly, especially during long trips, for signs of damage.

- Stay up-to-date with your

trailer maintenance. Ensure your wheel bearings, lights, wiring, and brakes are in good shape and functioning properly before each trip.

Burn ban extended

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The court took \$18,000 from "contingency" funds to finance part of the \$295,000 payment to the district.

The court also approved transferring a surplus 2004 Ford van from the county's adult probation office to Sheriff Larry Webb's office. It will be used for transporting voting machinery to polling places at election times, and as a backup vehicle for transporting jail inmates.

With two of its five mem-

bers absent, the court chose not to discuss two other items on the agenda. One was a proposal to approve mileage reimbursement for commissioners who use their "personal vehicles to check, inspect roads and visit with citizens about complaints."

The other was reducing the number of temporary Road and Bridge Department employees, financed by the federal American Recovery Program act, from 12 to nine.

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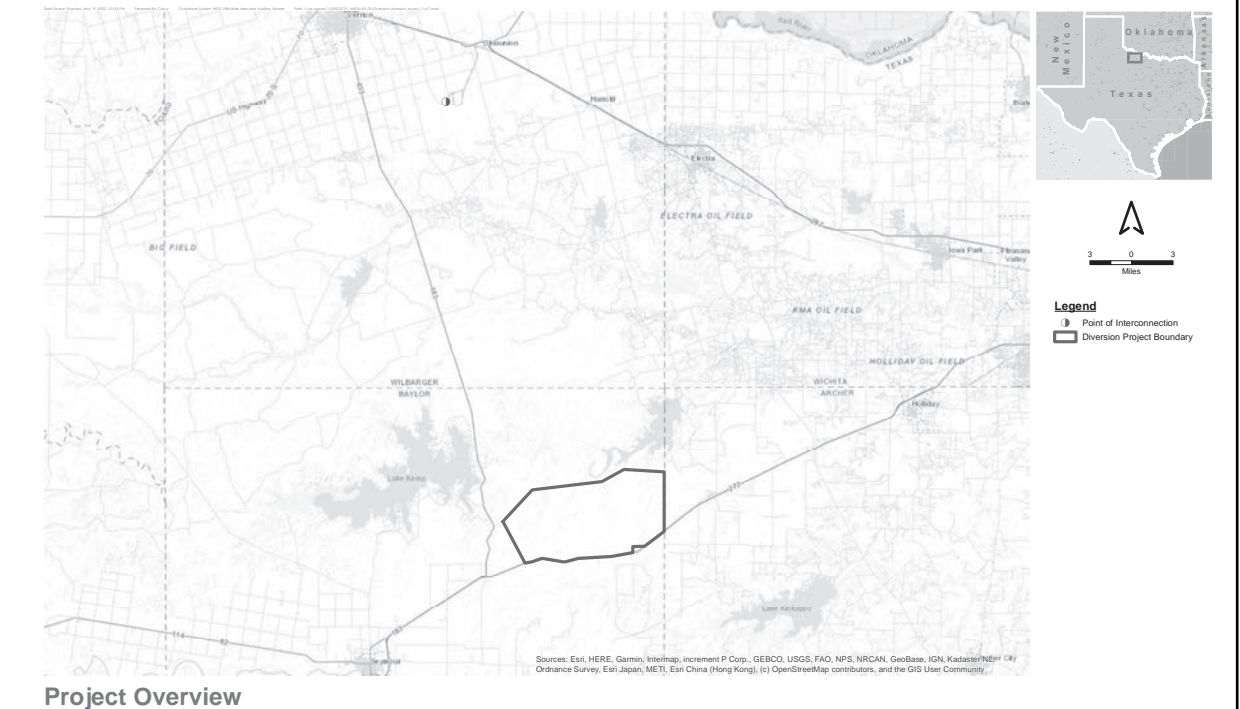
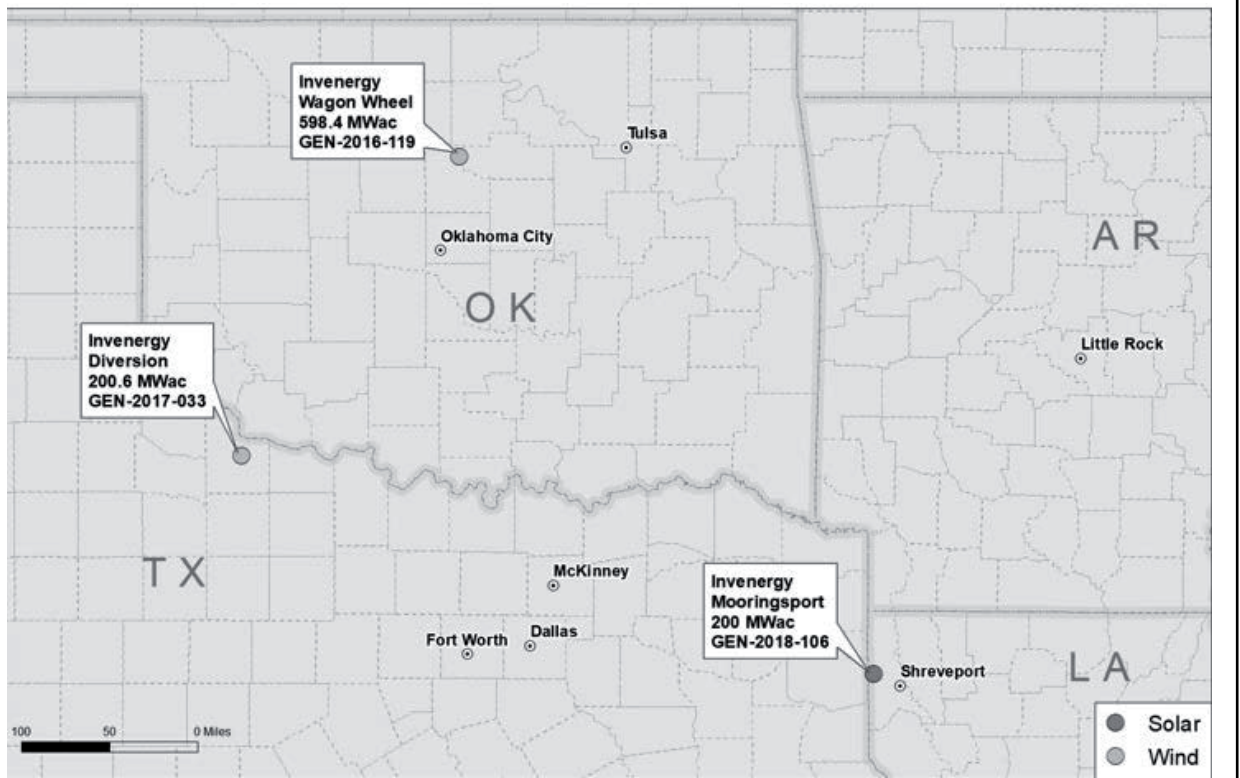
On May 27, 2022, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requesting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) authorization to acquire three generation facilities (the Selected Facilities), located in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. The docket number and style of the case are PUC Docket No. 53625, *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorization and Related Relief for the Acquisition of Generation Facilities*. SWEPCO has approximately 187,400 Texas retail customers, all of whom are affected by this Application. SWEPCO has filed separate applications for certification of the Selected Facilities with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, SWEPCO has contracted to acquire the project companies owning the following three Selected Facilities, subject to receipt of regulatory approvals and satisfaction of other conditions:

SELECTED FACILITIES

Facility	Size - Megawatts (MW)	State	County / Parish
Wagon Wheel	598.4 MW	OK	Multiple ¹
Diversion	200.6 MW	TX	Baylor
Mooringsport	200 MW	LA	Caddo
Total	999 MW		

Maps showing the locations of the Selected Facilities as well as the location of the Diversion facility within Baylor County, Texas, are provided below.



Each of the Selected Facilities is owned by an affiliate of Invenergy LLC. SWEPCO has contracted to acquire 100% of each facility, for a total of 999 MW. In the event that approval is not received from all state regulatory commissions, SWEPCO requests approval in this application to acquire a larger share of the Selected Facilities for the benefit of Texas customers.

The total project capital costs for the Selected Facilities, including all owner's costs, is approximately \$2.175 billion. Closing is subject to regulatory approvals and other conditions, and there are no pre-closing progress or other payments.

Persons with questions about this Application should contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the PUC at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. All communications should refer to Docket No. 53625, and any request to intervene in that docket should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is September 9, 2022 and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

A copy of SWEPCO's petition may be viewed on the Commission's webpage at <https://www.puc.texas.gov>. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Filings/Filings Search" section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is Docket No. 53625.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COVID-19 cases rise once again

COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week rose to 74,652, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, up 21% from the previous week, with 111 deaths reported. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations rose to 2,460 up 19.7% from the previous week, according to DSHS.

Storytime set for Gilmer library

Two books will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (July 7).

"Penguin's Hidden Talent" by Alex Latimer, and "Penguinaut!" by Marcie Colleen, 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, she added.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.)

While the events are free to the public, 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.

State Sales Tax Revenue nets \$3.7 Billion in June

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.68 billion in June, 16.4 percent more than in June 2021.

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

As a result of a sustained period of historically high revenues, later this month Hegar will provide an update to the Certification Revenue Estimate published in November 2021. That update will result in a significant increase in estimated revenue available for the 2022-23 biennium.

"State sales tax collections surged in June, outpacing inflation, with strong growth in receipts from all major economic sectors," Hegar said.

"The strongest growth was in sectors driven primarily by business spending, with receipts from the mining sector nearly doubling collections from last year, and with receipts from the manufacturing, wholesale trade and construction sectors also up sharply.

"Receipts from restaurants and the services sector were strong once again in June, as consumers continue to spend more on live events with entertainment options becoming available that were not available the last two years.



Congratulation to each of the candidates on bringing a total amount of \$538,775 for the 85th East Texas Yamboree, which features Yamboree Queen Carly Dean and Princess Addison Walker. Other members of the queen's court include Ava-Claire Castleman, Sydney Keller, Peyton Warren, Rajohnna Canady and Carmella Crow.

"While receipts overall from retail trade were strong, receipts from furniture and home furnishings stores, as well as sporting goods and hobby stores, declined from year-ago levels for the third straight month, another indication consumers are switching spending from goods to services."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2022 was up 12.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$584 million, down 1 percent from June 2021;
- motor fuel taxes — \$323 million, up 3 percent from June 2021;
- oil production tax — \$679 million, the highest monthly collection on record,

up 87 percent from June 2021;

- natural gas production tax — \$439 million, the highest monthly collection on record, up 176 percent from June 2021;

- hotel occupancy tax — \$67 million, up 24 percent from June 2021; and

- alcoholic beverage taxes — \$150 million, up 9 percent from June 2021.

Masonic lodge installs new officers

Robert E. (Bob) Lansdale was recently installed as worshipful master of Bethesda Masonic Lodge No. 142 A.F. & A.M. at the Gilmer lodge's annual installation of officers.

Other new or holdover officers for the 2022-23 year who were present and installed included John Paul Steelman, junior warden; David Chandler, treasurer; Todd Stansbury, secretary; Bob Bates, senior deacon; Kelly W. Ferrell, junior deacon; David Holden, marshal; Joe Lynn Tillery, master of ceremonies; and Clayton

Venn, tiler.

Other new or holdover officers who were not present included Richard Smith, senior warden; James Parker, chaplain; and David Skinner and Troy Murray, stewards.

Robert Cromley was installing master while Kevin Saxon was installing marshal. Cromley charged Lansdale to "convince mankind of the goodness of the institution."

No surprise: It's still hot and dry

Above-normal temperatures and a lack of rainfall in the past month mean the risk of wildfires remains high across the state.

"State and local first responders have been incredibly busy this year without much reprieve and forecast conditions indicate that we may be facing a very busy summer season as well," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service fire chief. "We urge Texans to be cautious and prevent wildfire ignitions this summer."

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