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Fireworks on tap at lake Friday

After last year's many cancellations of the area fireworks shows, concerts, and other events due to COVID-19 and social distancing precaution guidelines, many people are fired up for this year's July 4th celebration.

Not only are they ready to celebrate the freedom of this country, but also the freedom from mask mandates and pandemic-related closures.

Almost every East Texas town will be pulling out all the stops this weekend, with Gladewater's Chamber of Commerce leading the way on Friday, July 2, at Lake Gladewater.

The day-long lake event will feature swimming, games and food trucks, followed at 8 p.m. with the annual Boat Parade, sponsored by Austin Bank. That event will lead into the chamber-sponsored fireworks and music extravaganza.

If you miss Gladewater's fun fest, here's is a list for those who want to have some Independence Day fun.

Longview

The City of Longview's annual Fireworks and Freedom Celebration will return on July 4. This year, the best-in East Texas fireworks display will top off an evening of great food vendors and Texas country music legend Mark Chesnutt in concert. Vendors open at 4. Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Center, 100 Grand Boulevard.

Hawkins

Lake Hawkins 4th of July Fireworks Show 2021 at Lake Hawkins RV Park, Sunday, July 4, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$5 entry fee.

Kilgore

Festivities will begin with choir

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July 9th and 10th, 2021!



After canceling in 2020 and rescheduling from the third week of April - all due to the Pandemic and health concerns - East Texas Gusher Days is back and will be held June 9-10 in downtown Gladewater.

Come check out Sunshine Midway's exciting rides and attractions Friday and Saturday, then cruise on over Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and check out the awesome line-up of award winning classic cars. Sign-up for the Car Show starts at 9 a.m..

And don't miss out on the dozens of arts and crafts vendors and tempt your taste buds at the dozens of food vendors lining the red brick streets.

And if chili is your thing - and what Texan isn't a chili fan - come try your hand at cooking up a winning chili recipe in the CASA-sanctioned event on Saturday. Turn in will be at 1 p.m. and the entry fee is \$20.

Sign up begins at 8 a.m. at the chili tent located at Center and Commerce street. Remember if you plan to compete - use meat chili grind and NO beans in the chili.

If you just cook beans, sign up for the Jackpot Beans contest. Entry fee is \$5 with turn-in at noon. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for 1st Place Chili, 1st Place Bean, and Peoples' Choice Award. For more information call the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at 903-845-5501 or Jim Bardwell at 903-235-8543 or jbardwell@gladwatermirror.com. Entry forms and rules may be viewed and downloaded at www.gusher-days.com

Mark your calendar, grab up the kids and come on down for some hometown fun.

Council tours city facilities as budget process begins

By Jim Bardwell

In preparation for this Thursday's budget workshop at 6 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, council members climbed aboard a bus at 8 a.m. Saturday and toured the city's many facilities.

The tour of the wastewater treatment plant, municipal airport, Lake Gladewater, water treatment plant, Gay Hagen Cemetery and city ball park proved beneficial as it allowed council members to see what improvements have been made in the past year and what needs have yet to be addressed.

Earlier in the week Gladewater City Manager Ricky presented a \$9,574,125 preliminary budget to the council for fiscal budget 2021-22. The tour allowed him to show off the city's recently completed \$3,900,000 wastewater treatment rehabilitation and the \$1.600,000 water treatment plant improvements.

The on-site inspections will help the council when it comes to deciding which city department gets more funding this year and which has to wait until next year.

And with some revenue sources declining this year, squeezing as much as possible out of what tax dollars are available will be harder and harder.

One way of funding 2021-22 expenses, which calls for a 3-percent raise for all employees would require

a 3-cent tax hike. That wish list item might be hard to get past council members.

The city hasn't handed out raises in three years and that has resulted in some employees taking their talents to neighboring cities.

Council member Brandy Flanagan said while she understands the need to reward hard-working employees, selling a 3-cent tax hike to taxpayers won't be easy. Flanagan asked Tow to work up a second proposed budget that doesn't include the raises and tax increase for Thursday's meeting.

The current proposed budget's wish list from department heads also asks for the addition of an animal control officer - a position that was eliminated a few years ago during a budget crunch - and new computers for the police department and the rehab of the city jail.

But with a proposed tax rate of \$0.7865, which contains all the wish list requests - Gladewater would have one of the highest tax rates in East Texas. Gilmer was at \$0.649195 in 2020, while White Oak was at \$0.60240 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of all taxable property. Kilgore is at \$0.539000, Clarksville City is at \$0.647520 and Bullard is at \$0.595599. Only the City of Troup is currently higher at \$0.829434.

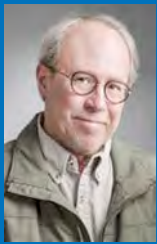


Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow guides council members through the various departments that will be funded in the 2021-22 city budget during a four-hour tour Saturday on a bus, making stops at the water treatment plant, ballpark, lake and other city owned and operated facilities. Photo by Jim Bardwell



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



...melting my heart

The first time my sweetheart proposed to me I was 17. The moon was shining on the lake illuminating the image of a very tall Cross on the gently rippling waves. He had brought a gold ring with a dangling heart that had SB engraved on one side and JB on the other. I was far too young to say yes. My heart has been his, whether I knew it or not, since I was 13 when we met at Christian Youth Foundation in Athens.

When I said yes, I was still far too young at 19. But I did, and a short four months later we were married in a beautiful ceremony at First Christian Church in Corsicana. Our church camp director was one of two pastors conducting the ceremony. The vows we spoke are more true today, 46 years later: "I love you as I love no other. All that I am I give to you, now and forever." Here's the deal, that "love and giving" is a lifetime process. By the time you figure it out you wonder where the time has gone.

Where is the lithe girl with the long hair and infectious smile? Where is that boy whose beautiful eyes could melt ice? No one sees either any longer except for the two of us. And that is the odd thing, our spirits are still the ones from camp. The girl who wore flowers in her hair, the boy who picked her up and held her close. The couple who played in the spillway and had mud fights. The kids who have grown up together and hopefully, grown to be better people together, have built a life sometimes by design, sometimes by default, and most certainly by trial and error.

At 19 and 20 we married in a haze of longing for each other. We left for our junior year of college and grew individually and together. At 28 we had a precious son who brought us great joy and of whom we are still so very proud. Along the way there were arguments, financial and emotional disasters, illness, heartbreaks and loss just as there are in every life. What you do with them is what matters.

I used to say we were very different people with very different backgrounds. That was the way it began but not where it ended. We

Suzanne Bardwell



have grown together over the years. And like many of our friends in the newspaper field, we are partners in business and in life. If you can work together, play together and be together 24 hours a day and not kill each other that is success at the highest levels in my book.

When we were young my sweetheart told me he picked me out because he wanted me to be the mother of his child, that he wanted a certain kind of life that he saw in me. I wanted him because his eyes melted my heart. They still do.

Democrats sue over defunding legislative branch

House Democrats filed a petition with the Texas Supreme Court on Friday, seeking to overturn Gov. Greg Abbott's veto of funding for the legislative branch.

As the Austin American-Statesman and other media outlets reported, House Democrats were joined by the AFL-CIO and caucuses representing Black and Latino lawmakers in asking the court to determine the governor's actions were unconstitutional.

Abbott used his line-item veto power to abolish funding for the legislative branch in the next biennial budget, which takes effect Sept. 1. He was angered by the last-minute walkout of House Democrats to stop consideration of various voting law changes pushed by the governor and Republican legislators.

"Abbott's veto is an abuse of power, an act of legislative coercion and a threat to democracy, the result of which is clear and immediate harm to the people of Texas," said Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, chair of the Texas House Democratic Caucus.

"The Legislature is a co-equal branch of government and the separation of powers is enshrined in our state constitution," Turner said. "The governor doesn't get to simply cancel another branch of government when he doesn't get his way."

Abbott's veto struck \$410.2 million allocated for the Legislature and numerous agencies that provide support to lawmakers.

Besides state lawmakers, who make \$600 a month, Turner said the veto could affect up to 2,000 employees of the Texas Senate and House and those agencies.

Special session set for July 8

Abbott has called for a special session beginning July 8, his office announced last week. He said in a press release that the items to be addressed "will be announced prior to the convening of the special session." Abbott had said previously that he would ask legislators to work on two priority election bills that died when the Democrats walked out, as well as a bail bill that also failed.

On Friday, Abbott urged county judges across Texas to submit their two-year projected budget for expenses related to what he terms the "ongoing border crisis." The projections, submitted online, will be used by the state to request additional border security funding during the upcoming special session.

On Friday, the governor also urged jailers statewide to assist border sheriffs with operating detention facilities and providing jail beds for people arrested on state charges related to crossing the border illegally.

PUC outlines disconnection procedures

The Texas Public Utility Commission met Thursday with its newest member, Lori Cobos, being sworn in by Chairman Peter Lake.

As previously reported, the PUC has ended the moratorium on disconnections in effect since February. The first day for potential disconnections is June 29. Customers have specific rights under PUC rules when it comes to potential disconnections for nonpayment.

The PUC publishes a "Know Your Rights" page on its website, which can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/6byxdy97>.

The PUC also said the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which it oversees, will have to release information about power outages more quickly.

Right now, the state's main power grid operation has 60 days to release information about power plant outages, such as occurred recently during a June heat wave. That has been reduced to three days.

However, as the Texas Tribune reported, ERCOT could include which power plants were down and for how long, but not much more detail about why the outage occurred.

Number of vaccinated Texans edges upward

The number of Texans fully vaccinated has reached 11.7 million or 40 percent of the state's total population, according to Texas Health and Human Services. Meanwhile, hospitalizations in the past week of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas stayed roughly the same as the previous week at 1,481. New cases of COVID-19 in the state in the past week totaled 8,825 with 167 deaths recorded, little changed from the previous week.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

What a Difference a Year Made

A year ago, the economy had begun to stabilize after two months of cataclysmic decline due to COVID-19 and the massive response. Almost overnight, millions of jobs disappeared, and an economy in the midst of a record-shattering expansion suddenly went into freefall.

While some businesses managed to readily implement remote operations, thousands simply shut down. However, things began to improve fairly quickly as the path forward became clearer, with Texas adding jobs in 12 of the past 13 months. Since April 2020, the Texas economy has regained well over one million jobs (though employment remains

significantly below pre-pandemic levels). All major industry groups have added employees, with the lone exception of Mining and Logging (which in Texas is essentially oil and gas).

The most recent data (May 2021) indicate that Texas added 34,400 total nonagricultural jobs, with unemployment dropping to 6.5%. With decreasing cases and hospitalizations and increasing numbers vaccinated, travel is picking up, and the Leisure and Hospitality industry (the hardest-hit during the pandemic) added 14,200 jobs in May. Professional and Business Services increased by 13,800. Manufacturing gained 3,200 jobs, a particularly positive signal for future growth, and residential real estate and construction is on fire.

Although not yet showing annual growth, a notably encouraging sign for Texas is

the beginnings of a reemergence of the energy sector. Global demand plunged almost 30% last spring, and prices plummeted (even briefly below zero). Today, consumption is within 4% of its prior peak, prices are hovering around \$70 per barrel, and production and rig counts are on the rise. It will be a while before the jobs return in large numbers, but the path is clear.

Around the state, cities are recovering at varying rates. Unemployment is particularly low in Abilene, Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan, Lubbock, and Sherman-Denison. Large, stable industries such as higher education, health care, and state government are important in these areas. Cities in the Rio Grande Valley are recovering more slowly, as cross-border activity remains restricted. Energy-dependent areas are also

lethargic but are likely to see a notable spike as conditions normalize. Some cities have regained all of the employment losses, while others lag well behind.

As we had been expecting from the outset, the comeback has been rapid compared to prior downturns (although the pandemic slowed things down longer than originally anticipated). In prior major recessions, there were issues precipitating the downturn which subsequently slowed the recovery. For example, the 2009 recession was driven by a mortgage crisis and financial meltdown, which took years to overcome. This time, there were no big speculative bubbles or structural issues, which has been pivotal. We're not there yet, but we can see it from here. Stay safe!

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LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND OPTIMISM

In the world today, everything is not bright on the horizon, but neither is everything gloomy and hopeless. We are not the first people to face a sinful and unfavorable world. (1 Jn. 5: 19; Gal. 1: 4). Thus, we have a choice. We can adopt the attitude that says: "If you can't beat them join them," or we can determine "To have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them." (Eph. 5: 11). I prefer the latter, what about you? Don't overlook the power of righteousness in these dark days, when all around us seems clouded by sin and moral turpitude. Righteous people can make a big difference!

Technology has changed the world. Radio, television, computers, cell phones, and the Internet, can reach every corner of the globe. Sure, these advancements can be used as instruments of evil, but they also can be harnessed for truth and righteousness. Travel has been streamlined so that no location is inaccessible to us. Thus, we have more means to carry the gospel of Christ to the whole world than we have ever before in the history of mankind. (Mk. 16: 15-16; Matt. 28: 19-20). Yes, there are challenges, threats, and dangers lurking, but there also are opportunities, blessings, and open doors. But, hasn't it always been this way? Charles Dickens, in his "Tale of Two Cities" accurately reflected: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

Be responsible, anchor your life to the Word of God, with Christ at the center, aware of the temptations and dangers that lie before us. Obey Him, and pray for the determination to be faithful against the wiles of the devil. (Eph. 6: 11). All gloom and doom, eats away at our hope, but remember, it is true that "every cloud has a silver lining," and "after the storm passes the sun will shine." Do not only think on these things, act upon them.

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OBITUARIES

MABLE ANNA DURBIN

Funeral Services for Mable Anna Durbin, 79, of Gladewater were Monday, June 28, 2021, at Clarksville Baptist Church with Bro. Roger Gage and Bro. Greg Selman officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Gilmer.



The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. Mrs. Durbin passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at her home in Gladewater.

Mrs. Gage was born January 15, 1942 in Corpus Christi, Texas to the late Joseph Bryan Dean and Carolyn Mae McConnell. Mable was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She worked in the home health industry. She was a member of the Clarksville Baptist Church. She will not soon be forgotten by the loving family and friends she leaves behind.

Mable is survived by her daughter Rebecca Johnson; brothers Joseph Paul Dean and James David Dean; grandchildren Chad Martin, Andrew Martin, Chelsea Pate, Cameron Gann, Chris Gann, Casey Robinson, and Clay Gann; great grandchildren; Owen, Nova, Adalin Mae, Carter, Cami, Karsyn, Michael, Chloe, Cooper, Caira, and Trystan as well as many other loving family and friends.

Mable is preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Durbin, son Jeffrey Lee Martin, and brother, John Bryan Dean.

Online tributes and condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net



HERMAN NUTEN HANKS

Herman Nuten Hanks, 80, passed away Thursday, June 17, 2021 in Gladewater. Herman was



born July 15, 1940 in Shaw, Mississippi to the late Warren Tolliver Hanks and Lorise O'Bryant Hanks.

Mr. Hanks served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and Berlin Conflict. He retired from Mutual of Omaha after more than 30 years of service as a Manager in the Lake Charles and Longview areas. Herman enjoyed woodworking; building furniture and cabinets. He was a wine enthusiast and even made his own wine. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. Herman was a generous, caring and giving man. He loved his family and friends and will not soon be forgotten by all those that knew him.

Herman is survived by his wife of sixty years, Dolores Jo Warren Hanks; two children Lyle Hanks and wife Cathy and Leatha Goldstein; two brothers James Earl Hanks and wife Sandra and Jerry Hanks; mother-in-law Bessie L. Warren; brother-in-law Frank Abston; two grandchildren Hana Goldstein and Joshua Goldstein; numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Betty Abston and Warren Lorise Marshall and his son-in-law Michael Goldstein

Celebration of Life services for Herman were held Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gladewater with Bro. Wayne Norvell officiating under the direction of Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater.

Online tributes and condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net



MARY ALICE ALLEN

Mary Alice was born in Oppelo, Arkansas to Ersle W. and Vena Blane (McElroy) Standridge on May 30th, 1924. In 1932, at the



height of the East Texas oil boom, she moved to Gladewater with her mother and her stepfather, Earl Thomas. She graduated from Gladewater schools where she made many lifelong friends. Her dearest friend, Madelyn Alford, introduced Mary Alice to her future husband when they were only thirteen years old. He told her back then that he would marry her someday. On August 18th, 1942, she married William Edwin Allen at the original Assembly of God building where her memorial will be held. The young couple enjoyed not only hunting, fishing, and frog-gigging together, but also dinner parties and social events. William and Mary Alice were blessed with three children: William David, Rosemary, and Thomas Andrew "Drew." She was widowed far too soon in life when her beloved husband passed away in 1965.

A naturally gifted vocalist and musician, she sang and played instruments for the church throughout her life. She lived her life to the fullest: creating layout ads for Riff's, featuring Capezio shoes, designing clothes for Nardis of Dallas, designing homes for her homebuilder husband,

William, and customizing home design plans for other builders as well. She also designed the current Assembly of God Church. In her lifetime, she had songs under contract, had children's stories published, and earned an Associate's degree in Horticulture in her fifties. She was fascinated by the arts and was always attempting new creative facets, including concrete and metal sculptures, ceramic painting, oil painting, and stained glass. She was instrumental in the relocation of the Jacobs Institute to Gladewater, as well as being a generous benefactor to many Christian and charitable organizations. She spent many years keeping her grandchildren and encouraging in them a love of the Lord and both aesthetic and performing arts. In her later years, she was consumed with getting the word out about Jesus, through placement of her JESUS yard signs throughout East Texas, an endeavor that was featured by local news media.

Mary Alice is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sons, David and Drew, as well as her grandson, Kevin, grandson-in-law, Brent, and great-granddaughter, Kennedi Rose. She is survived by her daughter, Rosemary Thomas, and husband, Galen Thomas, and daughter-in-law, Jan Allen Vestal; and grandchildren Christian Allen, whom she lovingly raised, and wife Kathlene; Kimberly Lambeth and husband Robert, Nicole Young, Blane Linder and husband John, Rosemond Cates and husband Eric, Kelley Sullins and husband Scott, and Drew

Allen; many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and dear friend, Madelyn Powers Alford. Special thanks to Dr. John Wolcott for his friendship and tender care over the years. Thank you to Texas Home Health Hospice and to Pine Tree Lodge for their kind care; and especially to her caretaker, Amanda, who sang "I'll Fly Away" as she passed peacefully to her eternal home in the early morning hours of June 24, 2021. Services will be held at Clarksville City Assembly of God Church on Thursday, July 1st, at 1:00 p.m. with Brother Laney Pearson officiating. Visitation immediately following.



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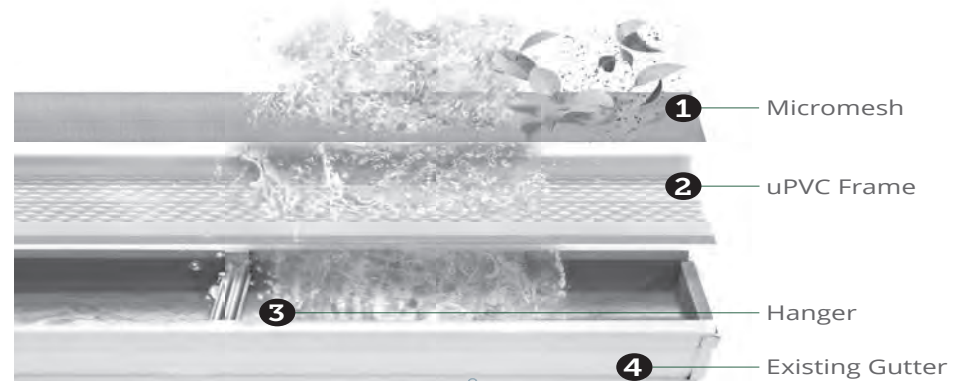
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2021's Best Places to Celebrate 4th of July

With Americans planning to collectively spend \$7.5 billion on 4th of July celebrations this year, the personal-finance website WalletHub released its report on 2021'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 Coronavirus and 4th of July Survey.

To determine the best places to celebrate the most star-spangled occasion, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities based on how well they balance holiday cost and fun. The data set of 23 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. New York, NY | 11. New Orleans, LA |
| 2. San Francisco, CA | 12. Las Vegas, NV |
| 3. Chicago, IL | 13. Buffalo, NY |
| 4. Minneapolis, MN | 14. Orlando, FL |
| 5. Atlanta, GA | 15. Omaha, NE |
| 6. Los Angeles, CA | 16. St. Louis, MO |
| 7. Seattle, WA | 17. Honolulu, HI |
| 8. Washington, DC | 18. Milwaukee, WI |
| 9. San Diego, CA | 19. Dallas, TX |
| 10. St. Paul, MN | 20. Philadelphia, PA |

To view the full report and your city's rank, please visit: [https://wallethub.com/edu/best-4th-of-](https://wallethub.com/edu/best-4th-of-july-celebrations/4651)

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4th of July Facts & Figures

- * \$7.5 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.
- * 80%: Share of community fireworks displays that were canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- * \$1.5+ Billion: Estimated amount spent on fireworks in 2020 (73% of fireworks injuries occur within a month of July 4).
- * \$6.7 Million: Value of American flags imported annually.
- * 48 Million: Number of people who travel 50+ miles from home for the 4th of July.

To view the full infographic, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/blog/4th-of-july-facts/22075>

Survey Key Findings

- * Travel is picking up. 37% more Americans will travel this 4th of July compared to last year.
- * Fireworks aren't essential. 62% of Americans don't think that local governments should use taxpayer dollars for fireworks

displays this year.

* Declaring financial independence. 64% of Americans feel financially independent this 4th of July.

* Saving vs. spending. 62% of Americans believe saving money is more patriotic than spending it.

* More Independence Day spending. 36% of Americans are spending more money this 4th of July compared to last year.

For the complete survey results, visit: <https://wallethub.com/blog/coronavirus-and-4th-of-july-survey/75815>

Q&A with WalletHub

How has the reopening of the country impacted Americans' plans for this 4th of July?

"Around 36% of Americans plan to spend more money on the 4th of July this year compared to last year. That indicates that people are more likely to gather together for the holiday this year, whereas social distancing was the norm last year," said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. "While people were discouraged from traveling last year for the 4th of July, 37% more Americans will travel this year."

How do Americans feel about their finances this 4th of July?

"The encouraging news is that 64% of Americans feel financially independent this 4th of July, which demonstrates that we are recovering from the damage done by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. "Without all of the stimulus measures taken by the government to support people and small businesses, the number of people feeling financially independent would likely be much lower."

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KC-Longview hosting summer camps in carpentry, metal working, electricity, robotics

The Industrial Maintenance program at Kilgore College will host several summer camps in July and August with a variety of technical subjects.

Camps are set for carpentry, metal working, basic electricity/electronics and robotics.

The camps are open to students entering 7th-12th grades and the cost of each camp is \$260.

Each camp is one week long, held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at KC-Longview, located at 300 S. High Street.

Instructor of the camps is Kelly Kaemmerling, industrial maintenance instructor at KC.

"We wanted to offer a variety of camps for students who are eager to explore their interests in these practical skills," Kaemmerling said. "These camps are very hands-on and will inspire students to want to learn more about skills that can - with more training - turn into great careers."

To download registration and medical waiver forms, visit www.kilgore.edu/im-camps.

Payments to attend camps are accepted at the main office at KC-Longview or by phone at (903) 753-2642.

Students are asked to bring a sack lunch as lunch will not be provided.

For more information or for any questions, contact Kelly Kaemmerling at (903) 236-2049 or kkaemmerling@kilgore.edu.

WEEK 1 - Carpentry:

Dates: July 12-16 (Monday-Friday)

Cost: \$260

Location: KC-Longview Industrial Maintenance Classroom at KC-Longview (IMT 100)

Description: Students will learn basic carpentry skills, creating

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their own wood projects that they can take with them.

Skills: Shop safety, wood types, hand tools, power tools, blueprints, fasteners, measuring instruments, math, joinery and assembly

WEEK 2 - Metal Working:

Dates: July 19-23 (Mon-Fri)

Cost: \$260

Location: KC-Longview Industrial Maintenance Classroom at KC-Longview (IMT 100)

Description: Students will learn basic metal working skills, making their own metal projects that they can take with them.

Skills: Shop safety, metal types, hand tools, power tools, math, blueprints, measuring instruments, assembly and fasteners

WEEK 3 - Basic Electricity/Electronics:

Dates: July 26-30 (Monday-Friday)

Cost: \$260

Location: Hendrix Building at KC-Longview (LVHDX 305)

Description: Students will work with Arduino kits to build and test electrical circuits.

Skills: Electrical safety, Ohm's law, electrical schematics, switches, resistors, lights and potentiometers

WEEK 4 - Robotics:

(Prerequisite: Basic Electricity/Electronics)

Dates: August 2-6 (Monday-Friday)

Cost: \$260

Location: Hendrix Building at KC-Longview (LVHDX 305)

Description: Students will work with Arduino kits to learn programming and basic robotics, working on a collaborative project to build a robot.

Skills: Electrical safety, DC motor, stepper motor, actuator control and wireless controls

Storytime in Gilmer

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

"Eloise and the Big Parade" by Hilary Knight and "Happy 4th of July Jenny Sweeney" by Leslie Kimmelman, 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, said Dunn.

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.youseemore.com/upshur.

Bass Club June results

Gladewater Bass Club June tournament at Lake O' the Pines saw first team honors go to Benefield and McDonald with a 16.29 lb. string, second goes to the team of Crow and Kennedy with a 15.93 lb. string and third place went to team Slayton with a 15.27 lb. string and the Big Bass at 6.72 lbs.

The Gladewater Bass Club meets the first Monday of every month at Tejas Restaurant at 7 p.m. All interested anglers are invited to join the group.

Upshur budget on tap

Upshur County Commissioners Court is scheduled to discuss and possibly act on the county's budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year Wednesday (June 30.)

That is among 14 items on the agenda, counting such matters as the invocation and adjournment, for the 10 a.m. public meeting on the Upshur County Courthouse's

third floor in Gilmer.

While the court recently voted to propose \$1,200 pay raises for all county workers and elected officials--an action that has not been finalized--County Judge Todd Tefteller has said the court is not interested in raising the current tax rate of 61.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

In other major business Wednesday, the court is to hear representatives of the East Texas Council of Governments discuss "opportunities to seek grants to finance the expansion of broadband infrastructure and/or high speed internet service to underserved areas of Upshur County."

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Gladewater City Council will hold a public hearing Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas to consider issuing demolition orders for structures located at:

- 1 AB 56 M DILLARD SUR TR 74; more commonly known as 412 Johnson.
2. LOT 9-10 BLK 5 GLADEVIEW ADDN S177 (A8) .6887 ACRES & M/HOME; more commonly known as 1107 N. Rodeo.
3. LTS 3 THRU 5 BLK 5 WADDELL; more commonly known as 506 Jeanette.
4. AB 179 L J RIGSBY SUR TR 51 SEC 1 & AB 50 J R CROSBY SUR TR 52; more commonly known as 1008 E. Broadway.
5. LOT 10 & 12, BLK 1 NEW LAKE ADDN S260 (A8) .41 ACRES & HOUSE; LOT 1-9 & 13, BLK 1 NEW LAKE ADDN S260 (A8) 1.866 ACRES M/HOME; LOT 13 E40', 14-17, BLK 2 NEW LAKE ADDN S260 (A8) .4339 ACRES & STORAGE HOUSE; more commonly known as 611 Clearview.

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 NOTICE INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

The City of Gladewater is seeking and accepting SEALED BIDS for property clearing at LT 8 BLK 2 NORTON & OLSON, more commonly known as 418 Godfrey Street.

Submit SEALED BIDS to Al Harrison, Building Official, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas 75647 by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021. All bids must contain a copy of the bidders Insurance or bond policy.

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(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton St. The Longview MPO will present an amendment to the FY 2021 - FY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to assign the Bus and Bus Facilities (Sec 5339) Program funds to the Transit Project Descriptions and Financial Summary. The TIP is a plan, which identifies federally funded highways, bridges, bicycle & pedestrian projects, and Longview Transit public transportation projects to be constructed or implemented in the next four years. The public is invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook Live, on CityView Municipal TV at LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and on Longview Cable TV, Channel 10.1 or 215. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. A 10 day public comment review period for the TIP will be held from July 7 to July 16, 2021. Comments and questions regarding the TIP may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. The TIP will be available for review online, after the meeting, at LongviewTexas.gov/MPO and at the Longview Public Library located at 222 W. Cotton St., Longview, TX 75601. This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's program of the project requirements and Longview Transit. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact Bryan McBride at 903-237-1062. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Natasha Jaime en 903-237-1060.

NOTICE
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: The Unknown Heirs of ROBERT WILLIAM BURNS, deceased

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #2 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Jennifer Lea Burns in said court on the 23rd day of June, 2021, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled "In the Estate of ROBERT WILLIAM BURNS" the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2021-0251-E, the nature of such application being for

Application for Determination of Heirship and Request for Letters of Independent Administration

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County.

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	EMS	202103475	14:55	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103476	15:03		105 N PAUL PAUL
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103477	15:20		HWY 80 HWY 80
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	EMS	202103480	18:32		512 N FERRY FERRY
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	ALARMOTHER	202103497	17:05	AEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
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	MISCELLANEOUS	202103565	23:00		HWY 271 HWY 271
6/25/21	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103566	0:04		E EDDY EDDY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103567	1:40		271 271
	ASSIST	202103568	3:57	WHITE OAK PD	103 E OLD HWY 80 OLD HWY 80
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202103569	3:58		GREENWAY GREENWAY VLG
	FIRE DEPT	202103570	4:30		709 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103571	10:34		MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202103572	10:55		1102 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	ALARMOTHER	202103573	11:07	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103574	12:28		S TYLER TYLER ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103575	14:23		400 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202103576	14:28		690 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103577	15:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103578	16:26		520 NORTH NORTH ST
	ABANDONED 911	202103579	18:27		
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103580	20:41		S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103581	21:15	TW LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	TERROR THREAT	202103582	21:20		2013 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	EMS	202103583	21:30		515 W GAY GAY AVE
	ASSIST	202103584	21:41		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103585	22:19		HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103586	22:32	O'REILLYS AUTO PARTS	HWY 80 HWY 80
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103587	22:40	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	WARRANT	202103588	23:44		E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
6/26/21	FIRE DEPT	202103589	0:15		709 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103590	0:55		1612 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103591	1:27	THE BAR	26237 COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103592	2:22		2320 W GAY GAY
	FIRE DEPT	202103593	2:45		71 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	WARRANT	202103594	4:05	LAUNDRY KING	603 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	202103595	9:00		1805 HONEY SUCKLE HONEY SUCKLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103596	9:14	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103597	9:18		
	EMS	202103598	10:07		23481 CR 3172 CR 3172
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103599	10:37		407 N HOWARD HOWARD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103600	10:45		212 E MILLER MILLER
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103601	11:11		MAPLE MAPLE
	ABANDONED 911	202103602	11:59		204 E EDDY EDDY ST
	ESCORT	202103603	12:22	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103604	13:03		620 GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103605	13:41		800 W PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103606	14:32	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103608	16:09		321 W SUNSET SUNSET ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103609	17:33		1604 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103611	18:34		518 MELBA MELBA
	ABANDONED 911	202103612	18:53		
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103613	20:09	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	ASSIST	202103614	21:39	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103615	22:20		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	202103616	22:24	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202103617	23:04	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

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ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	EDWARDS	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/20/21	6/20/21	20:06	EDWARDS, SUZETTE DANIELL	B	F	ABANDON ENDANGER CHLD W/INTENT TO RETURN	401 SPENCER ST	
	6/20/21	20:06	EDWARDS, SUZETTE DANIELL	B	F	ABANDON ENDANGER CHLD W/INTENT TO RETURN	401 SPENCER ST	
	6/20/21	20:06	EDWARDS, SUZETTE DANIELL	B	F	ABANDON ENDANGER CHLD W/INTENT TO RETURN	401 SPENCER ST	
6/23/21	6/23/21	21:27	BOWENS, DEQUANCA CHAREZZ	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	400 MELBA	
	6/23/21	21:27						

Amendments to Texas Farm Animal Liability Act Effective September 1

The Texas Legislature has passed and Governor Abbott has signed House Bill 365, which will make important changes to the Texas Farm Animal Liability Act (FALA). All farm animal owners should pay careful attention to the changes coming to the FALA, which will modify the scope of application and will also require additional steps to be taken by farm animal owners.

The Texas Farm Animal Liability Act is a statute offering limited liability to farm animal owners if injuries are caused by an inherent risk to a farm animal activity. For example, when a person rides a horse, there is an inherent risk that person could get bucked off. Through the FALA, the Texas legislature intended to ensure the horse owner in this example would not be liable for resulting injuries. The statute was passed in 1995 and was amended in 2011 to expand the scope beyond just equine animals to all "farm animals."

In 2020, the Texas Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Waak v. Rodriguez*, a case involving an employee who was killed while moving a bull. The Court found that the FALA was inapplicable if the injured party was a "rancher or ranch hand." The Court believed that the legislature intended the Act's protections to apply only to situations such as "shows, rides, exhibitions, competitions, and the like." For more information on this decision, click here.

In the aftermath of the *Waak* decision, the Texas Legislature met for the 87th Legislative Session. Representative Andrew Murr introduced House Bill 365. This bill was designed to essentially modify the FALA to ensure that it does, in fact, apply to working ranches and in situations involving injured ranchers and ranch hands, among other changes. In other words, HB 365 would essentially undo the Texas Supreme Court's verdict in the *Waak* case going forward.

House Bill 365 was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 4, 2021. The new provisions

of the Farm Animal Liability Act included in this bill will be effective as of September 1, 2021.

There are a number of key changes made by HB 365 of which farm animal owners should be aware.

Specifically, this bill would add language to ensure its application to working farms and ranches and in instances where a rancher or ranch hand is injured. For example, the title of the statute would change from "Liability Arising from Farm Animal Activities or Livestock Shows" to "Liability Arising from Farm Animals." Tex. H.B. 365, 87th Leg. R.S. (2021). In order to achieve this objective, a number of definitions have been amended. Do note that "farm" means "any real estate, land area, facility, or ranch used wholly or partly for raising, cultivating, propagating, fattening, grazing, or any other farming, livestock, agricultural, apicultural, or aquacultural operation.

The meaning of "farm animal activity" will now also include owning, raising, transporting, or pasturing a farm animal. Similarly, the definition also includes assisting in or providing animal health management activities, including vaccines, assisting in or conducting customary tasks on a farm concerning farm animals, and transporting or moving a farm animal. Id. at § 87.001(3). "Engages in a farm animal activity" will be modified to include feeding, vaccinating, exercising, weaning, transporting, producing, herding, corralling, branding, dehorning, assisting in or providing health management activities, and engaging in routine or customary activities on a farm to handle and manage farm animals.

The bill also adds express language to a couple of additional definitions. It adds "farm owners or lessees" to the description of those protected throughout the bill and includes a person who handles, buys, or sells livestock animals to the definition of "livestock producer."

Currently, the FALA defines

a farm animal professional as a person engaged for compensation in instructing a participant, or renting to a participant a farm animal for the purpose of riding, driving, or being a passenger on the farm animal; renting tack to the participant; examining or administering medical treatment to a farm animal as a veterinarian; and someone providing veterinary or farrier services—who would be required to hang the sign.

HB 365 will expand the "farm animal professional" definition to add persons engaged for compensation in the following activities: "providing nonmedical care or treatment to a farm animal, including vaccinations; assisting in providing animal health management activities, including vaccination; providing care, feeding, and husbandry of farm animals; assisting or conducting customary tasks on a farm concerning farm animals; and transporting or moving livestock."

One of the most important changes for farm and ranch owners to be aware of has to do with the requirements that a sign be hung for farm animal professionals. The amendments will require farm animal professionals (which is more broadly defined, as noted above) as well as all farm owners or lessees to post and maintain a sign with statutory language per the Act's requirements. Id. at § 87.005. Additionally, the same statutory language must be included in every written contract that a farm animal professional, owner, or lessee enters into with a participant, employee, or independent contractor for professional services, instruction, or the rental of equipment or tack of a farm animal.

The required language has been slightly modified by the new bill, and will read as follows effective September 1:

Previously, farm and ranch owners and lessees were not required to hang the sign. Now, however, they will need to do so. Moreover, because the statutory language required for the sign has been changed (by including farm owners or lessees to the list

of those protected and adding the language about independent contractors or employees), farm animal professionals and farm and ranch owners may want to obtain signs with this new language out of an abundance of caution.

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When it comes time to pick the perfect melon, people often make their selection based on three characteristics: presence of seeds or lack thereof, size and ripeness.

Determining ripeness requires some knowledge; how can you

pick a ripe watermelon?

Typically, a producer measures the sweetness of a watermelon by their Brix count, a way to measure sweetness. On this scale, measurements of 10 are standard and measurements of 11 are considered very sweet.

According to Juan Anciso, Ph.D., a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service vegetable specialist in Weslaco and professor with the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, this year's Brix count measures watermelon sweetness, especially those from the Rio Grande Valley, off the charts between 11 and 13.

However, just because this year's crop of watermelons is a higher quality, it does not mean the melon you pick will be the best of the bunch. The following three tips will teach you how to pick the best watermelon.

Tip 1: Find the yellow belly, or the field spot

Other than cutting open a watermelon to see the inside, the field spot is perhaps the best indicator of the ripeness. This spot on a melon shows where it was laying on the ground while attached to the vine.

If the watermelon is ripe, the field spot should be a large, yellow patch on one side of the melon. If it is ripe, the color should be a creamy, almost butter-like yellow. The bigger the yellow belly and the creamier the color means the more time the melon spent ripening on the vine. However, if the spot is smaller or looks more white than yellow, then the melon may not be as ripe.

Tip 2: Tap the underbelly and listen for a deep sound

Another way to find a ripe watermelon is to lightly knock the outside with your knuckles. A ripe melon will have a deeper sound, as opposed to an over-ripe one that will have a more hollow or flat sound. A duller, more hollow sound can mean the flesh is starting to go soft and spoil.

Tip 3: Look for a dull and heavy watermelon

Although it may not be the most photogenic nor the easiest to carry to your car, the best watermelons will be dull in appearance and heavier than the rest. A shiny melon indicates the insides are under ripe.

Also, the best melon of the bunch will most likely be heavier than the rest.

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Fireworks on tap at lake Friday

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members from the First Baptist Church and St. Lukes United Methodist followed by the band Dagnabbit that will bring us music for the evening. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. Remember to bring chairs and blankets. This will take place at the park.

Food and drinks will be on hand from Kilgore Lions Club,

Coffee and T's, Raisin' Smokes BBQ, Charlie's Snowball, Old Man BBQ, Roz's Eats, Wheelers Homemade Ice Cream, and KONA ICE.

The fireworks will be accompanied by a simulcast on KDOK 105.3 and 1240 A.M.

The Kilgore City Pool and the Lazy S Splash Ranch hours will be extended until 9 p.m.

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Lindsey Park fireworks show and other events will take place Sunday, July 4, from 12 – 7 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will host its annual fireworks show on Saturday, July 3. The gates to the parking lot will open at 6:30 p.m. The watermelons and 1,000 hot dogs are free while they last. The free family event will feature live music by 6 Miles to Mixon, Kona Ice, Pokey O's, Ted Kamel Food Services, Poke in Da Eye BBQ, and Texas Taco. The fireworks show will begin at dusk on Saturday.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located about 2.5 miles south of Loop 323 on Troup Highway.

Fireworks and fun at South Spring Baptist Church. There will be food trucks, music, bounce houses, and more! It's free to enter and the gates will open at 6 p.m. Fireworks will start at dark (usually around 8:45 or 9 p.m.). 17002 Hwy 69 S. (formerly south campus of First Baptist of Tyler.)

Overton

"The longest fireworks show in East Texas" will take place on July 3 from 5 p.m. until dark. Overton

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Winona

The Winona community will be hosting a free 4th of July celebration at Winona ISD's high school campus at 6 p.m. The celebration will feature "fun in the water" by the Winona Volunteer Fire Department, games, food vendors, and live music from a group called Bluez Boyz. The fireworks show will start at 9:15 p.m.

The event is being put on by the First Baptist Church of Winona, Cross Brand, Winona ISD, and the Winona Chamber of Commerce.

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2021's Best Cities for BBQ Fans

Smoked, sauced, grilled — we love our barbecue. But which are 2021's Best BBQ Cities in America?

With Fourth of July around the corner and our mouths watering, LawnStarter compared 199 of the biggest U.S. cities based on 14 key markers of a true barbecue city for serious fans.

Among the factors we looked at: the number of national award-winning BBQ restaurants and chefs; whether the city has hosted at least one "master-level" competition blessed by KCBS; the number of barbecue festivals; and, of course, fan ratings.

See the 10 barbecue scenes that smoked the competition (or came under friendly fire) below, followed by some highlights and lowlights from our report.

2021's Best Cities for BBQ Fans

Rank	City
1	Kansas City, MO
2	Chicago, IL
3	Houston, TX
4	Cincinnati, OH
5	Memphis, TN
6	Louisville, KY
7	St. Louis, MO
8	New York, NY
9	Minneapolis, MN
10	Overland Park, KS

2021's Worst Cities for BBQ Fans

Rank	City
190	Lakewood, CO
191	Vancouver, WA
192	Rockford, IL
193	El Paso, TX
194	Garland, TX
195	Anchorage, AK
196	Columbus, GA
197	Amarillo, TX
198	Akron, OH
199	Aurora, IL

Think fire safety this July 4th holiday

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.

Professional fireworks displays are an excellent way to safely enjoy fireworks while celebrating

our Nation's Independence Day, but 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.
- * Never light fireworks near other people
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The Gladewater Lion's Club President, Lisa Wilburn and Second Vice District Governor, District 2-X2, Rickey Caughron, presented the "Lion of the Year Award" to member Martin Pessink, owner of Sasquatch's Trading Post in Gladewater. Since joining the club, Martin's philosophy of "doing what is right, is easy" has blessed the Gladewater Lions Club according to its members. Pessink was instrumental in keeping the organization alive during the Covid shutdown by providing a safe weekly meeting space. Pessink, with his business resources, helped the club purchase supplies used at the 2021 Lion's Club Rodeo Concession Stand. Because of his efforts, the Gladewater Lion's Club rodeo sales set a new record which will enable its members to continue the club's extensive charity and community work.



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“Happy 4th. You all stay safe as you celebrate and remember to thank a Vet for serving our great country!”



UPSHUR COUNTY JUDGE
TODD TEFTELLER

Happy Birthday America!

O SAY can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so *proudly* we hail'd
at the twilight's last gleaming,
WHOSE BROAD STRIPES and **BRIGHT STARS**
through the perilous fight
O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH'D,
WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING?
And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag WAS STILL THERE,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?

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