



Voters heading to the polls Tuesday

By Phillip Williams

Texas voters go to polling places Tuesday for Republican and Democratic party primaries in which races ranging from President to county and state offices are on the ballot.

In Upshur County, in-person early voting continues from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Friday at County Election Administrator Lory Harle's office in the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. Mailed early ballots must be received by election day in order to be counted.

As of shortly after noon Monday, early voting by in-person and mail was "light" with 887 ballots cast in the Republican primary and 194 cast in the Democratic one, Harle said. While only 56 of the GOP ballots were mailed, 103 of the Democratic ones were, she noted. (The deadline for requesting a mailed ballot has passed).

The county has 27,702 voters eligible to participate in one of Tuesday's primaries.

Under the "countywide" voting system, any Upshur County voter can cast a ballot at any of the county's 16 polling places on election day. Voters, however, cannot vote in precinct races that do not involve the precinct where they reside, nor vote in more than one party's primary.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and photo identification (such as a driver's license) will be required to vote (as is the case for in-person early voting). All in-person voting will be electronic, and the results will be tabulated at Harle's office.

The Upshur Republican ballot features five contested local races--four for county elective offices and one for Republican precinct chairman in Box 16, which is in Gladewater.

The county offices include Precinct 1 county commissioner, Precinct 3 commissioner, Precinct 3 constable and Precinct 4 constable.

The local Democratic ballot has only one candidate for a county office--Jurel Ford White, running for tax assessor-collector. She will face incumbent Luana Howell, who is unopposed for re-election in the GOP primary, in the November general election.

Three candidates are vying to succeed retiring Precinct 1 Commissioner Paula Gentry. They are Jim Bardwell, James Noble and Gene Dolle.

Five are running to succeed retiring Precinct 3 Commissioner Frank Berka. They include Richard Smith, Kent Abernathy, Daphne Grimes, Robert Green and Michael Ashley.

Appointed incumbent Ryan Ludvigson faces Ronnie Mitchell in the Precinct 3 constable race, while incumbent Precinct 4 Constable Larry Sewell faces two opponents in his bid for re-election, David Thompson and Phillip M. Hill. Mitchell and Hill each once held the respective offices they seek.

The precinct chair race is between John Lee Ussery, seeking re-election, and Jennifer Audet.

The local GOP ballot also features races for the nomination for

federal and state offices, many of which are uncontested, and 10 non-binding resolutions. They range from whether the state of Texas should ban or restrict school prayer, to whether state legislators' terms should be limited to 12 years.

The local Democratic ballot features several contested and uncontested races for federal and state offices, and 11 non-binding resolutions. They range from whether Texans should have the "right to health care" with a "universally accessible Medicare-style system" to whether they should have the "right to fair taxation."

Each party's race for Upshur County party chairman is uncontested. DeBorah Bankston will succeed retiring GOP Chairman Cynthia Ridgeway in June, while incumbent Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson will be re-elected to a second term.

Upshur voting locations Tuesday include the Indian Rock Baptist Church, East Mountain Community Center, Glenwood Water Supply Corporation, Ashland Masonic Lodge No. 1138, the Assembly of God (in Gilmer), Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Ore City Community Center, Frontier Cowboy Church, Big Sandy ISD (at 1 Wildcat Drive), 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. Voters with questions about the elections

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Fatal shooting result of drugs, no arrests yet

By Phillip Williams

No arrests had been made as of Monday in the Feb. 13 fatal shooting of a Big Sandy man, but authorities have found it arose from a "confrontation" involving an "illegal drug transaction" and the case will be referred for presentation to the Upshur County Grand Jury, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

In a news release issued Friday, Hazel said the nighttime shooting of 18-year-old Jonathon Christopher Johnson on Juniper Road between Gladewater and Big Sandy was originally reported to authorities "as a 'drive-by' shooting. However, investigation proved this was not the case and (the shooting) was not a random act.

"All participants in this event have been identified," Hazel added. "The confrontation between the parties involved an illegal drug transaction. This case will be finalized and forwarded to the Upshur County district attorney's office for presentation to a grand jury."

Sheriff Larry Webb said Monday his office would send the case to District Attorney Billy Byrd's office "pretty soon." Byrd's office said he was in court Monday morning when this newspaper attempted to reach him for comment on when the case would be presented to the grand jury.

Johnson was taken to CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, where he was pronounced dead at 11:42 p.m. the night of the shooting by Gregg County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace B.H. Jameson. Jameson said the following Monday that preliminary results of an autopsy he ordered showed Johnson died of "multiple gunshot wounds."

Sheriff's deputies responded about 10:50 p.m. to a report of a shooting in the 400 block of Juniper Road and observed Johnson had been shot, Hazel said in a news release issued the day after the shooting. "Upshur County investigators are currently working with other agencies involving follow-up leads in this case," Hazel added then.

Jameson said on Feb. 17 he was told at the hospital that Johnson and two other persons were walking down the street when "supposedly a car drove up and (someone in it) started

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Alfred Lacy was honored Thursday by the Gladewater City Council for his 40 years of service on the Gladewater Airport Board. Photo by Jim Bardwell

No more alley trash pickup

By Jim Bardwell

Residential trash pickup from alleys will soon be a thing of the past, according to Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow, who advised the city council of the change at Thursday's council meeting.

Tow said Republic Waste advised the city of the change last week and said it was needed because trash truck drivers were having trouble navigating some alley ways. Tow said Republic Waste plans to send out letters to customers soon. He also said businesses will not be affected at this time.

In another trash-related issue, Gladewater resident Wayne Scott spoke during "citizens comments" and asked the council to clean up the town. Scott said he and his wife have been taking matters into their own hands for more than a year--picking up trash along Phillip Springs Road where

they live -- and even patching potholes.

This was the second time Scott had addressed the council about the city's lack of cleanliness.

Another resident, Carol Blair, voiced concern over people shooting guns near her home on Shell Camp Road. She said she has reported the problem to police for years, but apparently the shooting is being done right outside the city limits. Blair said even if the people are shooting outside the city limits, the line of fire endangers residents and drivers in the area.

In other action, the council approved a blanket permit for the upcoming Art & Wine Stroll to be held on March 28 by the Gladewater Tourism & Downtown Association, approved a Texas Department of Public Safety Inter-local Cooperation Contract for Failure to Appear (FTA) Program which would prevent people

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Reclaimed history, consecrated ground Dickson Colored Orphanage Cemetery commemorated

By Suzanne Bardwell

In the damp chill of Saturday morning a historical marker was dedicated commemorating Dickson Colored Orphanage Cemetery in Gilmer. The state historical marker will now preserve what almost disappeared from history. The lives and burial place of African American children, their teachers and administrators, who worked and lived at the orphanage from the turn of the 20th century until the middle of World War II.

The site, located at 111 Hwy. 271 South entering Gilmer is now preserved as consecrated ground thanks to the efforts of the Upshur County Historical Commission, countless volunteers and the donation of the land by Billy Davidson.

According to an article in the Gilmer Mirror from Aug. 15,

1968 it was the only orphanage in Texas to serve African American Children from 1900 through 1929. It was then run by the state until 1943. Death records for children buried at the site can not be found in the county or city records according to Upshur County Cemetery Chairman Eddie Turner. However, two headstones survive which may be for individuals who worked at the orphanage or were associated with it in some way. One is for J.W. Washington who was born June 7, 1868 and died March 22, 1921 and one for Sallie Dixon whose memorial stone records her birth as Nov. 1871 and her death in Feb. 1927.

The orphanage was created under the vision of African American Missionary Baptist minister Rev. W.L. Dickson.

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Upshur County Cemetery Chairman Eddie Turner recognizes Billy Davidson for his donation of the land where the Dickson Colored Orphanage cemetery was discovered. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Game room regulations on tap this Friday

By Phillip Williams

At the end of a nearly four-hour "workshop" in which Upshur County Commissioners Court heard numerous citizens concerning proposed regulation of the county's gaming rooms, the court last week informally decided to place the matter on this Friday's agenda for possible action.

The court, which held the workshop attended by more than 60 persons on Wednesday of last week, meets at 10 a.m. Friday on the third floor of the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer.

Many, though not all, of the citizens who addressed last week's workshop complained of problems they said were caused by the game rooms, and/or requested they be regulated.

Under review have been limiting the firms' operating hours, regulating the distances that newly-established ones must be from certain places (such as schools), and the possibility of shutting down violating firms for six months while subjecting their owners to possible jail

terms and a fine.

County Judge Todd Tefeller opened the discussion by informing the audience that this was "your chance to be heard" concerning 29 pages of proposed regulations he had "cobbled kinda together" from those imposed in Harrison, Harris and Victoria counties. (As of Monday, his office said, the proposal was being revised). Tefeller noted the Texas legislature approved a law last year allowing all 254 counties to regulate gaming rooms.

At one point in the midst of the ensuing audience discussion, Tefeller slammed his gavel twice and threatened to have anyone else who interrupted a speaker removed from the room by one of the law enforcement officers present. He then said he understood "Everybody here mostly don't like game rooms."

The first speaker, Sheriff Larry Webb, offered statistics on the number of criminal cases involving some such rooms in the county, saying there are now 14 such firms here and that such operations "pose a health and safety

hazard in the community." He argued that regulations are necessary "if we want to get rid of the criminal activity."

Last year, Webb contacted State Rep. Jay Dean (R-Longview), who introduced legislation to let Upshur County regulate gaming rooms. The legislature, however, approved another legislator's bill last year allowing all counties to.

Webb told the court that when he took office in 2017, "I started receiving a lot of complaints" about such operations, although "not all the time are all these places operating illegally." Sheriffs in Smith and Wood counties had sent letters to game room operators there, which pushed the operations into Upshur County, he said.

Between August 2018 and December 2019, he added, 83 criminal cases, including 52 felonies, occurred at six game room locations in this county.

Of the 83, 53 were drug-related and 32 of the defendants in the 83 cases lived outside the county, Webb added.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Light a candle

The sun was shining on the quiet hill at the edge of the woods as children ran and played. Their laughter was infectious. It was also eerie in its echo through time. They were playing on land where children had worked, children had died, children were buried. Children who would be almost forgotten.

The world of the lost children of Dickson's Colored Orphanage, in turn of the century Gilmer, might as well have been on another planet. After all, in many ways the world of Saturday's children offers opportunity that the orphans at the turn of the 20th century would never know.

In 1900 the orphanage was begun with a dozen kids, within five years there were over 200. When the state took it over at the end of 1929 it was wall-to-wall kids whose future depended on the schooling and trades learned as dependents of the orphanage.

The kids playing on those grounds this past weekend were brought there by parents and grandparents who love them, who provide for them, who know that the future is brighter for these young people, in many ways, than it has ever been in the history of our country.

As I walked the consecrated ground and viewed the two headstones standing, headstones with birthdates of 1868 and 1871, I wondered about the children whose graves are lost to time. Whose lives were never recorded. Whose deaths were not noted in existing records. I wondered about the people who cared for them and taught them. I

Suzanne Bardwell



pondered those community members who supported the orphanage throughout the years. And here they were again, their descendants, black and white, standing together to preserve the memory of children, of sacrifice and of service.

I am thankful for the generous souls of the past and those dedicated souls of the present who persevered to find this consecrated ground. I am thankful for the man who donated his land for this burial ground to be protected. I am thankful for the volunteers, churches and dedicated local historians who would not let these children pass any longer without remembrance.

I am most thankful for the children who ran and played Saturday on ground that had once been filled with sorrow. They are our future. Our history is a braid that weaves all of us together...our past, our present and our future.

We must all work together to make sure that future is one filled with light. It is hard to make a path in darkness. Be a part of the light that inspires success and promotes opportunity and joy. As the old saying goes: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness".

Ed Sterling
Capital Highlights



Governor establishes clemency application for certain survivors

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 20 established a clemency application specifically for survivors of human trafficking or domestic violence.

The application, crafted in coordination with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, includes a section that affords the applicant an opportunity to provide a statement to the board regarding their human trafficking or domestic violence victimization.

Human trafficking and domestic violence, according to the governor's office, often lead victims down a path of offenses that entraps them in a vicious cycle of abuse and associated crime. Abbott's announcement coincides with the launch of a new public awareness campaign informing survivors that they can submit an application for Board of Pardons and Paroles to review and consider recommending that the governor grant a full pardon for crimes committed while under the grips of a trafficker or an abusive partner.

"Texas is committed to empowering the survivors of domestic abuse and human trafficking, and one of the surest signals of that goal is laying out a true path to redemption and restoration," Abbott said.

"The gubernatorial pardon plays an important role in this redemption process, because it offers a second chance to survivors with criminal convictions resulting from their abuse or exploitation. I am grateful for our ongoing partnership with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles as we work together to develop a stronger justice system that promotes redemption, restoration and transformation," Abbott added.

In his recent announcement proclaiming January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Abbott applauded state lawmakers for passing legislation to provide survivors with "streamlined access to a clean criminal record and a fresh start."

AG leads in support of act

Some 42 state attorneys general joined Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in a Feb. 20 letter expressing support of the Bankruptcy Venue Reform Act of 2019.

If passed by Congress and signed into law by the president, the federal legislation would prevent forum shopping during bankruptcy litigation. Paxton said such a law would provide protection to consumers, workers, retirees, shareholders and small business vendors "who are currently harmed by the one-sided right for corporate debtors to choose whichever court they prefer."

Currently, Paxton said, individuals can only file bankruptcy in their district of residence. Corporations, on the other hand, have a wide choice of possible venues, which can be manipulated to their own advantage, he added.

Update: Coronavirus

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 21 announced the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had confirmed three cases of novel coronavirus 2019 in people under federal quarantine at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The first was a traveler who returned on a U.S. State Department-chartered flight from Wuhan City, China. The others returned on a State Department flight for passengers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship quarantined in Yokohama, Japan. The individuals are currently isolated and receiving appropriate care at medical facilities.

There were no other reported cases in Texas and officials said the risk of contracting the virus for all Texans remains low. The Department of State Health Services offers information on "COVID-19" for the public, health care professionals, health departments and labs at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.

In other news, the DSHS on Feb. 21 reported there have been 15 pediatric flu-related deaths reported this season in Texas.

The agency urged Texans who have not taken this season's influenza vaccine to get vaccinated without further delay. More information can be found online at www.texasflu.org.

AG sues over explosion

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Feb. 21 announced that Texas Attorney General Paxton had filed a lawsuit against TPC Group Inc. and TPC Group LLC for violations of the Texas Clean Air Act and the Texas Water Code pertaining to the Nov. 27, 2019 explosion at its Port Neches plant.

The lawsuit requests that the court grant injunctive relief, civil penalties, reasonable attorney fees, court costs and investigative costs to the state.

The lawsuit also includes claims that TPC Group caused numerous violations of TCEQ's air quality program from January 2018 through September 2019.

TCEQ Executive Director Toby Baker and House State Affairs Committee Chairman Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, applauded Paxton for taking legal action. "Through this suit, the state can learn what caused the incident, how to prevent such occurrences in the future and adequately penalize all violations," Phelan said.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Coronavirus

I have often said that the greatest threats the US economy faces are the outside forces that we are not expecting, such as massive cyberattacks or pandemics. We are experiencing a small version of this phenomenon now -- one that could get much bigger.

In just a few months, the coronavirus has caused tremendous suffering and tragic loss of life. These human costs and the heroic efforts of medical professionals and others who are working tirelessly to stop its spread are clearly the most important considerations. Nonetheless, there are also economic consequences which could become substantial.

One cost of the coronavirus is that travel into and out of affected regions has halted. Airlines have stopped flights and are losing millions. Shipping is also down significantly, and major international conferences have been cancelled.

Another, larger problem is that workers in China are dealing with quarantines, and many factories have closed. The outbreak began during the travel-intensive Lunar New Year holiday, and people have been unable to return to their

homes. Companies are trying to help, but it's a difficult and slow process.

Globalization is a reality of our modern economy. Many US companies have manufacturing operations in China, where labor costs are significantly lower. Apple announced that its earnings would be negatively affected due to slowdowns with its Chinese manufacturing partners, as well as closure of its stores across China. With about 80% of the world's smartphones manufactured in China, the problem isn't unique to Apple. A range of products and businesses are affected, especially toys, apparel, and automobiles.

The time horizon of the economic effects depends on how quickly the virus subsides. Although there have been promising signs, it could be weeks before operations return to normal. Even then, there will be backlogs to work through and shortages throughout the supply chain. Many products made in the US are being hamstrung by the inability to get needed inputs.

Another issue is the effects of quarantines and not working on the Chinese people. They aren't likely to spend as much or travel abroad as they cope with the resulting financial challenges.

The Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell, described the coronavirus as "a very serious

issue," and noted that there is likely to be some disruption to activity in China and possibly globally based on the spread of the virus, travel restrictions, and business closures. The Federal Reserve is carefully monitoring the situation and is prepared to respond.

The human costs of the disease are tremendous and could have been much worse without the efforts of health professionals and governments around the world.

The economic costs are mounting, and it will take time to fully gauge the fallout.

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JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Isn't it interesting how, all through the centuries, people have been predicting the time of Jesus' second coming? Many dates have been set, including dates set by leaders in some of today's prominent religious bodies. What's so amazing is, that although all of those previous predictions failed, new predictions of the second coming of Christ just keep coming.

Prediction: The future predictions will, no doubt, eventually prove to be just as false as all the rest, because the Bible teaches that no one can know the time of Jesus's return. For example, Jesus Himself said, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." (Matt. 25: 13). In fact, in Mark 13: 32, after talking about the day when heaven and earth will pass away, Jesus said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels who are in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Thus, isn't it amazing how people can claim to know what Jesus said no man knows?

Of course, Jesus is definitely coming again. He is personally coming. He is literally coming. He is visibly coming. Acts 1: 11 says, "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven." So, yes, Jesus is definitely coming again, but no one knows when it will be. That means He could come at any time, which means we must be ready all the time!

But, as you think about how Christ will someday come again, please remember the way we get ready for Christ's second coming is by getting right with God, not by trying to predict in advance when such will occur. Are you ready for that day to come? Think on these things.

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Through his ministry in Dallas he became aware of the services provided by Buckner Children's Home and together with the Rev. R.C. Buckner worked out a plan to establish an orphanage in Gilmer.

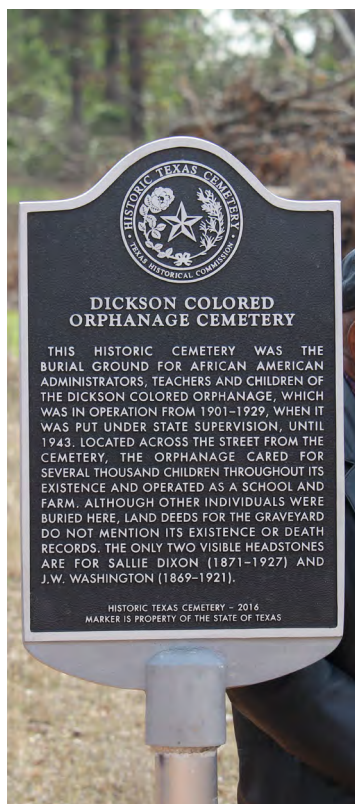
The children were schooled and taught agricultural and domestic skills to ensure they were employable and capable of living independent lives upon leaving the orphanage. The Board of Trustees was made up of ministers and deacons within the Missionary Baptist Churches and included Rev. Buckner as the chairman and Rev. Dickson as the General Superintendent. The original size of the orphanage's land was 70 acres which was bought from or donated by Upshur County. By the time the property was deeded to the state it covered 700 acres that included farm land where the children learned agricultural skills.

The orphanage opened with fewer than a dozen children but within five years had more than 200 in its care. Children could remain at the orphanage until they were adopted, went to work or turned 21. As Rev. Dickson's health failed and the facility's debt grew burdensome the state was petitioned by local supporters of the orphanage to take it over in 1929. By 1943, the state closed the doors and moved the children to the Texas Blind, Deaf and Orphan School in Austin. The buildings and most of the land was sold the following year with a remaining 72 acres going to what is known today as Texas A&M University to create a sweet potato farm.

The fact that this chapter in Upshur County history has not been lost to time or neglect was celebrated with the historical marker dedication. It is also a testament to the dedication of Eddie Turner and his brothers Wilson and Gene, along with a



Upshur County Cemetery Chairman and tireless volunteer Eddie Turner shares the history of Dickson Colored Orphanage and Cemetery and what it has taken to reclaim its history as Gilmer Mayor Tim Marshall, State Representative Jay Dean and United States Congressman Louis Gohmert avidly listen to the story of the discovery of the orphanage's cemetery. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



host of volunteers throughout the community, as well as the support and hard work of members of the First United Methodist Church, Moses Chapel and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 5th Ward.

At Saturday's dedication the Gilmer High School ROTC

presented the Colors and the crowd was led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. The invocation was offered by Methodist minister, Rev. Richard Laster. Upshur County Cemetery Chairman Eddie Turner shared the history of the orphanage and burial ground with the gathered crowd of about 50 people. Dignitaries present included United States Congressman Louis Gohmert, State Representative Jay Dean, Dr. Richard Hackney, Gilmer Mayor Tim Marshall, candidate for U.S. Congress Hank Gilbert and candidate for state senator Audrey Spanko.

After the unveiling of the marker many present trekked up the muddy hill to visit the burial site. The sun was shining and children were running and playing in the nearby woods as the adults viewed small hand-made crosses where children from a previous century, a different world, rest. It is now assured that their memory will not be lost.

Donations to help with fencing costs and road surfacing to the cemetery site may be mailed to the Upshur County Historical Commission, 119 Simpson Street, Gilmer 75645.



Five talented residents were honored at the 11th Annual E.L.I.T.E Pathfinder banquet on Feb. 15. Ruby Henry as given the "ERUDIE" award, Brandy Flanagan was given the "LEADER" award, Chris Houston was named "YOUTH PATHFINDER", Greg Williams was given the "EXAMPLE" award, and Charles Hawley was given the "INSPIRATION" award. Courtesy photo

LAST MINUTE TAX TIPS



Paying the babysitter
You might be able to deduct the cost of a babysitter if you're paying her to watch the kids while you volunteer to work for no pay for a recognized charity. The federal Tax Court has ruled that it's OK to list the cost of a babysitter as a charitable contribution on your return, if you can document that while she was performing her duties, you were volunteering.

Charitable gifts
Most taxpayers know they can deduct money or goods given to charitable organizations—but are you making the most of this benefit? Out-of-pocket expenses for charitable work also qualify. For example, if you make cupcakes for a charity fundraiser, you can deduct the cost of the ingredients you used to bake them. It helps to save the receipts or itemize the costs in case of an audit.

Lifetime learning
The tax code offers a number of deductions geared toward college students, but that doesn't mean those who have already graduated don't get a tax break as well. The Lifetime Learning credit can

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If something is used to benefit

your business and you can document the reasons for it, you generally can deduct it off your business income. A junkyard owner, for example, might be able to deduct the cost of cat food that encourages stray cats to hang around and keep the mice and rats away. A bodybuilder got approved to deduct the body oil he used in competition.

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may contact Harle's office at 903-680-8506.

Gregg County also uses "Countywide" Polling Places for county elections. This means that any Gregg County registered voter may vote at any Gregg

County polling place that is open on Election Day - March 3.

Gregg County Pct 3 voters have few contested races.

Former Kilgore Mayor Joe Parker and retired Gregg County sheriff's Investigator Floyd Wingo are seeking the Pct. 3 commissioners job, currently

held by Gary Boyd. Parker is from Kilgore and is a fourth-year member of the Kilgore ISD board of trustees. Wingo is from White Oak, has been Gilmer Police Department's assistant chief since 2017.

And Pct. 3 constable John Slagle is facing John McCubbin

in the March 3 Republican primary. Slagle was appointed constable earlier this year after Daniel Morgan resigned.

The "Countywide" Polling Places on Election Day are as follows:

Longview Community Center, Saint Andrew Presbyterian

Church, Alpine Presbyterian Church, Judson Community Center, Spring Hill First Baptist Church, Pine Tree Community Center, Pine Tree High School, Greggton Community Center, Pine Tree Isd Facility Services, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gladewater

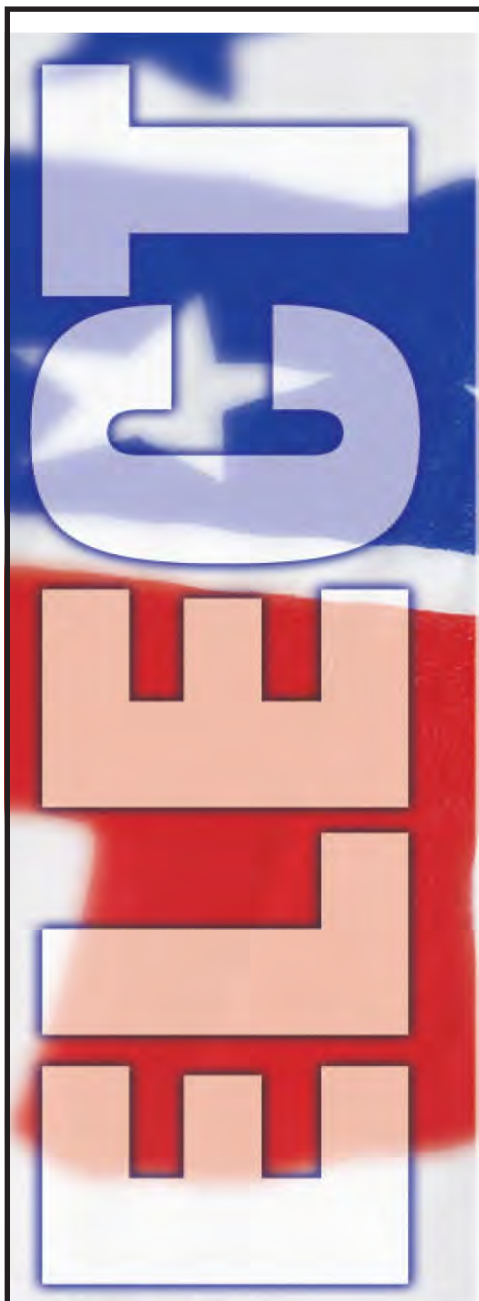
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For Upshur Pct. 1 Commissioner

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A standing room only crowd lets commissioners know their thoughts when it comes to game rooms in Upshur County. Photo by Jim Bardwell

Game room regulations

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Besides drugs, the cases involved such charges as possessing drug paraphernalia, driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and fleeing, among others, the sheriff added.

He said the originally-proposed regulations are "not that hard" to comply with, and that if a gaming room wants to be a legitimate business, "belly up to the table and let's act like it."

Rachel Evers, principal of Union Grove junior high and high schools, expressed Union Grove ISD's concern over the location of such operations, saying students' safety has been "jeopardized" by the school's close proximity to such two such firms, one of them across the road. She said the school has had multiple incidents involving transients, that foot traffic on campuses is up "drastically," and that vehicles were burglarized.

Videos show the persons are coming from the area of a game room, said Evers, who added that people are using the campus as a shortcut to go there. "This is our kids' safety that we are concerned about," the principal said.

She then read a letter from Union Grove ISD superintendent

Kelly Moore, saying the school has "experienced criminal activity" and found people appearing to be "under the influence" since the game rooms were established. Moore advocated their operating hours be regulated, and argued they did not need to be near the school. (The proposed regulations would not regulate the distance from schools for already-existing game rooms under a grandfather clause).

Sandy Coppedge was among the handful of speakers defending the game rooms, saying she visits one in Gilmer and "it's always been safe" as it closes at 10 p.m. weekdays and midnight on weekends. She said such firms that open at 5 p.m. and stay open all night are what cause problems.

Concerning such operations in general, she asked why patrons should have to go elsewhere and "take that money out of Upshur County."

Richard Anderton of Pritchett, who said he visits game rooms daily, said he was safe there. He argued that crimes occurred before game rooms were established, would occur if they leave the county, and that "it's your choice where to spend your money" as the game machines in

such rooms are "legit." Anderton said game room customers and owners are "clean, decent people" and patrons are "not a bunch of (people saying) 'Yahoo, let's get drunk and go to the game room.'"

County officials, meantime, sought to clarify that game rooms are not donating to the county government. Precinct 1 Commissioner Paula Gentry, who said "I have not had one person call me (who was) in favor of the game rooms," said such operations may donate to Upshur County Crimestoppers, and Webb added that "I do not accept donations" to his office from such establishments, noting that Crimestoppers is "its own entity."

After hearing citizens make various complaints about the rooms--such as Pritchett resident Deirdre Montgomery's statement she had "to worry about my safety and my family's safety" to another Pritchett resident, Tina Rosebalm's, contention that such rooms are feeding addictions, triggering divorces, and causing trash on roads--the commissioners discussed what operating hours they might want to set for the firms.

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The Fellowship of Christian Athletics Heart of a Champion All Stars for the 2020 summer games have been announced with about 200 East Texas players and cheerleaders making the grade. The sports contests include soccer, football, softball and baseball. A cheer squad is also selected. The games fund the ministry of the NETX FACE in a 17-county area. Football and cheer are in their 10th year and softball and baseball are in their fifth and sixth years respectively. This is the inaugural games for soccer.

Gladewater athletes chosen include for baseball Austin Moran and Robby Hodges. In football, Jailyn Robertson, Zachary Villarreal and Zac Tyeskie are the picks. Bear head football coach and GISD Athletic Director John Berry has been chosen as one of the defensive coordinators for the football matchup.

Union Grove players chosen includes Madelynn Lacaze for softball, Conner Ferguson for football and for cheerleading Sela Aguilar. UG's Scotty Lamance will be one of the coaches.

White Oak All Stars are baseball's Micah Gibson, softball Samantha McGrew, football's Tanner McKinney and cheerleader Rebekah Morton.

Sabine athletes are softball's Erika Lowry and cheerleader Greta Taylor.

The all-star soccer games are scheduled for Friday, June 5 at Grace Community School's Clyde-Perkins Stadium. The games are scheduled for 6 (girls) and 8 (boys) p.m. Tickets are \$5.

The all-star softball and baseball games are also on Friday, June 5 on the UT Tyler campus. The softball game is scheduled for Suddenlink

Field and the baseball game is set for Irwin Field. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

The Chick-fil-A Heart of a Champion football game will be played Saturday, June 6 on Earl Campbell Field at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

The players and families gathered to hear about the games and schedule from Bardin on Sunday. Individual and team photos were also taken.

The FCA staff staff supports coaches and athletes by: Providing leadership training to area campus ministries; camp participation and scholarships; coaches' Bible studies; one on one discipleship with coaches and students; team chapels/character coaches; area outreach events (Fields of Faith); FCA materials and Bibles; coaches' clinics; and providing a presence on the campus.

Sponsorships are available by contacting NETX FCA at 903-752-9339 or email at NETXFCA@gmail.com.

The complete of athletes from all schools is as follows:

Soccer: Girls Blue Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Mitch Smith, Tyler Grace Community; Assistant Coach: David Collins, Bullard Brook Hill.

Players — Eden Antonisse, Pine Tree; Lillie Bryant, Lindale; Marysol Castro, Chapel Hill; Habana Guerra, Chapel Hill; Sylvia Ramirez, Lindale; Blessing Rodriguez, Chapel Hill; Jacqueline Wiebe, Tyler Lee; Zoe Wilson, Tyler Grace Community; Laila Zuniga, John Tyler.

Red Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Chris Woodard, Tyler Lee; Assistant Coach: Wendy Knight, Whitehouse.

Players — Mallory Burgess, Longview; Jacelyn Cowart, Bullard; Brandi Diaz, Jacksonville; Lizbeth Escareno, Jacksonville; Alicia Gurrusquieta, Whitehouse; Brooke Heisey, Tyler Lee; Caroline Henderson, Longview; Jacqueline Juarez, Mount Pleasant; Amy Moreyra, Jacksonville; Meraida Pineda, John Tyler; Maddy Sparks, Whitehouse; Kelsy Traylor, Jacksonville; Madeline Turner, Mabank; Samantha Turner, Mabank; Gabrielle Wiebe, Tyler Lee.

Directors: Ralph Stewart, Joey Petrich.

Soccer: Boys Blue Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Angel Rocha, Pine Tree; Assistant Coach: Jason Lawless, Lindale

Players — Brian Armenta, Palestine; Noah Casanova, Palestine; Cristian Ewton, Tyler Cumberland Academy; JJ Garcia, Palestine; Juan Gimenez, Longview; Joey Gonzalez, Whitehouse; Nathan Hammett, Spring Hill; Winston Hebert, Bullard Brook Hill; Christian Hutchinson, Palestine; Rey Luna, Tatum; Ivan Ramirez, Lindale; Mo Rawashdeh, Whitehouse; Salomão Saboia, Lindale; Jonathan Sanchez, Palestine; Jake Shaffer, Bullard Brook Hill; Luis Torres, Pine Tree; Marco Trejo, Pittsburg; Alfredo Vargas, Sulphur Springs.

Red Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Marty Germany, Tyler Lee; Assistant Coach: Darren Vossler, Bullard.

Players — Alex Flor, Bullard; Jesus Galvan, Longview; Luis Martinez, Kilgore; Wanya McIntyre, Kilgore; Karson Offerding, Kilgore; Saul Quintanilla, Henderson; Sammy Ramirez, Pittsburg; Neri Ruiz Jr., Tyler Lee; Jose Salazar, Sulphur Springs; Jose Sanchez, Palestine; Shooter Stevenson, Carthage; Hugo Tapia, Waskom; Raul Torrez, Longview; Omar Villa, Grand Saline; Christian Palomino, Sulphur Springs.

Directors: Ralph Stewart, Joey Petrich.

Baseball Blue Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Trevor Petersen, Pine Tree; Assistant Coaches: Garrett Methvin, Pine Tree; Greg Branch, Whitehouse.

Players — Logan Avant, Spring Hill; Jaxon Chaney, Sulphur Springs; Nolan Cox, Hallsville; Tanner Fowler, Bullard; Micah Gibson, White Oak; Mason Hammonds, Lindale; Tenton Hart, Harmony; Addison Holt, New Diana; Micah King, Longview; Keaton King, Longview; Ryan Lepire, Spring Hill; Easton Loyd, Hallsville; Austin Moran, Gladewater; Bryce Smith, Grand Saline; Cody Stanley, New Diana; Reid Trimble, Whitehouse; Grant Walters, Bullard; Tent Wayne, Pine Tree; Wyatt Wood, Whitehouse.

Red Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Eugene Lafitte, Kilgore; Assistant Coach: Travis Jackson, Nacogdoches Central Heights.

Players — Zach Daniel, Hallsville; Staton Dudley, Lindale; Gage Goddard, Harmony; Austin Green, New Diana; Kolson Hale, Sulphur Springs; Robert Hodges, Gladewater; Hunter Hollan, Spring Hill; Mason Kelley, Bullard; Cameron Lowe, Grand Saline; Isaiah Martinez, New Diana; Jayce McFarland, Kilgore; Grant McManus, Mabank; Cade Medlin, New Diana; Ashton Rogers, Whitehouse; Will Sims, Sulphur Springs; Kaleb Thompson, Mount Pleasant; Samuel Witt, Kilgore.

Consultant: Scott Mitchell, Hallsville.

Director: Robert Bardin.

Softball Blue Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Lexi Commander, Elysian Fields; Assistant Coaches: Marty Mayfield, Spring Hill; Jennifer Hawkins, Brownsboro.

Players — Kelsie Biggs, Van; Kerris Cameron, Longview; Kaylee Clemens, Harmony; Jolee Dixon, Bullard; Katelyn Farnsworth, Edgewood; Allyson Floyd, West Rusk; Jazmine Gonzalez, Cushing; Corrina Hall, Elysian Fields; Gracie Johnson, Elkhart; Allyson LaGrone, Beckville; Jordan McClain, Longview; Samantha McGrew, White Oak; London Reue, Lindale; Alexis Rumbo, Brownsboro; Jazmine Tapley, Como-Pickton; Abby Thomas, Hallsville; Izzy Tresca, Mineola; Saylor Williams, Jacksonville; Hope Williams, Chapel Hill; Kate Womack, Sulphur Springs.

Red Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Marc Chitty; Assistant Coach: Taelor Cheshier, Mineola; Julie Murry, Bullard; Colby Sales, Mabank

Players — Claudia Barriga, Mineola; Lauren Boudreaux, Rusk; Liley Bozard, Troup; Kennedy Cameron, Longview; Laura Dyer, Mabank; Sarah Elliott, Grand Saline; Milee Green, Henderson; Madelynn Lacaze, Union Grove; Erika Lowry, Sabine; J'Cea Melton, Grand Saline; Delana Meyer, Grand Saline; Dajah Montgomery, Pine Tree; Kenzie Sexton, Frankston; Abbie Teutsch, Alto; Izzy Tresca, Mineola; Katelyn Welborn, Harmony; Michelle Whitaker, Jacksonville; Kenzie Wright, Whitehouse; Maddie Wright, Whitehouse.

Consultants: Justin Kniffen, Tyler Lee; Lauren Odom, Eustace.

Director: Paul Roberts.

Football Blue Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Kerry Lane, Pine Tree; Assistant Coaches: Offensive coordinator, Jason Bachman, Pine Tree; Defensive coordinator, Cody Welch, Pine Tree; Jonny Louvier, Spring Hill; John King, Longview; Josh Finney, Winnsboro; John Berry Gladewater; Jerod Brown, Tyler Lee.

Players — Gabe Adams, Pine Tree; Cole Arnold, Overton; Drew Beltran, Longview; Brandon Birmingham, Scurry-Rosser; Jhailon Braden, Longview; CJ Bown, Kilgore; Jakobie Bussey, Henderson; Malik Cannon, Longview; Jon Chadwick, Alba-Golden; Parker Cox, Longview; Desmon Deason, Troup; Chase Friedrich, Athens; Jy Fuller, Henderson; Louie Garza, Carlisle; Gage Gosse, Frankston; Zhadestian Griffin, Lufkin; Carson Holland, Elysian Fields; Kynton Jimmerson, Waskom; Savion Kellum, Wills Point; Big J Key, Pine Tree; Seth Leon, Tyler Lee; Markethian Lyons, Wills Point; Coltan Mills, West Rusk; Jeremiah Milton, Tyler Grace Community; Caden Minter, Big Sandy; Kyas Moore, Longview; Juice Morrison, Pittsburg; Brandon Noll, Winnsboro; Brady Odom, Henderson; Jarrett Phillips, Marshall; Timothy Polk Jr., Longview; Sabastion Porter Jr., Garrison; Andy Prazak, New Diana; Jailyn Robertson, Gladewater; Jaden Rushing, Rusk; Chris Stafford, Lufkin; Prenztion Tyskie, Gladewater; Zachary Villarreal, Gladewater; Ja'Kedric Watts, Garrison; Gage White, Spring Hill; Talon Winings, West Rusk.

Red Team

Coaches — Head Coach: Luke Blackwell, Mineola; Assistant Coach: Offensive Coordinator, Aaron Slider, Mineola; Defensive Coordinator, Heath Ragle, Mineola; Jeff Riordan, Chapel Hill; Kyle Little, Harleton; Brayon Oakes, Quitman; Scotty Lamance, Union Grove; Cody Ross, Beckville; Travis Chapman, New Diana.

Players — Deundre Blanton, Kilgore; Conner Boyette, Lindale; Holden Bush, Elkhart; Davondrick Crowe, Kilgore; Landry Deaton, Winnsboro; Todd Duplichain, Alto; Jordan Elliott, Troup; Conner Ferguson, Union Grove; Kevin Fields, Henderson; Wylie Franks, Mineola; Zane Freeman, New Diana; JJ Gossett, Troup; Jayden Hicks, San Augustine; Nicholas Hooley, Bullard; Cayle Irvin, Alto; Quindarius Johnson, Winona; Isaiah Johnson, John Tyler; Cameron Kaufert, Sulphur Springs; Brye Kelley, Rains; Kameron Mayfield, John Tyler; Nick McGrew, Whitehouse; Tanner McKinney, White Oak; Keke Nelson, New Diana; Blake Olivares, Gilmer; Sean Rogers, Rusk; Cameron Scott, Cumby; Shane Sewell, Harmony; Tristen Shewmake, Bullard; Alex Sinclair, Tyler All Saints Episcopal; Zacc Smith, Center; Kavontae Tookie Starling, Tatum; Tyshawn Taylor, Longview; Ethan Thorton, Lindale; Trace Tidwell, Henderson; Kylan Wade, Sulphur Springs; Hunter Wallace, Harleton; Calvin Woodside, Kilgore. Coordinators: Tim Russell, Harmony; Scott Callaway, Bullard.

Directors: Robert Bardin, Gary Adams.

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 ANSWER: UMBRELLA

Children's Story Time

Chamber of Commerce President Lois Reed will be the guest reader at this Thursday's Friends of Lee Library's Children's Story Time at 10:30 p.m. All sorts of surprises are always on tap for story time and all children are invited.



Dr. Seuss B'day at Lee Library story time

Dr. Seuss loved kids and so do the Friends of Lee Library. On Thursday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. Theodore Geisel's birthday will be celebrated during Children's Story Time with books, crafts and refreshments. The event is free and all ages are welcome to join in on the fun at Lee Library, 312 W. Pacific Street. Make it a date and

don't be late. There's fun to be had that will make you oh, so glad. With book in hand, treats in store, the Cat in the Hat, says there is so much more. Don't miss out! It will make him sad. Wear a party hat, toot a horn, fantastical story time is about that acrobat of a Cat!

Oil Patch TRTA to meet Feb. 27

Oil Patch Texas Retired Teachers & School Employees will meet Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Gladewater's First United Methodist Church's Jeter Hall. Scott Flanagan of Gym101 will present the program. All retired school employees are urged to participate in TRTA as it is the watchdog organization which protects retired school employees' insurance and pension benefits and maintains close relationships with legislators. State membership is \$35 a year and local dues are \$10.

Lee Library Storytime

Lee Public Library children's story time will be this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Lee Public Library is located at 312 West Pacific Avenue.

Lions Camp registration open

The Texas Lion Camp Children's registration is now open. Those eligible for the variety of camps includes children with: physical



disabilities (includes cancer and epilepsy) ages 7-16 May 31-July 4; Down Syndrome children ages 12-16 July 5-11, children with Type One diabetes ages 8-15, July 19-Aug.1. Registration may be completed online at: <http://lionscamp.com/become-a-camper.html#Apply>. For more information go online to www.lionscamp.com.

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.

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.

KC will host ET Regional Science Fair Feb. 28

Kilgore College will host the 56th annual East Texas Regional Science Fair Friday, Feb. 28, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore campus.

Science projects will be available for public viewing from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Local fair winners from area schools (grades 6-12) have been invited



Gladewater Family Dental's Kimberly Yanez RDH, Candice Denison DDS and Tia Edwards RDA presented a program on dental health to Weldon Elementary second graders last week. Courtesy Photo

to attend the competition.

A total of 236 students from 30 elementary, junior and senior high schools in the East Texas region will display their projects.

Finalists in both the junior and senior divisions will advance to the state Texas Science and Engineering Fair (TxSEF) in College Station (grades 6-12).

The science fair's overall winner in the senior division (grades 9-12) will advance to the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Anaheim, Calif., May 10-15.

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The Lady Lions earned their way to the Regional Quarterfinals with a 46-39 win over Wolfe City with Carleigh Judd leading all scoring with 16 points in a tightly contested game. Shayla Gallagher added 11 while Macey Roberts had 9. Macey Alston and Madelynn Lacaze combined for 10 to help lift Union Grove over the Lady Wolves.

Unfortunately, the Area Champion Union Grove Lady Lions fought hard Monday night against Martin's Mill only to come up short in Regional Quarterfinal action.

In the Bi-District round Carleigh Judd again had no difficulties finding the basket. Judd put up 22 points in route to a Lady Lions 62-41 win over the McLeod Longhorns. Macey Alston contributed 15 helping Union Grove surge in the third. A 5 point halftime lead grew to a 17 point cushion by the start of the fourth that the Lady Lions would have no issues holding on to. Madelynn Lacaze added 14 while Shayla Gallagher and Makena Littlejohn combined for 11 in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Photo by Kim Hill



On the February Gladewater Bass Club Tourney the team of Wayne Carrell and Bud Mahaffey won first place with a 12.04 pound string. Second place went to Bubba Sadler and George Wyatt with an 11.71 string, and third place was Jim Ward and Gary orris with an 8.91 pound string. The club meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Tejas Restaurant in Gladewater. All interested anglers are invited to attend.

Courtesy Photo



The Gladewater Bass Club's Lake O' the Pines tourney winner for Big Bass in the recent February tournament was Abo Caton with a 4.75 bass.

Courtesy Photo



Avery Glarborg (9) ducks under the throw to first baseman Katelynn Moses (15). The Lady Bears rallied back from a slow start to beat the Lady Eagles from Tatum 11-5 in the season opener.

Photo by Chris Jones



Makayla Police (4) advances the ball against Waskom defenders. With an assist from Alexis Luker, Police would score Gladewater's only goal of the game. Waskom held on to a 2-1 victory.

Photo by Marde Jones

The Lady Cards faced off with the reigning state champions on Friday night. Although Sabine fought hard from tip-off to buzzer, Chapel Hill showed why they are favored to win it all again. The Lady Devils went to the locker room with a 48-22 buffer. Chapel Hill twisted the defensive clamp even tighter in the third, holding Sabine to just 3 points before endings the Lady Cards playoff run 108-40. Blaire Kaufman ended the game with a team high 13 points, an assist, and 3 rebounds. Mikinzi Cantrell garnered 12 points, 4 assists, 4 rebounds, and a steal before fouling out late in the fourth. Others to score for Sabine were Maddie Furrh (5 points 3 rebounds), Mallory Furrh (3 points 4 assists 2 rebounds), Halyn McKenzie (2 points 4 rebounds), Hailey Davis (2 points 1 rebound), Mercedes Willet (2 points 1 assist 7 rebounds 1 steal), and Aubree McCann (1 point 2 rebounds). On Tuesday night the Lady Cards had to get past the Lady Jackets first in order to face Chapel Hill. Sabine trailed by one after the first half before returning the favor at the end of regulation. Mikinzi Cantrell hit a jumper with 8 seconds remaining to lift the Lady Cards over the Lady Jackets of Elysian Fields 54-53. Cantrell had a team high 16 points for Sabine in the Bi-District Championship win. Neither team could hold the lead for long in a game that kept a crowded Lobo Coliseum on the edge of their seats. Blaire Kaufman gave a respectable 12 points in the effort while Mallory Furrh was just a tic behind with 11. Maddie Furrh added 7 as Hailey Davis and Halyn McKenzie combined for 8. Elysian Fields tried to take advantage of the few seconds remaining but, a contested jumper missed the mark as time ran out.

Photo by Chris Jones



Lady Lions, Cards square off in warm-up game

By Chris Jones

Union Grove hosted Sabine in a pre-playoff warm-up. The Class 3A Cardinals outpaced the Lions to a 59-49 Sabine win. Kole Burns led the Lions with 12 points while Carson Daniels and Hunter Cannon combined for 18.

Both teams are headed to Bi-District Championships in their respective playoff brackets. On Tuesday the Lions came out of their corner swinging and connecting. Stunned and disoriented from a 24-2 first period drumming, the Mustangs from Overton never fully got their legs back underneath themselves.

Union Grove kept the haymakers coming through the third before backing off and waiting for the final bell in a 76-28 decision. Carson Daniels delivered the most blows with 17 points while Matthew Bower hit them with 12. The Lions, not limited to just a couple of strikes, had nine others make contact. Kole Burns (8), Noah Mayhan (7), Cooper Vestal (7), Aubrey Woodard (7) Eilijah Baker (5) Gannon Smith (5), Hunter Cannon (4), Cannon Cowan (2), and Grayson Barnett (2).



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CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
1/20/20	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200367	1:01		HWY 80 HWY 80
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200368	1:30		E MARY MARY S
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200369	1:56	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	EXTRA PATROL	20200370	2:08		313 W SUNSET SUNSET
	EMS	20200371	8:15		801 COACH COOKSEY COACH COOKSEY
	EMS	20200372	9:41	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20200373	11:14	HUGMAN-KENT CLINIC	307 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200374	11:23		611 N POST POST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200375	11:34		1100 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20200376	11:36		105 N PAUL PAUL ST
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20200377	13:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20200378	13:40	LAMBERT'S LIQUOR	1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200379	14:21	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200380	15:30		17 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200381	16:45		JEANETTE JEANETTE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200382	16:53		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200383	16:58		611 N POST POST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200384	17:34		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	EMS	20200385	17:59	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20200386	19:21		2 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200387	19:29	FRED'S	601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20200388	20:24	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200389	20:49		1108 N LYNN LYNN
	ASSIST	20200390	23:08		2104 PINECREST PINECREST DR
1/21/20	ALARM/OTHER	20200391	8:53		2817 W COBY COBY
	ALARM/OTHER	20200392	9:38		2455 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ASSIST	20200393	10:52		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20200394	12:24		1818 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20200395	14:26		
	EMS	20200396	18:28	3D PLASTICS	1065 E COMMERCE COMMERCE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200397	18:43		16 ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20200398	18:44	CITIZENS BANK (FMR GLADEWATER NATL BANK)	678 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20200399	20:43	TOBACCO JUNCTION	1400 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200400	22:36		N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200401	22:37		416 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
1/22/20	MISCELLANEOUS	20200402	7:43	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200403	8:26		212 W GAY GAY AVE
	TERROR THREAT	20200404	8:52	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20200405	9:10		2025 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	THEFT	20200406	10:38		810 TENERY TENERY ST
	THEFT	20200407	11:55	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20200408	13:10	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20200409	15:15		1103 N RODEO RODEO ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200410	15:13		16 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	20200411	15:13	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20200412	18:18		NORTH NORTH ST
	ABANDONED 911	20200413	21:53		1206 N EDWARDS EDWARDS ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20200414	22:23		200 MAPLE MAPLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200415	23:00		W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200416	23:47	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEYS MONEYS ST
	ABANDONED 911	20200417	23:51		903 MARTHA MARTHA
1/23/20	ANIMAL CONTROL	20200418	7:44		1008 N LYNN LYNN ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200419	8:28		GAY GAY
	ASSIST	20200420	8:29		206 LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE
	EMS	20200421	8:53		1024 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20200422	9:06		N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20200423	10:01	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (FMR BROADWAY ELEM)	200 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20200424	10:38	FAMILY MART	805 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20200425	12:41		601 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	20200426	12:58	JULIAWOOD HOMES	34 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20200427	13:10		605 GARY GARY
	EMS	20200428	14:35	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	10-50 MINOR	20200429	15:35		1800 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20200430	16:07	CITY NATIONAL BANK	895 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20200431	16:21		1821 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200432	16:35	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20200433	17:31		218 W GAY GAY
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20200434	18:23		HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200435	18:52		1608A SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	EMS	20200436	19:04	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20200437	20:32		271 271
	THEFT	20200438	21:30	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200440	22:48		1106 N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200441	23:02		1106 N RODEO RODEO
	ALARM/OTHER	20200442	23:42	OLD ICE HOUSE	434 N MAIN MAIN ST
1/24/20	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20200443	0:44		505 W GAY GAY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200444	0:56		302 W GAY GAY
	ALARM/OTHER	20200445	8:21		2817 W COBY COBY
	EMS	20200446	8:56		1310 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	EMS	20200448	9:06	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20200449	9:14	PUBLIC RESTROOMS	96 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20200450	9:48		117 COMMERCE COMMERCE
	EMS	20200451	11:18		2204 E HAROLD HAROLD ST
	EMS	20200452	12:37	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL	414 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200453	15:33	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20200454	17:17		210 OAK OAK DR
	FIRE DEPT	20200455	18:02		1108 N LYNN LYNN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200456	18:51	DIXIE MOTEL	328 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20200457	20:44	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20200458	20:57		1800 SANDERS SANDERS
	WARRANT	20200459	21:04	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20200460	22:15		HWY 80 HWY 80
1/25/20	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200461	0:41		802 MELBA MELBA
	EMS	20200462	2:05	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
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	CRIM MIS	20200465	10:18		503 W MARSHALL W MARSHALL
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200466	11:23		523 W MARSHALL W MARSHALL AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200467	12:14		1407 E VIOLA E VIOLA
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200468	12:23		33 JULIAWOOD JULIAWOOD
	FIRE DEPT	20200469	12:26		1102 E SHEPPERD E SHEPPERD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20200470	12:38		328 MELBA MELBA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200471	14:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200472	14:41	WILD WEST SALON	404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200473	14:22		400 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200474	16:05	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200475	16:29	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20200476	16:49		1008 N LYNN LYNN ST
	THEFT	20200477	17:03		801 N GARY GARY
	FIRE DEPT	20200478	17:44		135 135
	FIRE DEPT	20200479	18:08		INTERSTATE 20 INTERSTATE 20
	EMS	20200480	20:34		200 OAK OAK
	EMS	20200481	20:48	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200482	20:56		503 DR MLK DR MLK DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200483	22:57		3944 W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200484	23:05		809 TENNERY TENNERY
1/26/20	MISCELLANEOUS	20200485	1:49		
	EMS	20200488	6:41		4465 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	EMS	20200489	7:26		2107 E HAROLD HAROLD ST
	ASSIST	20200490	12:14		902 SPENCER SPENCER ST
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20200491	12:22		1010 RICHEY RICHEY DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200492	13:19		502 SPENCER SPENCER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200493	14:12		408 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
	ABANDONED 911	20200494	14:13		1105 HALL HALL
	EMS	20200495	14:37		506 N FERRY FERRY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200496	15:13		408 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
	HARASSMENT	20200497	15:15		501 SPENCER SPENCER
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20200498	16:34	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL	414 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20200499	17:08		501 GODFREY GODFREY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20200500	17:29	SMART MART (FMR G&S SUPER STOP)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200501	17:38		202 MAPLE MAPLE
	EMS	20200502	17:46		34 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200503	19:46	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20200504	19:46		362 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20200505	22:21	BEARTRACK CAR WASH	1407 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200506	22:49	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20200507	23:24		2403 W GAY GAY AVE
1/27/20	ASSIST	20200508	1:31	RESTORING JOY MINISTRIES	214 E GLADE GLADE ST
	ASSIST	20200509	2:02	RESTORING JOY MINISTRIES	214 E GLADE GLADE ST
	THEFT	20200510	7:38		1000 N LOOP 485 N LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20200511	7:50		BERNICE BERNICE



Gregg County Game Warden Todd Long, Smith County Game Wardens Chris Swift and Brad Clark, along with Upshur County Game Warden Nathan Skeen helped make the Teague Lake kids' fishing day a great success. It is estimated that between 300 to 500 children participated in the annual event.

According to Gregg County Game Warden Todd Long, the event began 20 years ago with volunteer Ricky Borden of Gilmer who believed that every child should learn how to fish and founded the annual Kid Fish Derby in Longview.

"Many local inner city kids, families and less fortunate individuals who might not otherwise have the opportunity to fish are able to wet a hook and maybe even land a prized rainbow trout thanks to Mr. Borden and this event at Teague Park Community Lake each February." Gregg County Game Warden Todd Long said. "This year we were fortunate to also have on hand Texas Parks and Wildlife Marshall Inland Fisheries biologists who not help stock and manage our East Texas lakes but also provide bait and fishing tackle for this and other local fishing events."

Jordan passed away on Nov. 25. "Mr. Borden will be missed as a volunteer Bass Pro Angler and mentor," Long said. "Thanks to Longview Parks and Recreation, this event will go on each year and is now dedicated to the man himself as the Ricky Borden Memorial Kid Fish Derby."

Courtesy Photo

Arrest made in Cherokee County timber theft investigation

Troy Lee Grice, 48, of Groveton, Texas was arrested Feb. 16, 2020 in Cherokee County for Timber Purchase as a Trustee with Intent to Defraud. The timber is valued between \$100,000 and \$200,000, making the crime a second degree felony.

Grice turned himself in to authorities after a warrant was obtained by Texas A&M Forest Service law enforcement officers and was later released on a \$30,000 bond.

"Landowners can protect their property and investment by closely monitoring their harvest. It is very important that every timber contract clearly state terms of payment. In the event that a contractor fails to adhere to those terms, the landowner should halt the process until payment is received," said Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Investigator Mike Kuhnert.

To prevent timber theft, landowners should: Visit their property frequently. Have someone they know and trust report any cutting on their land immediately.

Never sign a contract without checking several references of the buyer.

For the best price, insist on getting bids for their timber.

Mark all property lines to assure cutting on adjacent property does not encroach on theirs.

Utilize trail/deer cameras on their property that can record suspicious activity or individuals.

Always hold their timber contractor to the agreed upon terms.

Landowners who are unfamiliar with selling their timber are urged to contact their local Texas A&M Forest Service office. Texas A&M Forest Service field staff assists landowners with the process of securing the services of a professional resource manager to help select trees for harvest, estimate values and find potential buyers.

To report suspected timber theft or suspicious activity, call the Texas A&M Forest Service law enforcement timber theft hotline at 1-800-364-3470.

21 indictments handed down

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury returned 21 indictments, 11 of them sealed, and no-billed five cases last Thursday in Gilmer, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

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

Cory Allen Crump, 27, of White Oak, was separately indicted on charges of possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, and evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

He is charged with committing the offenses April 16, 2019. Bond was set at \$50,000 on the drug charge, \$25,000 for the other charge.

Nathaniel Wayne White, 52, of Gilmer, failure to register as sex offender last Nov. 26. He remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$10,000 bond.

Catherine Malnar, 51, of Marcella, Ark., evading arrest/detention with vehicle last Dec. 9. Although bond was set at \$5,000, she was sent for medical mental health/mental retardation placement, Byrd's office said.

Rachael Renae Barton, 19, of Avinger, forgery last May 12, \$5,000 bond

Tyler Cristian Bunn, 26, of Big Sandy, evading arrest/detention with vehicle last June 23, \$8,000

Nathan Ray Oviedo, 17, of Big Sandy, was separately indicted on charges of unauthorized use of vehicle and tampering with physical evidence, both last Dec. 28.

He remained in county jail under bonds of \$5,000 on the vehicle charge, \$25,000 on the other charge.

William Bailey White, 23, of Gilmer, assault on public servant last Oct. 13, \$25,000

Dequanca Charezz Bowens, 20, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (tetrahydrocannabinol) on Dec. 18, 2018, \$10,000

Anyone named in the sealed indictments was not identified since no arrest had been made in those cases, said Byrd.

They included three for delivery of controlled substance (methamphetamine), two each for misapplication of fiduciary property and forgery, and one apiece for assault--family violence with previous conviction, unlawful restraint, abandoning/jeopardizing a child, and theft of property "less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions."

Nature of the no-billed cases was not revealed.

GPD ARREST REPORT

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
1/21/20	1/21/20	14:40	BELL, DYLAN HEATH	W	M	ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	1120 E UPSHUR
	1/21/20	19:14	JONES, RICHARD JAVON JR	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	COACH COOKSEY ST
	1/21/20	21:04	MCDONALD, MICAH ZANE	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1400 E BROADWAY AVE
1/24/20	1/24/20	19:32	HOWARD, CHRISTIE RENAE-BROOK	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	328 S TYLER #8 ST
	1/24/20	21:20	SPIVEY, KELLY TINNELLE	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	2200 W UPSHUR
1/25/20	1/25/20	23:28	BAKER, JOHN CURTIS	W	M	ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	609 TENERY
1/27/20	1/27/20	2:08	WYERS, TAMARALYNN	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	214 E GLADE ST

No more alley trash pickup

IRS tips to make tax time easier

DALLAS - As taxpayers get ready to file their taxes, one of the first things to do is get organized. To avoid refund delays, gather all year-end income documents.

"It's important to have all the necessary items on hand before starting to prepare your tax return," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman. "That helps you file a complete and accurate tax return and helps to lessen the possibility of having to do an amended return."

With the 2020 tax season in progress, taxpayers can keep in mind these tips. Following them will help get this year's taxes done accurately and on time.

- * Gather records. Good recordkeeping ensures nothing gets overlooked. Records such as receipts and cancelled checks can provide proof of expenses.

- * Start with IRS.gov. The IRS website is an excellent resource available 24/7. Taxpayers can click on the Filing tab for links to filing tips, answers to frequently asked questions, and IRS forms and publications. The IRS Services Guide (PDF) outlines the many ways to get help.

- * Use online tools. The IRS website is home to many useful online tools. One of these is the Interactive Tax Assistant, which provides answers to many tax questions. It gives the same answers that an IRS representative would give over the phone.

- * File electronically. Most taxpayers file electronically these days for its ease and convenience.

The tax software uses the taxpayer's responses to complete the Form 1040 and any needed schedules. For taxpayers who filed paper returns in the past, this may be the year to consider the benefits of filing electronically.

- * Get free help. Taxpayers can use IRS Free File, Free File Fillable Forms, or get help from trained volunteers at sites around the country.

- * Explore other filing options. Taxpayers have many options to file. They can self-prepare or use a tax preparer. IRS.gov has resources to help people choose a tax pro. The IRS Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers provides information on who has a professional credential or participates in the IRS Annual Filing Season Program.

- * Choose direct deposit. The fastest and safest way to a refund is to file electronically and choose direct deposit. The IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days.

* Report all income. Taxpayers must report all their income from Forms W-2, Wage and Tax Statements, and Forms 1099. Other income may be reportable as well, even if the taxpayer does not receive a statement.

- * Avoid errors. Taxpayers should take extra time to review

their tax return so they file accurately the first time. Filing electronically is the most accurate way to eliminate many common errors. Paper return filers should check all names and double check all Social Security numbers. They should also be sure to sign the tax return.

Fatal shooting result of drugs, no arrests yet

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shooting." The day after making that statement, the judge added that "hospital personnel" told him that, and "They were apparently told by the ambulance crew."

The judge stressed that no law enforcement agency had confirmed the report, and Webb said on Feb. 17, "We're not going to confirm that story."

Jameson also said Johnson

lived with his grandmother, who is employed at the hospital where he was taken, and that the shooting apparently occurred close to their home.

Webb said he understood that Johnson was a student at the Big Sandy ISD alternative campus in Gladewater. Jameson, meantime, said last week that final autopsy results from Forensic Medical Management of Texas near Tyler were expected in 30-60 days.



The February Students of the Month for the Rotary Club are Gladewater High School seniors Prenzton 'Zac' Tyeskie and Chloe Medina. Chloe is a 4-year varsity cheerleader and has been named an All American Cheerleader. At Spotlight on GHS she was named Varsity Cheer Who's Who. She was also nominated for Spotlight's Most Talented. She is a National Honor Society member, a member of the Lady Bear varsity soccer team and a former member of the Texas Association of Future Educators. Chloe is a member of the Gladewater Nazarene Youth. She plans to attend Navarro College to major in nursing and further her cheer career as a Navarro Bulldog collegiate cheerleader. Her proud mother is Jennifer Medina. Prenzton 'Zac' Tyeskie is a proud 13-year Bear involved in football, powerlifting and the Bear News Network. At Gladewater High School's Spotlight on GHS Zac was a Most Athletic nominee for good reason earning All State honorable mention honors as a defensive lineman, All East Texas honorable mention and All District first team, his contributions to the regional semi-final champion Bear football team, as well as his teammates' are recognized throughout the region. Zac has also been selected to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Heart of a Champion football team. Zac was named a Lions Club Student of the Month as a junior. Upon graduation he plans to go to the military but he has been invited to football camps in Arlington and Georgetown and may receive a collegiate football scholarship. His proud parents are LaTiffany Tyeskie and Myrson Maddox.

Garmon named to Phi Beta Mu

Union Grove High School Band Director Brandon Garmon

has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Mu, an International School Bandmaster Fraternity. Phi Beta Mu, is an honorary, non-political, non-profit fraternity established in 1938.



There are approximately 350 active members in Texas with additional chapters in most of the 50 states as well as Canada, Japan and Europe. Garmon was inducted at the annual new members breakfast on Feb. 15 in San Antonio Texas.

He was sponsored by Sherry Poteet of Gilmer. Co-sponsors were Eric Gray of Gilmer High School and George Little of

Lufkin High School.

In order to be considered for membership in Phi Beta Mu, one must have at least 10 years of successful teaching experience and must have produced and maintained an outstanding and consistent band program in public schools. Garmon taught at Gilmer Junior High from 2001 until 2013 and has been at Union Grove High School since 2013.

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Beer and Wine retailer's permit by GeauTx LLC dba Booshay's Central Station Café' to be located at 103 N. Main Street, Gregg County, Texas. Managers of said LLC are Brett Edmonds, Manager and Debra Edmonds, Manager.

LEGAL NOTICE

To: HAMILTON SOTO Greeting:

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served with this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The petition of MARIA S CHAVEZ, Plaintiff, was filed in the 307th District Court, Gregg County Courthouse in Longview, Texas on the 13th day of January, 2020, against HAMILTON SOTO, Defendant, and said suit being numbered 2020-92-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MARIA SARI CHAVEZ AND HAMILTON SOTO. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Divorce w/ PCR

The name and address of the attorney for plaintiff, or the address of plaintiff is:

ELIZABETH FULTON
410 N GREEN ST
LONGVIEW TX 75601
903-758-3205

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirement of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Longview, Texas, this the 5th day of February, 2020. Trey Hattaway, Clerk 307th District Court P.O. Box 711 Longview, TX 75606 Gregg County, Texas

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EVENTS

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The sixth grade winners of the GMS annual Science Fair were Harper Bittick and Azucena Perez with their project on spherification.

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Seventh grade scientist Jaxxon Cook took top honors for his grade in the GMS Science Fair with his project 'Flies Should Die'.

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Winners of the GMS Science Fair's top prize or eighth grade competitors was earned by Tristan Collins and Trenton Jackson for their 'Books Save Lives' project.

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GISD Calendar

- 2/27, Thursday
 3:45-5 p.m. GMS Band Rehearsal
 Softball@Longview Tourney
 Baseball@Grand Saline Tourney
- 2/28, Friday
 GMS Cheer Tryouts
 9 a.m. O,T&I Presentation GHS
 Softball@Longview Tourney
 Baseball@Grand Saline Tourney
 5/7 p.m. G/B Soccer vs. Tatum-H
- 2/29, Saturday
 Softball@Longview Tourney
 Baseball@Grand Saline Tourney
- 3/2, Monday
 College Shirt Day
 GHS 3rd 9 wks. Testing: Sci/SS
 District One Act Play Rehearsals@
 Arp HS
 Sign ups for cheer tryouts
 5:30 p.m. Softball@Spring Hill
- 3/3, Tuesday
 GHS 3rd 9 wks. Testing: Math
 District One Act Play@Arp HS
 3:30 p.m. GMS Track Meet-H
 6 p.m. HoneyBear Parent Mtg.
 6 p.m. Baseball vs. Canton-H
 5/7 p.m. G/B Soccer@Kilgore
 Sign ups for cheer tryouts
- 3/4, Wednesday
 GHS 3rd 9 weeks testing: non-core
 classes
 Sign ups for cheer tryouts
- 3/5, Thursday
 End of the 3rd 9 wks.
 12:30 p.m. Bobby Bernard Relays
 Baseball@Tim Crowder Tournament
 Softball@Spring Hill Tournament
 Sign ups for cheer tryouts
- 12:15 Early Release
 3:30-6 p.m. Parent/Teacher
 Conference
- 3/6, Friday
 8 a.m.-noon Parent/Teacher
 conferences
 Baseball@Time Crowder
 Tournament
 Softball@Spring Hill Tournament
 5/7 p.m. G/B Soccer@Spring Hill
- 3/7, Saturday
 Baseball@Tim Crowder Tournament
 Softball@Spring Hill Tournament
- March 9-13
 Spring Break
- 3/16, Monday
 Student Holiday/ Professional
 Learning Day Teachers
 5 p.m. GISD Board Meeting

UGISD Calendar

- 2/26, Wednesday
 5 p.m. TJC One Act Play
 Workshop
- 2/27, Thursday
 Boys Powerlifting@Maud
 JVB/VB/VG Track@W. Oak
 V Baseball@Linden-Kildare
 Tournament TBA
 V Softball@Lone Star
 Blowout-Tyler TBA
- 2/28, Friday
 V Baseball@Linden-Kildare
 Tournament TBA
 V Softball@Lone Star
 Blowout Tyler TBA
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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not already know me. I have been a life-long resident of Gregg County, Precinct 3. I am married, I have two children, five grandchildren, and a great grandchild on the way.

I graduated from Sabine High School, as did my children and two of my grandchildren. I attended Kilgore College for two years. In 1989, I graduated from the East Texas Police Academy and went to work as a Reserve Deputy for the Gregg County Sheriff's Office. I also served four years as Deputy Constable of Precinct 3 from 2013-2017. During my last year as Deputy Constable, I served over 200 eviction notices, numerous civil citations and writs of possession. I have over 30 years experience serving Gregg County.

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'Ready. Check. Vote.'

Voter Education Initiative announced

AUSTIN – Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs today announced a new statewide initiative, "Ready. Check. Vote.," to educate Texas voters about what they need to bring to the polls when they cast their ballot. The campaign will utilize social media, paid advertising, and a grassroots tour to communicate to Texans the seven approved forms of photo identification and what to do if they do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of these seven forms. In its 2019 session, the Texas Legislature appropriated funding to the Secretary of State's office for this initiative.

The Ready. Check. Vote. grassroots tour visited San Antonio last week and will be in Brownsville and Hidalgo on February 29th and March 7th, respectively. Later this year, the tour will expand to additional cities across the Lone Star State. "This initiative is aimed at ensuring Texas voters are informed, prepared, and ready to cast their ballot in the 2020 elections," said Secretary Hughs. "The grassroots tour provides an opportunity for Texans to interact with the campaign, ask questions,

and learn how to participate in the voting process."

Texas voters who possess one of the seven approved forms of photo ID must present that ID at the polls. Voters who do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID may execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration form, available to them at each polling location, and provide a supporting form of identification. In addition, some voters may qualify for an exemption to presenting an acceptable form of photo identification or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure.

The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

- * Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)**
- * Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- * Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- * Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- * United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- * United States Citizenship

Certificate containing the person's photograph

* United States Passport (book or card)

**License is not required to be REAL ID compliant

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, which does not expire, the approved photo ID must be current or, for voters aged 18-69, have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. A voter 70 years of age or older may use a form of approved photo ID listed above that has expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

If a voter does not possess one of the forms of approved photo identification listed above, and the voter cannot reasonably obtain such identification, the voter may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration form, which will be available at each polling location, and present a copy or original of one of the following supporting forms of identification:

- * a government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's



voter registration certificate

- * a current utility bill
- * a bank statement
- * a government check
- * a paycheck
- * a certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate
- * a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include a foreign birth document)

The address on an approved form of photo identification or a supporting form of identification, if applicable, does not have to match the voter's address on the

list of registered voters.

If a voter meets these requirements and is otherwise eligible to vote, the voter will be able to cast a regular ballot in the election.

Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to presenting an acceptable form of photo identification or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who do not present an approved form of photo identification

or follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls because of certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to presenting an acceptable form of photo identification or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure. For more details, voters may contact their county voter registrar.

Voters with questions about how to cast a ballot in the 2020 elections can call 1-800-252-VOTE.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit www.votetexas.gov



In an attempt to ensure that the 2020 Census is as accurate as possible, a Census Count Committee for Upshur County met last week in the Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative's meeting room. Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow and City Secretary Judy Van Houten attended, as well as co-owner of the Gladewater Mirror Suzanne Bardwell, who was appointed to the committee by Upshur County Judge Todd Tefeller. Evie Henson, a Partnership Specialist with the Dallas Regional Census Center and a Gilmer graduate presented the training. The goal of the committee is to make sure that rural interests are served and federal and state resources based on accurate numbers are adequately provided. A significant portion of Gladewater is located in Upshur County.

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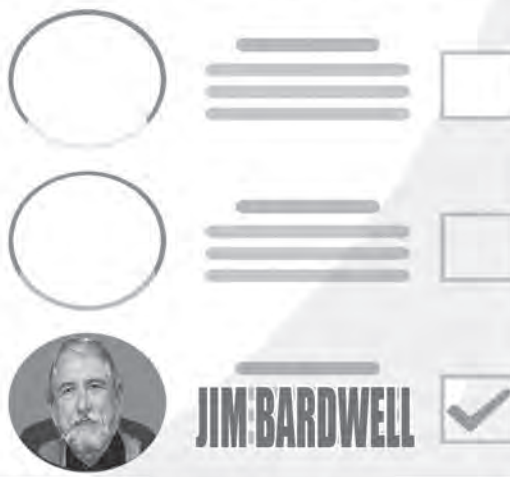
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For CONSTABLE, PCT. 3
Upshur County

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a lifelong resident of Upshur County, Pct. 3. I have four adult children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I graduated from Union Grove High School, Texas A&M Commerce with a B.S. in Education and an M.S. in Criminal Justice and the East Texas Police Academy, Kilgore. I served as a police officer in Gladewater for one year before moving to the Upshur County Juvenile Probation Dept. where I served until my retirement. While serving Upshur County I was named Administrator of the Year at the state level by the Texas Probation Association.

- ★ Will serve as a full-time Constable. I have no other job and I have state mandated bailiff training.
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- ★ Constables are required to serve as Bailiffs for Justice Courts.
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Michael Carney of Gladewater received one of the two Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education awards receiving a \$1,200 award the and the High School Equivalency (HSE) Adult Learner of the Year award. Carney. He is a member of the National Adult Education Honor Society and a 2019 GED graduate who completed his U.S. Army boot camp training in October and is currently stationed in Poland. His mother received the award from his instructor Monika Kastura at the Gladewater Adult Literacy Center. "Nobody is more deserving than Michael, as he is protecting all of us with his life," said Monika Kastura, KCAEL instructor. "This award will help him continue his education while in the U.S. Army."

For the fifth straight year, Kilgore College Adult Education and Literacy students have won top awards from the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education. Courtesy Photo



OBITUARIES

MRS. PAM CRITTENDEN

Mrs. Pam Crittenden of Elba, Alabama passed away at her home surrounded by family. Her life was celebrated with a memorial service on Sunday, February 23, 2020 At 2 PM in the sanctuary of the Elba Church Of Christ; 715 N. Troy Highway, Elba Alabama. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Ruth Lee Benevolence Fund at the Elba Church Of Christ.

Pam was born in Fairbury, Nebraska to Grady and Mildred Morris. She soon moved to East Texas where she grew up with her siblings and graduated from Gladewater High School. In March of 1965, she married

Johnny Wayne Crittenden and started a journey that would lead her to Elba Alabama the town they have loved for over 40 years. Pam worked at the Elba Exchange Bank for many years, then at Williams Signs, and most recently she served for 15 years as the secretary for the Elba Church Of Christ. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her husband John Crittenden, daughters Stephanie Parrish (Greg) of Auburn Alabama and Cassie Crittenden Of Elba. Two grandchildren Woods Parrish of Auburn and Willow Grace Parrish



of Auburn. Siblings Pat (Perry) Cowan of Pritchett Texas and Phyllis (Jerry) Kennie of White Oak Texas. Pam was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Paul Morris.

RAY SCOTT MAY

Ray Scott May, 50, of Gladewater, transitioned to a place of eternal peace on February 10, 2020. He was born on January 23, 1970 in Gladewater to Ray May and Roma Kay May and passed away suddenly at home.

A 1988 graduate of Gladewater High School, Scott lived in Houston, Longview, Kilgore, and Sonoma County, CA before returning to Gladewater in 2014. He worked as the Internet Sales Manager at Heritage Mitsubishi in Longview for more than five years until the time of his death. Scott was named Salesman of the Month many times and was loved by his customers, who appreciated his welcoming nature, integrity, and hard work on their behalf.

In his personal life, Scott was a dedicated family man and a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his kids, two granddaughters, mother and sisters. He appreciated God's handiwork in nature and loved the beach and his two acres of land. Scott was very spiritual and enjoyed nothing more than feeling God's presence, whether at home watching the deer that came to graze in his backyard every morning or walking along the shoreline with the waves at his feet.

Scott was a friend to every person and animal he met, and generously gave of his time and resources to help wherever he could. He will be remembered for his giving heart, his warm personality, his brilliant sense of humor, and his ability to make people smile. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, coworkers, and former classmates.

Scott is survived by his three children, Dillon (Arianna) May



of Texarkana, TX, Hannah (Tyler) Connolly of Charleston, SC, and Carmen May of Longview; grandchildren, Kinsley May and Adylynn May; mother, Kay May; sisters, Lori Oakeson

and Tracy May, and numerous extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray May.

In keeping with Scott's love of simple traditions, the family held a private memorial service and his ashes will be spread at his favorite beach at a later date.

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



Health Fair on tap in Gilmer

"Rock Your Way Into Wellness" will be the theme for the free 2020 Upshur County Health Fair, which will feature health-related screenings and information on Saturday.

The event, sponsored by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office in Gilmer "for all ages from prenatal to hospice," is set from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Gilmer Civic Center on U.S. 271.

It will feature screenings ranging from checking eyes, blood pressure and blood sugar, to mammograms, chiropractic, and testing for childhood asthma. The fair will also include other aspects such as a blood drive, child car seat safety check-ups, and a "rollover convincer," which is an exhibit devoted to auto safety.

The only screening for which there is a potential charge is the digital mobile mammography, being offered by The Breast Center of Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. It is \$99, or patrons can file on their insurance, and more information is available by calling 903-315-3866.

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