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Jail escapee captured in Gladewater

Gregg County sheriff's deputies and Gladewater Police captured a 34-year-old jail escapee on US 271 Friday morning after searching for the escapee all night long. Jace Laws, of Gladewater, was located at 9:36 a.m. inside Smith County and was transported by the Gregg County Sheriff's Office from the scene to the Smith County Courthouse where he was arraigned by Judge Christi Kennedy of the 114th District Court who set Laws' bond at \$1 million for the charge of "Escape While in Custody."

Laws was returned to the Gregg County Jail where is to be held awaiting trial.

"The good thing is that no one was killed, no one was hurt and the suspect is back in custody," Gladewater Police Chief Gordon Freeman told the Mirror Friday shortly after Laws was captured.

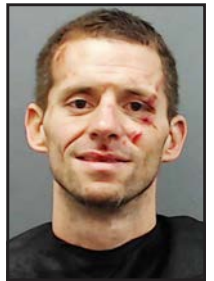
According to a Gregg County Sheriff's Office press release "the timely apprehension of inmate Jace Laws once the escape was discovered was due to the tremendous teamwork and assistance provided by the following agencies:

White Oak Police Department, Gladewater Police Department, Longview Police Department, Longview Fire Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Game Warden, Texas DPS, Texas Rangers and USMS Tyler Task Force."

Laws reportedly carved out portions of the brick in the Gregg County South Jail in Longview, gaining access to the building infrastructure and making his way to the exterior of the Gregg County Courthouse.

Laws was being held in the Gregg County Jail after being sentenced on two accounts of assault on a Longview police officer in the 188th District Court totaling 70 years.

Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerliano in a public statement said officers believe Laws had outside assistance in moving around the area and the matter was still under investigation. Before the focus shifted to Gladewater, Cerliano said Marion County was the center of attention.



LAWS



Year in REVIEW

Mayor, City Manager look back at 2019's ups and downs

Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow and Mayor JD Shipp shared with *The Mirror* their thoughts on the state of the city as we emerge into the dawn of 2020.

By JD Shipp & Ricky Tow

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday spent with family and friends! The new year is now upon us and we reflect on this passing year.

The city's infrastructure continues to be a story of both struggles and successes. As we upgrade our services within town so are other outside service providers. Within a period of two weeks around Thanksgiving, we had to issue two boil water notices. There were four major leaks within that time-frame: One due to aged infrastructure and three as a result of contractors. Of the three contractors, one was performing a water line upgrade for the city and the other two were in the process of installing new lines for the services they provide. We had one water tower in operation and the other was undergoing the final stages of rehabilitation. This was the perfect storm for our public works department but, fortunately, we have a great crew of men and women that were ready and willing to work around the clock to resolve the issues. They are no doubt unsung heroes within our community!

We all endured the headaches and inconveniences associated with these issues, however, this is the unfortunate side of progress for a community with aged and unmarked infrastructure. The contractors associated with ruptured lines were upgrading their services to provide faster internet and another a new option for this service. The contractor associated with the city was installing a new section of transmission line from the water plant to the city's water towers. As mentioned earlier, the Gay Avenue water tower is in the process of being rehabilitated. A process we will not have to perform again for several years but necessary work to provide quality water. There has also been approximately 6500 ft in water line and 500 ft in sewer line replacement occurring in various areas around the city. The intake structure at the water plant is an upcoming project for 2020. We will also see sewer plant upgrades take place in 2020 as well. Gladewater continues to hold a Superior Water System rating by the TCEQ.

The police and fire departments continue to excel in both professionalism and performance. We are incredibly lucky to have Police Chief Gordon Freeman and Fire Chief Cory Crowell. Both departments are now fully staffed. Chief Freeman took over a struggling department that was extremely understaffed. We certainly appreciate the support and staffing provided by our great neighbor, the City of White Oak, in the interim period. Upon his hiring, Chief Freeman brought in a tenured staff to serve our community. He has rebuilt and restructured the department to become one of the best police departments in less than a year. The department was awarded a grant for a new police vehicle in that same time-frame. Fire Chief Crowell endured a similar rebuilding effort the year prior to lead us to having one of the best fire departments. He has emphasized training not only for his staff but has hosted training seminars with surrounding departments and worked with local businesses on emergency preparedness. He has updated equipment through

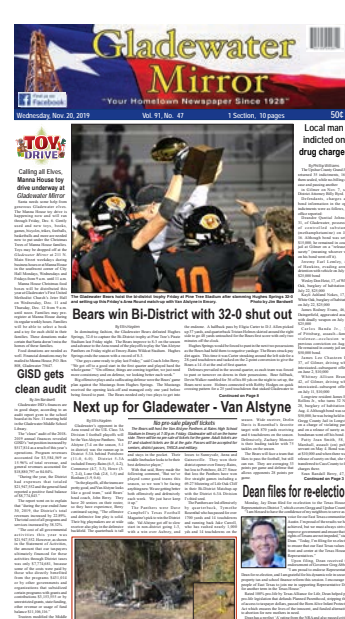


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RICKY TOW

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Former Harmony teacher charged with taking Band Booster \$\$\$\$

By Phillip Williams

A former Harmony ISD teacher who is past president of the school's band booster club has been indicted and arrested on felony charges that she stole \$27,000 from the club over a three-year period, the Upshur County Sheriff's Office said Friday.

Accompanied by her attorney, Kristen Denson, 45, of Gilmer, turned herself in Monday (Dec. 23) to the sheriff's office in Gilmer, and was released that day on bonds totaling \$30,000, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel. They included \$10,000 on a charge of misapplication of fiduciary property, a charge related to her having been club president, and \$20,000 on a charge of theft by public servant, a charge related to her position as a teacher, authorities said.

Denson had become a teacher at the rural Union Hill School in Upshur County, where her husband John Denson is high school principal, and was placed on administrative leave two or three months ago, Union Hill ISD board president James Parker confirmed Friday.

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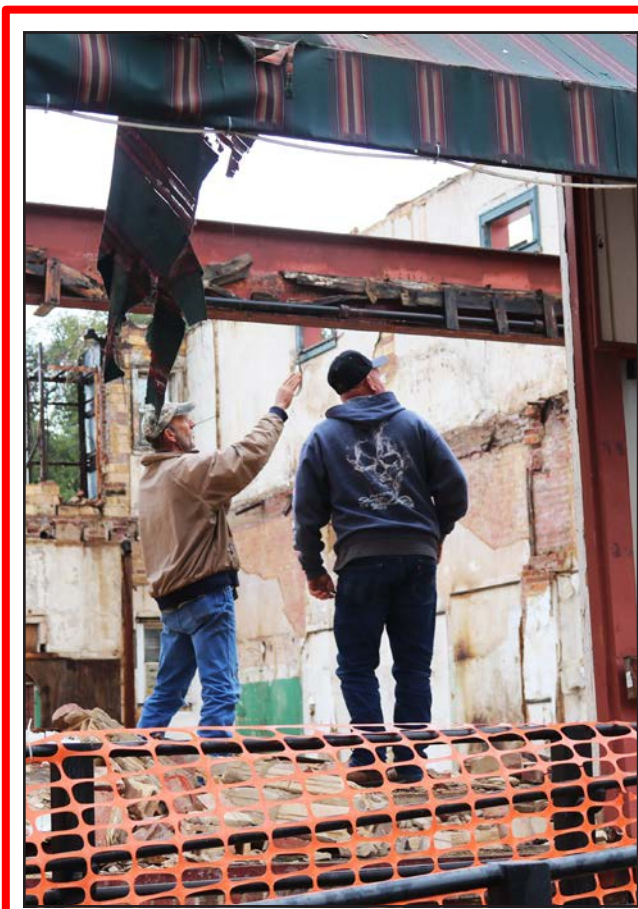
Local man arrested in stolen car

Saturday night at approximately 7:40, Texas State Troopers responded to assist Longview Police Department on a stolen vehicle that was evading their officers. The 29-year-old suspect, Preston Ryan Bradford, of Gladewater, was apprehended without incident by Troopers at US 80 and West Loop 281 at 8:03 p.m. According to Sgt. Jean Dark, Department of Public Safety public information officer, the suspect was driving a blue 2004 Hyundai passenger car that had been reported stolen by Gladewater Police Department.

No injuries were reported, Dark said. Bradford was transported to the Gregg County Jail.

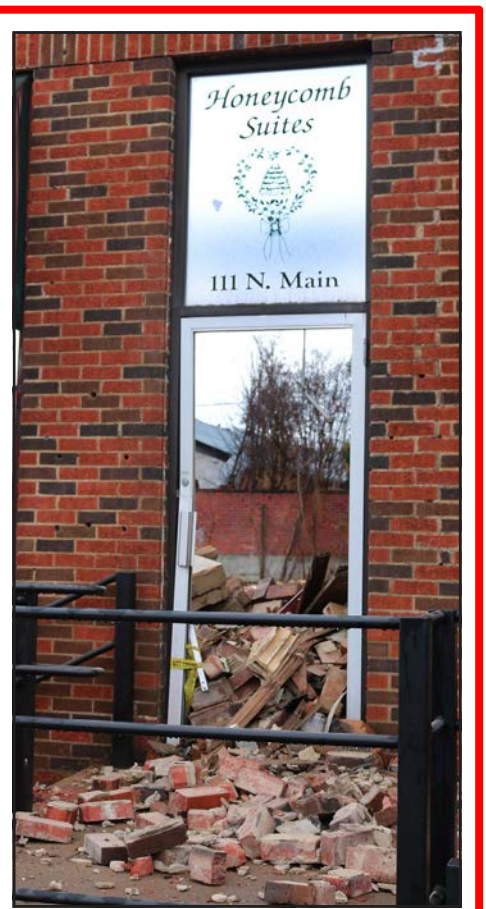


BRADFORD



Demolition crews used Sunday's light traffic flow on US 271 to bring down the former Fork restaurant, which was severely damaged by fire three years ago. A specialized fire investigation team from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) investigated the fire for several days in an attempt to identify an origin and cause of the fire. The cause was never determined the case remains open.

Photos by Jim Bardwell



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Make your New Year's resolution right now to make a difference

Many people don't realize the value of Gladewater, Texas or its uniqueness. Some of those folks even live here and they just don't know what they have just steps away from their front doors. Yes, the city has aging infrastructure with horrendous problems with the water system. The number of potholes throughout the city certainly generates business for vehicle realignments. And yes, the city budget is squeezed tight and resources can be limited.

BUT there is so much more to Gladewater than these two, admittedly huge problems. Gladewater is bisected by two state highways that bring hundreds of thousands of people through town. Many stop because of our small town charm and variety of shopping. Many towns the size of Gladewater are bedroom communities or filled with empty buildings.

Excellent eateries are from one end of this town to another with a variety of food. All tasty, some recognized by culinary experts as some of the best in the state. Entertainment abounds as well with the Gladewater Opry hosting live entertainment every weekend in its historic space. Live music, sometimes regionally recognized, sometimes nationally, can be found at the Stockade on Hwy. 80 west and there are often talented performers on stage at the new Boushay's (formerly Central Station). So whether you are looking for barbecue, bakery goods, Tex-Mex, home cooking, pizza, Cajun or Chinese, you can find it all right here at home.

If you get your calendar out right now you can plan a fun-filled year without leaving the streets of your hometown. Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Gardens are a sight to see. People come from the tri-state area just to walk the trails and take pictures. Look for its opening in mid-February or early March. The annual March Chamber of Commerce Banquet recognizes those who work hard to make a difference in the community and the program is always entertaining.

Grab your kiddos when April rolls around and Gusher Days kicks off. The downtown streets will be full of vendors, crafts, live music, a nationally sanctioned chili cook off, carnival and health fair.

Keep your eyes open for the Apron Strings that fly from local antique shops in May. And don't forget to keep an eye on fun happenings that spring up at our excellent municipal airport.

The 83rd Round Up Rodeo will have four huge nights starting with XTreme Bull Riding on June 3 followed by three more nights

Suzanne Bardwell



of a full slate of rodeo events. Many of the cowboys and cowgirls competing will be seen in Las Vegas come December at the National Championships. Between world class rodeo action, bull fighters, clowns, little kid mutton bustin' and calf scrambles, vendors and food, this is the one event not to be missed.

Lake Gladewater will be the site of the community fireworks and boat parade that celebrates Independence Day and the best of hometown values, family time. The Main Street Art & Wine Stroll rolls around in August followed by a huge Arts & Crafts Festival in September. The Emergency Services Fall Fest creates a safe environment for kids to celebrate the fun of trick or treating at the rodeo grounds at the end of October.

Ushering in the holiday season will be the annual downtown merchants' Holiday Open House in early November. A feast for the senses with beautiful holiday displays, snacks, carolers, games and much more. The Christmas Parade is one of the best in the area taking to the brick streets in December.

How can anyone not appreciate this hometown?

All year long you can visit one of the best small museums in the state at the corner of Pacific and Dean right across from the post office. And don't forget our excellent Lee Public Library with its vast resources. And we haven't even mentioned all the sports and fine arts available through Gladewater and Union Grove ISDs.

To top it off, there are hundreds of volunteers who work week in and out to make this town better from recycling, to ramp building, to toy and food drives to take care of our "least of these". Join the Chamber, Rotary or Lions Club, GALA, the Garden Club, Friends of Lee Library or Oil Patch TRTA. Volunteer at our schools or for a community board. There is a place for everyone who has something to give.

And that, hometown friends, is all of us.

So make your New Year's resolution right now to make a difference where you are planted, right here in one of the finest hometowns in the state of Texas.

Ed Sterling Capital Highlights



Paxton lauds 5th Circuit ruling on Affordable Care Act

AUSTIN — After the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit declared the individual mandate in "Obamacare" unconstitutional on Dec. 18, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton expressed his agreement.

"The Fifth Circuit's holding is clear: the federal government cannot order private citizens to purchase subpar insurance products that they don't want," Paxton said. "The individual mandate is the centerpiece of Obamacare and I am glad the Fifth Circuit recognized that it is unlawful."

Paxton said he looks forward to demonstrating in federal district court that the rest of the law cannot stand without the individual mandate, and added:

"Yesterday's decision is a win for the rule of law," he said. "Finally being rid of this law will be a victory for all Americans."

The lawsuit against the federal government was filed in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas by Paxton and a list of other state attorneys general. Paxton said it would be up to the lower court to determine whether any part of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, referred to as "Obamacare," can remain, in light of the mandate's unconstitutionality.

In Texas and 38 other states where the federal government administers health exchanges, health insurance premiums rose an average of 105 percent from 2013 to 2017, Paxton said.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Obamacare in 2012, but a majority of the justices agreed that the law's individual mandate was constitutional only because its accompanying tax penalty could justify forcing individuals to purchase health insurance under Congress' taxing power. Devoid of that penalty, Obamacare's individual mandate cannot be preserved as a tax, rendering Obamacare entirely unlawful, Paxton said.

Meanwhile, according to U.S. Census data, an estimated five million Texas residents, or nearly 18 percent of the state's population, do not have health insurance.

TPWD promotes hikes

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Dec. 20 encouraged Texans "to kick off the next decade of adventures at a Texas State Park by participating in a First Day Hike."

To foster the effort, the agency scheduled a variety of events on New Year's Day. First Day Hikes aim to help visitors commit to their New Year's resolutions to get healthy, the agency said.

First Day Hikes events include strolls on scenic trails, midnight walks, polar plunges, bike rides and short treks with four-legged family members and more strenuous hikes for experienced visitors.

Last year, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife, 77 state parks hosted First Day Hike events in which an estimated 4,000 participants walked, paddled and biked.

A list of events is posted online at tpwd.texas.gov.

Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 20 announced that the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.4% in November.

The rate marks the sixth consecutive month of record low unemployment in the state. Also, 3.4% is the lowest unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976, according to an agency news release.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded November's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1%, followed by the Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock MSAs each with an adjusted rate of 2.5%. The College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs each recorded the third lowest rate at 2.6%.

Reps vote on impeachment

The U.S. House of Representatives on Dec. 18 voted to approve two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

The vote on Article I, Abuse of Power, was 230 for, 197 against and 1 present/not voting. The vote on Article II, Obstruction of Congress, was 229 for, 198 against and 1 present/not voting.

For Texas' 36-member House delegation, the vote was partisan. All 23 Republicans voted not to approve both articles and all 13 Democrats voted to approve both articles.

As of the deadline for this column, the articles of impeachment had not been forwarded to the U.S. Senate, where the president would be tried in accordance with Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution, with the Honorable John Roberts, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, presiding.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

A New Deal

A strong trade agreement with Mexico and Canada is clearly a "win" for the US economy.



form by Mexico (which has some concerns) and Canada, it appears

that a structure has been essentially finalized to replace the 25-year old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The original pact redefined the economies of the entire continent, and the next generation will allow the momentum to continue.

The USMCA ensures the free flow of trade, protecting business ties among the three nations. For example, cross-border supply chains are quite common along both borders, with certain aspects of production occurring in

each country depending on relative comparative advantages. Without a trade agreement, such arrangements and other imports and exports would become more difficult and more costly in that trade would revert to tariff schedules provided by each country to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and would compound as various elements traversed back and forth.

We recently estimated the benefits of reaching an agreement to illustrate the importance of a deal. We compared a scenario with the USMCA in place to one where the US, Canada, and Mexico trade under the terms of the listed tariffs with the WTO (as the US has maintained that it would abandon NAFTA in the absence of a new agreement). For the United States, we estimate that having the USMCA in place leads to an additional \$64.9 billion in gross product and almost 600,900 jobs compared to trading under the terms of the tariffs that would otherwise be in place.

As a major exporting state, Texas would see substantial benefits. We estimate that for Texas, annual gross product will be a projected \$17.6 billion higher and employment 164,700 higher under the USMCA. These effects far exceed those in any other state. For California, the second

most impacted state, the USMCA will likely lead to a \$6.2 billion boost in gross product and almost 58,700 jobs compared to current WTO tariffs.

A strong trade agreement has benefits beyond more favorable tariffs. Many of the core aspects of NAFTA remain in place, but the USMCA also incorporates some changes and updates. A key sticking point was the treatment of labor, and that has apparently been worked out. Stronger protection of intellectual property was also achieved, including patents for medications and criminal penalties for pirating movies and music.

Clearly, the USMCA is good for the US economy, particularly in trade-intensive border states. It's been more than a year since the initial signals that a deal had been reached, and the time is rapidly approaching to get it signed, sealed, and delivered!

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WHAT DOES YOUR LIFE CONSIST OF?

Have you read the bumper sticker that says, **NEVER DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS IN NS?** Motto: "Life is merely a quest to get more and more things!" I think that many of the possessions many seek are merely expensive playthings, and they realize death will eventually snatch them away from all the toys they possess i.e. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." (1 Tim. 6: 7). Sadly, with many people life is a meaningless game-a game no one really wins, and although they may have everything to live with, they really have nothing permanent to live for!

The Bible, however, gives us insight into the real meaning of life. It teaches us that life has a loftier, and nobler, purpose than merely grasping after what we must someday lose. For example, Jesus taught, "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (Lk. 12: 15). I realize, Christ's teaching seems strange to those who measure one's success by how exotic his car is, or how luxurious his house is. Nevertheless, wise people see the truth of Jesus' statement. They know that real success is not measured by what one HAS, but by what one IS!

Jesus told a story about a rich man who was a fool. He wasn't a fool because he was rich (the Bible doesn't teach that wealth is wrong). Neither was the man immoral, lazy, or dishonest. He was a fool because he thought all he needed was material possessions, and forgot about God and death! In his concern over mundane interests, he neglected more important matters. (Lk. 12: 16-20).

Dear reader, there really is more to life than accumulating toys to leave behind when we die. It is possible to live a genuinely meaningful life, and have God's promise of salvation when that life is over. Oh yes, in 1 Tim. 6: 8. Paul said, "And having food and raiment let us therewith be content." Think on these things.

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Year in REVIEW

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fundraisers and there is a new set of Jaws of Life as a result. The latter being a joint investment between the firemen and council to replace an antiquated set that had limited replacement parts availability and struggled cutting today's alloys. The men and women found in both departments are second to none. Many thanks to the leadership of Police Chief Freeman and Fire Chief Crowell!

The downtown, lake, ballpark and airport continue to be a focus of the city as these are assets not all communities have. The downtown area offers both shopping and dining opportunities. Beautiful Tribe, Scrubby Love, Sky Jaxx and Booshay's are new downtown destinations for our community and guests. The downtown most recently hosted the very popular Christmas Open House event. Store owners, the Chamber of Commerce and volunteers continue to make this a success each and every year. The future of the lake store will be announced early next year. We are currently taking business proposals from interested parties. A committee comprised of both city council and lake board members have been tasked to evaluate these proposals and make a recommendation. The ballpark is still not being utilized to its full potential but we hope better planning and new strategies will take place in 2020 for this asset. We showcased our airport this year with an inaugural Fly-in and Aviation Appreciation Event. This event was made possible through the efforts of our Airport Board and Chamber of Commerce President Lois Reed and Chamber Manager Marsha Valdetero. We were able to introduce our community and guests to the thrill of flight and our recent runway improvements. Those improvements were made possible through a grant the Airport Board applied for and was awarded. We are excited about the potential and current growth in these areas!

We have also experienced sales tax growth over the past 6 months. This is a great indicator of a city's health and progress. In speaking with Lois Reed and Marsha Valdetero, we have had approximately 25 new and current businesses join the Chamber of Commerce since April. The city recently welcomed Domino's which anchors a shopping center that has the ability to house three additional businesses. We anticipate additional interest in our community from businesses that see the value in the upcoming TxDOT and NET-RMA projects along HWY 271 and LOOP 485. We have a city council and city staff eager to serve facilitating these new opportunities. The future is bright!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gender Identification

The family has been the building block of nations since man's entrance on the planet. The destruction of that principle has been under assault since the beginning but in our day gender confusion has reached a fever pitch.

Gender is defined in only one way, male or female, man and woman and the proof has always been the sex at birth determined by the genitals. Suddenly we have 71 different genders according to Facebook and laws are being crafted to make you approve the "new culture" of gender confusion.

In Canada your children may be removed from your home if you disagree with gender ideology under state law. Gender confusion and homosexuality was treated as physiological and emotional disorder through most of the twentieth century and now it is a choice. Destruction of the human family is the ultimate goal and the sad result. Millions of dollars have been spent to alter the physiology of both male and female, hormone therapy, surgery to change genitals and other treatment that cannot and will not alter the birth gender. Here is why.

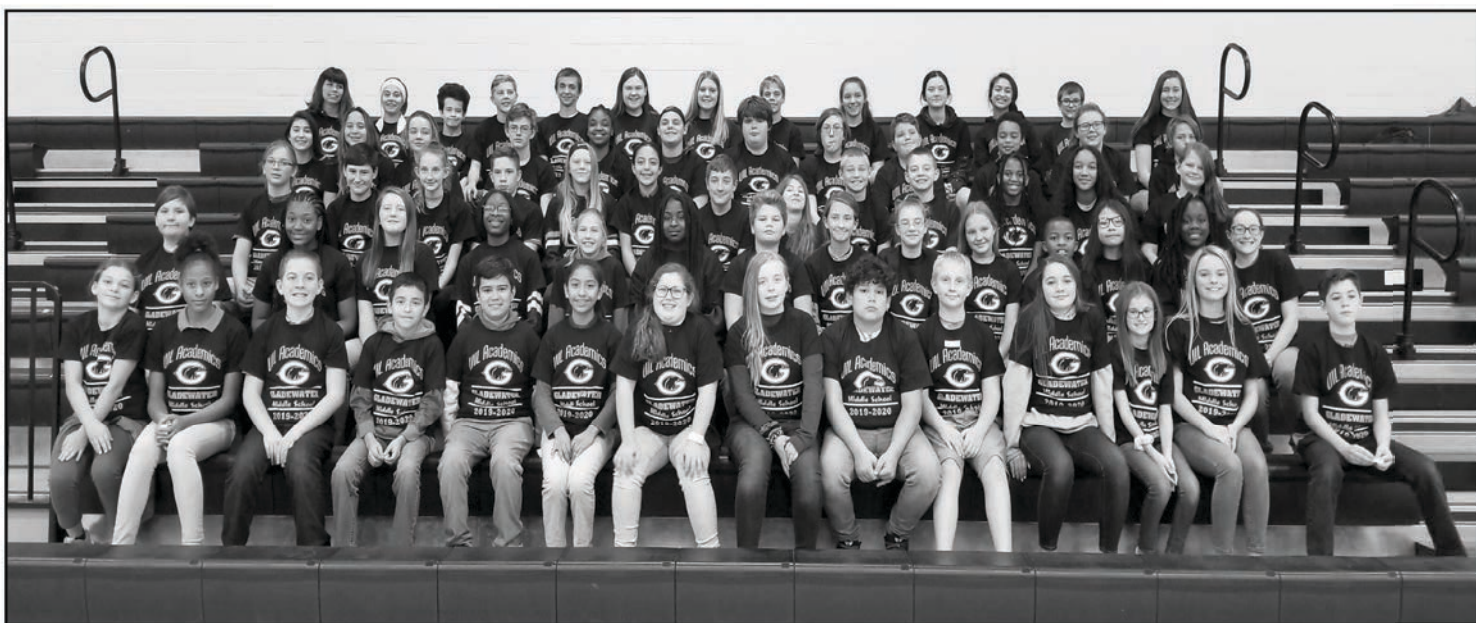
The mind cannot alter the physiology of a male or female birth identity. The DNA can be manipulated but will not be changed more importantly; the XY chromosome (XX for females and XY for males) cannot be changed. No matter how deluded the mind or emotions. A female baby will always be the XX chromosome and the male baby will always be XY chromosome. These two chromosomes determine one thing, the sex of the child and it cannot be altered!

Gender is irrevocably established at conception.

Dr. Bill Teague

KC Glade/WO fall grads

Fall Kilgore College graduates from Gladewater were Kendra Askew, Camille Broyles, Courtney Broyles, Casey Bryant, Makenzie Cruz, Melvin Head, BreAnna Hill, Jacob Mitchell, Skyllar Richter, Sam Pagna, Jennifer Swigart, Valentino Valentine, Brandy Way, Briana Waller, William Weston, Angela Williams and LaTasha Williams. White Oak graduates include Carlo Castiglione, Holly Elliott, Katherine Fisher, Mackenzie Foulke, Jonathan Frazier, Ashton Littlefield, Morgause Lowman, Michaela Martinex, Adeline Roling and Kengill Sanchez.



GMS brings home 25 UIL 1st Place medals

The Gladewater Middle School students excelled in UIL district competition bringing home 25 first places, 26 second places, 16 third places, nine fourth places, six fifth places and six sixth places. Sabine took first place school, Harmony second place and Gladewater third place. Other schools competing were White Oak, Arp, West Rusk and Troup.

GMS Bears won a total of 93 individual medals students placing included sixth graders: Allaya Gordon-Art 3rd, 1st place Art team; Olivia Pilgrim-1st place Art team; Kyleigh Carroll-1st Art team; Kevin Mireles-3rd Calculator, Suzy Perez 3rd calculator team, Madison Rector 3rd calculator team; Mason Budro 1st place chess puzzle and 1st place team, Ivan Thomas 4th place chess puzzle and 1st place chess puzzle team,

Brittany Clark 1st place chess puzzle team; Audri Johnson 5th place dictionary skills; Madison Rector 6th place editorial writing, Mackenzie Boyce 4th editorial writing; Karsyn Turnbow 4th impromptu speaking; Madison Rector 1st listening skills and 1st place team, Audri Johnson 2nd listening skills and 1st place team, Trenton McDonald 1st listening skills team; Kevin Mireles 3rd maps, graphs & charts, 6th number sense and 3rd mathematics; Harper Bittick 6th modern oratory and 1st ready writing; Hayli Edwards 6th ready writing; Karma Gomez 4th spelling and 2nd place spelling team, Suzy Perez 2nd place spelling team and Carson Wood 2nd place spelling team.

Seventh grade district UIL winners includes: Ava Langford 5th calculator, Karlee Moses

6th calculator; Logan McKnight 5th chess puzzle and 2nd place chess team, Trenton Teague 6th chess puzzle and 2nd place chess team, Jaxxon Cook 2nd place chess puzzle team; Julie Canfield 3rd dictionary skills and 1st place dictionary team, Mason Thompson 1st dictionary skills and 1st place team, Cynthia Gutierrez 1st dictionary skills team; Alissa Staten 4th editorial writing, Luke Rogers 6th editorial writing; Noah Smith 6th impromptu speaking; Alissa Staten 1st listening skills and 1st place team, Garrick Rogers 2nd listening skills and 1st place team, Astrith Alvarez 4th listening skills and 1st place team; Sarya Miles 5th oral reading; Ava Langford 6th science and 3rd place team, Mason Thompson 3rd science team, Jaxxon Cook 3rd science team; Landon Brown 2nd social studies and 2nd social studies team, Baden Wood 2nd social studies team and Kadin Voss 2nd social studies team; and third place spelling team Ava Langford, Jasmine Fisher and Pamela Faggans.

Eighth grade UIL district contest winners were: Made Bedair 1st editorial writing and Kaytlin White 6th editorial writing; Hadassah Balcorta 1st impromptu speaking; Lily Smith 4th listening skills; Katie Menjivar 3rd mathematics and 2nd place math team, Made Bedair and Kyle Martin 2nd place math team; Brianna Willson 4th modern oratory and Kaytlin White 5th modern oratory; Hadassah Balcorta 1st oral reading, Katie Menjivar 2nd oral reading; Hadassah Balcorta 3rd ready writing and 5th Kaytlin White ready writing; Madie Bedair 1st science and 2nd place science team, Kyle Martin 6th science and 2nd place science team, Katie Menjivar 2nd place science team; Madie Bedair 6th social studies and 2nd social studies team, Hadassah Balcorta 2nd social studies and 2nd social studies team, Blake Crane 2nd place social studies team; Kyle Martin 4th spelling and 2nd place team, Kyle Martin and Morgan Perez 2nd place spelling team.



The Gladewater Middle School One Act Play last competed in Arp on Dec. 13 with Chris Hernandez earning a Stage Crew Award and honorable mention Cast Awards going to Katelyn Biddle and Oscar Williams. The play was directed by GMS teacher Wendy Greene.

Courtesy Photo

GISD Calendar

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| 1/3, Friday
5 p.m. B/G BB vs. Troup-H | 5 p.m. B/G BB vs. Winona-H |
| 1/6, Monday
Student Holiday | 1/8, Wednesday
2nd Semester begins |
| 1/7, Tuesday
Student Holiday | 3rd Nine Weeks begins |
| 1/7, Tuesday
Student Holiday | 1/10, Friday |
| 1/7, Tuesday
Student Holiday | 5 p.m. B/G BB@Sabine |
| | 1/11, Saturday
Choir Area Auditions |

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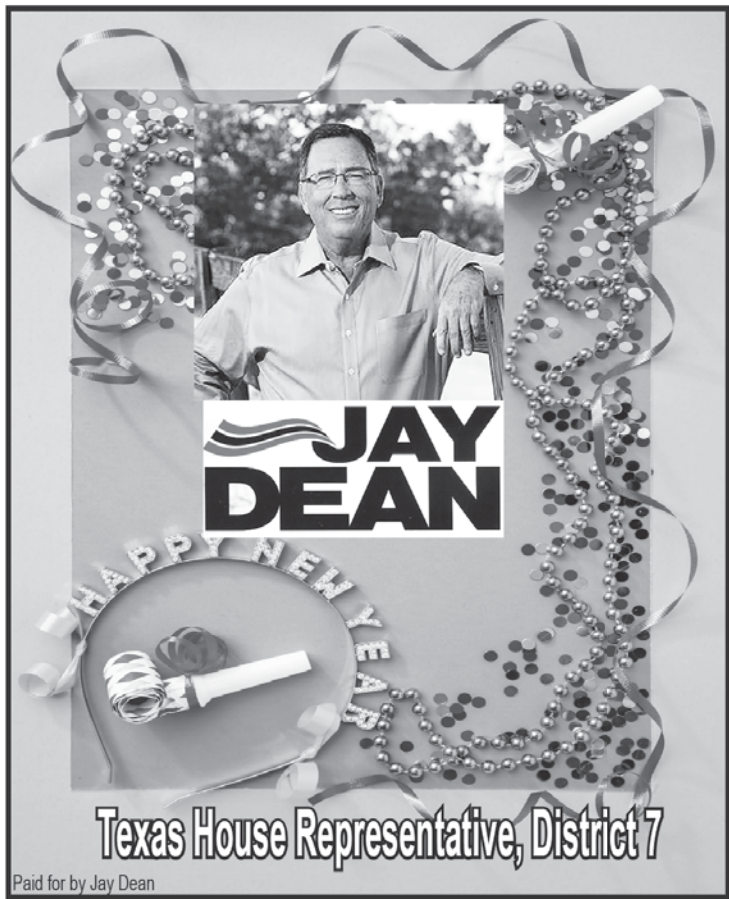
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Cornyn highlights year of accomplishments for Texans

"While I know the news is dominated by the impeachment controversy, Congress has been able to, under the radar screen, tick some important legislation off our to-do list this year on behalf of Texans," said Senator John Cornyn (R-TX).

This year, Senator Cornyn said he had four bills signed into law or currently awaiting the President's signature: the Debbie Smith Act, the HAVEN Act, the Military Voting Protection Act, and the Veteran STEM Scholarship Improvement Act.

Accomplishments During 2019

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF: Led the fight for the Trump Administration to release \$4 billion in Harvey relief for Texans that was caught up in red tape.

DEBBIE SMITH ACT: Worked to get the Debbie Smith Act, which includes funding to fight the nationwide rape kit backlog, to the President's desk after political foot-dragging by House Democrats.

STRENGTHENING NADBANK: Worked to include a provision to strengthen the North American Development Bank in the proposed USMCA trade deal.

BORDER COMMUNITY REIMBURSEMENTS: Helped secure \$30 million in reimbursements made available for Texas border communities that provided care during the influx of migrants this past summer.

HAVEN ACT: Passed his HAVEN Act into law, which will protect the economic security and well-being of veterans and their families who rely on disability benefits and may be experiencing financial hardship.

MILITARY VOTING: Passed the Military Voting Protection Act,

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which will be signed into law as part of the Defense Authorization bill and ensures service members are provided with the means and information necessary to vote in their registered state while deployed or stationed overseas.

STEM EDUCATION FOR VETERANS: Passed the Veteran STEM Scholarship Improvement Act, into law, which will help veterans to take full advantage of the GI scholarship provided to study science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

JUDICIAL CONFIRMATIONS: Helped to fill 20 Texas judicial vacancies since the start of this Administration, with more than 170 federal judges confirmed nationwide.

BORDER FUNDING: Fought for \$4.6 billion in funding to support the Homeland Security's efforts to secure our southern border.

DEFENSE FUNDING: Enacted (once signed) the largest pay raise for U.S. servicemembers in a decade through the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which also included \$400 million for military construction projects in Texas.

IRS REFORM: Passed the Taxpayer First Act, now law, which contained the most significant reforms to the IRS in 20 years.

SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER LEGISLATION: Passed the Rebuilding Small Businesses After Disasters Act, now law, which extends provisions to help homeowners and small businesses access certain U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loans.

AUTISM RESEARCH: Passed the main source of federal funding for autism research, the Autism CARES Act, which is now law.

RELIEF FOR FARMERS: Passed the Family Farmer Relief Act, now law, to help family farmers reorganize their debt during tough economic times. Helped secure \$400 million in relief for farmers and ranchers affected by drought in 157 Texas counties.

ELECTION SECURITY: Enacted bills with unanimous support ensuring hacking a voting system is a federal crime and deporting and denying entry to foreign nationals who have violated U.S. election law.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT: Passed legislation that will help law enforcement officers in crisis and their families and legislation to provide grants for state and local law enforcement to purchase bulletproof vests.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ASSESSMENT
- CLUTTER
- DATA
- DEADLINES
- FILING
- GARBAGE
- GROUPINGS
- INSTRUCTION
- LEADERSHIP
- LISTENING
- MANAGEMENT
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- TIME
- TRAINING

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4	5	7	6	2	9	3	1	8
6	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7
8	4	8	2	8	6	9	3	4
8	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	7
2	2	1	5	3	6	4	1	8
7	8	6	4	1	5	3	6	4
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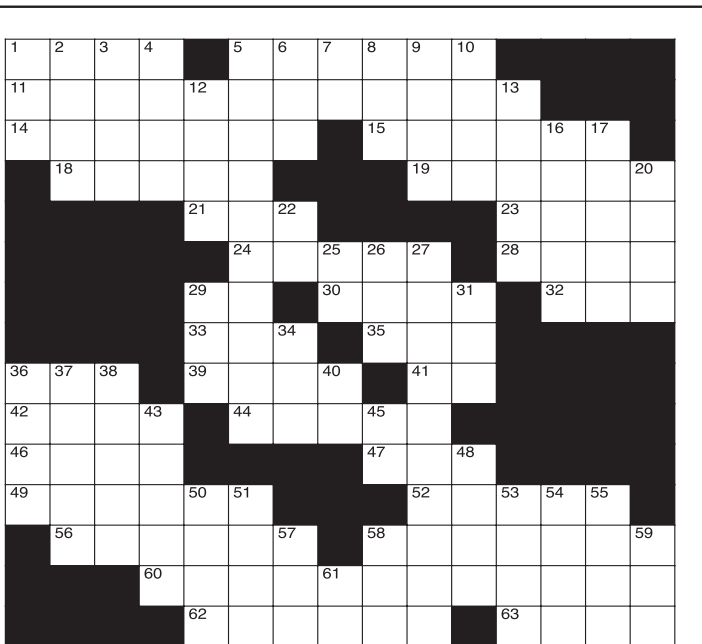
CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to retail. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = r)

- A. 4 16 23 26 14 6
Clue: Provides goods or services
- B. 11 18 14 6 16
Clue: Place of business
- C. 6 16 20 9 11 18 16 6
Clue: Where items are paid for
- D. 25 6 14 12 9 18
Clue: Financial gain

Answers: A. vendor B. store C. register D. profit



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Beer ingredient
- 5. Popular FOX TV show
- 11. Recurring from time to time
- 14. Criticized severely
- 15. Musician
- 18. German urban center
- 19. Quenched
- 21. Human gene
- 23. Indian music
- 24. Accumulate
- 28. One who graduated
- 29. Atomic #109
- 30. Semitic fertility god
- 32. Sportscastr Patrick
- 33. Child's dining accessory
- 35. Payment (abbr.)
- 36. Guitarist's tool
- 39. Dabbling ducks
- 41. Commercial
- 42. Style someone's hair
- 44. Biu-Mandara language
- 46. Actress Spelling
- 47. Large hole in the ground
- 49. One-masted sailboats
- 52. Tropical Asian plant
- 56. Concur
- 58. Latin term for charity
- 60. The number below the line in a fraction
- 62. Reddish browns
- 63. This (Spanish)
- 34. Chinese-American actress Ling
- 36. Performs on stage
- 37. Slang for money
- 38. Large Russian pie
- 40. The Mount Rushmore State
- 43. Narrow inlet
- 45. News organization (abbr.)
- 48. Scarlet's home
- 50. Micturates
- 51. Monetary unit
- 53. Any customary observance or practice
- 54. Sons of Poseidon
- 55. Facilitates grocery shopping
- 57. Standard operating procedure
- 58. Former OSS
- 59. Midway between south and southeast
- 61. The Wolverine State

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Belong to he
- 2. One time only
- 3. Parent-teacher groups
- 4. Puts in place
- 5. Editing
- 6. In the course of
- 7. Helps injured people (abbr.)
- 8. OJ trial judge
- 9. Resist authority (slang)
- 10. Formerly alkenols
- 12. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 13. Jewelled headdress
- 16. Viking Age poet
- 17. Vanuatu island
- 20. Wish harm upon
- 22. Unit of length
- 25. Blood type
- 26. Drain
- 27. Do-gooders
- 29. Advanced degree
- 31. Business designation

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to organization.

O C E T L S

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Answer: Closet



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ANSWER: COMPUTER

Computer Word Find

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 G R S S E C O R P P H A
 B B P T R O F R P A L T
 K M K L E F J K D W Z A
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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

W P R O E P U

Answer: Power Up

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

• 1777: AMERICAN GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON DEFEATS BRITAIN'S GENERAL LORD CORNWALLIS AT THE BATTLE OF PRINCETON.

• 1870: CONSTRUCTION ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE BEGINS.

• 2000: THE FINAL DAILY EDITION OF THE "PEANUTS" COMIC STRIP IS RUN.

New word

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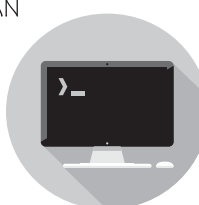
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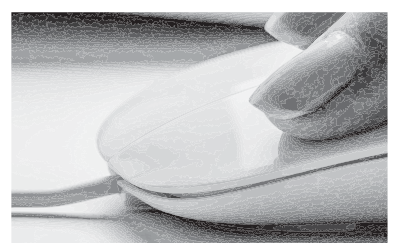
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- FRENCH: Mémoire
- GERMAN: Erinnerung

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GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: COMPUTER MOUSE

Start 2020 in the fresh air of the great outdoors with a stroll, dog walk, polar bear plunge, or hike in your Texas State Park. Unless otherwise noted, all events in this email take place on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

First Day Hike: Birding the Lakeshore

Start the New Year off right with a new walk and a new hobby.

Get outdoors for your New Year's Resolution and try new things. Join us for a birding hike around Tyler State Park Lake, through different environments, and learn about one of the fastest growing hobbies.

Bring binoculars or we have a few loaner pairs, wear sturdy shoes, and be ready for a 2-mile hike. Meet at the Silver Canoe Park Store.

For more information call Boyd Sanders at (903) 597-5338 or email boyd.sanders@tpwd.texas.gov.

First Day Hike

Recover from the holidays by joining us for a First Day Hike on New Year's Day!

Start your year out by taking a healthy step into nature with us! We will be hiking through our enchanting cathedral of trees. Bring your family, friends, and fur babies with you to enjoy the fun too! (All dogs must remain



combination of trails in our system, creating a one of a kind First Day Hike!

Visit Mission Tejas State Park on day one of 2020 and see how much we can improve by 2021...

Bring water, appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoors, and join us --- your new year will always be better outside!

***Attendance to this event is open to the public and free AFTER regular day use or camping fees.

For more information call Jared Shamburger at (936) 687-2394 or email jared.shamburger@tpwd.texas.gov.

Other Events:

Jan 1, 2 p.m. - First Day Hike Lake Bob Sandlin State Park Start off the New Year with a hike in the park!

Jan 1, 2 p.m. - First Day Hike: Creation of Cooper Lake State Park

Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit Join us to start the new year with a hike into the woods.

Jan 1, 2 p.m. - First Day Hike: Hiking Through the Pines Tyler State Park

Discover the health benefits of the forest.

Jan 25, 10 a.m. 31st Annual Kid's Fishing Day

Lake Bob Sandlin State Park Join us for the 31st Annual Kid's Fishing Day!

on a leash at all times. Please pick up after them.) If you can't join us here, this is a statewide event at many of our Texas State Parks.

Meet us at the Main Trail Head in the Day Use Area at 10:30am to join the easy hike on the 2.4 mile Rustling Leaves Trail around Lake Daingerfield.

Remember to bring water and wear clothes appropriate for the weather!

Entrance Fees: \$4.00 per adult (age 13+); Children 12 years and younger are free.

For more information call Onlie McGee (903) 645-2921.

First Day Hike

Start the year off on the right

foot with a First Day Hike - 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., January 1.

EXPECT: Hike a moderate 1.5-mile hike with moderate hills, including sections of stairs. We will begin at the Caddo Forest Trail and end at the fishing pier on Saw Mill Pond.

WHEN: We'll begin promptly at 1PM and end at about 2:30PM.

WHERE: Meet at the Caddo Forest Trail. Trailhead located by the entrance of the boat ramp parking lot. Park HQ will be closed. Bring exact change or check to pay entry fees using the self-pay station.

WHAT TO BRING: Closed-toe shoes (required), layered clothing, and water. Don't forget

to put on bug spray before you come out.

COST AND FINE PRINT: Program is included in park entry fees- \$4 per person ages 13 and older, 12 and under are free. No need to register, just show up! Programs are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. Cancellations will be announced on Caddo Lake State Park Facebook page or you can call Park HQ.

For more information call Kelsey Johnson at (903) 578-0160 or email kelsey.johnson@tpwd.texas.gov.

First Day Hike: Afternoon Adventure

If New Year's morning comes too early, come leg it a little later on!

Make a resolution to be a good steward for Texas State Parks, and start it off right from day one. Kick off the New Year by exploring Mission Tejas on a guided hike with a Ranger!

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GALA to meet Jan. 21

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Gladewater Garden Club to meet Jan. 27

The Gladewater Garden Club will meet Monday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. with Gregg County Master Gardener of Longview Janel Garnett on English Country Gardens. Hostesses for the meeting to be held at the Gardens of Gladewater Clubhouse are Lorraine Clark, Nancy Holly and Jamie Ballard.

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Weldon Alum Scholarship program

The Lendell Hawley Scholarship Program benefitting the airfield and Eulalia Hill-Allen Scholarship Fund of the Weldon Alumni Association will be Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at St. James Baptist Church at 2800 Commerce Street in Gladewater.

Upshur GOP Candidate Forum set for Jan. 6

A forum for all candidates in the March 3 Upshur County Republican Party primary is scheduled Monday night (Jan. 6) at the Open Range in Gilmer.

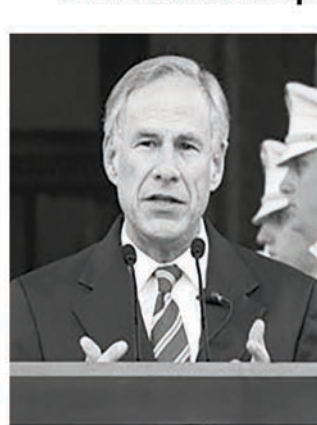
Gilmer free-lance journalist and businessman Phillip Williams will be moderator for the 6:30 p.m. event, introducing candidates and asking them written questions submitted by the audience. Sponsored by the Republican Party of Upshur County with assistance from the Cherokee Rose Republican Women, the forum is open to the public.

Attendees will pay for their own meals at the restaurant on Texas 155. Questions must be submitted at the sign-in table at the door as no oral questions will be allowed, said Republican Party of Upshur County Chairman Cynthia Ridgeway.

The forum is open to all candidates for any office on the Upshur GOP ballot, including county, state and party offices, whether opposed in the primary or not. Candidates for local office will be given three minutes to speak, while candidates for other offices will be allotted five minutes, before the question-and-answer period, Ridgeway said.

This is the only forum the Upshur GOP plans before the primary, she said.

Gov. Abbott to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner



GILMER--Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is scheduled to be featured speaker at the Republican Party of Upshur County's fund-raising Lincoln Day Dinner here Feb. 28.

The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Gilmer Civic Center and some 400 are expected to attend, said DeBorah Bankston, coordinator of the dinner.

Information on ticket sales will be announced once a caterer for the gathering is determined, she said.

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The Union Grove Junior High One Act Play cast won first place for "Triangle" in district competition. Individual awards included Top Performer Daytona Vaughn, All Star Cast members Sara Clowers, Keeley Rust and Rowdy Williams. Honorable All Star Cast Katy King and Vance Aaron. Tech awards went to Anna Flanagan and Rowan Moore. The cast was directed by drama teacher Sandy Spears.

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UGISD excelled in 2019

2019 has been an exceptional year for students at Union Grove I.S.D. The Lions excelled in several areas!

The elementary, junior high and high school were all DISTRICT CHAMPIONS in academic UIL Union Grove had over 10 state appearances during the year which included a combination of FFA, band, athletics and academics. Rocketry had a successful launch this summer in White Sands, New Mexico and the band received two state honors for the Outstanding Performance Series. Union Grove FFA returned from the Houston Livestock Show with five trophies and one act play reigned as DISTRICT CHAMPIONS in junior high and high school. The athletic program celebrated DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS at the junior high and high school level with several playoff appearances. Union Grove High School received seven distinctions from the State Assessments of Academic Readiness and the district received an overall rating of an "A". This success is a direct result of the dedication and hard work on the part of students, teachers, coaches, principals and parents.

During the course of 2019 students also completed a variety of service projects to give back to the community. Students participated



Kelly Moore
Union Grove ISD
Superintendent

in canned food drives, purchasing Christmas gifts for those in need, assisting with the Young Athletes Program, donating funds to the Longview Cancer Center and supporting the backpack program. These activities are important to the overall educational experience and we want to continue to give back in 2020!

Reflecting on the past year, we have so much to be thankful for at UGISD. I would like to personally thank the Union Grove school board, parents, faculty and staff, community members and business leaders for the continued support of our district. We are only as strong as the team that we create. We are looking forward to a prosperous 2020!

With Lion Pride,
Kelly Moore
UGISD Superintendent of Schools

Villarreal, Bolt, Robertson, Tyeskie earn All-State Honors

The 2019 Texas Associated Press Sports Writers named the Texas Class 3A All-State Football team last week. The Gladewater Bears had four players earn All-State recognition. Senior Zach Villarreal was named the All-State First Team Defense for his outstanding season at linebacker for the Bears. He recorded 141 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, 3 quarterback sacks and 2 forced fumbles this season.

Senior Trent Bolt was chosen as an All-State Second Team Offensive Lineman. Bolt led an offensive line that cleared the path for Bears power rushing attack and protected the quarterback in passing situations.

Receiving Honorable Mention All-State Recognition were Gladewater seniors Jaielyn Robertson and Zach Tyeskie. Robertson was the Bears starting tight end who had big plays offensively for the Bears especially in the playoffs. Tyeski was a beast on the Bears defensive line. Throughout the season, Tyeskie was the big playmaker on defense line.

The Gladewater Bears had a record of 10-4 on the season and earned Co-District 8-3A Championship and defeated Hughes Springs, Van Alstyne and Winnsboro before losing to Pottsboro in the State Quarterfinal round of the Class 3A Division I playoffs.

2019 Texas Associated Press Sports Writers Class 3A All-State Team

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen:
— JACKSON FINNEY, Brock, Sr. — 95% grade for team that averaged 300 ypg rushing
— JUSTIN KITCHEN, Elysian Fields, Jr. — 91% grade, 63 pancakes, zero sacks on 194 pass attempts, team averaged 510 yards and 40.1 ppg
— BLAKE RODGERS, Vanderbilt Industrial, Jr. — 96% grade, 45 pancakes for offense that averaged 375 ypg
— ASHTON SMITH, Stanton, Jr. — 96% grade, 45 pancakes for team that averaged 220 rush ypg
— ADAM WINN, Ballinger, Jr. — 95% grade, 36 pancakes, 60 knockdowns, two sacks allowed
Receivers/ends:
— TJ FERCH, Clifton, Sr. — 65-1,134, 14 TDs
— JAYLN MARKS, WF City View, Sr. — 50-1,315, 25 TDs
Quarterback:
— DANE JENTSCH, Grandview, Jr. — 141-213-2,438, 30 TDs, 4 INTs, 567 rushing yards, 6 TDs
Running backs:
— CY SHOPE, Pottsboro, Sr. — 165-1,591, 28 TDs
— TYREE SIMCIK, Columbus, Sr. — 2,002 rushing yards, 29 TDs
— CHRISTAVIAN SMITH, Elysian Fields, Sr. — 1,379 yards, 22 TDs rushing; 50-903, 5 TDs receiving
Kicker:
— SANTIAGO VILLANUEVA, Edna, Jr. — 41-42 PATs, 4-4 FGs, long of 47, 25 touchbacks
Offensive Player of the Year: Dane Jentsch,

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen:
— BRETT DRILLETTE, Brock, Jr. — 107 tackles, 7 sacks, 5 FF
— KEIUNTRAY HAWKINS, Omaha Pewitt, Sr. — 90 tackles, 10.5 sacks, 2 FF, 3 FR
— ERIC JEFFERSON, Dallas Madison, Jr. — 64 tackles, 10 sacks, fumble return for TD
— ADAM WINN, Ballinger, Jr. — 97 tackles, 58 solo, 11 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 blocked kicks, 2 FF
Linebackers:
— MASON ALLSUP, Brady, Sr. — 120 tackles, 60 solo, 20 TFL, 7 sacks, 2 FF
— PEYTON SNOW, Winona, Jr. — 163 tackles, 3 INTs, 3 sacks, 3 FF, 2 FR, 4 TFL, defensive TD
— ZACH VILLARREAL, Gladewater, Sr. — 141 tackles, 11 TFL, 3 sacks, 2 FF
Defensive backs:
— SERGIO GUERRA, San Diego, Jr. — 126 tackles, 3 TFL, 7 INTs, INT return for TD, 3 FF
— DANE JENTSCH, Grandview, Jr. — 111 tackles, 3 INTs, 1 FF, 4 PBU
— PEYTON LOWE, Gunter, Sr. — 83 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU, 2 INTs, 4 defensive TDs
— HUTCH RABENALDT, Marion, Sr. — 7 INTs, 72 tackles
Punter:
— JONATHON BROOKS, Hallettsville, Jr. — 20 punts, 42.3 avg., long of 71
Defensive Player of the Year: Peyton Snow, Winona.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen:
— Trent Bolt, Gladewater, Sr.; Asher Gonzalez, San Diego, Soph.; Miles Keith, Abernathy, Sr.; Cameron Raulston, CC London, Sr.; Tate Williams, Wall, Jr.
Receivers/ends:
— Anthony Bonilla, Eastland, Sr.; Kobe Young, Cameron Yoe, Sr.
Quarterback:
— Jaylin Thibodeaux, Dallas Madison, Sr.
Running backs:
— Dee Black, Jefferson, Sr.; Zach Hrbacek, Troy, Jr.; Cash Jones, Brock, Jr.
Kicker:
— Fernando Jaimes, Sabine, Sr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen:
— Tyler Chrup, Jefferson, Sr.; Jason Gossett, Troy, Sr.; Chad Reeves, Daingerfield, Sr.; Joe Walker, Wall, Sr.
Linebackers:
— Cooper Bean, Ballinger, Sr.; Ty Kirkland, Elysian Fields, Jr.; Drew Morrison, Wall, Jr.
Defensive backs:
— Tyrese Grant, Daingerfield; Jack Koetting, Canadian; Dakari Lee, Dallas Madison; Lance Welps, Amarillo River Road, Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Tykelan Black, Daingerfield; Ruben Bowman, Dallas Madison; Logan Carroll, George West; Koby Cordero, Cisco; Mason Damron, Jacksboro; Saul Escamilla, Canadian; Duke Fitts, Omaha Pewitt; Christian Gomez, Edna; Rhys Kelley, Omaha Pewitt; Spencer McCarty, Tuscola Jim Ned; Blyake Moreland, Vanderbilt Industrial; Bryce Ridenour, Daingerfield; Jaielyn Robertson, Gladewater; Will Scott, Cameron Yoe; Garrett Towery, Troup; Larson Workman, Ganado.
RECEIVERS/ENDS: Austin Boyd, Grandview; Brandon Cerna, Crane; Caleb Galindo, Brady; Titus Lyons, Pottsboro; Jake Orcutt, Bushland; Mason Perales, Tidehaven; Beau Workman, Troy.
QUARTERBACKS: Walker Bauer, Brady; Bryson Daily, Abernathy; Behren Morton, Eastland; Jared Thomas, Bushland; Jaxon Willis, Crane.
RUNNING BACKS: La-Jathan Allen, Omaha Pewitt; Jacob Bautista, Friona; Brandon Belcher, Amarillo River Road; Jonathon Brooks, Hallettsville; Jakobie Craver, Daingerfield; Jose Diaz-Mendez, Santa Rosa; Gary Haynes, Palacios; Hayze Hufstetler, Canadian; Quin Johnson, Winona; Jayleen Record, Dallas Madison.
KICKERS: Andy Prazak, New Diana; Logan Whitting, Holliday.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Silas Barr, Pottsboro; Logan Carroll, George West; Dametrius Crownover, Grandview; Keegan Dobbs, Coahoma; Eduardo Gil, Cameron Yoe; Tristan Green, Sabine; Dillon Inman, Boyd; Johnny Jurado, Dublin; Cole Lee, East Bernard; Devin Smith, George West; Zach Tyeskie, Gladewater.
LINEBACKERS: Antonio Arellano, Grandview; Carson Carter, Brock; Kevin Cervantes, Dublin; Reagan Cochran, Canadian; Jourdain Durham, WF City View; Patrick England, Cameron Yoe; Dante Flores, Abernathy; Jackson Illingworth, Elysian Fields; Bill Koetting, Canadian; Michael Lehnardt, Grandview; Travis Matula, Hallettsville; Evan Peel, Daingerfield; Bryson Rigsby, Gunter; Bryce Smith, Grand Saline; Nick Taylor, Boyd; Nico Vargas, Cameron Yoe; Jayden Williams, Marion; Kadin Workman, Troy.
DEFENSIVE BACKS: Walker Bauer, Brady; Anthony Bonilla, Eastland; Colton Diebitsch, Wall; Luke Dillingham, Brock; Isaac Gutierrez, Mathis; Jayln Marks, WF City View; Clayton Reed, Gunter; Calvin Stewart, Cameron Yoe; Regan Whitley, East Bernard.



Lady Lions stand a 1-1 in District 16-2A

The Union Grove Lady Lions launched their District 16-2A schedule with a controversial loss to the Hawkins Lady Hawks last Tuesday. Union Grove coach, J.B. Littlejohn contested the game's officiating with their superiors when the Lady Hawks went to foul line in the fourth quarter with 20 times to the Union Groves' two fouls allowed Hawkins to narrow the 25-18 lead by Union Grove. Coach Littlejohn said, "We had the lead, we were not trying to steal or block shots.. We didn't need to foul intentionally." Hawkins got the win, 33-31. Alston and Lacaze each had 9 points each to lead Union Grove scoring.

In a district game against Overton, the Lady Lions jumped out the 27-13 lead at the half and played most of their subs in the second half to win 40-29. Leading scorers for the Lady Lions were Judd and Littlejohn.

Union Grove Lions:

Champs of UG Invitational Tournament

Carson Daniels drained two free throws which proved to be the winning shots in the Union Grove Lions' 60-58 victory over the McLeod Longhorns in the championship game of the Union Grove Invitational tournament last Saturday in the Lions' Den. The Longhorn had a desperation shot at the buzzer that clanged off the rim in the remaining 1.3 seconds of the game.

The two evenly matched teams battled for four quarters with McLeod relying on their big man, Trevor Deel and guard Kobe Bonner attacking the basket. For the Lions, it was Carson Daniels' bombing the nets from beyond the three-point line that kept heat on McLeod. Daniels had 27 points for the game with 21 coming from 3-point range. Kole Burns came up big with nine points in the second quarter and a total 18 points for the Lions.

Bears finish 4th at Union Grove Tournament

The Gladewater Bears varsity basketball team finished 4th in the Union Grove Invitational Tournament last week. The Bears notched wins over Hawkins and Hughes Springs advancing to the semi-final round but fell to the McLeod Longhorns, 62-42. In the consolation game for third place, the Bears got off to slow start against the Troup Tigers but narrowed the gap before falling 47-37 to finish out of the trophies.

Kollin Lewis led the Bears in scoring for the tournament with 40 points. K'Havai Reese posted 38 points in the tournament. Eligia Carter had 29 points.

The Bears will face Troup on January 3rd at home in their District 16-3A opener and will host Winona on January 7th.

Gladewater Lady Bears start District 16-3A at 2-0

The Gladewater Lady Bears launched District 16-3A with victories over West Rusk and Arp last week. The Lady Bears defeated West Rusk, 56-51 behind Victoria Perry's double-double with 18 points and 18 rebounds along with 7 steals. Haleigh Oliver scored 16 points and had 8 rebounds. Ebony Pipkins added 9 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Other key contributors in the win were Sydney Spurlock scoring 8 points. Makayla Police and Kamryn Floyd had three steals each.

The Gladewater Lady Bears scored 62 points in a blowout win over Arp. Victoria Perry led the way with her second double-double of the week with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Ebony Pipkins added 17 points. Bri Boyd scored 8 points in the game. Haleigh Oliver scored 8 points and had 7 steals.

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Former Harmony teacher charged with taking Band Booster \$\$\$\$

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Hazel said Harmony ISD officials contacted the sheriff's office in August "to make a report regarding missing funds from the band booster account." He said school personnel "discovered some anomalies," and Sheriff Larry Webb's office opened an investigation.


The probe by detectives determined Denson had taken \$27,000 from the booster club account over a period ending last August, and the findings were forwarded to District Attorney

Billy Byrd's office, said Hazel. The Upshur County Grand Jury subsequently indicted Denson Dec. 19, and she was booked into the county jail on warrants, authorities said.



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