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## Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 6-8

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-8.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"For many families with children who are going back to their school campuses for the first time since the pandemic began, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save money on school supplies and other tax-free items," Hegar said. "As a father with three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up."

School supplies that may be purchased tax-free include: Only the school supplies on this list priced under \$100 qualify for exemption from tax during the sales tax holiday.

- Binders
- Blackboard chalk
- Book bags
- Calculators
- Cellophane tape
- Compasses
- Composition books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders – expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila
- Glue, paste and paste sticks
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Index card boxes
- Kits\*
- Legal pads
- Lunch boxes
- Markers (including dry erase markers)
- Notebooks
- Paper – loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper
- Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Writing tablets

See a complete list of clothing, footwear and other items – qualifying and nonqualifying items - Inside on Page 4

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999, allowing consumers to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes each year. The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save an estimated \$107.3 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.



The Gladewater Police Department recently received 15 new pistols - Glocks - courtesy of John Paul and Beverly Tallent. Gladewater Police Chief said the \$6,000 donation will allow each of his officers to be better equipped and will provide better protection for residents. And with each officer carrying the same type weapon, ammunition will be easier to obtain and in an emergency officers can share weapons. Photo by Jim Bardwell

## Bear tickets sold online Aug. 9-20

GISD Athletic Director Scott Clower has announced that Bear football tickets will be sold online through Event School Tickets. Starting Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 all seats will be open to the general public for purchase of reserved tickets for the season online. Ticket prices remain the same but a small transaction fee will be added. The purchased tickets can be printed out or may be used by phone swipe at the entrance to the stadium. For questions call GHS.

Step-by-step procedure for first time buyers:  
Visit [schooleventticketslogin.com](http://schooleventticketslogin.com) and click "Sign Up" in the upper right corner.

Fill in the prompted information and press submit to create an account.

An activation email will be sent to you, click the link within the email and your account will be activated.

Once account is activated you can log into your account and follow the steps below:

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

1. Go to the event webpage.
2. Select the quantity from the type of tickets you wish to purchase.

-If you were provided an access code, select

"Click Here to Enter PROMO" and you will be able to input your access code to get to your tickets.

If you are on your mobile phone, you must scroll within the ticket box to see all tickets.

To select a quantity, you must click on the white quantity box and scroll within the quantity box to see all numbers.

3. Click "Buy Tickets".
4. Enter the ticket buyer and credit card information.
5. Select "Pay Now".
6. Click "GO TO MY TICKETS" on this page or go to your email to view your tickets
7. Your current orders will appear. Select "View Order".
8. Select "Download Tickets". You can print them, or you can download them onto your mobile device to bring to the event.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are purchasing tickets on your mobile device and the system is not processing your transaction, please turn off your pop up blocker on your browser so that it will allow your transaction to be processed by taking you to the next page where you can download your tickets.



Fire Chief Steve Bayne and Retired Fire Chief/ Department Mentor Andy Killian

## Area VFD receives equipment grant

Up-to-date equipment can improve safety procedures in times of response while protecting firefighters and public alike. West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department received a \$19,800 grant to help purchase several pieces of fire/rescue equipment.

"One of our major upgrades is six new radios with 25-channel frequencies," said West Mountain

VFD Fire Chief Steve Bayne. "Communication is the key to properly coordinating emergency response. It is essential for the safety of not only our department members but also when several departments are responding to an event it is essential in synchronizing teamwork among the responders, keeping everyone safe."

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## Man indicted on murder charges

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury has indicted Jeffrey David Swanner on charges of murdering a Diana man last April 3, Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd's office announced last week.

Swanner, 31, of Diana, was indicted July 8 on charges of killing Kenneth Wadel Buralow, 60, by "striking him on or about the head and body with an ax or other sharp-edged object," the indictment alleges. The suspect remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$1 million bond, Byrd's office said.

Buralow, who was known to neighbors, was

found dead at his home in the 1600 block of Swan Road and Swanner, who lived on the same road nearby, was arrested near his own residence the next day, said Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel at the time of the incident.

Hazel said then that Buralow "appeared to be the victim of assault" and that the men "were known to each other," but "the motive for the incident is still under investigation."

Sheriff's deputies responded about 11:38 p.m. April 3 to a call on the road, "where witnesses advised

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## Preparing for a Heat Wave

The American Red Cross North Texas Region reminds North Texans that this week could bring the highest temperatures we've seen this summer. A little preparation can go a long way in helping to keep you, your family and your fur babies safe during intense heat.

### EXTREME HEAT CONDITIONS

As with severe weather there are several key terms that you need to pay close attention to so that you and those you care about can stay safe or know when to call and ask for help.

Extreme Heat Watch is issued if the potential for extreme heat could occur within the next 24-72 hours.

Extreme Heat Advisory is issued if the forecasted Heat Index is expected to hit 100 degrees. This type of weather condition increases the potential for heat related illness.

Extreme Heat Warning is issued if the forecasted Heat Index is expected to hit or exceed 105 degrees. This type of weather condition significantly increases the potential for heat related illness.

Spending too much time or over-doing it in extreme heat and humidity makes it hard for our bodies to stay cool. When our bodies can't cool down enough, we can suffer from heat-related illness.

Young children, older adults, individuals with chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, individuals taking prescription medicines, outside workers, and those who live alone are more susceptible to the heat and are at greater risk of experiencing a heat-related illness.

### HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

Heat Cramps - the mildest heat-related illnesses, are involuntary muscle spasms and pain that usually occur in the arms, legs, and stomach.

Heat Exhaustion - is more severe than heat cramps and affects the entire body, not just your muscles. Heat exhaustion occurs when your body is unable to cool itself.

Heat Stroke - is the most dangerous of all heat-related illnesses. It develops when the body's systems are overwhelmed by heat and stop functioning - usually because the signs of heat exhaustion are ignored. Heat stroke can lead to permanent damage of your body's organs and can be life-threatening.

### 5 TIPS TO STAY SAFE DURING EXTREME HEAT

Stay Aware - watch weather warnings and adhere to the safety precautions. NEVER leave children or pets in your vehicle.

Keep Cool - if you do not have a working air conditioner, seek relief during the hottest part of the day in places such as libraries, theaters or malls.

Stay Hydrated - drink plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine.

Limit Outdoor Activity - avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day and wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.

Stay Connected - check on friends, family and elderly neighbors who may not have air conditioning or live alone.

## Upshur County man given eight life sentences

An Upshur County jury returned a maximum sentence of eight (8) Life sentences with each sentence carrying a \$10,000.00 fine against 37-year-old Thomas Alan Auld, for eight separate counts of Indecency With a Child committed against a 10 year-old female relative.

The jury began hearing testimony last Wednesday and after a two-day trial, returned a verdict of guilty for all eight counts contained in the indictment. Then after hearing evidence in punishment, the jury assessed the maximum sentence at life in prison.

Prosecutors said in 2019, between the months of March and August, the defendant had access to the child who was his relative and during times he drove her home, he began playing Truth or Dare games that led to Dare or Die. He would take the child's hand and place it on his exposed private area and then would do the same to her. Evidence showed that there was a time period that the defendant lived with the victim and her family and while babysitting, he touched the child and used a candy item called Fun Dip to try to make the child touch him.

Additionally, the State was able to prove that another cousin, who was 15 at the time, was forcibly touched in her private area by the defendant. Further, a child who was 11 at the time and now 17, told the Jury under Oath that she was also isolated by the defendant to play Truth or Dare and that led to inappropriate truths being revealed by the defendant with a threat of not to tell.

The victim in this case was 10 when the abuse began and during trial took the stand and told the Jury what her Uncle did to her. The defense attempted to try and show the time line of events could not be accurate, yet the Jury did not believe that evidence. The child outcried to a friend in confidence who then told her mother. That mother alerted the victim's mom. Otherwise, the abuse would likely continue today. Since telling of her abuse, the child, like so many others, has attempted to take her own life two times. She is and will remain under counselors' and doctors' care for a long period of time.

This charge is normally a Second Degree felony. However, the defendant had already served prison time for burglary of a habitation and jail time for stealing food stamps, so the district attorney's office filed a Notice to Enhance Punishment because of his prior offenses.



# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Workforce commission announces job surge

The Texas Workforce Commission released June employment figures that showed Texas employers added nearly 56,000 jobs in June, while the unemployment rate dropped to 6.5%.

"The Texas economy is booming," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement. "Businesses are investing in the Lone Star State at a record pace because we've built a framework that allows free enterprise to flourish and hardworking Texans to prosper."

TWC's latest statistics show that the leisure and hospitality industry led all others in job growth, adding more than 19,000 jobs. Education and health services employment ranked second, adding 9,500 jobs in June.

### Texas Democrats still holed up in D.C.

More than 50 Texas Democratic legislators remain holed up in a Washington, D.C. hotel, blocking an effort by Republicans to pass more restrictive voting laws during the present special session since state law requires at least 100 reps to have a quorum.

The legislators have been meeting with national Democratic leaders, such as Vice President Kamala Harris, but also dealing with an outbreak of COVID-19 among its members, according to KUT. At least a half dozen legislators, who say they were already vaccinated, have tested positive for the virus while in the nation's capital.

The legislators are pushing for federal voting legislation, called the For the People Act, which has already passed the U.S. House but remains bottled up in the Senate. Without changes to the Senate filibuster rule, passage seems unlikely. The special session in Austin ends Aug. 7, but Abbott has vowed to call another one if the Democrats remain absent, effectively stopping any legislation from passing.

### PUC, ERCOT update consumers on grid reliability

In a joint press conference last Thursday, the chairman of the Public Utility Commission and the interim CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas outlined steps their organizations are taking to improve electric grid reliability during the dog days of summer.

The PUC oversees ERCOT, which is responsible for maintaining the electric grid. ERCOT has drawn heat after the widespread blackouts during the February winter storm, and subsequently pleading for less energy consumption during an early summer heat wave.

"We expect there is sufficient generation to meet summer 2021 electric demand; however, there may be times when we will call on customers to conserve just as other grid operators across the country and around the world do. It's just another tool in the toolbox," Brad Jones, ERCOT interim CEO, said. "In response to a conservation notice, Texans may need to take some simple steps for a limited duration – such as doing laundry in the morning or running the pool pump at night instead of the afternoon – to ensure grid reliability."

Abbott recently issued executive orders directing the PUC and ERCOT to improve grid reliability. Critics say the measures passed in the last regular session to address the issue fall short of what is needed to ensure another grid failure doesn't occur.

### As cases rise, new pop-up vaccine sites announced

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are on the rise again in Texas, largely spurred by the highly contagious delta variant. The Texas Department of State Health Services is again hitting the road to encourage folks to get vaccinated.

Rates of those who are fully inoculated continue to lag, particularly in younger populations. DSHS will hold 18 pop-up events at Walmart locations across the state to talk with parents and families about the importance of vaccination for younger Texans as they prepare for next school year and as the Delta variant spreads more widely in Texas. The DSHS pop-ups last four hours each day and will travel around the state through the first week of August. The events feature a 16-foot video wall, a "Take the Shot" basketball game, and free frozen treats.

COVID-19 cases the past week in Texas continue to rise sharply, up 60% from the previous week, when cases nearly doubled. A total of 36,451 cases were reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University along with 190 deaths, flat compared to the previous week. However, hospitalizations continue to spike, with DSHS reporting 4,137 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas, up more than 30 percent from the previous week.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated rose slightly to 12.51 million, about 43 percent of the state's population. As the delta variant spreads, the state's positivity rate has exceeded 10% for the first time since February.

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### Writer's block with t-shirts to the rescue...

The dog is sick, or his new food just doesn't agree with my carpet. My 94-year old Mom is not well. My sweetie's parents are struggling with health. Hubby has a ferocious earache. My daughter-in-heart's parents have COVID. My son, and only child, is fighting wildfire in Montana. My ancient car is acting up and I refuse to pay pandemic prices for a new/used one. You know, just life.

I am on deadline and Suzie Sunshine can't think of a thing to tell you to entertain, uplift or bring a smile...until I procrastinated and looked at a catalog for inspiration. You know, those paper things that come in the mail and don't strain your eyes from too much screen time. The next thing I know I've caught a grin from reading the witty t-shirt messages. See if any work for you:

"I'm going to lie down under the Christmas Tree to remind my family I'm a gift"...oh, ladies, I know you want one of those, especially you Moms with pre-teens and teens. Or maybe that one is for the under-appreciated dads out there. Heck, I may get one in green, put a red bow in my hair and try it out this Christmas.

This one rings true every time I order dinner at a steakhouse: "The three hardest things to say: 1. I was wrong. 2. I need help. 3. Worcestershire Sauce." Makes me laugh every time:)

Needing no explanation is the message T, "90 percent of being married is yelling 'WHAT?' From other rooms". Oh, you know that one is so true.

For the life challenged among us: "I don't have my ducks in a row. I have squirrels and they are everywhere!" And, another personal fave: "I am currently unsupervised. I know, it freaks me out too. But the possibilities are ENDLESS!"

For those absolutely convinced in our opinions despite the facts: "I'm not arguing, I'm explaining why I'm right!" And continuing for the know-it-alls among us: "There are two types of people in this world: 1) Those who can extrapolate from incomplete data"...

## Suzanne Bardwell



And then there is "People who think they know everything annoy those of us who do!" And finally, "It's ok if you disagree with me. I can't force you to be right."

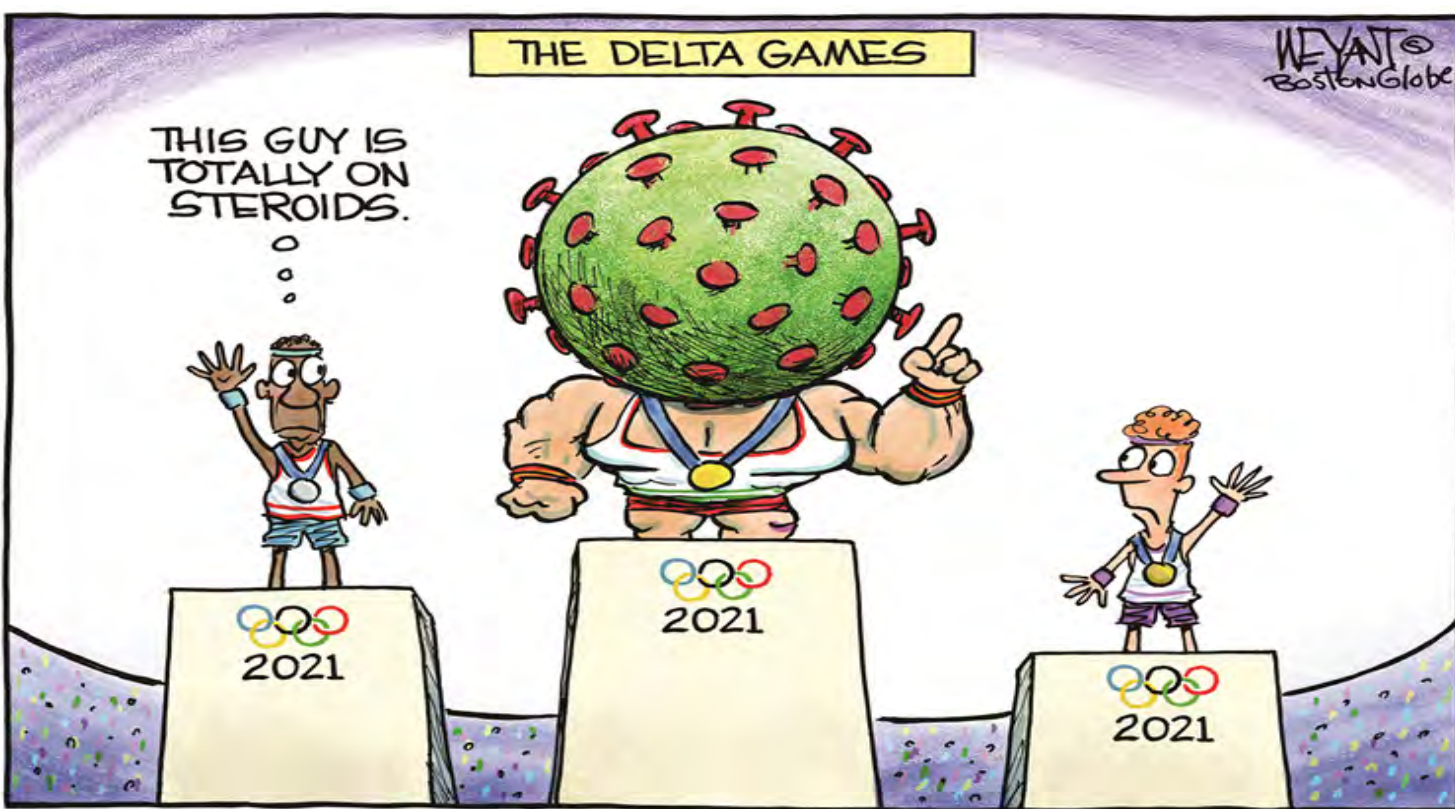
And the smarties: "PAVLOV? Yes, the name rings a bell". I am ordering this t-shirt and will wear it with pride: "Carry a book and you'll always have company. (AND A WEAPON)". Another personal favorite for hopefully not so obvious reasons: "Underestimate me. That'll be fun."

We should all take this next one to heart, there is a lot of wisdom in its message: "Intelligence is NOT about having all the answers, it's about finding all the errors".

Powerfully true today is this message: "What gets us into trouble is not what we don't know. It's what we know for sure that just ain't so. Mark Twain" AND, I absolutely love "A smart man only believes half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half." There is food for thought in this powerful t-quote: "Holding onto your anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die." Truth.

Well, those might be a bit heavy to wear on 100% cotton to Wal-Mart but hey, I'd rather read it on a shirt than on Facebook or Twitter. I will leave you with a few of my favorite quotes that I just may make into message t-shirts to proclaim from my own soapbox worn on my back: "The two most important days of your life are the day that you're born and the day that you find out why." Mark Twain

And an absolute truth: "He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how." Nietzsche



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## This Stuff Matters!

CNBC regularly ranks the top states for business—and the winner was...not Texas! The Lone Star State came in fourth after Virginia, North Carolina, and Utah, all of which compete aggressively and effectively for desirable corporate locations. While fourth is not terrible, it is worse than we normally fare in such listings.

More importantly, the details were eerily disturbing. CNBC evaluates 85 areas within 10 broad categories. Texas topped the rankings in the Workforce area, which is based on items such as educational attainment, net attraction of college-educated workers, concentrations in key

skills, productivity, availability, and diversity. This segment is obviously important in that quality companies can't consider locating in areas where labor resources are insufficient or inadequate. The state also compared well in Access to Capital (3), Economy (5), and Cost of Doing Business (10). Unfortunately, two rankings stood out in a particularly jarring manner. One is Education, where Texas came in at 33. The category encompasses the number of higher education institutions and historically Black colleges and universities, as well as measures of K-12 outcomes. It also includes long-term trends in state support for higher education and spending for public schools. This area of weakness has long been recognized but is becoming more acute in light of enhanced

employer demands and massive demographic shifts. It is naive to think that Texas can perpetually rank this low in Education and maintain the top spot in Workforce. Over time, insufficient commitment to educational excellence erodes living standards and workforce quality.

The worst performance was in Life, Health, and Inclusion, reflecting the effects of the pandemic and social trends and concerns. Texas was ranked an abysmal 49th. The related article specifically called out "policies that run counter to inclusiveness" such as current and proposed restrictions on voting and LGBTQ rights. The state's underfunded public health system, nation's highest rate of uninsured (exacerbated by the refusal to adopt Medicaid expansion), and low Covid-19

vaccination rate were also cited. We have studied all of these issues in detail and found that the economic stakes are in the hundreds of billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs (not to mention the sheer human dignity); many of these reports are available at [perrymangroup.com](http://perrymangroup.com).

The bottom line is that knowledge workers and, hence, high-growth companies are much less likely to locate in places which are not seen as inclusive and this tendency is increasing over time. This ranking is a compelling early warning signal that short-sighted, counterproductive policies risk eroding the progress over the past 30+ years in building Texas to be the most competitive economy in the country. It's an unforced error that the state can ill afford. Stay safe!



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## GARBAGE IN GARBAGE OUT

Someone said: "The human brain is somewhat like a giant smelter. Contrasting ideas can be thrown in, and some type of finished product will surely emerge." How important it is to make sure we put the right stuff into the personal computers we call our brains! The computer axiom, "garbage in, garbage out," is certainly true of the human mind. If you fill your mind with garbage, it will affect you in bad ways. For sure, if you put garbage into your minds, garbage will come out!

Clear and right thinking is so fundamental to the pattern of one's character. If, we are to act rightly we must think clearly. For example, one who thinks without acting is like a hunter who aims his gun but never fires it. One who acts without thinking is like a hunter who fires his gun without aiming. Philipians 4: 8 offers some guidelines about what to think about. The list includes things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, and Paul says "think or meditate on these things." Thus, our thinking should be good and uplifting, in contrast with that which is sordid and degrading. Proverbs 4: 23 says: "Watch over your heart (mind) with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 23: 7 says: "For as he thinks in his heart (mind), so is he." Jesus said: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12: 34). He also said: "For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, coveting, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man." (Matt. 7: 21-23).

You may be thinking: "I can't control my thoughts. Bad thoughts slip into my mind, and there is nothing I can do about it." Impure thoughts are like birds. You can't keep them from flying over your head, but you CAN keep them from building nests in your hair! We all have thoughts we should not have. The question is not "will we have them?" but "will we dwell on them?"

We must be very careful what we put into, and what we allow to stay in our minds. Remember: "garbage in garbage out." Think on these things.

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# OBITUARIES

## JOHN DAVID MAWER

John David Mawer was born in Longview Texas on August 14, 1951 to John E. Mawer and Chloe Irene Mawer. David was the middle child and could be described as all boy!

Growing up he enjoyed road trips with his family..... And tormenting his sister Pat (that he adored) with his brothers Butch, Mark and Stevie. When he was a young boy he was active, playing baseball, little league, football league and basketball on a church league. He played football at Forest Park JR High and was a boxer in the Silver Gloves sponsored by the Boy's Club. As a child he was awarded a medal by Mickey Mantle for winning a boxing match.

In David's teenage years he loved to race cars and burn up clutches. He loved his rock music and loved to play it loud. He graduated from Longview High School and as you know, once a Lobo, always a Lobo. After high school he drove a 1950 Willys Jeepster convertible cruising with the top down.

As David moved through life he enjoyed playing, watching and coaching all sports. He enjoyed hunting, drinking beer and playing cards with his friends (and not necessarily in that order). He took up golf and enjoyed golfing with friends and his wife. For many years he enjoyed time on the lake skiing, fishing or just cruising around the lake. He had a love for food and loved finding places to eat, new recipes to try out or planning a vacation around where the family would eat. No matter where you were or where you were going he could tell you a place you HAD to eat at and it was usually amazing. But throughout all his many years the thing he enjoyed the most was his family.

He served proudly in The Army National Guard for several years. After high school he began a lifelong career with Motion Industries. He began as a salesman and successfully climbed the ranks to branch manager of several locations. He was proud of the branches he ran throughout the years, the employees that he worked with and the many friends he gained throughout the years with Motion. Motion Ind. is where he met the woman he would later call his wife.

David married the love of his life Terrie in July of 1980 and began an amazing life where they welcomed 2 children. Lacie was born in 1983 and Nathan arrived in 1986. David was a devoted husband and father. He actively coached both his daughter and son's sports teams and was at every event possible. He was a loving man who brought his wife and daughter Texas roses...just because. He spent time to make sure his son knew how to hunt, how to play every sport and modeled the way that a man should be. David was also very active in Gladewater Baseball's little league and held several positions. David loved to travel with his wife Terrie and they had many adventures that will be cherished always.

His greatest joys came along starting in 2007. David and his wife Terrie welcomed 5 amazing grandchildren into the world. Preston (2007), Raylea (2012), Jaden (2013), Madan (2015), and Maxwell (2016). He was lovingly referred to as Pop Pops by all of his blessings. He made sure he attended every baseball game, soccer game, basketball game, football game, cheerleading competition and Jujitsu match he possibly could. He would tell everyone he came into contact with about these amazing children that called him Pop Pops. One of his favorite pastimes was sitting on his patio talking with family and friends and watching his grandkids swim in his swimming pool and telling them to stop jumping off the waterfall.

After years of fighting health problems David went to be with the Lord on July 21, 2021. He was surrounded by family and friends in his final hours and passed away peacefully at home. His family finds comfort knowing that he has gained his wings and is flying high with the Lord.

David Mawer was preceded in death by his parents John E. Mawer and Irene Mawer, brother Jack Michael Mawer and grandparents Boyd and Ruth Knox as well as James G and Georgia Mawer.

David is survived by his loving wife Terrie Mawer, his daughter Lacie Bohanon, his son Nathan Mawer and wife Kaitlyn Mawer, grandchildren Preston Bohanon, Raylea Mawer, Jaden Bohanon, Madan Mawer, and Maxwell Mawer, his sister Pat Modisett and husband David Modisett, his brothers James (Butch) Mawer, Mark Mawer and Steve Mawer along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends he considered family.

Services were held at Rader Funeral home in Longview on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. There was a visitation at 2 pm and a Celebration of Life at 3 pm. An online memorial book may be signed at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Back to School Bash

New Beginnings Baptist Church is hosting its second Back to School Bash. The event is free with pre-registration. The Back to School Bash will take place July 31 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in both the Longview (2137 E. George Richey) and Gilmer (1977 State Highway 155 N.) campuses. Participants will receive a backpack filled with school supplies, free haircuts, free food, snow cones and games. To register go online to: [nbbctx.org](http://nbbctx.org) and go to the events button.

## Foster Care/adoption event August 22

New Beginnings Baptist Church will host a Bruschetta Bar Dinner and foster care/adoption event to recruit families. The event is free with pre-registration. Families interested in foster care and adoption as well as those who want to support those who foster and adopt are invited. The event is Aug. 22, from 5-7 p.m. at New Beginnings Baptist Church at 2137 E. George Richey Road in Longview. Enter the East Entrance. To pre-register go online to [nbbctx.org](http://nbbctx.org) and go to the events button.

## Oil Patch TRTA to meet

The Oil Patch TRTA chapter invites all TRS retirees who have retired from Texas public schools and colleges to attend its first meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Gladewater's First United Methodist Church. The meeting will be held in Jeter Hall. All TRS retirees are warmly encouraged to attend.

## Storytime on tap 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. 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](http://www.youseemore.com/upshur).

## City needs volunteers

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## GEDCO/Chamber mixer set for Aug. 3

GEDCO and the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce will host a "come and go mixer" for chamber members and business owners on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Gladewater Museum Rodeo Annex located at 116 W. Pacific St.



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Dear Gladewater ISD Patron,

The Education Foundation Gladewater (EFG) is pleased to announce its 2021 Grants for Teachers Fundraiser Event, Giddy Up & Give 2021. We have scheduled this event for September 11 at Tempest Golf Club, Gladewater. Attendance at the event is strictly by ticket only and limited to 350 guests. It will be a fun night of fundraising with dinner, music, and a live and silent auction. Watch for more details soon on our website and Facebook page!

The EFG's mission is to support innovation and creativity in the classroom by funding educational grants submitted by faculty and staff of Gladewater ISD. The teachers of our district strive to add innovative and engaging curriculum to their classrooms, but budget constraints at times limit those possibilities. By supporting Giddy Up & Give 2021, you can provide a much needed contribution to make those innovative ideas a dream come true for our teachers.

There are several ways to support this effort. Would you sponsor a table? Purchase individual tickets to attend the event? Or, donate an auction item? Certainly, you are welcome to do all!

We hope that we can count on your help to make this year's Giddy Up & Give 2021 event a success!

Thank you for your consideration in partnering with the EFG as we work together to make Gladewater ISD a premier district in this region. We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact any of our EFG directors for additional information.

Sincerely,  
 Katie Ellis, Event Chair

P.S. We are pleased to announce that the Education Foundation Gladewater is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.



# Clothing, Footwear and Other Items – Qualifying and Nonqualifying Items

The items on this list that qualify for exemption from tax during the sales tax holiday must be priced under \$100. Items that do not qualify for exemption are also included.

(T) = Taxable; (E) = Exempt

Accessories (generally) (T)  
Barrettes (T)  
Belt buckles (sold separately) (T)  
Bobby pins (T)  
Briefcases (T)  
Elastic ponytail holders (T)  
Hair bows (T)  
Hair clips (T)  
Handbags (T)  
Handkerchiefs (T)  
Headbands (T)  
Jewelry (T)  
Key cases (T)  
Purses (T)

Wallets (T)  
Watch bands (T)  
Watches (T)  
Adult diapers (E)  
Alterations (T)  
Aprons (household) (E)  
Aprons (welders) (T)  
Athletic socks (E)  
Baby bibs (E)  
Baby clothes (E)  
Baby diapers (cloth or disposable) (E)  
Backpacks (unless for use by elementary/secondary students) (T)  
Baseball accessories  
Baseball caps (E)  
Baseball cleats (T)  
Baseball gloves (T)  
Baseball jerseys (E)  
Baseball pants (T)  
Bathing caps (T)  
Belt buckles (T)  
Belts with attached buckles (E)  
Belts for weight lifting (T)  
Bicycle shoes (cleated) (T)

Blouses (E)  
Boots (general purpose) (E)  
Climbing (cleated or spiked) (T)  
Cowboy (E)  
Fishing (waders) (T)  
Hiking (E)  
Overshoes and galoshes (T)  
Rubber work boots (T)  
Ski (T)  
Waders (T)  
Bow ties (E)  
Bowling shirts (E)  
Bowling shoes (rented and sold) (T)  
Bras (E)  
Buttons and zippers (T)  
Camp clothes (E)  
Caps (baseball, fishing, golf) (E)  
Chef uniforms (E)  
Children's novelty costumes (E)  
Chest protectors (T)  
Clerical vestments (E)  
Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics (T)  
Clothing repair items, such as thread, buttons,

tapes, and iron-on patches (T)  
Coats and wraps (E)  
Corsages and boutonnières (T)  
Coveralls (E)  
Diapers (cloth and disposable) (E)  
Dresses (E)  
Dry cleaning services (T)  
Earmuffs (E)  
Cold weather (E)  
Noise cancellation or noise cancelling (T)  
Elbow pads (T)  
Embroidery (T)  
Employee uniforms (unless rented) (E)  
Fabrics, thread, buttons, lace, patterns, knitting yarns (T)  
Fins (swim) (T)  
Fishing boots (waders) (T)  
Fishing caps (E)  
Fishing vests (non-flotation) (E)  
Football accessories  
Football jerseys (E)  
Football pads (T)  
Football pants (T)  
Gloves (generally) (E)  
Baseball (T)  
Batting (T)  
Bicycle (T)  
Dress (unless rented) (E)  
Garden (T)  
Golf (T)  
Hockey (T)  
Leather (E)  
Rubber (T)  
Surgical (T)  
Tennis (T)  
Work (T)  
Goggles (T)  
Golf accessories  
Golf caps (E)  
Golf dresses (E)  
Golf gloves (T)  
Golf jackets and windbreakers (E)  
Golf shirts (E)  
Golf skirts (E)  
Golf purses (T)  
Golf shoes (T)  
Graduation caps and gowns (E)  
Gym suits and uniforms (E)  
Hair nets, bows, clips, and barrettes (T)  
Handbags and purses (T)  
Handkerchiefs (T)  
Hard hats (T)  
Hats (E)  
Headbands (T)  
Helmets (bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports) (T)  
Hockey gloves (T)  
Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts (E)  
Hosiery, including support hosiery (E)  
Hunting vests (E)  
Ice skates (T)  
Insoles (T)  
Jackets (E)  
Jeans (E)  
Jewelry (T)  
Jogging apparel (E)  
Knee pads (T)  
Knitted caps or hats (E)  
Laundering services (T)  
Leg warmers (E)

Leotards and tights (E)  
Life jackets and vests (T)  
Luggage (T)  
Mask, costume (E)  
Mask, cloth and disposable fabric face masks (E)  
Mask, protective – N95, welder, umpire, swim or other similar personal protection equipment (T)  
Monogramming services (T)  
Neckwear and ties (E)  
Nightgowns and nightshirts (E)  
Overshoes and rubber shoes (T)  
Pads (football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder) (T)  
Paint or dust respirators and incidental supplies (T)  
Painter pants (E)  
Pajamas (E)  
Pants (E)  
Panty hose (E)  
Patterns (T)  
Personal flotation devices (T)  
Pocket squares (T)  
Protective gloves (T)  
Protective masks (T)  
Raincoats and ponchos (E)  
Rain hats (E)  
Religious clothing (E)  
Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes) (T)  
Repair of clothing or footwear (T)  
Ribbons (T)  
Robes (E)  
Roller blades (T)  
Roller skates (T)  
Safety accessories  
Safety clothing (normally worn in hazardous occupations) (T)  
Safety glasses (except prescription) (T)  
Safety shoes (adaptable for street wear) (E)  
Safety shoes (not adaptable for street wear) (T)  
Scarves (E)  
Scout uniforms (E)  
Sewing patterns (T)  
Shawls and wraps (E)  
Shin guards and padding (T)  
Shirts (E)  
Shirts (hooded) (E)  
Shoe inserts (T)  
Shoelaces (T)  
Shoes (generally) (E)  
Ballet (T)  
Baseball cleats (T)  
Bicycle (cleated) (T)  
Boat (E)  
Bowling (T)  
Cleated or spiked (T)  
Cross trainers (E)  
Dress (E)  
Fishing boots (waders) (T)  
Flip-flops (rubber thongs) (E)  
Football (T)  
Golf (T)  
Jazz and dance (T)  
Jellies (E)  
Overshoes (T)  
Running (without cleats) (E)  
Safety (suitable for everyday use) (E)  
Sandals (E)  
Slippers (E)  
Sneakers and tennis (E)

Soccer (cleated) (T)  
Spiked or cleated (T)  
Tap dance (T)  
Tennis (E)  
Track and cleats (T)  
Wading/water sport (T)  
Walking (E)  
Shower caps (T)  
Skates (ice and roller) (T)  
Ski boots (snow) (T)  
Ski suits (snow) (T)  
Ski vests (water) (T)  
Skirts (E)  
Sleepwear, nightgowns, pajamas (E)  
Slippers (E)  
Slips (E)  
Soccer socks (E)  
Socks (E)  
Sports helmets (T)  
Sports pads (football, hockey, soccer, knee, elbow, shoulder) (T)  
Suits, slacks, and jackets (E)  
Sunglasses (except prescription) (T)  
Support hosiery (E)  
Suspenders (E)  
Sweatbands (arm, wrist, head) (T)  
Sweatshirts (E)  
Sweat suits (E)  
Sweaters (E)  
Swimming masks and goggles (T)  
Swimsuits (E)  
Tennis accessories  
Tennis dresses (E)  
Tennis shorts (E)  
Tennis shoes (E)  
Tennis skirts (E)  
Ties (neckties - all) (E)  
Tights (E)  
Track shoes and cleats (T)  
Trousers (E)  
Umbrellas (T)  
Underclothes (E)  
Underpants (E)  
Undershirts (E)  
Uniforms (school, work, nurse, waitress, military, postal, police, fire) (E)  
Veils (E)  
Vests (generally) (E)  
Bulletproof (T)  
Fishing (non-flotation) (E)  
Flotation (T)  
Hunting (E)  
Scuba (T)  
Water-ski (T)  
Wallets (T)  
Watch bands (T)  
Watches (T)  
Water ski vests (T)  
Weight lifting belts (T)  
Wet and dry suits (T)  
Work clothes (E)  
Work uniforms (E)  
Workout clothes (E)  
Wrist bands (T)a

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# Area VFD receives equipment grant

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From maneuvering down a dirt road or through a grassy field for wildland fire response to a rescue from a vehicle accident on the busy Texas Highway 271, West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department steps up to the increasing response demands.

"Nestled along a major US highway between the cities of Gladewater and Gilmer, and with an expanding population into a once rural area, the West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department is having to expand its capabilities," said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Josh Bardwell. "Wildfires and the occasional structure fire in their protection area historically has evolved into more rescues on the highways and mutual aid assistance to other VFDs in the county, along with more Wildland Urban Interface issues due to the population rise in the once agrarian community. To meet these challenges, the VFD has been upgrading their fleet, equipment and training to meet the needs of those they serve."

The department also received scene lighting, rescue ropes and a thermal imaging camera.

"The new LED scene lighting is battery operated and can be used anywhere lighting is needed, if it is on a wildland fire or at the scene of a vehicle accident, at night it can light up the area to look like its daytime," said Bayne. "We also received a thermal imaging camera and rescue ropes; both are very versatile and can be used in many different scenarios. The department members are already familiar with most of the new equipment but there are always different applications to be explored such as the many uses of the thermal imaging camera."

West Mountain VFD has been serving their area since 1978 and has open enrollment for anyone who would like to volunteer and give back to the community. To request an application email [westmtvfd1@gmail.com](mailto:westmtvfd1@gmail.com).

"Our department appreciates the support of Upshur ESD #1 and our community backing that helps meet departmental operational needs and Texas A&M Forest Service for having grant opportunities

available to volunteer fire departments," said Bayne.

As a member agency of the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M Forest Service administers the Rural VFD Assistance Program and is committed to protecting lives, property and natural resources. The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is funded by Texas State Legislature and provides cost share funding to rural volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasafd.com>.



The First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School boys and girls challenged each other in a food drive for Manna House community food ministry. The boys team won the bragging rights for the most canned goods but the girls came through as well to create a large donation to meet the needs of Gladewater families.

Courtesy Photos



Oil Patch Texas Retired Teachers Association officers for the 2021-22 year are Sheryl Wittenbach treasurer, Gail Meadows historian, Lois Reed first vice president, Renee Steele president, Martha Daniel protective services, Becky Cerliano membership/second vice president and not pictured Suzanne Bardwell legislative issues.

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PUBLIC HEARING There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on August 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a Specific Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption at LTS 15 THRU 19 NCB 18 GLADEWATER (W PT LTS 15 THRU 17) & PT OF ALLEY, more commonly known as 100 E. Upshur.

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Table with columns: CALL DATE, CALL DESC, CFS#, CALL TIME, BUSINESS NAME, ADDRESS. Contains a list of police activity reports including calls for alarm, fire, theft, and other incidents across various addresses in Gladewater, TX.

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## GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
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## Man indicted on murder charges

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they had found an individual deceased," and officers located the body inside the home, Hazel said. Deputies arrested Swanner about 11 a.m. the next day, he added.

Upshur County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Betterton pronounced Burcalow dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy.

Swanner's was among 26 indictments the grand jury returned July 8, Byrd announced July 20. Five were sealed because no arrest had been made in those cases, and jurors also passed one case, he said.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments were as follows, Byrd's office reported:

- Quentin James Hast, 25, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (heroin) on Aug. 15, 2019. He remained in county jail under \$50,000 bond.

- Lauren Brittney Phillips, 33, of Gladewater, charged in separate indictments with tampering with physical evidence and possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 10, 2019. Bond was set at \$10,000 per charge.

- Allan Wayne Parrish, 50, of Gilmer, driving while intoxicated-

-subsequent offense on May 27, \$10,000 bond

- Virginia Jeanette Farley, 38, of Leesburg, was charged in a single indictment with three counts of theft of property (of less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions. Charged with committing the crimes April 8, she remained in county jail under \$25,000 bond.

- Colton Wayne Underwood, 28, of Ore City, was charged in separate indictments with possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) and unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

He is accused of committing both crimes April 8 and remained in county jail under bonds of \$75,000 on the drug charge, \$25,000 on the unlawful possession charge.

- Wendy Lea Applewhite, 44, of Gilmer, tampering with government record on June 15, \$25,000

- Jimmy Earl Bourland, 43, of Gilmer, charged in one indictment with two counts of aggravated assault with deadly weapon last Nov. 10, \$25,000

- Emery Meagan McDivitt, a Big Sandy resident who turned 33 Sunday, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) on March 17. She remained in county jail under

\$20,000 bond.

- Jeremy Wane Jones, 38, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (THC) on Dec. 12, 2018, \$35,000.

- Roderica Shana Bendy, 34, of Tyler, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (cocaine) on Oct. 5, 2019, \$40,000

- Bobbie Renee Wagner, 40, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Jan. 9, 2019, \$10,000

- Adrienne M. Patterson, 37, of Searcy, Ark., possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Jan. 25, 2019, \$10,000

- Rodney Lane Kelly, 54, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 16, 2019, \$10,000

- Willa Elizabeth Randall, 40, of Hallsville, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Oct. 8, 2019, \$25,000

- Jimmy Junior Lavmance, 51, of Gilmer, aggravated assault/family violence with a deadly weapon on April 19. He remained in county jail under \$100,000 bond.

- Wendy Johnston Allen, 41, of Gilmer, aggravated assault with deadly weapon (on) family member on April 14. She remained in county jail under \$25,000 bond.

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