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City tables HVAC bids after they varied by \$5,000

The Gladewater City Council chose to table a request for a new HVAC unit for Code Enforcement and Manna House, both located at City Hall at last week's monthly council meeting.

The request was tabled because the bids ranged from around \$10,000 to \$5,424 and the council wanted more clarification on the bids before spending tax dollars.

The council approved the annual Baseball Association & Softball Association Field Use Agreements for 2020 and approved the investment report for quarter ending December 31, 2019, approved a "Joint Election Agreement" with Gladewater Independent School District, authorized an ordinance ordering the city officer election for May 2, 2020, and approved a blanket permit for the 2020 Polar Plunge and Fire Truck Pull to be held on Feb. 8 at Lake Gladewater.

The council accepted a resolution for a Homeland Security Grant for the Gladewater Fire Department for the possible purchase of 30 mobile radios. The council was told the grant is not a matching grant, so the city will not be out any unbudgeted funds. Fire Chief Cory Crowell said the city is having trouble communicating across town with the current older model handheld radios and newer ones are needed.

The council accepted a Gladewater Lake Board recommendation to replace Nita Clifton with Jim Valentine on the board and add Rita Word as the alternate board member.

The council also met with city department heads regarding the 1st quarter budget: City Hall/Finance, Code Enforcement, GEDCO, Fire Department, Library, Police Department and Public Works/Streets/Water/Wastewater.



Gladewater's boys and girls took to the hardwood last week in district contests. Check out how the Bears and Lady Bears did last week inside this week's issue.

Photo by Chris Jones

'Where do we go from here?'

By Suzanne Bardwell

For about 15 years there has been a Gladewater parade to honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year a brunch and panel discussion was held at the end point of the parade, the Garfield Hill Community Center. With 15 walkers, 10 vehicles, firetrucks and police escort, south Main Street was blocked off as the parade made its way to the community center where Mayor JD Shipp read a city proclamation "naming Jan. 20, 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in our community, as a memorial to this apostle of non-violence in the crusade for human rights; urging all residents to join me in rededicating ourselves to the principals of justice and equality for all".

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Darren Richardson led the audience in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" written by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamund Johnson. Rev. Emmitt Pettigrew Jr. of New Hope Baptist Church gave the opening prayer. The panel consisting of Richardson, Shipp, councilwoman Brandy Flanagan and Dr. Margo Bell addressed questions touching on a variety of issues driven by the theme "Where do we go from here?" with Odette Alexander serving as the moderator.

Alexander opened with a welcome saying that "we have gathered here, black and white, of different economic levels and we have made some gains, but the question we are addressing today is 'where do we go from here?'"

Questions addressing criminal justice, poverty and economic inequity and voting rights were all a part of a wide-ranging discussion.

Dr. Bell pointed out the difference in treatment

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Gladewater Police Chief and long time parade participant Marilyn Bolden walk down south Main Street in Monday's parade honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Ex-East Mountain fire chief pleads guilty

By Phillip Williams

Former East Mountain Fire Chief James Wilson (Jimmy) Burks is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty last week in Gilmer to misappropriating approximately \$45,000 of the volunteer fire department's funds, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Burks, 45, entered the plea to misapplication of fiduciary property Jan. 13 to 115th District Judge Dean Fowler, who accepted it, and a sentencing hearing "will take place imminently" at a date yet to be set, Byrd said in a Jan. 14 news release.

Burks was arrested last Sept. 5, six days after the Upshur County Grand Jury returned a sealed indictment against him, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel. The defendant was released from county jail in Gilmer Sept. 15 on \$50,000 bond, county records show.

The indictment alleged Burks "knowingly and recklessly"

misapplied at least \$30,000, but less than \$150,000, by using the funds for "gambling, trips, personal purchases, food and to purchase gifts for his girlfriend." He was charged with committing the offense on or about July 16, 2018.

Burks could face two to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony, a fine of up to \$10,000, and be ordered to repay the stolen funds, Byrd said. He represented the state at the pleading, while Longview attorney Craig Bass represented the defendant.

Sheriff Larry Webb had announced last May that his office was investigating a criminal complaint received May 23 from then-East Mountain Fire Chief Cecil David Aills "related to allegations of misappropriation of departmental funds by a member of the East Mountain Volunteer Fire Department."

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Brookshire Grocery Co. leaders and Gladewater city and chamber of commerce officials gathered on Jan. 14 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the renovated Brookshire's Food Store located at 1300 E. Broadway Ave. in Gladewater. The updated supermarket boasts a modern look with new exterior and interior paint, décor and signage. The store design is complemented by new flooring, check stands, energy efficient LED lighting and refrigerated cases, along with new shopping carts for customers. "We are very proud to have been part of the Gladewater community for more than 70 years and to celebrate this beautifully renovated store," said Brad Brookshire, Chairman and CEO. Mayor J.D. Shipp, Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell, Chamber president Lois Reed and chamber manager Marsha Valdetero even took a spin in the Brookshire's giant motorized shopping cart.

Photos by Suzanne Bardwell



OPINION/EDITORIAL

"Give it Time"...

"Everything you know will one day go away...you don't have to go" is the opening lyric to Jonathan Terrell's song "Give it Time". I discovered it today while working on our deadline for the newspaper. The video is beautiful to watch BUT when I replayed the song and listened to the lyrics it was even more impactful. Maybe because I know he lost a much loved brother to suicide. A brother I remember well from Sunday School and Day Camp with tousled red hair and a wild giggle. But that may well have nothing to do with this song, just my memories.

Jonathan is a gifted songwriter from a gifted family and this song is just one of many he has crafted.

We all have a story to tell, to sing, to write, to live. It's not always pretty. Sometimes it is dark and starkly empty. Sometimes it is brutally painful.

But a recurring lyric in Jonathan's song is "Give it time" and that may well be the key to living through the deserts, the self-imposed dungeons, the betrayals, the losses and the failures. Just...give it time.

I have lived a life that has been full of love, full of heartbreak, full of gifts and loss. Just like you.

The dark is not always about breaking hearts, sometimes it is about rest.

When you 'hold onto darkness', 'hold onto fear', that is when we feel as if we are drowning. We need to have the heart, the eyes, the spirit to see...and have the courage to reach up or out. To let our light shine in the dark places for both ourselves and others. Maybe Jonathan had none of these thoughts in mind when he wrote this soulful song.

Suzanne Bardwell



But that is the beauty of music, of art, of writing...it carries us, often, to where we need to go and to what we need to do.

We need to learn to not only forgive those who have created the cracks in our hearts, we have to learn to forgive ourselves...and for that we need time.

"One day you'll find even the stars have to let go of their light...so let it shine".

That's the point isn't it? To let our light shine? While we can.

We just have to remember that our light often shines the brightest when it is the darkest.

The Terrells may be the most talented family I know. One of the most real. One of the most divinely driven. Their light has always been a gift that I am thankful to have known.

If you don't know Jonathan's music all you have to do is go to YouTube and look up this brilliantly gifted young man. Jim and I have known his parents throughout most of our lives. That Jonathan apple doesn't fall far from his tree.

Thank you to Jonathan for sharing his gifts and reminding us to "Give it time and to let it shine".

Ed Sterling Capital Highlights



Governor requests presidential disaster declaration

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 13 asked for a presidential disaster declaration for three counties that sustained widespread damage attributed to severe thunderstorms, straight-line winds, hail and tornadoes.

The stormy weather on Oct. 20-21 hit Cameron, Dallas and Erath counties. Abbott's request includes public assistance and hazard mitigation.

"The State of Texas is committed to ensuring the people of Cameron, Dallas and Erath counties have the resources they need to continue rebuilding the public infrastructure," Abbott said. "With the help of our federal partners, these communities can rebuild quickly and gain access to important recovery resources. I ask that the president swiftly grant this request in order to expedite valuable support to these counties."

If Abbott's request is granted, local jurisdictions will be eligible for federal reimbursement for the cost of disaster-related debris removal, emergency measures to protect life and property and permanent repair work to damaged or destroyed infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water treatment facilities, parks and publicly owned property.

Proclamation extended

Gov. Abbott on Jan. 14 extended the disaster proclamation he originally signed on Aug. 23, 2017, and amended several times thereafter, pertaining to 60 counties affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Texas law authorizes the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

Miller hails trade deal

When President Donald Trump signed the "Phase One" trade agreement with China on Jan. 15, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller called it "huge, Texas-sized news."

The agreement calls for China to increase its purchase of U.S.-produced goods by \$200 billion, including the import of agricultural products by \$40 billion to \$50 billion over the next two years.

U.S. negotiators agreed to cut tariffs in half on goods from China, from 15% down to 7.5%.

Goal: donor protection

Texas Attorney General Paxton on Jan. 14 joined the attorneys general of 23 states in an agreement with PayPal Charitable Fund Inc., the charitable arm of PayPal.

In the agreement, the states seek to ensure donors are given clear information and disclosures on where their money goes when making charitable contributions through the company's online payment platform.

Previously, the platform aggregated and distributed funds to the donors' chosen charities without collecting fees; however, charities that maintained a PayPal account received contributions more quickly than others. That fact was not disclosed to donors, nor was the fact that sometimes contributions were redirected away from the donor's selected charity and given to a different organization with similar purposes.

"Texans are generous people who selflessly give to countless charities and causes. They deserve to know exactly where their contributions go and how they are handled," Paxton said. "The agreement reached today marks a recognition of the responsibilities charitable funds have to donors, and we are grateful for the new PayPal Charitable Fund provisions that will better inform all who choose to give to charity through the online platform."

Agency set record again

During calendar year 2019 the Texas Railroad Commission processed a record 11,654 new drilling permits.

The Lone Star State's oil and gas industry regulating agency announced its staff also set a record in taking just two days on average to process standard drilling permits, one day below the Legislative requirement.

Also, according to a Jan. 13 news release, the agency processed permits at this faster-than-required rate for two years in a row, beginning in calendar year 2018.

"The Railroad Commission's technological solutions enable operators to quickly apply for and receive drilling permits," said Wei Wang, executive director of the agency. "Nearly 99 percent of operators apply for drilling permits online. This allows our staff to thoroughly and quickly review each application to ensure operators meet all drilling permit requirements."

Texas leads the nation in oil and gas production, with the Permian Basin in West Texas ranking as the nation's top energy production region. In the last 12 months Texas operators reported 1.438 billion barrels of oil produced and almost 10 trillion cubic feet of gas.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Big City Job Growth

Austin-Round Rock was the fastest growing large metropolitan area in the United States over the past decade. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics recently looked at the percent change in employment



for metropolitan areas with a 2010 population of at least one million, and Austin-Round Rock topped the list with 43.1% expansion. Between December 2009 and November 2019, all 51 of the largest US metropolitan areas saw employment increases, but the rates of growth varied dramatically from the rapid pace in Austin-Round Rock down to just 5.7% in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, Connecticut.

After the Austin area, the

largest 10-year employment gains occurred in Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, Tennessee, (38.1%), Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Florida (37.5%), and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, California (37.5%). In addition to the Hartford area, some of the slowest were the metropolitan areas surrounding Milwaukee, Cleveland, Rochester, Virginia Beach, Pittsburgh, and Buffalo; employment in each of these population centers grew by less than 10% over the decade.

The other large Texas metropolitan areas also compared well for 10-year growth. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington employment expanded by 32.5% over the period, which was the sixth-fastest rate of gain. San Antonio-New Braunfels was up 29.4%, for a rank of 12. Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land saw an increase of 26.3%, coming in at 19 out of 51. In other words, the four areas

in Texas that were examined were all in the top 20, which is particularly impressive for very large areas such as the Metroplex and Houston.

Looking at a more recent timeline of the past year, employment rose in 36 of the 51 large metropolitan areas. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and San Antonio-New Braunfels were among the fastest growing at 3.2% each, and Austin-Round Rock and Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land were not far behind with 2.7% each.

The job expansion in Texas' largest metropolitan areas has been impressive, and the hiring pattern continues. Currently, all of these population centers have unemployment rates well under 4%, ranging from 2.5% in the Austin area to 3.6% in the Houston area. Job opportunities have enticed many workers to the state (though the rate of in-migration

from other areas has slowed as jobless rates have plunged across the country), greatly enhancing future potential.

Growth does present challenges, as any driver on a congested freeway in the Austin area would be quick to tell you. However, when you compare that to the situation faced by some of the other large US cities, with stagnant job markets over an extended period of time, it's clearly the vastly better option.

Keeping the job expansion going over the long term will require investments ranging from infrastructure to education. However, Texas' largest metropolitan areas are well situated for continued growth, with diverse and dynamic economies.

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THOUGHTS, CHARACTER, AND ACTIONS

A wise observation about life says: "Sow a thought and reap an action, sow an action and reap a habit, sow a habit and reap a character, sow a character and reap a destiny." It certainly is true that your destiny will in large measure be determined by your character, and your character will be shaped by your habits. It is also true that your habits are the outcome of your actions, and your actions are an outgrowth of your thoughts. That's the reason we need to be very careful about our thoughts. As the Bible says in Prov. 4: 23, "Keep (guard) your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life." Actually, the thoughts of your heart affects everything you do.

Jesus said, "For out of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matt. 12: 34; see also 15: 19. Thus, how important it is that we "bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor. 10: 5). You see, character originates and comes from within the heart.

Yes, there's a lot of truth in the observation that our destiny will be determined by our character, and our character by our habits, and our habits by our actions, and our actions by our thoughts. How important and true it is that we ought to "fix our thoughts on what is true and honorable and right, and think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable, excellent and worthy of praise" (Phil. 4: 8).

Do you see the connection? We must think clearly and act rightly! It has been said that 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. Thus, the instruction and admonition is to fix our thoughts on good things, not bad things; on the positive, not the negative; on that which builds up, not that which tears down. Such determines our destiny! Think on these things

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Guest Commentary

Teacher Retirement System to spend \$326K a month on rent

By Cary Cheshire

Texans across the state are up in arms after learning the Teacher Retirement System of Texas will spend at least \$326,000 a month in rent for office space on Austin's Sixth Street all while continuing to raise costs on current and retired teachers.

Established in 1937, TRS provides retirement and related benefits for more than 1.6 million Texas teachers, college professors, and other educational employees. It is supported by the State of Texas and manages a \$150 billion trust fund established to finance member benefits. TRS is the largest public retirement system in Texas and is the sixth largest public pension fund in the U.S.

And the bureaucrats who run it are about to get a new expensive office.

First reported by Austin's KXAN, a public records request reveals TRS has signed a 10-year lease for three floors of office space at the Indeed Tower, which is scheduled to be completed in 2021, on Austin's Sixth Street.

Space in Indeed Tower is expected to be one of the most sought-after locations for companies seeking extravagant downtown accommodations in close proximity to the city's bar district.

From the developer's website:

"Situating in the epicenter of Austin's CBD, Indeed Tower will deliver a vibrant mixed-use environment with a prominent 6th Street address through its three main components: a 683,000-square-foot Class AA office tower with ground floor retail, a historic 1914 post office re-positioned into a 25,000-square-foot retail/restaurant destination, and a 20,000-square-foot urban greenspace.

At 36 stories tall, the office building will stand as the tallest and largest office tower in downtown Austin and offer tenants an unparalleled experience through its extensive office amenities, including a fitness center, dedicated conference center and outdoor terraces. Indeed Tower's floorplates, at an average size of 33,000 square feet, will be among the largest in the market, making the project attractive to the growing tech tenant population while maintaining flexibility to appeal to more traditional office users."

KXAN says that TRS Executive Director Brian Guthrie told them in a prepared statement that the massive charge is actually a great deal for the agency because they committed early to the Indeed Tower.

"We were able to stabilize the rent and negotiate favorable per-construction rates for the 100,000 square feet," said Guthrie. "Today, 18 months later, those lease rates are well below current rents for comparable space in Austin's tight rental market."

Beginning in 2021, TRS will be charged just over \$326,000 monthly for their rent of the space. That charge will increase to over \$383,000 towards the end of the contract.

Does this sound like an organization that is putting teachers and taxpayers first?

OBITUARY

EDWARD J HENRY PEPPER

Funeral services for Edward J Henry Pepper, 84, of Gladewater were held Monday, January 13, 2020 in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Gage officiating. Interment, Rosedale Cemetery, Gladewater. Visitation was held Sunday, January 12, 2020. He was born, January 30, 1935 in Lepanto, AR, to Carl Rudolph and Lucy Almeda Lacy Pepper and passed from this life January 10, 2020, at his home.

Mr. Pepper married Shirley McKinley, June 14, 1959, in Dallas. He was in oilfield construction for several years employed by JDW Services and was a member of the Clarksville City Baptist Church. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter and son in law, Debra and David Stuckey; grandsons, Eric Pepper, Ben Stuckey and Tyler Stuckey and his wife, Christa; great grandchildren, Isaac Martin, Calmer Martin, Daytona Martin and Abbi Pepper; and sister, Katherine Thomas and husband, Clayton; and many loved nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Pepper; sons, Wayne Pepper and Royce Pepper; and by his sisters, Helen Lacy and Lou Nell Carroll.

Pallbearers: Tim Selman, Greg Selman, Wayne Watson, Mel Parkerson, Jr., Hodge Holman and Burney Haire

Please visit Mr. Pepper's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

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Justice Ken Wise of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals and Texas Press Association 2nd Vice President Jim Bardwell share tall Texas tales after Justice Wise spoke on "Writing Texas History" at Friday's Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony at the 140th TPA convention at Moody Gardens in Galveston.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Mirror earns TPA silver in General Excellence

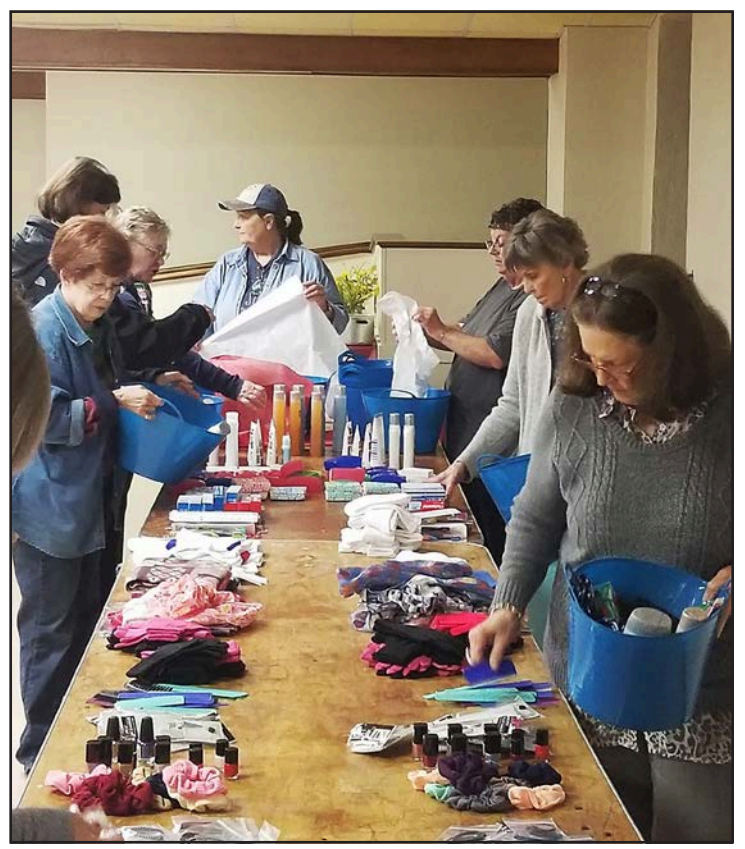
The Gladewater Mirror was recognized as one of the oldest continuously published newspapers in Texas at Saturday's Texas Press Association's awards ceremony, along with a host of other Texas newspapers, by TPA President Laurie Ezzell Brown of the Canadian Record.

The Gladewater Mirror earned a second place in General Excellence in the state press association's annual contest along with a second place in editorial writing, second place in sports photography and a fourth place in column writing.

Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell will serve as first Vice President of the statewide press association for 2020 and will serve as president of TPA in 2021. Bardwell is a long-time member of the TPA Board of Directors. He and his wife Suzanne are both members of TPA's Legislative Advisory Committee.

Both are also on the North and East Texas Press Association's Board of Directors with Suzanne serving as the scholarship chair for the regional press association. Both are past NETPA presidents. Bardwell has garnered a long list of press awards during his career including a KATY from the Dallas Press Club for investigative reporting. He also received the NETPA Sam Holloway Award in recognition of upholding high standards of journalistic integrity and service to the community as well as the NETPA Tom Mooney Friend of the Newspaper award.

"We strive to do better every year," said Jim Bardwell. "We hope we are educating our readers and helping them make informed decisions when it comes to political issues, as well and what is going on in our communities. We have become an information hub, not just a newspaper, by providing information in both print and digital format."



Oil Patch Texas Retired Teachers Association members assembled gift baskets for the residents of Restored 180 Shelter last week. The Restoring 180 residents will give the program for the January Oil Patch meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church's Jeter Hall. All retired public school personnel are warmly invited to attend.

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Ex-East Mountain fire chief pleads guilty

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The department member was not identified at the time in a four-paragraph news release which was emailed to news organizations by Hazel, chief deputy of the patrol division of the sheriff's office. However, the week after the release was issued, a city spokeswoman said the fire department had terminated Burks as fire chief the prior week; named Aills, who had been assistant chief, as interim chief; and had then elected John Santos permanent chief while Aills became assistant chief.

In last week's release, Byrd wrote that while Burks was the department's elected chief last May, department members began noticing "discrepancies in the bank statement received by the agency." Burks had "entered into a relationship with" an unnamed "woman associated with the EMVFD bookkeeping," the district attorney added.

"When asked for supporting documentation regarding questionable purchases, Burks was unable to provide any, which prompted representatives of the EMVFD to contact law enforcement and conduct

a scrupulous review of their finances," Byrd wrote. (Webb had said in his May news release that his office would make "an impartial investigation" of Aills' allegations, and that "If criminal activity is discovered, the completed investigation will be turned over to the district attorney's office at a future date.")

Webb did not elaborate, but a news release Hazel issued in September announcing Burks' indictment and arrest said the fire department had contacted the

sheriff's office and reported "an internal theft of property valued at over \$30,000." Then, "after a thorough investigation," the sheriff's office presented the case to Byrd's office, which presented it to the grand jury Aug. 30, said Hazel.

Byrd wrote that EMVFD representatives, working in conjunction with sheriff's investigator Tim Hall, "identified approximately \$45,000 in funds that had been inappropriately used by Mr. Burks. Purchases included

trips to gamble in Shreveport, loans using fire department equipment as collateral, food and gas purchases, cash withdrawals, and personal purchases and experiences, such as spa treatments. When confronted with the documentation of his actions, Mr. Burks confessed to taking the money."

Webb has said he believes "the city (government) really doesn't have a whole lot to do with the volunteer fire department," which he said is a separate entity.

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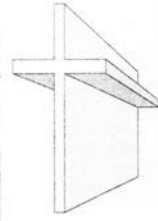
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BAR-BACK
- BEHIND
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- COVER
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- ENTREE
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- WAITER
- WAITRESS

DWI nets 5-year sentence

By Phillip Williams

Robbin Dean Myers was sentenced to five years in prison by a judge in Gilmer last week after the Van man pleaded guilty to felony driving while intoxicated with two prior convictions, said Upshur County Assistant District Attorney Catherine McQueen.

Myers, 44, was sentenced Jan. 15 by 115th District Judge Dean Fowler, having "entered this plea minutes before his trial was set to begin, with the jury having been selected and sitting in the next room," McQueen said.

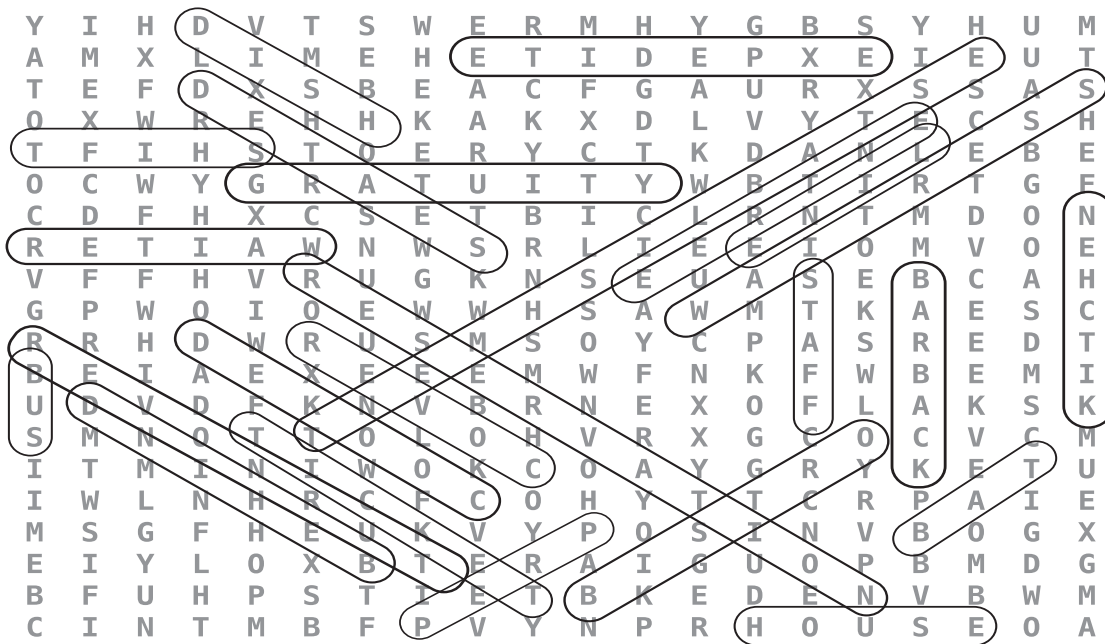
Punishment range for the offense is 2 to 10 years, the prosecutor said, adding she believed Myers must serve at least one fourth of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole. The state agreed to the plea-bargained sentence on the provision that the defendant waive his right to appeal, she added.

Details of the case were as follows, McQueen said in a news release:

On Feb. 9, 2019, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper responded to a man who was passed out behind the wheel of his truck, which was towing a 20-foot gooseneck trailer. Both the truck and trailer were obstructing the northbound lane of Texas 155 near Pritchett, and "bystanders had blocked his tires after discovering the vehicle was still in gear.

"When the trooper and paramedics were finally able to wake" Myers, he thought he was in Van. "After further investigation, an open can of beer was found inside his truck. The defendant was then taken into custody, and forensic analysis of his blood revealed an alcohol content over three times the legal limit."

After issuing the news release, McQueen said Myers had prior DWI convictions in Panola and Brazos counties. Dallas attorney Deandra Grant represented him in the plea last week.



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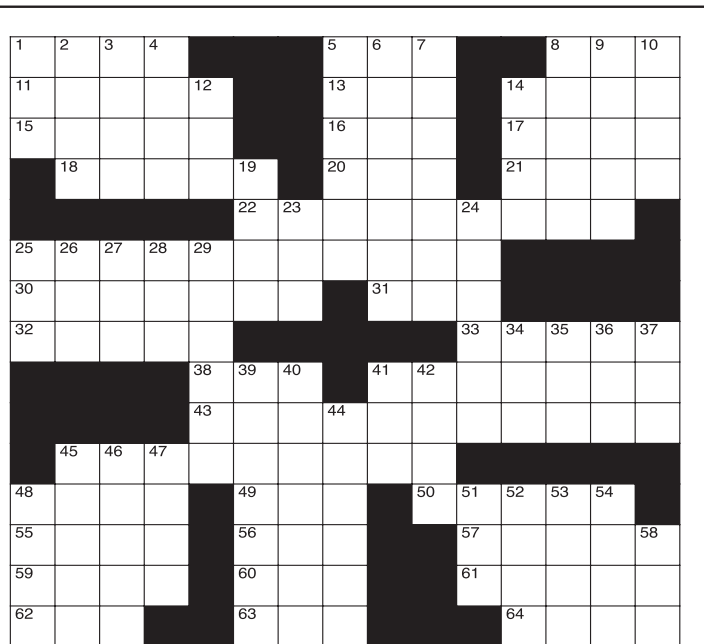
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to food service.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 18 = e)

- A. 13 18 25 1 6 20 18
Clue: Provides assistance
- B. 8 9 3 15 18
Clue: Place to eat
- C. 25 18 13 8 9 17 25 9 19 8
Clue: Serves food
- D. 13 18 25 1 18 25
Clue: Waiter

Answers: A. service B. bistro C. restaurant D. server



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fall down
- 5. American TV company (abbr.)
- 8. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
- 14. Prefix meaning "beside"
- 15. Act of imitating
- 16. Tall, rounded vase
- 17. Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
- 18. Rural Iranian village
- 20. Time zone
- 21. Military weapon (abbr.)
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Aggressive
- 30. Addressed one's appearance
- 31. Affirmative
- 32. Denoting Indo-European languages
- 33. French noble family
- 38. Shock therapy
- 41. Having characteristics of both sexes
- 43. Large suitcase
- 45. One who identifies God with the universe
- 48. Swiss river
- 49. Frequently
- 50. Wipe out
- 55. Invests in little enterprises
- 56. Waste
- 57. Resembles a large shrimp
- 59. Derogatory name for rural resident
- 60. Menswear accessory
- 61. Tropical American tree
- 62. Pitching statistic
- 63. Camera type
- 64. Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)
- 2. Northern Scandinavia indigenous person
- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a domestic hog
- 5. State of insensibility
- 6. Herb
- 7. Annuity
- 8. San Diego-based ballplayer
- 9. Members of a Semitic people
- 10. Any physical damage
- 12. Woolen rug
- 14. Alsos Mission leader
- 19. Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
- 23. Where you sleep
- 24. Ruled Russia
- 25. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 26. Sea eagle
- 27. Type of light bulb
- 28. Wreath
- 29. Graduate with a degree
- 34. What thespians do
- 35. "Orange is the New Black" character
- 36. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 37. Romanian monetary unit
- 39. People treated as a group
- 40. Small European plant
- 41. First responder group
- 42. A person's head
- 44. Giggle
- 45. Bura-_: Chadic language
- 46. Snout moth genus
- 47. Body part
- 48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ
- 51. Revolutions per minute
- 52. American software developer
- 53. Ancient Greek city
- 54. Female sheep
- 58. "The Science Guy"

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to food service.

D O S R E R

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Answer: Orders



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ANSWER: POPCORN

What's the Difference?

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Answers: 1. Ketchup is mustard 2. Missing straw 3. Pickles next to burger 4. Pizza slice eaten

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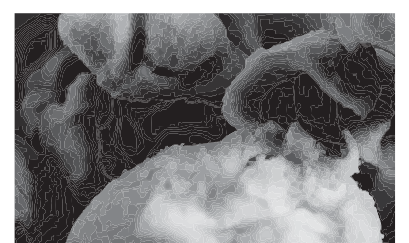
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NOT EVERY TYPE OF CORN CAN POP. A SPECIAL VARIETY THAT IS CALLED POPCORN, A FORM OF FLINT CORN, HAS THE RIGHT QUALITIES TO TURN THE KERNEL INSIDE OUT AND POP.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: POPCORN



Placing in the Union Grove High School UIL Invitational Speech Meet were Hope Rodgers-poetry third place, Dakota Arden-poetry fourth place, Kane Matthew-prose interpretation fourth place and Kyler Littlejohn fifth place. In informative speaking Dakota Arden-first place, John Caviness third place and Alex Prince fifth place. Logan Rust placed fifth in persuasive speaking and Emily Melton sixth place. In Cross Examination debate the second place team was Dakota Arden and John Caviness. Placing seventh in CX was the team of Kyler Littlejohn and Logan Rust. The team is coached by Sandy Spears. Courtesy Photo

Union Grove Band Students Earn All-State Honors

The Association of Texas Small School Bands is pleased to announce the selection of three Union Grove High School Band members to the 2020 ATSSB All-State Band.

More than 10,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty-two different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of the five area auditions held this past weekend across the state and only 280 of these 2,288 students were selected for all-state honors.

The three students representing Union Grove ISD are senior, Luke Davidson who was selected on Tuba along with junior Maya Huffman on French Horn, and freshman Colter Fowler on Bb Clarinet. This is the first time for



all three of these students to earn this honor.

Union Grove High School Band Director, Brandon Garmon, said, "I am very proud of the work these students have done to achieve this honor. It takes serious dedication and many hours of practice on the students' part to prepare for these vigorous auditions. This will be an incredible experience for these students, and I can't wait to see them perform on the stage with some of the best musicians in the state of Texas."

The ATSSB All-State Bands

will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio, Texas, February 12-15 and will present a concert beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2020, in the Lila Cockrell Theatre of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio.

Dr. David F. Wilborn (Texas A&M University) will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Concert Band which will premier *Scherzito, After Gustav Holst* by Christopher Lowry, winner of the 2020 ATSSB Composition Competition. Eugene Corporon (University of North Texas) will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Symphonic Band. Paul Harshman (University of Washington) will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Jazz Ensemble which will perform at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2019, in the Convention Center.

UT Tyler Offers free SAT Prep Courses to area high school student

The University of Texas at Tyler announced that it is offering free Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparatory courses to help East Texas high school students prepare for the March 14 exam.

"By scoring well on college entrance exams, students have greater access to higher education because they are more likely to qualify for substantial scholarships," said Dr. Laura Jackson, UT Tyler assistant vice president for government and

community affairs.

Partnering with Capstone Advising, UT Tyler will offer the course on its Tyler, Longview and Palestine campuses beginning Saturday, Feb. 15 through Saturday, March 7.

Courses will be held at the following times and dates: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 8 a.m. - Noon Saturday, Feb. 29 (Practice Test) 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday,

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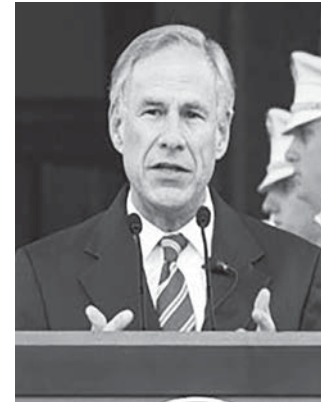
'Where do we go from here?'

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.

Glade GED/ESL classes
Kilgore College offers free GED and English as a Second Language classes at the Adult Education and Literacy Center in Gladewater. For information call 903-236-2004.

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.

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.



Manna House food, cash donations needed
Manna House provided 90 family holiday Christmas boxes that served 169 adults and 119 children. There were also 42 guardians who were able to provide Christmas toys for 92 children ages 12 and under because of the Manna House Santa Toy Shop.
Manna House food donations may be dropped off 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the southwest corner of City Hall or at the Gladewater Mirror at 211 N. Main Street during business hours. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647.

WES Black History program Feb. 21
Weldon Elementary School will host a Black History program on February 21 at 8:30 a.m. in recognition of Black History Month. There will be performances by the newly formed Unity Choir, the drama club and special artwork exhibited which will celebrate the theme of Voting Rights. The community is warmly invited to attend.

GOP candidate's forum on tap
Two more forums for candidates in the 2020 elections are scheduled in Upshur County, one Thursday night (Jan. 23) and one Monday evening, while Upshur County Commissioners Court last week approved voting arrangements for the March 3 Republican and Democratic party primaries.

Thursday's forum--open to GOP, Democratic, third-party and independent candidates for county, federal, state and party offices--is set for 7 p.m. at Pritchett Community Center on FM 1404.
Candidates will each be allotted five minutes to speak, but no questions from the floor will be permitted, said Cindy McMillan, president of the sponsoring center. Refreshments will be served afterward, when voters can visit with candidates.
McMillan said Monday she believed five candidates have confirmed so far they will attend. Candidates who have not been invited may call her at 903-841-0963, but are not required to announce in advance they are coming, she said.

A forum solely for candidates in the five contested local races on the Upshur GOP primary ballot is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at Open Range on Texas 155 in Gilmer, said Cynthia Ridgeway, president of the sponsoring Cherokee Rose Republican Women and county GOP chairman.

Invited are candidates for county commissioner in precincts one and three, constable in precincts three and four, and Precinct 16 GOP precinct chairman, she wrote in a news release.

All will be given three minutes to discuss their qualifications and goals before Ridgeway, acting as moderator, reads their written questions submitted by the audience at the sign-in table.

The candidates will be seated at tables onstage. No oral questions from the floor will be permitted.
"The public is encouraged to attend and bring questions," added Ridgeway, who urged attendees to order meals from the menu at their own expense.

On Wednesday of last week, the commissioners court approved the early voting location, dates and times as recommended by County Elections Administrator Lory Harle, and approved the 16 election-day polling places as chosen by Ridgeway and county Democratic Party Chairman Winifred Jackson.

All in-person early voting for the primaries is scheduled at Harle's office on the second floor of the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. Dates and times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 18 to Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 22, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 24 through 28.

Election day polling places, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 3, include the Indian Rock Baptist Church, East Mountain Community Center, Glenwood Water Supply Corporation, Ashland Masonic Lodge No. 1138, Assembly of God (in Gilmer), Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Ore City Community Center, Frontier Cowboy Church, Big Sandy School, Pritchett Community Center, St. James Baptist Church in Gladewater, Enon Community Center, Oak Hill Baptist Church, Simpsonville Volunteer Fire Department, Rosewood Baptist Church, and the Upshur County Library in Gilmer.

AARP driver safety program set
The Senior Citizens Organization of Upshur County plans to sponsor an "American Association of Retired Persons Driver Safety Program" in Gilmer Saturday. It is set for 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the senior citizens' headquarters, located in the old Gilmer fire station at the intersection of Harrison Street and Silver Alley. The site is one block south of the Upshur County Courthouse.
Although open to drivers of any age, the course is "oriented toward older people," said Andy Gibson, vice-president of the senior citizens' group. Fee is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members, and a minimum of five persons are required for the class to be held.
Some insurance companies offer a discount for completing the course, which a volunteer instructor for AARP will conduct, said Gibson. It is not a "defensive driving" class which motorists who receive traffic citations take in order to have their tickets dismissed.
For more information, contact Gibson at 928-853-0259.

in how youth were processed and said that the majority of the juvenile prison population is African American. She said the inequities are overwhelming. According to a 2018 prison policy report black juveniles make up 14 percent of America's youth but 43 percent of the male population in juvenile facilities.

"It appears the system judges by color of skin," Dr. Bell said.
The NAACP website shows that between 1980 and 2015 the number of people incarcerated in America increased from roughly 500,000 to over 2.2 million with 1 in every 37 adults in the United States, or 2.7 percent of the adult population under some form of correctional supervision. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics black males accounted for 37 percent of the total male prison population, white males 32 percent and Hispanic males 22 percent. According to the census bureau African Americans make up 13.4 percent of the population, Hispanic or Latinos make up 18.3 percent and whites make up about 60.4 percent of the population.

"The prison system can be a revolving door beginning as young adults and the question is how do we break that cycle," Shipp said. "We need to look at the juvenile system and the issues that bring kids into that system."

Flanagan said the discussion itself was important in changing inequities.

"I, for one, love these types of discussions," Flanagan said. "It think it's important so that we can keep moving forward but we need to move with grace and mercy."
Flanagan who is white, has two adopted sons and one daughter who are African-American and she says that has changed her perception on many issues.

An African American audience member pointed out that Gladewater is not facing the same issues as larger cities. Concern

for youth was central to the entire morning's discussion and how to break the cycle that many in America find themselves a part. Richardson said that what needs to be asked is how to bridge the gap once kids leave Gladewater.

"Where do we bridge that gap to teach, to train kids that their choice is not the streets," Richardson said. "I was raised by a single mother and I had three meals a day, clean clothes and was nurtured every day of my life."

Richardson, who is the GISD community liaison and is leading the re-creation of the Gladewater Education Foundation, also said that in the first school he worked the mission statement focused on the partnership between the home and the school.

"I still believe the best foundation and the biggest influence is the home," he said.

During the panel discussion Richardson also talked about the importance of voting in every election.
"We ought to vote because we have a chance to vote," he said.
Dr. Bell also addressed the question of voter suppression and the importance of being vigilant.

"We have to make sure our vote counts," she said after sharing concerns about an experience she had when taking her mother to vote in Longview.

Moderator Odette Alexander discussed the importance of voting in school board and city council elections and not just national elections.
"Voting locally is very important and affects our lives and community directly," Alexander said. "We need to make sure we are participating."
GHS government teacher Diane Clark who attended the parade and panel discussion said that every student in her government class gets a voter registration card and that she

teaches the importance of voting. "We finish up our study of the importance of voting with the film 'Selma,'" she said. "It's wonderful and inspiring, but the kids still have to file their registration cards."

The importance of career ready skills upon high school graduation was seen by all the panelists as essential to breaking the cycle.

Dr. Bell said that too much emphasis had been placed on college degrees rather than career readiness since many young people did not have the skills or finances to tackle university degrees.

Flanagan said that regardless of the topic, lumping groups together and drawing conclusions across the board is wrong regardless of who is doing it. She said the internet and the current political climate were playing into that happening.

"I think that is causing segregation," Flanagan said. "We need to stop that and listen to each other on a person-to-person basis."

Alexander pointed out the problem of widespread false information on the internet and the problem of "watered down" movements because of the way they are shared and supported.
Flanagan said that people had to stop "friending only people who believe what they believe and unfriending those who don't. We have to stop that. We don't all have to agree on everything to listen to one another and to respect each other."

Mayor Shipp said that social media can be a tool for anything because of its reach.
"It gives the false impression of connecting with other people," he said. "We still need to have human interaction. We are all in this together."

Dr. Bell said that throughout history people have shut down opportunity for black people.

"Why does my skin color matter compared to her (Flanagan) skin color?" Bell asked.

Flanagan said that it shouldn't and that she has a problem with the word racist.

"We are all one race," Flanagan said. "In my house we don't use that terminology. We have to keep moving forward and not stop back."

Richardson said that one of the most important things that needs to be done is to train people on how to manage their money.

"If I am able to manage my money then I am going to be able to move forward economically," he said. "That is one of the ways to eliminate poverty by managing money people have."

Alexander also mentioned the importance of parenting classes to help support young, inexperienced parents.

Shipp emphasized the importance of trade schools, access to affordable housing and health care.

"I am tickled to death to see the small homes that are affordable being built in Gladewater," he said.

City Councilman Sonny Anderson who was a member of the audience rose and spoke passionately about his perception.

"I sat here and I listened to a lot of things that sound good," he said. "We have been going through a lot of things for generations but until we come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior we are not going to get anywhere. Where are our young people and our parents today? Our schools are not in session. You have to want to do something to do something. I don't hear anyone saying to put God in our midst and until we do that we aren't going to be able to solve our problems. We are all God's children it doesn't matter what color we are. We need to treat each other the way we want to be treated."

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The Lady Lion Powerlifting team placed third at the Texas High powerlifting meet with Seal Aguilar and Maya Huffman both winning gold in their divisions and Mireya Evans and Jessica Hobbs both taking silver in their respective divisions. The team won third overall.

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Ebony Pipkin (#21) scored an impressive 18 points in Harmony Friday night. Unfortunately it was not enough as the Eagles handed Gladewater a 64-41 defeat. In an all around performance, Haileigh Oliver (#2) scored 9 points plus 9 rebounds. She also added 4 steals. On Tuesday night a tight game against district contenders got away from the Lady Bears at the end. #21 Ebony Pipkin led the Bears with 18 points in the 54-42 loss to the Ladynecks of White Oak. Haileigh Oliver (#2) contributed 8 points along with (a team leading) 6 rebounds. Gladewater suffers only their second loss in a tough district, having lost their first district game the previous night to Sabine 62-34. Victoria Perry (#22) led the Lady Bears with 12 points and 7 rebounds in that contest. Also with 7 rebounds, Haileigh Oliver (#2) contributed 8 points. Mikinzi Cantrell put up 25 points and grabbed 8 rebounds for Sabine, pushing the Cardinals to 5-0 in district play. Halyn McKenzie added 10 points along with 8 rebounds and 3 assists. Gladewater will look to redeem themselves against Sabine when they host the Cardinals February 4th. The Lady Bears travel to White Oak February 7th where they will look to even the score.

Photos by Chris Jones

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2019 - 2020				
17	HARMONY	AWAY	JV/VB	5:00 PM
21	WEST RUSK	AWAY	JV/VB	5:00 PM
24	ARP	HOME	JV/VB	5:00 PM
28	TROUP	AWAY	JV/VB	5:00 PM
31	WINONA	AWAY	JV/VB	4:30 PM
February 4				
	SABINE	HOME	JV/VB	5:00 PM
7	WHITE OAK	AWAY	JV/VB	5:00 PM
11	HARMONY	HOME	JV/VB	5:00 PM
14	WEST RUSK	HOME	JV/VB	5:00 PM
18	ARP	AWAY	JV/VB	5:00 PM
22 BOYS DIST. CERTIFICATION				
24 BOYS BI-DISTRICT GAMES				
27 BOYS AREA GAMES				
March 2 BOYS QUARTER FINALS				
6-7 BOYS REGIONALS TOURNAMENT				
12-14 BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT				

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Eli Kates decided two was more than enough for a losing streak. Putting up 23 points, he led the Gladewater Bears to a 71-52 victory over the Harmony Eagles Friday night. No man can do it alone as DJ Allen added 15 and Garrett Glenn offered up 11. K'havia Reese knocked down 8 while Jalan Robertson gave 7 to the cause. Nick Lincoln and Kollin Lewis had 4 points each. Not all went the Bears way as freshman Lewis is out for the remainder of the season with an injured wrist. Earlier in the week free-throws proved to be the Achilles heel for the Bears at home against the Roughnecks of White Oak. Although Gladewater stayed close with the 'Necks for most of the game, the free-throw deficit forced the Bears into a high risk/reward strategy late that ultimately didn't pay off ending in a 65-47 margin. This game was the second of back-to-back contests due to inclement weather. Having avoided strong storms on Friday the 10th, the Bears traveled to Sabine on Monday the 13th. The good weather outside didn't translate to a fair atmosphere inside as the Cardinals routed the Bears 63-37. After going down 20-6 in the first period. Gladewater stabilized the bleeding and showed they could in fact match up with Sabine with a 10-10 2nd and 9-10 3rd. Things fell apart in the 4th however and any doubt of a Sabine win was squelched. Gladewater will need to shake these missteps if they want to continue the new streak they began at Harmony in West Rusk on Tuesday.



Carson Daniels takes on the Carlisle defense and drives toward the goal for two.

Photo by Kim Hill



A strong second period set the Union Grove Lions in the drivers seat and they never looked back. After playing catch up the entire first period, Union Grove tamed an energetic Carlisle squad to go into the half 34-20. Things continued going the Lions way in the third as Union Grove padded their lead by 11 before coasting to a 65-43 win over the Indians. This win elevates the Lions to an 18-5 season record and a 3-1 record in district 16AA play. The Lions will look to improve on their record Tuesday night when they host the Hawkins Hawks. Kole Burns put up 11 points while Cooper Vestal and Matthew Bower each added 9.



Union Grove Lions
Basketball Schedule 2019-2020

Date	Team	Place	Teams	Time
Jan. 24	*OVERTON	Away	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 7:30
Jan. 28	*BIG SANDY	Home	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 7:30
Jan. 31	*BECKVILLE	Away	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 7:30
Feb. 7	*HARLETON	Home	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 7:30
Feb. 11	*CARLISLE	Away	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 7:30
Feb. 14	*HAWKINS	Away	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 6:00
Feb. 18	*OVERTON (senior night)	Home	JV / Varsity	5:00 / 6:00
Feb. 24-25	Bi-District Round	TBA		TBA
Feb. 27-29	Area Round	TBA		TBA
March 2-3	Regional Quarter-Finals	TBA		TBA
March 6-7	Regional Tournament	McKinney, TX		TBA
March 12-14	State Tournament	San Antonio, TX		TBA

SCHOOL CALENDARS

GISD Calendar

1/22, Wednesday
8:30 a.m. ASVAB 10th/11th graders
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Special Olympics BB
Athletic Letter Jackets measured
lunch periods

1/23, Thursday
5 p.m. GMS G BB@WO
5 p.m. GMS B BB-H

1/24, Friday
Noon-8 p.m. All Region Concert-
5 p.m. B/G BB vs Arp-H

1/25, Saturday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday School
All Region Concert-GHS

1/27, Monday
5/7 p.m. G/ B Soccer vs. Carlisle-H

1/28, Tuesday
5 p.m. B/G BB@Troup

1/30, Thursday
8 a.m.-1 p.m. Junior GLOBE Expo
Trip
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Carter Blood Drive

1/31, Friday
8 a.m.-3:35 p.m. CNA Clinical Day
5 p.m. B/G BB@Winona

5 p.m. G Soccer@Carthage
2/1, Saturday
7 p.m. Spotlight on GHS

GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL LADY BEAR BASKETBALL 2019-2020

JAN. 24	*ARP	HOME	5:00	6:30
JAN. 28	*TROUP	AWAY	5:00	6:30
JAN. 31	*WINONA	AWAY	4:30	6:30
FEB. 4	*SABINE	HOME	5:00	6:30
FEB. 7	*WHITE OAK	AWAY	5:00	6:30
FEB. 11%	*HARMONY	HOME	5:00	6:30
FEB. 18	** BI-DISTRICT	TBA		TBA
FEB. 21	** AREA	TBA		TBA
FEB. 25	** REGIONAL QUARTERS	TBA		TBA
FEB. 29	** REGIONAL PLAYOFF	TBA		TBA

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ASST: LAKELIA WILLIAMS

SUPERINTENDENT: MR. SEDRIC CLARK
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HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: CATHY BEDAIR



LADYLIONS
2019-20

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	TIME
*Jan 24	*Overton	AWAY	JVG/VG	4:00 PM
*Jan 28	*Big Sandy	UG	JVG/VG	4:00 PM
*Jan 31	*Beckville	AWAY	JVG/VG	4:00 PM
*Feb 4	*Tyler Heat Sr. Night	UG	JVG/VG	5:00 PM
*Feb 7	*Harleton	UG	JVG/VG	4:00 PM
*Feb 11	*Carlisle	AWAY	JVG/VG	4:00 PM

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Retiring West Mountain Fire Chief Andy Killian was honored last week by Upshur County Judge Todd Tetteller and the entire Commissioners' Court with a resolution praising him, "saving lives and property," for 43 years and as an instructor at firefighters' schools, fire prevention classes in public schools, coordinating aid for victims of fire-related loss, and his involvement in installing smoke detectors in buildings as "selfless acts of kindness." The audience gave the retiring chief a standing ovation.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Court tables EDC, celebrates W. M. Fire Chief

By Phillip Williams

GILMER--Upshur County Commissioners Court last week again declined to act on a proposal to establish an "Upshur County Economic Development Partnership" after approving a resolution honoring retiring West Mountain Fire Chief Andy Killian for his 43 years in firefighting, 40 of them as chief.

Former Gilmer City Councilman Steve Dean, who originally proposed the partnership at the court's Dec. 31 meeting, appeared before commissioners again Jan. 15, saying he was clarifying his recommendation. At the December meeting, he had proposed that each court member appoint an economic development board member, and that the court hire him for \$25,000 annually to run the economic development program.

Dean told commissioners last week he had received \$44,000 in donations from unnamed individuals to finance the program, including \$40,000 he requested from one person and \$4,000 in unsolicited donations. In addition, "I'm proposing to do this job for almost minimum wage," said Dean, a retired U.S. Air Force captain and 50-year member of the Gilmer Industrial Foundation who was long active in his family's lumber business.

He asked the court budget \$40,000 for the partnership, saying the county would pay nothing out of pocket due to the private donations and that he could work as a contractor rather than county employee.

Big Sandy City Secretary Laura Rex, however, told commissioners she works on economic development in her city, and asked they table Dean's proposal to let the city "weigh in" on what the economic development board would look like. "All of the (county's) cities need to be involved in the process" of establishing the board, she contended.

At one point, County Auditor Connie Williams said law prohibited the court from adding "a line to our budget" this fiscal year, which extends through Sept. 30, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Paula Gentry later said she had told Dean the court could do nothing this budget cycle.

Gentry also said "Upshur County has economic development representation" in the Kilgore-based East Texas Council of Governments. Dean responded he had worked with

ETCOG, but that Upshur was the only county in a 23-county area with no economic development office. (His late daughter, Amy Dean, ran the one in Upshur before it ceased to function years ago).

As the discussion wound down, County Judge Todd Tetteller said he saw no harm in being "cheerleaders (for economic development) and getting other people motivated." He added "I'm gonna look at this stuff (Dean's ideas)" and that the court would not have to seek other applicants if it decides to hire an economic development coordinator.

When Tetteller asked if anyone wanted to make a motion on the matter, however, Gentry abruptly moved the court adjourn, which it quickly voted to do.

Before the court presented Killian its resolution praising him,

Tetteller cited his background of "saving lives and property," and as an instructor at firefighters' schools, fire prevention classes in public schools, coordinating aid for victims of fire-related loss, and his involvement in installing smoke detectors in buildings.

For years, the judge said, Killian was the West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department's lone member while others came and went. He further cited Killian's "selfless acts of kindness" before the audience gave the retiring chief a standing ovation.

In other major action at its Jan. 15 meeting, the court approved seeking bids for Road and Bridge Department fuel, materials and services. It also tabled for further study until its next meeting the only bid it received to be administrator on a state grant for road improvements, Traylor and Associates of Tyler.

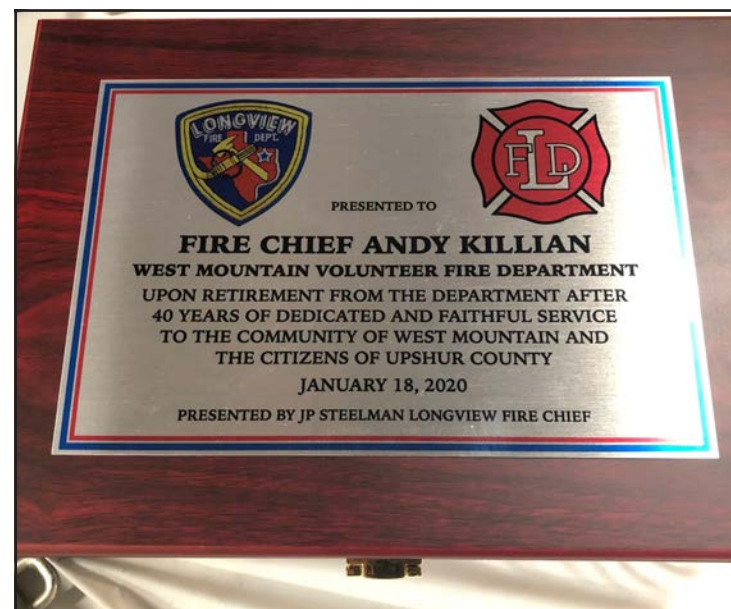


Firefighters, friends and family gathered at the West Mountain Volunteer Fire Station to honor retiring Chief Andy Killian. Killian has been Chief for over 40 years and although he is retiring as Chief, he will continue to be active within the department.

Photos by Josh Bardwell

MUSEUM ANNEX

Night at the Museum was a great success. Many came to see and hear about Gladewater's past and to get the first look at the Gladewater Rodeo Museum in the new Museum Annex. If you missed out tonight their hours are from 10-4 Friday and Saturday. Photos by Chris Jones



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