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**Disaster Declaration Issued For 44 Texas Counties**

AUSTIN - Rainy weather hasn't let up here in central Texas. Lakes and dams are full and river systems saturated.

Central Texas hasn't been alone, weatherwise, with severe storms and flooding continuing to hit just about every zone from the Rio Grande Valley to the Oklahoma border.

Gov. Rick Perry, has dis-

patched relief agencies to many scenes. In the process, he said, "Rather than celebrating Independence Day at backyard barbecues with families and friends, many Texans spent the Fourth of July holiday battling the dangerous weather events that continue to impact their communities.

"We will continue to help local communities respond to emer-

gencies and recover from the heavy storms and rains that have saturated a large part of our state and we will make sure the necessary resources are in place if the situation worsens."

Perry also urged Texans "to heed the warnings of their local leaders and take all possible precautions to stay out of dangerous situations as this severe weather continues."

Since mid-June, Perry has issued a state disaster declaration for 44 counties, namely:

Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Fannin, Gillespie, Grayson, Hamilton, Hood and Hunt.

Also, Jones, Lamar, Lampasas, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Ochiltree, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Starr, Stephens, Tarrant, Travis, Webb, Wichita, Williamson, Wise and Young.

President George W. Bush approved federal disaster declarations for Cooke, Coryell, Denton,

Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant Counties. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, who toured stricken areas, co-announced President Bush's disaster approval.

Among things the disaster approval does is allow uninsured individuals and families in eligible counties to apply for assistance in the form of financial aid, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and disaster unemployment assistance.

**Tax penalty waivers available**

There is still time left for certain folks to take advantage of Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' offer of a limited-time waiver of penalties and interest on unpaid taxes.

The waiver, which expires Aug. 15, is available for all state taxes administered by the comptroller, except unclaimed property and the Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessment.

Eligible liabilities can relate to sales or purchases of taxable

items.

Reports originally due before April 1 are eligible. But the waiver does not apply to assessments already identified by the comptroller, to taxpayers under audit or review, or to taxpayers the comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible deficiency, the Office of the Comptroller said.

**New tax law takes effect**

Legislation redefining "occasional sale" took effect July 1, and it has an impact on people who sell their personal property.

HB 373 by Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, amends the tax code to allow non-business sellers to sell up to \$3,000 in a calendar year in certain merchandise without paying state tax if their items are purchased by Texas buyers.

**DPS addresses new law hoax**

The Texas Department of Public Safety responded to false information about "new traffic laws" spreading quickly on the Internet and other media.

"There are no new traffic laws



going into effect in July," the DPS said. "More specifically, there are no new laws going into effect in July related to cell phones, seat belts or carpooling. No cell phone bills were passed this Legislative session."

**Parks & wildlife chief is named**

Gov. Perry named Peter Holt, CEO of the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, as chair of the nine-member Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission.

**MINI CHEER CAMP**  
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*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**July 14, 1983**  
 Renee Hunt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Vernet Hunt of Garwood is among 575 students listed on the honor roll dean's list at Abilene Christian University...

Emily Ann Schottsie Stiles has been awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Texas Women's University in Denton...

The St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus was the setting for a double-ring ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Donna Gail Frank and Raymond Lee Bubak on June 18. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronney Frank of Columbus. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. August J. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Frank, all of the Bernardo community...

**Dr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hunter** of Nacogdoches announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sherry Lynn, to Daryl Scott Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale V. Hunt of Garwood.

The couple will exchange vows at 6 p.m. on August 20 at Fredonia Hill Baptist Church in Nacogdoches...

**Walter and Mary Ann Gold** celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Friday, July 8 with a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church in Nada at 7 p.m. **Bishop Hugo Gerbermann** was the main celebrant.

**July 16, 1959**  
 The Rev. and Mrs. Romilly Timmins and sons have moved into the Episcopal Rectory on State Street and he has assumed the position of Vicar of Christ Episcopal Church...

The H.C. Ripple family returned home from a pleasant trip to Western states. In California, they visited in Disneyland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and saw the wonders of the Grand Canyon in Arizona and Las Vegas...

The **Colorado Valley Little League All-Stars** will meet the El Campo team at 6 p.m. July 24 in the District Tournament to be held in Wharton...

**Sox Little League** team kept its undefeated record by whipping the **Braves** 15 to 6, while the **Yanks** rallied to whip the **Cubs** 15 to 6 also.

**Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Thomas** and **Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger** complimented their children, **Linda Thomas** and **Don Spalinger**, with a Hawaiian party July 8 in observance of their twelfth birthday anniversaries...

**Rev. Gedeom Stram** has been appointed pastor of St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz by **Most Rev. Louis J. Reicher**, Bishop of the Austin Diocese...

**Pfc. Kenneth M. Wright**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wright** of Eagle Lake, was named as **Soldier of the Month** in his company stationed with the **Armed Forces** in Korea.

**Colorado County Sheriff's Report**

The Colorado County sheriff's Department reported the following cases and call s for the period ending June 21.

**Friday, June 8**  
 At 6:45 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to Garwood to serve a mental health warrant. The subject was located, transported to the Sheriff's Office, and screened by Texana. After an evaluation, the subject was determined to be non-suicidal and released. Case closed.

**Saturday, June 9**  
 At 1:58 am, Sgt. Girndt responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a Burglary. On arrival, evidence was collected from the scene and the case is pending further investigation.

At 2:15 am, Deputy Hoffer located a vehicle parked with the flashers activated on Hwy 90 near Hatterman Lane. Deputy Hoffer pulled behind the vehicle and two white males ran away. The vehicle was later determined to be stolen out of Stafford, Texas. A search of the area was unsuccessful in locating the suspects who fled the scene. The stolen vehicle was removed from the location by Colorado County Towing and Stafford PD was notified. Case closed.

At 8:20 am, Deputy Hudson responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to Criminal Mischief. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

At 9:23 am, Deputy Hudson responded to another residence in Sheridan in reference to Criminal Mischief. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

At 3:55 pm, Deputy Gonzalez responded to a residence on FM 109 in reference to a dog bite. The Victim received treatment for the injuries at the Columbus ER. The dog was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic and later tested negative for rabies. The Victim was notified of the results. Case closed.

At 5:45 pm, Deputy Staff responded to Taylor Street in Glidden in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, Staton E. Connor, 19 of Glidden, was arrested for Family Violence Assault and Endangering a Child. Case closed by arresting.

Sunday, June 10

At 2:52 pm, Deputy Hudson spoke with a complainant from Sheridan in reference to an allegation of Assault. After further investigation, the allegation could not be substantiated. Case will be closed.

At 8:40 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to Hanover in reference to a structure fire. The fire was extinguished by the Columbus, Eagle Lake, and Bernardo Fire Departments. The cause of the fire is pending further investigation.

At 9:48 pm, Deputy Staff responded to a residence in Rock Island in reference to loud music and a disturbance. On arrival, the music had been turned down and the disturbance was a verbal argument. A report was filed and the case is closed.

**Monday, June 11**  
 At 7:51 am, Deputy Savino responded to a residence in Glidden regarding an accidental injury. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 3:50 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to a residence in Garwood in reference to a reckless driver. The suspect vehicle was found abandoned between two houses and the driver had fled. The vehicle was determined to be stolen out of Eagle Lake. After further investigation, evidence was collected from the vehicle and the case was referred to Eagle Lake PD.

**Tuesday, June 12**  
 At 9 am, Deputy Argo was at Rice High School and observed a fight in the commons area. After further investigation, two students were detained for Assault, Terroristic Threat, and Disorderly Conduct. Case closed by arrest.

At 11:17 am, Deputy Cranek responded to a residence on White Loop in reference to mailbox damage. Evidence was collected and the case is pending further information on possible suspect(s).

At 9:02 pm, Deputy Slubar and Sgt. Edman responded to the Columbus ER in reference to an Assault. After further investigation, Michael John Ransleben Jr., 26 of Weimar, was arrested for Family Violence Assault and Terroristic Threat. In addition to the Assault, the suspect was also charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Case closed.

**Wednesday, June 13**  
 At 12:19 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to a residence in Garwood in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, one subject was transported to Texana for a mental health evaluation. Case closed.

At 3 pm, Deputy Mieth met with a complainant from Alleyton in reference to Identity Theft. A report was filed and the case is pending further information on suspect(s).

**Thursday, June 14**  
 At 8:34 am, Deputy Savino responded to an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 90 west of Hatterman Lane. After further investigation, the vehicle was removed from the location by Colorado County Towing.

At 11:17 am, Deputy Cranek responded to CR 152 in reference to a Burglary. A description of stolen property was obtained and evidence was collected. Case is pending development of suspect(s).

At 12:01 pm, Deputy Savino spoke with a complainant from Deer Hollow Road south of Weimar in reference to loose cattle. The owner of the cattle was located and the situation was resolved. Case closed unless further incidents occur.

**Friday, June 15**  
 At 9:40 am, Deputy Gonzalez met with a complainant from Garwood at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a dead bat. The bat was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic for rabies testing. The bat later tested negative and the complainant was notified. Case closed.

At 2:15 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a possible threat. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 5:20 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about a child custody matter in Rock Island. The information was obtained and the case is closed.

At 10:20 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to Hwy 90A and McCormick Road in reference to a severely wounded alligator that was struck by a vehicle. The alligator was put down and removed from the roadway. Case closed.

Saturday, June 16  
 At 11:45 am, Deputy Gonzalez

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