



Unity in the Community Prayer Vigil draws 100+

By Suzanne Bardwell

Powerful prayers and evidence of striking community unity were at the heart of Friday's Juneteenth prayer vigil held at Gladewater City Hall's parking area with well over 100 community members in attendance.

"Thank God for the reason to assemble for prayer, for intense prayer for our nation, our state and our communities," New Hope Baptist Pastor Emmitt Pettigrew said in the opening prayer. "It is good that we can gather in a peaceful manner. Pray for yourself, your neighbors and your co-workers."

The gathering included 14 speakers leading prayers in the hour long community service. Darnisha Davis Ifeoma passed out masks which she said were a mission to bless the community. The masks were accompanied by a handout that encouraged crowd members to mask up and protect each other.

"I am so proud to see all our participants here today," Mayor Pro-Tem Sonny Anderson said. "We want all of you to pray and you can pray without opening your mouths. Just pray and let God get the glory."

Anderson was followed by Mayor JD Shipp who said that despite the COVID-19 concerns the gathering needed to be held because it

held "great purpose".

"Gladewater consists of many wonderful people from all walks of life and all professions," Shipp said. "Gladewater is a family of people. Given the size of our community, it certainly should be. We should all know one another, we should all feel both comfort and trust among us. This is our home...a home consisting of brothers and sisters of colors white, black, brown and blue."

Shipp went on to address the national discussion of lives that matter. "To our entire family, I acknowledge that it is our black brothers and

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Workers prepare this hallway at City Hall for a new floor covering made possible by a generous donation by John Paul and Beverly Tallent.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Council makes city board appointments, accepts generous land, carpet donations

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater City Council came away from Thursday's monthly meeting a little bit better off than it was going in as John Paul and Beverly Tallent donated nine lots of land to the city and offered to pay to re-carpet the council chambers.

The former mayor said the couple had recently visited city hall and was impressed with the new look city employees had worked to develop by repainting the inside. But the new paint made the old carpet look out of place, so the decided to pitch in and pay for up to \$5,000 in new flooring for the council chamber.

The council accepted the Tallent's generous offer Thursday night and decided to re-floor the rest of City Hall. The additional work will cost less than \$10,000.

In addition to the new carpet, the Tallents also donated nine lots from an undeveloped section of land they owned and had

previously planned to turn into a subdivision. But as a full disclosure - Mr. Tallent told the council he was making the donation to get the nine lots off his personal tax roll after the Gregg County Appraisal District increased each lot's values from \$500 to \$15,000. He told the council he had challenged the appraisal and got no relief, so he decided to let the city have it.

Council woman Karla Byrd thanked Tallent for his up front reason for offering the donation and the council voted to accept the land, which adjacent to Everett Park and will allow the city to possibly expand the park in the future.

In other business Thursday night, the council voted to hire a land appraiser to see how much land owned by the Union Pacific Railroad along the downtown tracks is worth.

For several months the Union Pacific has been asking the city

to renegotiate its lease of the downtown property currently used by the city for parking and the public restrooms. The two parties have been going back and forth on the negotiations. The railroad is asking for more money.

In other action, the council approved a blanket permit from the First United Methodist Church for a Pastor Appreciation Parade that was held last Saturday.

The council also held public hearings and approved requests to rename a portion of E. Upshur Avenue by Broadway School to N. Mill Street and a specific use permit for a request to sell beer and wine at Booshay's located at 103 N. Main Street.

The council also made city board appointments and reappointments to the following boards:

Airport: Mark Carpenter, Terry Bewley, and David Sorrells were reappointed. Steven Shore was appointed to fill a vacancy.

J.D. Clark was appointed as alternate.

Beautification: Todd Clifton, Suzanne Bardwell, Tracy McKnight, and Matt Ruesing were reappointed. Vabbie Fortson and Greta Matthews were appointed to fill vacancies.

Board of Adjustments: Jerry Stone, J.L. Elder, and Weldon Davis were reappointed. Colt Edwards will fill a vacancy.

Lake: Rocky Hawkins, Mark Wittig, Jim St. John, and Jim Valentine were reappointed.

Planning & Zoning: Mark Friend, Harry Sutphen, Tameka Gordon, and Sheila Faggans were reappointed.

Gladewater Economic Development Cooperation reappointments were not approved because there was confusion between the city and GEDCO as to who's term was up. The council also decided to

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Arrests made in Upshur County shootings

By Phillip Williams

Suspects remained jailed on murder charges Monday in connection with two unrelated shootings in rural Upshur County last week, said Sheriff Larry Webb's office.

In the first incident, Matthew Gregory Harris, 36, of Gilmer, is charged with killing Michial Clint Moses, 45, of Gilmer last Thursday morning at a home in Rhonesboro community, said Webb.

In the second, Dylan Lee Baker, 22, of Gilmer, is charged with shooting Michael Jermaine Odom, 29, of Longview, early Saturday at a residence on Texas 154 east of Gilmer, authorities said.

In both cases, the suspect and the victim knew each other, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

Harris was in county jail at Gilmer Monday under \$500,000 bond set by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter, and Baker was under \$1 million bond set by Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch, said James Grunden, chief deputy of the jail.

In a news release, Webb gave these details surrounding the first incident:

The sheriff's office responded about 7:40 a.m. to a report of a shooting at a residence in the 200 block of Private Road 3051. When deputies arrived, witnesses told them the victim was being taken to the UT Health Quitman hospital by private vehicle and that the shooter had left the scene.

Deputies found and arrested Harris at a home in the 300 block of Private Road 4351. Hazel said that site is about five miles from the shooting scene.

Wood County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Tony Gilbreath said he pronounced Moses dead at the hospital after doctors ruled time of death at 8:18 a.m. Gilbreath said Monday an autopsy he ordered performed at Forensic Medical of Texas outside Tyler showed a provisional finding that the death was a homicide caused by a gunshot wound which punctured the aorta and the heart's right atrium. Results of a toxicology test on Moses were pending, Gilbreath added.

In a separate news release from the one on the first shooting, Webb gave these details on the second incident:

Deputies responded to a shooting call in the 2500 block of the highway about 12:15 a.m. and found Odom lying in the driveway with a gunshot wound in the chest. Emergency medical services transported him to Longview Regional Medical Center, where Gregg County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Robby Cox pronounced him dead.

Baker was at the residence when deputies arrived, and was arrested. The site is about 2.5 miles from Gilmer, Hazel said.

Cox ordered an autopsy on Odom, which was performed Monday, but the sheriff's office had not yet received results as of that afternoon, the chief deputy added. He said he did not yet know Odom's time of death.



HARRIS



BAKER

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Families who are struggling because of the COVID-19 economic downturn are encouraged to come by the Manna House Food Ministry on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Family food boxes help stretch dollars and provide much needed staples and food items for families in need. Please bring proof of residence with a Gladewater zip code. Manna House is located in the southwest corner of City Hall on Hwy. 80.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Editorial

To question encourages accountability and transparency

A little less than 20 years ago, as a nation we embraced a public patriotism after 9/11 that included support of laws that made transparency opaque. There were areas that were protected out of national security necessity but eventually, from the federal to the local level, those protections often have come to protect those who govern at the expense of the taxpayer. Especially in areas that have absolutely nothing to do with national security.

Should the press shine the light on hidden areas of government, corruption, abuse, brutality and waste? Absolutely. And not the 24-hour talk shows that viewers often mistake for journalism. This nation needs investigative journalism at its heart once again.

As citizens we should be interested in more than political posturing from both parties, from press releases offered as 'news' at all levels. We should burn to know what is happening in our world, both large and small, so that we can use our influence as a free people to create a better future.

When blind support is offered political leaders, of whatever stripe, danger lurks below the surface. It is wise to question those you support. The old adage 'power corrupts' is evidenced over and over in history. History also shows that when 20th century questioning was crushed, fascism and communism rose to control the masses in many nations throughout the world. We must ensure that does not happen again.

In the 21st century, as a nation we have also had a tendency to idolize certain professions including first responders, law enforcement, educators and the military. These are all noble professions that require the best among us to fill the positions. But when it is not the best, we must recognize that as well and hold those individuals accountable. After all, the taxpayers are ultimately their employer.

To question those you support, and even admire, encourages accountability and transparency. To question is an essential component of being an American citizen and voter. Blind support on the other hand is the path to destruction.

Guest Columnist

I am not Supermom

By Tiffany Streiferd

There is not a book on the planet that can completely prepare you for parenthood. In the same way, no parent is equipped for what comes after the words, "Your child has cancer."

A total stranger, now my son's oncologist, just told me the worst news of my life. In that moment my mind went to time. How much time do we have? He was two years old then and although his life on earth had basically just begun, I could not imagine living without him. He was perfect at birth. Ten fingers, 10 toes and a fighting spirit from day one. Like most mothers, I spent many sleepless nights staring at him in disbelief that my body actually formed this little life. And as his big blue eyes looked back up at me, I dreamed of what his future might hold. A cancer diagnosis before his third birthday was the furthest thing from my mind.

Treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia or ALL, the type of cancer my son has, begins right away. We didn't go home to process the news, instead we spent the first night of our new reality in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. We learned that his swollen lymph nodes weren't the only sign that cancer was now literally running through his veins. All kinds of tests revealed that the toddler who was bouncing off the walls at school the day before was actually very, very sick. Within 48 hours he had surgery to put a port in his chest. His dad and I were doing everything we could to keep it light and happy for him, but inside our hearts were breaking. How did we get here?

We were moved to the oncology floor as he recovered from surgery and started his first round of chemo. 4 North at Dell Children's Hospital. It would be seven days before we stepped foot into our house again, forever changed. Prior to this, my experience of children with cancer consisted of St. Jude's commercials. I tried to keep my gaze from straying too long at the children who roamed the halls. Some bald, most pale and skinny with dark circles under their eyes. Then my eyes would meet their mother's. Often trailing behind the child fussing over their IV pole, she looked exhausted and wounded. But



Tiffany Streiferd is a 2007 White Oak High School alum. She graduated from the University of Texas in 2010 with a Communications degree. The East Texas native has lived in Dallas, Brooklyn and now, she and her family reside in Austin. Courtesy Photo

strong at the same time. I knew my path would soon mirror hers. Kids with cancer and their parents are often portrayed as warriors. We are to a degree, but most of us started out just like any parent. The endurance you see developed as a result of unimaginable pain. They don't hand it out the day you get your child's diagnosis. It does not materialize until long after you enter into the bizarre reality that causes you to question your child's life expectancy. I am a mom, just like yours, who would do anything for her child. I just never anticipated that it would mean parenting a child with cancer.

Governor, education commissioner say schools will open in fall

AUSTIN — While COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, case counts, hospitalizations and deaths increased last week, more and more Texans ventured out of their homes with the deadly coronavirus showing no sign of abatement.

Gov. Greg Abbott recently renewed his COVID pandemic disaster declaration for all counties affected by the disease. Even so, Abbott and Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on June 18 sounded a hopeful note, saying schools would resume normal operations in the fall. "It will be safe for Texas public school students, teachers and staff to return to school campuses for in-person instruction this fall, but there will also be flexibility for families with health concerns so that their children can be educated remotely, if the parent so chooses," said Morath, adding that detailed guidance would be issued soon.

Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria reacted, saying teachers and other school employees "need to be directly involved in planning for the safe reopening of school facilities" and a rush to reopen schools puts at risk the health and safety of millions of Texas school children, educators, families and communities.

Cumulative figures posted June 21 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 111,601 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 2,182 confirmed deaths resulting from the disease.

Meanwhile, Gov. Abbott and Dr. John Zerwas, University of Texas System executive vice chancellor for health affairs, on June 16 said the Lone Star State's hospital capacity can accommodate an uptick in COVID-19 cases. Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt and Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd joined Abbott and Zerwas in making the announcement.

Juneteenth gains momentum

Protest marches in Texas and other states continued last week, following the May 25 killing of Texan George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

Marches in the Lone Star State and elsewhere incorporated the Black Lives Matter movement. The marchers also called attention to Juneteenth, the annual celebration that memorializes the June 19, 1865, announcement by Union Army Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston that slavery was banned and all slaves were set free.

Until then, news of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, signed Jan. 1, 1863, and the fact that the war ended on April 9, 1865, had been withheld from the estimated 250,000 slaves then in Texas.

Gov. Abbott, in a June 19 Twitter posting wrote, "Today marks the 155th anniversary of the date that news of the Emancipation Proclamation arrived in Texas. We celebrate and recognize the freedom Juneteenth represents. Texas continues to stand for liberty for all."

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, authored a resolution that was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on June 19. The legislation, cosponsored by 207 representatives, would make "Juneteenth Independence Day" a national observance. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, offered a similar resolution cosponsored

Ed Sterling

Capital Highlights

by 57 senators.

Paxton reacts to DACA ruling

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton expressed his disappointment with the U.S. Supreme Court's June 18 ruling to uphold the Obama administration's 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The case, Department of Homeland Security et al. v. Regents of the University of California et al., was brought to the high court via the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Paxton said he looks forward to litigating the same issue, the constitutionality of the Obama administration's action creating the

program, in a case now pending in a South Texas U.S. district court. As of Dec. 31, 2019, some 107,000 Texans were counted by the federal government as DACA recipients, meaning they have applied and been cleared to reside in the U.S.

Jobless rate decreases

The Texas Workforce Commission on June 19 announced that in the month of May, the Lone Star State's unemployment rate dropped slightly to 13.0%, the first decrease recorded since March, when COVID-19 sent a robust economy on a downward trajectory.

During May, Texas added 291,000 private-sector positions led by the leisure and hospitality sector, followed by the education and health services sector and the trade-transportation-utilities sector.

Among Texas' Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the Amarillo MSA recorded May's lowest unemployment rate with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 8.5%, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 8.6% and Abilene MSA with a rate of 8.9%.

"Texas businesses are opening their doors, taking precautions and working around the clock to serve all Texans," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Nondiscrimination

The US Supreme Court recently ruled that employers cannot discriminate against gay or transgender persons under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Discrimination in employment, housing, and access to public places such as restaurants, hotels, and shops leads not only a loss of dignity and opportunity for those on the receiving end of such treatment, but also involves significant economic costs stemming from both a diminished ability to attract knowledge workers and reduced opportunities for tourism, conventions, and related activity. As we emerge from the pandemic, these concerns will be magnified.

In particular, the LGBTQ community has been a focus of systemic discriminatory patterns. There have been high profile instances of bias in employment, housing, and access to public places. Moreover, this group has not specifically been identified in national non-discrimination legislation, and the Supreme Court's decision is a major step toward correcting this gap. We recently examined the potential economic and fiscal benefits of Texas passing a nondiscrimination in employment, housing, and public places access act, and found that they would likely be substantial. Empirical studies indicate that non-discrimination protections encourage the location of knowledge workers and young workers in an area, thus contributing to the attraction and retention of high-growth industries conducive to long-term economic growth. Similarly,

surveys of travelers and convention professionals demonstrate that full access is increasingly necessary for an active tourism market. Social policies which are perceived to be discriminatory can have detrimental effects on travel and tourism by decreasing an area's attractiveness to event planners and potential visitors. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, these issues will escalate notably. We estimate that passing a comprehensive nondiscrimination act in 2021 would lead to a total increase in business activity in the state by 2025 of an estimated \$19.8 billion in annual gross product and 180,226 jobs, with benefits rising substantially over time. Regions with greater concentrations of knowledge workers and greater opportunities for tourism and convention activity tend to be most significantly affected, though

all metropolitan areas and the rural segments of Texas would be expected to see increased employment. (The full study is available at www.perrymangroup.com.)

In addition, business activity generates tax revenue. We estimate that the annual fiscal benefits of passing a comprehensive nondiscrimination act in 2021 would be \$1.2 billion to the State and nearly \$0.9 billion to local government entities by 2025, rising substantially over time. Obviously, these funds would be highly advantageous given the shortfalls due to the current situation with the coronavirus.

The Supreme Court's recent decision is an important aspect of reducing discrimination. Texas can benefit further with passage of a nondiscrimination act and creation of an environment welcoming to all workers and visitors. Be safe!!

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THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE # 2

The all-encompassing love of God is captured in F. L. Lehman's hymn: *The Love of God:*
*"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
 Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade'
 To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry;
 Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky."*

As we continue to consider God's boundless love, let us consider its four dimensions Paul mentions in Ephesians 3. 1. *The Breadth of God's Love.* How broad is God's love? Is it so narrow that it takes in only a few, a special few? No, God's love is so broad that it takes in ALL men. We see this in the temporal world. (*Acts 17: 25; Matt. 5: 45*). Such is also seen in the spiritual realm. (2 Pet. 3: 9; 1 Tim. 2: 4). I don't know for sure why God's love knows no bounds, but I do know God's love extends to all people. (1 Tim. 2: 6; Heb. 2: 9). Emphasis is placed on ALL and EVERYONE.

Thus, the breath of God's love includes ALL men of ALL races, ALL nationalities, of ALL colors, of ALL abilities and attainments. In other words, His love is as broad as humanity i.e. it is UNIVERSAL. It is unrestricted by geography, sex, rank, or position. It extends over and beyond every human need, enveloping sorrow, loneliness, poverty, disappointment, tragedy and sin of every kind. Thus, God's love is as broad as human need; As broad as mankind and as narrow as each one of us! Think on these things.

*"There is a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
 There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
 For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

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Friendship: 'The Lunch Bunch'

(Editor's Note: The brief article reminds us of the importance of close friendships and community connections, especially during this time of COVID-19.)

By Mary Griffin

Friends Joyce Williams, Mary Griffin and Polly Williams of Gladewater, along with Eileen Latting of White Oak began having lunch together about 36 years ago. When our mothers moved to the area in later years they joined their daughters for the weekly ritual and included Hazel Stamps, Pearl McDonald, Nadine Barnes and occasionally, Dad, Floyd Stamps. They have all passed on during the years. Later, in 1985, Polly Williams moved to Dallas. Eileen, one of the original group, died of a stroke on Dec. 21, 2009. We all miss her dearly.

We choose a different restaurant each Thursday for lunch in Gladewater, Longview or White Oak. New, younger friends have joined us older ladies. They are Cindy Williams, Sherri Williams and Lynn Ann Williams. Since moving back to Longview in 2008, Polly has rejoined "The

Lunch Bunch". Becca Childress and Jennifer Williams dined with us before getting jobs and moving on with their careers. Polly's twin sister, Clydie Rappazzo of Longview had lunch with us many times through the years.

I would like to note that our husbands, J.O., Gene, Jerry and A.L. have been friends for 48 years. We girls have also had a friendship for 48 years as well.

Through the years, it has been great fun to have some of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have lunch with us. They are Sarah Myers, Betsy Thompson, Mase Williams, Mason Thompson, Ella Mae Williams, Collin Williams, Kaleb Williams, Shaydin Myers, Nicole Shelburne and April Latting who died in Dec. 1998. They are all a blessing to us. Also, Connor Thompson who was born Dec. 13 has already been to lunch with us at three weeks and three days of age. He was awake and we all got to hold him. He is so pretty and sweet bringing us much joy.

We still today enjoy our time, friendships and lunch together. It keeps us going and in touch.



Ronald McDonald House Charities awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to 30 area seniors including Kieana Hooper. Over the past three years RMHC has awarded \$237,000 to students through its scholarship program. The program also awards grants to a variety of programs with more than \$8.6 million in funding being distributed.

Courtesy Photo



The Gladewater Lion's Club 2020 scholarship recipients are GHS Class of 2020 graduates Jann Ray Colina and Alexis McKinley. The students each received a \$500 scholarship.

Photos By Lifetouch



Texas Shakespeare Festival Texas touring roster

The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) recently announced that the Texas Shakespeare Festival's Roadshow Tour, along with 142 other Texas artists and arts companies, has been approved to the Texas Touring Roster for 2020- 2022.

The Texas Touring Roster features some of the state's best artistic talent and is designed to ensure that all Texans can enjoy events and performances by these artists in their local communities.

"Artists on the Texas Touring Roster travel to communities across the state and perform in a variety of venues," said TCA executive director Gary Gibbs. "In addition to performances, they may also conduct workshops, master classes, residencies, lecture-demonstrations or arts education components as a way to engage community residents. We are proud to offer the citizens of Texas access to such high-quality artistic talent."

During pandemic-related social distancing, TCA is allowing presenters to hire artists for live-streamed performances, workshops and other services they offer through the roster.

Artists on the roster must have a history of touring and maintain a reasonable fee range. The Texas Commission on the Arts does not provide direct funds to the artists on the Texas Touring Roster. Instead, TCA provides grants to arts presenters, schools, libraries, theaters and other nonprofits and government units throughout Texas to help with the cost of bringing in companies and artists from the roster.

Presenters may apply through TCA's Arts Respond Performance Support grant category for a portion of the artistic fees for artists from the Texas Touring Roster.

Acceptance onto the Texas Touring Roster is for two years and benefits groups and artists by giving them a powerful marketing tool. Access to grant funds, combined with the fact that Texas Touring Roster artists have been deemed the best in their field by a panel of statewide experts, makes these artists attractive to a variety of presenters, including schools, festivals, theaters and other venues.

Artists on the Texas Touring Roster range from individual performing and visual artists to large performing arts companies. They represent artistic disciplines including music, visual art, dance, theater, storytelling, literary art and folk art.

The complete Texas Touring Roster, as well as information on the Arts Respond Performance Support grant category, is available online at www.arts.texas.gov.

For more information on the TSF Roadshow Tour, visit www.texasshakespeare.com.

Texas AG Paxton headed to Gilmer Saturday

By Phillip Williams

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who is touring the state to discuss pending litigation involving mail-in ballots and re-opening of entities which were closed due to the COVID-19 crisis, will attend a "coffee-and-cookies" reception outside Gilmer Saturday afternoon.

The public is invited to the 3:30 p.m. event, sponsored by the Republican Party of Upshur County, at Lantana Activity Center on Lantana Road, off U.S. 271 just north of Gilmer.

Local elected officials and members of the Upshur GOP's Executive Committee will meet privately with Paxton beforehand at 3 p.m., said county GOP Chairman Cynthia Ridgeway.



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OBITUARIES

MELINDA ANN EDWARDS MCKNIGHT

Melinda Ann Edwards McKnight, 56, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2020, after a long illness. She was born on Nov. 22, 1963 in Longview, WA to Max and Sandra Edwards.



Melinda earned a degree in computer science from Kilgore College. She had many careers over her full life - her favorite and final as an accountant at TNT Crane and Rigging, where her intelligence, focus and education made her a highly valued team member.

She had many passions: gardening, animals, reading and most of all, her family. Melinda was very generous with her time and energy. Always ready to help family and friends. Her biggest gift to the world was her courageous attitude, calm demeanor, eternal smile and good humor.

Melinda is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 36 years, Tracy McKnight of Gladewater; father-in-law Darrell McKnight; sons Joshua McKnight of Gladewater and Patrick McKnight of Douglas, WY; daughter Ashley Garcia of Gladewater; five grandchildren: Landon McKnight, Logan McKnight, Lillian McKnight, Sidnie Garcia and Aubrie Garcia; siblings Gayla Hart of Gladewater, Kelly Edwards of Gladewater, Phillip Edwards of Arlington, and Emily Mayfield of Longview; brother-in-law Terry McKnight and his wife Melanie of Longview; sister-in-law Teresa Ludovice and her husband Steve of Houston; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Max Edwards and mother-in-law Joy McKnight.

SHIRLEY JANE "GRAN" FULLERTON

Shirley Jane "Gran" Fullerton, 84, of Kilgore, passed away, June 12, 2020. A Celebration of Shirley's life was held at 2 pm Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Lakeview Funeral Home with visitation from 12-2 pm prior to the service. Interment followed at White Oak Cemetery in White Oak.



Shirley was born April 1, 1936 in La Blanca, Texas to George Malcolm Cannon and Ruby Mae Arthur Cannon. She grew up in Kingsville, Texas where she attended school from elementary all the way to college. In 1954 she married Air Force Pilot Major, Bud Jenkins. Shirley worked for the civil service for the military. In 1991, she married Glen

LaVern Fullerton. Upon her retirement from the civil service, she and Glen opened an antique shop in Gladewater, Texas named Fullerton's Antiques and Goodies. Shirley had many hobbies. She taught oil painting, loved to go garage selling, and reading about Texas history. She was honest, pretty, kind, independent, strong, and funny. Shirley loved her family immensely and will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Malcolm Wayne Cannon; and both of her husbands.

She is survived by her children, Robert Jenkins, Jay Jenkins, and Laura Jane Jenkins; step-children, Terri Marshall and Glen Fullerton, Jr.; grandchildren, Lauren Doan, Lacey Jane Hollingsworth, Chris Jenkins, Amanda Jenkins, Heather Atwell, and Leslie Green; great grandchildren, Bella Maynard, Presley Maynard, Paisley Jane Hollingsworth, Rosalie Hollingsworth, Adrian Jenkins, McKenzie Atwell, and Samantha Green; and her beloved weenie dog, Sonny whom she loved dearly!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Manna House food ministry is in need of a variety of canned vegetables, chili, Sloppy Joe, spaghetti sauce, pasta and cereal. Items may be dropped off at Manna House in the southwest corner of City Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. or at the Gladewater Mirror at 211 N. Main Street weekdays during business hours.

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sisters that are hurting and need our support right now," Shipp said. "We pray today for both healing and for continued growth within our entire nation. To our family members in blue, those brave men and women that serve and protect our community with care and integrity, I say thank you and we appreciate you. We pray today for your safety as well as wisdom and compassion in your actions."

Shipp went on to say that at the July city council meeting he intends to ask the city to acknowledge the significance of Juneteenth as an annual official city holiday "in honor of, and in celebration with, our black brothers and sisters."

Gladewater First Baptist Pastor Bailey Harris invoked scripture from Micah in his remarks.

"Do what is right for all people, love all people," Harris said. "That is what justice looks like."

Harris' prayer for peace called on God to "...know our hearts and the darkness that is there... help us with our blinders, our prejudging and assuming."

The impact of education and educators was addressed by GISD Supt. Sedric Clark.

"We have to show kids what character looks like," Clark said. "We have to show young people what to be and we will be a better people."

Body of Believers paster Kelton Wilson offered the prayer for unity calling on God to "search our hearts with the searchlight from heaven. Teach us that we must come together as brothers and sisters. Take hate away from our enemies."

Wilson went on to pray that "the only way to divide hate



Gladewater Mayor ProTem, City Councilman Sonny Anderson offered the welcome at Friday's community prayer vigil and spoke to the power of prayer when those praying "let God get the glory".
Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Gladewater Police Officer Tristan Roberts led the crowd in the Lord's Prayer at Friday's Juneteenth Unity in the Community Prayer Vigil.
Photo By Jim Bardwell



Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp speaks to the Juneteenth community prayer vigil crowd. Shipp said that he planned to propose the recognition of Juneteenth as an official city holiday "every year in honor of, and in celebration with, our black brothers and sisters."
Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

our hearts with love."

Chairperson for the event Marlyn Bolden was recognized for her efforts along with Odette Alexander and the organizing committee. Tyler City Councilwoman Dr. Shirley McKeller was also recognized for her attendance by Melvin Timmons who sang "Here Come the Bears" at the end of the vigil and added a message.

"I'm not interested in becoming a part of a melting pot," Timmons said. "I like the salad bowl idea. You be who you are and allow me to be me and mixed together we create something great. Get to know your neighbors. If one knee can stir a nation, two knees can fix it."

The benediction was given by Pastor Harry Glenn Sutphen of the Rising Star Church of God in Christ.

"Lord, you told us in Your Word that if we cast our cares on You, You will care for us, we come to you now."

is with love. We have to get it together here to get to heaven where we will all be together. Teach us how to be united."

Gladewater Police Officer Tristan Roberts spoke of the responsibilities and dangers of the profession.

"I am completely honored to stand here before you," Officer Roberts said. "Frankly, a few weeks ago I was sickened to put on my uniform."

He went on to quote from a prayer inspired by the story of the Archangel Michael who is considered the patron saint of law enforcement. The prayer calls for wisdom, judgment, strength and compassion on the part of law enforcement. Officer Roberts then led the crowd in the Lord's Prayer.

First United Methodist Church minister David Lee offered a prayer for compassion.

"May we be an extension of Christ as we love our neighbor,"

Lee prayed. "Come into our hearts in a real and powerful way. Come into Gladewater."

Recognizing the involvement of local businesses in the community was Chamber of Commerce President Lois Reed.

"My prayer is that at this most difficult of times, we all support our local businesses," Reed said. "Be proud that you are from Gladewater."

Union Temple Church's Pastor James Wyatt led a prayer for understanding.

"We all need God now more than ever," Wyatt said. "We are all here because we are concerned. That is why we are here. All lives matter."

Gregg County Precinct 3 Commissioner Gary Boyd not only spoke from the heart, he sang to the crowd with a message in song 'Change My Heart'."

"There is a move afoot," Boyd said. "Turn to someone next to you and say, 'I believe you are

God's creation'. Love heals all wrongs. I believe our nation has a time of change and confession and it begins right here—point at your heart—right there."

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What's Happening?

GISD summer meal program

Grab and go meals began on Monday for curbside pickup at Gladewater High School. Students may come each Monday through June to pick up meals that will include five breakfasts and five lunches. Pickup time runs from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Oil Patch TRTA dues deadline

Oil Patch TRTA membership dues are due immediately. Local dues are \$10 and Texas Teacher Retirement Association state dues are \$35. TRTA membership is even more essential now to represent the interests of retired public school employees. The next session will see many cuts to statewide programs across the board and a voice for retirees will be even more important. Please mail state and local dues (unless state is already deducted from your annuity) to treasurer Sheryl Wittenbach 3502 Doublewood, Longview 75604.

VBS set for Pritchett Church of Christ

The Pritchett Church of Christ will hold a one-day Vacation Bible School for ages two through adults Saturday, June 27.

Theme of the event, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is "How Real Is He To You?" A free lunch will be served. The church meets at 1258 FM 1404 near the intersection with Texas 155.

Pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the congregation's youth minister, Jaelyn Downey, at 903-352-5838. H.L. Shirey is the church's minister.

GISD vaccination clinic

Gladewater ISD will hold an immunization clinic on July 16 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Gladewater Center for Community Education Building (brick building in front of the high school) at 2109 W. Gay Avenue. If you are currently insured there will be no out of pocket expense. Please bring insurance card—private insurance, Medicaid or CHIPS. If no insurance the cost will be \$5 per immunization for 18 and under. If you are over 18 and have no insurance contact Aurora Concepts by calling 936-598-3296.

Friday Night Special

The Gladewater Opry will host a Friday Night Special at 7 p.m. with Mike Tucker and Friends in a Country Gospel Show. A love offering will be taken. The Opry is located at 108 East Commerce Street.



CLARKSVILLE CITY - A tow truck crew had to fish a trailer and a piece of Bobcat machinery out of Lake Devernia last Wednesday after a truck carrying a trailer was driving along U.S. Highway 80 between White Oak and Gladewater had its trailer carrying the Bobcat disconnect from the truck and veered into the lake.

Registration underway for KC Fire Academy beginning in August

Registration is underway for Kilgore College Fire Academy No. 111 beginning Aug. 24. Deadline to apply for the Basic Structural Firefighter program is Aug. 10.

Classes will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with a possibility of evening and/or weekend classes.

The 474-hour, 12-week academy will run through Nov. 17.

Tuition is \$1,200 for in-state students and \$1,750 for students out-of-state.

The program, which has been recognized as an exemplary program by the State of Texas, is physically demanding as well as academically challenging and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) strongly recommends all students be able to read and comprehend with at least a 10th grade reading level.

Students must also present a valid high school diploma, official high school transcript or GED scores with their applications.

Admission to the KC Fire Academy is based on a highly competitive process with preference given to an applicant's level of education, experience and their affiliation with a career, volunteer department or rescue unit.

Early summer drying could mean severe wildfire season

Drought conditions in the western Plains and early drying across the state have led to an increase in wildfire activity and an early start to the summer wildfire season.

Most of the state is trending three to four weeks ahead of typical early summer drying, and the rainfall outlook over the next six weeks is not anticipated to be enough to reverse this trend.

Wildfire analysts with Texas A&M Forest Service report that Texas could experience a severe summer wildfire season.

"The dryness we are currently

seeing across portions of the state is, generally, what we would be experiencing in mid- to late July," said Brad Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service Predictive Services department head.

"The drought that will carry over from the spring into the summer and the emerging drought that is developing in June have initiated an early start to the summer fire season. Early summer drying in June also introduces the possibility of experiencing a severe late-summer fire season."

Under these conditions, state

officials are tracking an increased number of wildfire ignitions occurring across Texas. Since Tuesday, June 9, Texas A&M Forest Service and local fire departments have responded to 90 wildfires that burned a total of 21,692 acres. Many of the recent wildfires are attributed to equipment use, welding, debris burning and roadside starts.

"Texas is experiencing an uptick in wildfire activity across most of the state, and it's easy to think that a wildfire won't impact you until you see the smoke on the horizon," said Kari Hines, Texas

A&M Forest Service Firewise coordinator. "Now is the time to prepare your house and property to make them wildfire resilient. Create an evacuation plan for your family that includes pets and livestock. Look for the buildup of dead and dry vegetative material around your house, the driveway, and other important buildings, as this is where embers can gather and start fires."

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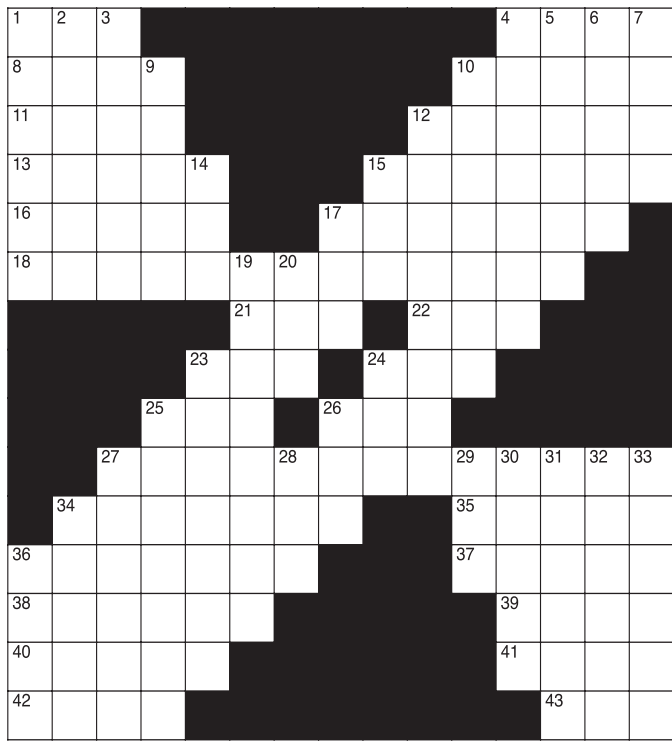
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- 15. Central
- 16. Collector of birds' eggs
- 17. Misbehavior
- 18. Top of the line
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Have already done
- 23. Al Bundy's wife
- 24. Entertainment channel
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. Legendary actress
- 34. Seasoned sausages
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Three-dimensional arrangement
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Type of protein
- 40. Denmark natives
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Artistic dancing
- 2. Plenty
- 3. Act leisurely
- 4. Serve as a warning
- 5. Admired lovingly
- 6. Leftover oil from distillation process
- 7. Company officer
- 9. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 10. One transmits information
- 12. Middle layer of an embryo
- 14. Form of "to be"
- 15. Cairo Regional Airport
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 19. Sample
- 20. A shirt may have none
- 23. Public gatherings
- 24. Disallow
- 25. Overnight suitcases
- 26. French river
- 27. Where boats dock
- 28. Top of a pot
- 29. Type of drug
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Gladewater ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 29, 2020 in the GISD Administration Building, located on 200 East Broadway, Gladewater, TX 75647.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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Sale #1 Estate of Frank Gillham & the late Ann Gillham
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Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Starrville-Friendship WSC hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of Starrville-Friendship WSC, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No.10360, in Smith and Gregg County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including resubdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the subdivision & service extension policy (the "Subdivision Policy") contained in Starrville-Friendship WSC's tariff.

Starrville-Friendship WSC is not required to extend retail water service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision include:

- Evaluation by Starrville-Friendship WSC of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on Starrville-Friendship WSC's water supply service system and payment of the costs for this evaluation;
- Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply capacity;
- Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity;
- Forfeiture of reserved water supply service capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;
- Payment of costs of any improvements to Starrville-Friendship WSC's system that are necessary to provide the water service;
- Construction according to design approved by Starrville-Friendship WSC and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Starrville-Friendship WSC's tariff and a map showing the service area, may be reviewed in their office at 24430 Hwy 271, Gladewater, TX 75647; the tariff and service area map also are filed of record at the Public Utility Commission in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the PUC, Central Records at 512-936-7180 for assistance.



The Gladewater Baseball Complex was jammed packed a week ago as parents and kids gathered for some much-needed outdoor recreation as baseball returned to Gladewater. The youth leagues saw their seasons in question only a few months ago when the COVID-19 Pandemic swept through East Texas. But Monday baseball was back in full force.

To open the season, baseball officials gave the "first pitch" honors to some special quests.

Roger Goetze took the mound on Field One, which was named in honor of his late son, Wade, who was killed in a car wreck in 2000, and threw out the first pitch.

The family of Carter Abernathy, who passed away in 1997 at the age of 9, was honored by his 6-year-old nephew of the same name throwing out the first pitch on Field Two.

And Gladewater Mayor J.D. Shipp, along with several council members, had the honor of throwing out the first pitch on Field Three.

Then seven-year-old Brody Gumm threw out the ceremonial first pitch on Field Four in honor of his late older brother, Brock, who lost his battle with osteosarcoma in 2018 at age.



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The Gregg County Sheriff's Office received a report of a dangerous subject illegally crossing Hwy. 135 Sunday evening. The area was surrounded. After a brief foot chase the suspect was apprehended and flex cuffs were applied. No injuries were reported. The GCSO would like to give a big shout out to the DPS and Game Warden for assisting with this successful apprehension. According to a Facebook post by Monica Rod Izaguirre, she and her husband and son we're driving into Gladewater and almost ran over the alligator. They called for law enforcement to help capture the gator. Courtesy Photo

The magic of chemistry was very real and well demonstrated in a program sponsored by the Lee Public Library's summer reading program last Friday at the First United Methodist Church gymnasium. The program was performed as a free public service by Texas A&M Professor Jim Pennington. The show is funded by Texas A&M's Department of Chemistry, College of Science Outreach Program, Dow Chemical Company and Shell Oil Company.

Lee librarian Judy Hagle assisted Pennington with a demonstration for the kids and parents who attended the event.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

