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Hawkins picked to fill council vacancy

By Jim Bardwell

Rocky Hawkins was selected Thursday to replace Karla Byrd in the Place 6 seat on the Gladewater City Council. The Gladewater native was picked from a field of six applicants.

Byrd resigned at the council's July monthly meeting and Hawkins will complete the year left on her term. Byrd was elected to the council in May of 2019.

Hawkins is retired from Texas Eastman and has run his own restaurant business, as well as being active on various boards including the Gladewater Lake Board. He told the council during the interview process that he had "no agenda" and wanted to "work with the council that was already doing a good job."

In other business Thursday, the council accepted the resignation

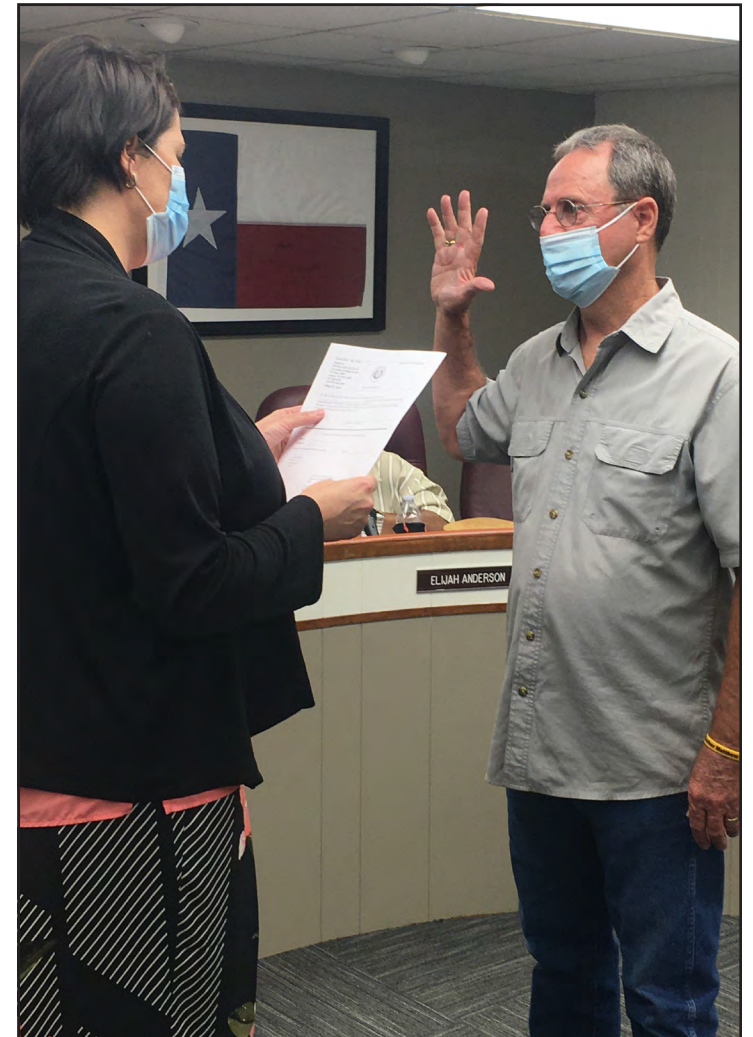
of Larry Clemens and Marsha Byrd from the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO) board of directors.

The council also discussed the upcoming 2020-2021 city budget, which calls for a slight tax increase from \$0.74999 to \$0.756 to bring in the same dollars based on the appraised property value.

City Manager Ricky Tow explained that declining mineral values is the cause for the increase which he described as minor.

The proposed budget calls for \$7,625,888 in revenue and \$7,462,951 in expenses. This will leave the city a surplus - which the city has not experienced in several years.

The city council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed budget and proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2021 on Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall.



Rocky Hawkins takes the oath of office for the Place 6 Gladewater City Council seat for Gladewater City Treasurer Amanda Hill at Thursday's special council meeting. Hawkins replaces Karla Byrd, who resigned at the July monthly meeting after serving one year of her two-year term.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Gregg County Fair cancelled due to COVID-19; schools to open despite large venue cancellations

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Gregg County Fair has been canceled according to Billy Clay the chief organizer of the event. The fair is joining a lengthy list of East Texas events that have been felled by the COVID-19 pandemic. The fair which originated in 1949 had been scheduled for Sept. 11-19 at the Gregg County Fairgrounds in Longview.

In Gladewater, since the advent of the pandemic and awareness of its community spread, canceled events include Gusher Days, the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, the 82nd Round Up Rodeo and the Independence Day fireworks celebration at Lake Gladewater. At this time the Gladewater Arts & Crafts Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is still scheduled for Sept. 19-20.

Despite numerous cancellations throughout the state, public schools will be starting with protocols in place. According to Gov. Greg Abbott who issued a clarification Friday, local health authorities may close schools if COVID-19 is spreading through buildings, but may not close in advance of the school year. The newly released protocols also state

that districts may close campuses for up to five days to sanitize after a COVID-19 case is confirmed with remote instruction offered. The official statement also states "it is clear that school boards can and should work collaboratively with, but not be subject to the advance directives of, local public health authorities, to ensure a safe and effective learning environment for Texas students."

Texas educator groups have criticized state leaders for failing to fully address concerns about COVID-19 infections in schools this fall.

"Today's message attempts to reassure school districts they have the power to make the best decisions for their communities, but it provides no real assurances of support, guidance, additional funding, or resources from the state. The statement does not help school districts in any tangible manner," the Association of Texas Professional Educators said in a released statement last Friday. ATPE went on to point out that the pandemic could force schools to shut down "numerous times" over the next school year and the guidance provided by the state does not clarify whether they will be funded in those cases.

New GEDCO board hires interim director

Former board fires executive director

By Suzanne Bardwell

Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow has been hired as interim executive director for the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO), after Robert Johnson's contract was terminated by former GEDCO president Robert Green.

Johnson had served as GEDCO executive director since 2011.

According to a letter dated July 16 and obtained through a Freedom of Information request, Green terminated Johnson's employment, saying "Over the last several months, the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO) has experienced difficulties due to changing political conditions and the needs of the city of Gladewater. We have explored many options, including reaching out to the City to mitigate the affective issues. Unfortunately, our efforts have not resulted in a mutually beneficial solution."

"After careful review of the circumstances, and through no fault of your own, we have concluded that City wishes to pursue other options and go in a different direction with regards to economic development. It is with deepest regret that I inform you that your employment with GEDCO will be terminated."

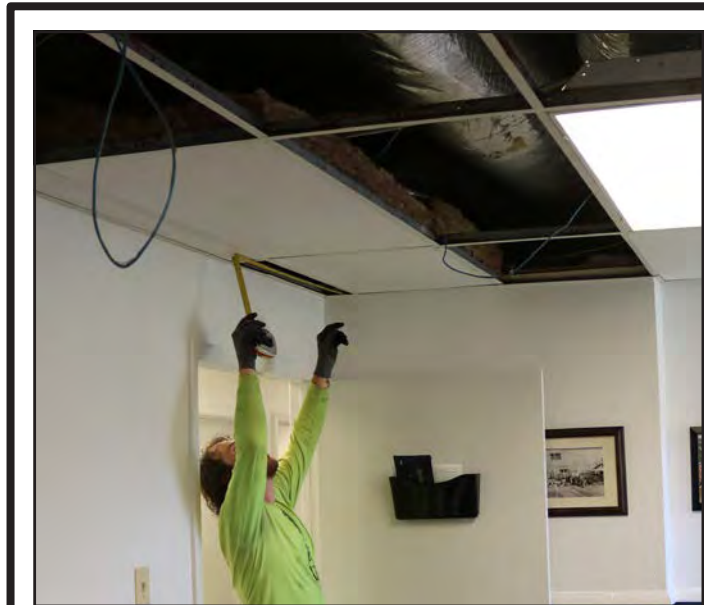
Green placed Johnson on paid leave for 15 days and said "After your term of paid leave expires, your employment status shall then be terminated in accordance with the terms of your employment contract," Green wrote.

The same day Green terminated Johnson - sending the email at 5:11 p.m. - Green addressed the city council shortly after 6 p.m. asking that GEDCO board members John Ussery, Marsha Byrd and himself be reappointed for another two years. At no time during his address to the council did Green mention he had terminated Johnson's contract less than an hour earlier.

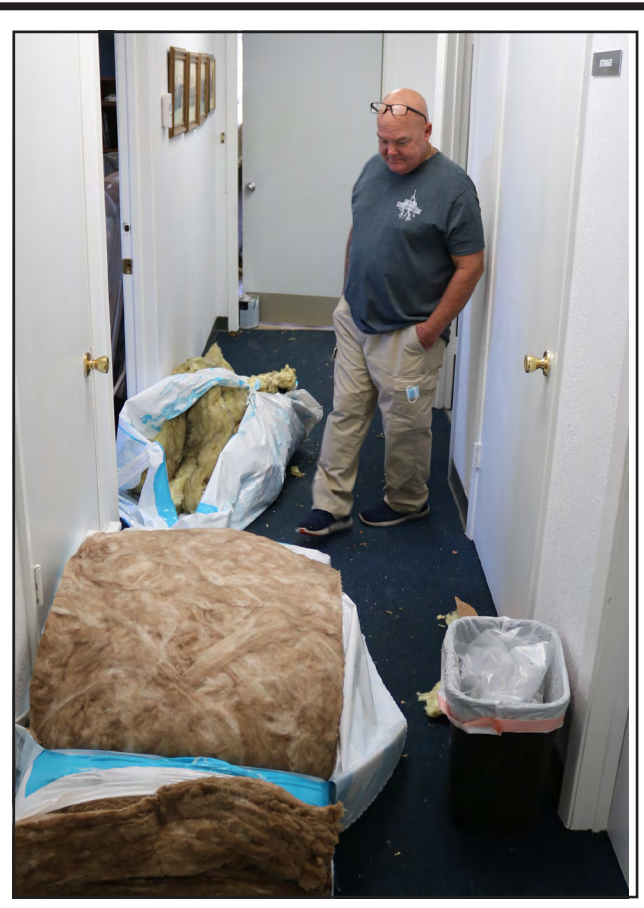
The council chose by a 4-2 vote to put three new faces in the board of directors - Laura Talley, Mark Carpenter and Jim Bardwell.

On Tuesday, July 21, Green went to Tow's office at city hall and handed in Johnson's July 16 termination letter and Johnson's keys.

A few days later Larry Clemens and Marsha Byrd, the remaining GEDCO members from the previous board of directors, handed in



Through the generosity of John Paul and Beverly Tallent the Gladewater Police Department is getting a much-needed makeover. New ceiling tiles and flooring are being installed in GPD offices, much to the pleasure of GPD Chief Gordon Freeman and his officers. The Tallents are also putting new flooring in the fire department next door. The Tallents recently paid to re-carpet the City Hall council chambers where Mr. Tallent served as mayor. Photo by Jim Bardwell



City to burn out waterlines for 30 days

Beginning on August 10 and continuing through September 10 the City of Gladewater Water Department will be conducting a chlorine conversion of its public drinking water system.

To improve water quality the city will be adjusting and turning off chemicals to achieve this chlorine conversion.

During this 30-day temporary chlorine conversion period water customers may experience some of the following changes: taste, odor (chlorine or bleach smell), and clarity.

Chlorine conversion (also referred to as a "chlorine burn") occurs when a water system that typically uses chloramine removes ammonia (needed to form chloramine) from the treatment process and disinfects the water with only chlorine.

City workers will continuously monitor the water during this conversion period and flushing its distribution system.

According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), to protect public health all public water systems (PWS) in the State of Texas are required to disinfect drinking water before providing it to customers. Many PWSs use chloramine (free chlorine and ammonia), an effective disinfectant that persists over a long period of time, making it particularly valuable in areas with high temperatures.

A water system that uses chloramine may sometimes employ a free-chlorine conversion, removing ammonia from the treatment process, disinfecting the water only with free chlorine. This common practice is used as preventive maintenance to kill bacteria that, though harmless when consumed by humans, can introduce unwanted taste and odor, and create issues with maintaining a disinfectant residual.

City officials said during this process the water will remain safe to drink. If you have questions call 903-844-6331 or 903-845-2196.

Bear football ticket protocol for 2020

By Suzanne Bardwell

Since Gladewater ISD, like all districts in the state of Texas, is limited to 50% stadium capacity due to the COVID-19 protocols, ticket sales will be handled differently this year.

Because of the pandemic restrictions no 2020 season tickets will be offered but will be honored for the 2021 season. The majority of schools in Texas are following this pandemic protocol procedure. Ticket sales will be restricted on the first

day of sale to athletes' families, on the second day to auxiliary (Bear Band, HoneyBears, cheerleaders etc.) students' families, and on the third day to the public at large.

Away game tickets will not be sold at gates but distributed to GISD for sale based on the opponent school's stadium capacity which will vary school-to-school.

The tickets will be sold using the same sale schedule as home game tickets.

Two killed in wreck on George Richey Road

Two Gladewater residents died Friday night in a two-vehicle fatal crash.

According to the Department of Public Safety, the crash occurred just before 8 p.m. on George Richey Road (FM 2275) about 1 mile east of Gladewater.

Preliminary crash reports indicated that Adam Benjamin Chadbourne, 35, of Gladewater, was driving north on Texas Street approaching FGeorge Richey Road.

According to the report, Chadbourne failed to stop at the

intersection and his car was hit in the right passenger side by a pickup driven by a 16-year-old.

Chadbourne and his passenger, Sara Elizabeth Chadbourne, 35, also of Gladewater, were pronounced dead at the scene. Two juvenile passengers, a 12-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl, were taken to a local hospital where they were listed in stable condition.

The driver of the pickup and two juvenile passengers were treated and released from a local hospital.

Baytown woman dies in one-vehicle crash

By Phillip Williams

A 43-year-old Baytown woman was killed in a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of two FM roads in rural southern Upshur County Saturday night, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Stephanie Ann Calhoun was pronounced dead at the scene of FM 2685 and 1404 by Upshur County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Betterton, said DPS spokeswoman Jean Dark.

The department's preliminary crash report indicates that Calhoun, southbound on 2685 in a 2006 Pontiac Torrent sport utility vehicle, "failed to stop at the intersection," traveled into a

pasture and struck a concrete barrier in the fence line, Dark said.

Troopers responded to the scene at 7:41 p.m., the spokeswoman said.

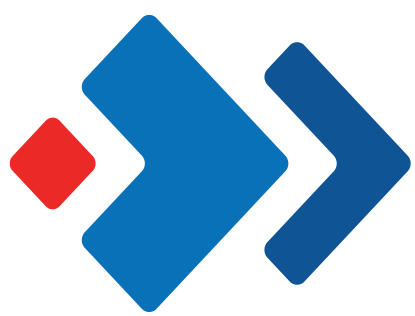
Calhoun's body was taken to Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Gilmer.

Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch, whose precinct includes the crash site near Gladewater, termed it a "very dangerous intersection" Monday, saying several wrecks have occurred there, including one within the last two weeks that miraculously did not result in major injuries.

She said the intersection needs to be redesigned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

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Capital Highlights



Guest Columnist

PB&J and life...

By Tiffany Streiford

Hot wet tears streamed down his cheeks as he laid on my chest. He was finally coming down from a tantrum that started with an inadequate PB & J sandwich and ended with him crying out for his friends.

This outburst was the worst I had seen from him. Luke threw his body around, hit himself and tried to kick me, almost as if to make sure I was still there in the room with him. My first response was, "Well, it must be nap time." But after half an hour, we were both exasperated and I decided to just sit with him, hoping it would pass.

We were six months into treatment and the previous day he reunited with his buddies for a play-date at the park. Our first outing since diagnosis. It was the most glorious taste of normalcy we'd had in a long time. At his doctor's recommendation, he had no contact with anyone except healthy family members and health care providers. When he started treatment we immediately pulled him out of school for being immunocompromised. Chemo killed the cancer in his blood and central nervous system in 30 days, but it cost him his immune system. A simple cold would put him in the hospital and we couldn't risk it. I thought over time he had adapted to his world getting smaller. And since this was his first major outburst since he was on steroids, perhaps interacting with the kids at clinic was enough, I thought. We were there for almost 20 hours a week, after all.

But when he finally let me hold him and his breathing returned to a normal pace, save for the upset sniffles, I realized I couldn't fix this. Instead of trying to tell him we would see his friends again soon or that everything would be ok, I told him I was sorry. He couldn't possibly understand why we kept him from them for so long. Six months is an eternity for a 3 year old. This play-date gave him a glimpse of what



Tiffany Streiford 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. Her 4-year old son has been fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia since he was 2-years old.

Courtesy Photo

it felt like to run wild in the park, skin his knees, get dirty and wear his little body out in the fresh air with his people again. He missed his community. He missed his life before. And when my words went from fixing to lamenting this loss with him, he seemed to settle. He knew I understood it was never about the sandwich at all.

COVID-19 surge in nursing homes

Last week, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission released its first list of COVID-19 cases and deaths with details about individual Texas nursing homes. The initial release showed nursing homes accounted for about one-third of Texas' COVID-19 deaths and the number of cases in the health care facilities had more than doubled during July.

In July, Texas reported 3,315 COVID-19 deaths and 252,884 cases. Both totals were more than all other months of the pandemic combined.

Don't plant those mystery seeds

Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller urged Texans to take extreme precaution if the mail brings mysterious seeds from China.

The packets, mailed to multiple states, including Texas, are falsely labeled as jewelry. The seeds could contain harmful invasive species or be otherwise unsafe. The mailings could be part of an online scam to bolster product ratings, Miller said.

People shouldn't throw away the packets because the seeds could grow in the landfill. Instead, email SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov for more information.

In an interview with the Texas Tribune, Miller planted more seeds of doubt about China.

"I'm getting sick and tired of these surprises coming out of China," Miller told the Tribune. "First, it was a China virus, then it was murder hornets. Then we had closed down their embassy because of espionage and spying. And now we, you know, we've got all these mysterious seeds."

Doctors not on the front lines

The Texas Medical Association tweeted a MedPage Today story reporting there is no evidence the doctor group in a viral video had any expertise about COVID-19.

The video went viral last week after about 10 physicians, dressed in white coats with an embroidered America's Frontline Doctors logo, spoke for 45 minutes in front of the Supreme Court building. The MedPage Today article detailed the doctors' reported lack of credentials regarding the pandemic and the allegedly false information they spread.

The Texas Medical Association represents more than 53,000 physicians and medical students.

Texas A&M climbs aboard Operation Warp Speed

A Texas A&M University System subcontractor will mass produce COVID-19 vaccines as part of the federal government's Operation Warp Speed.

A new federal task order, valued at \$265 million, reserved production capacity in College Station through the end of 2021.

"The Texas A&M System is ready to save lives and help protect the country," said John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System.

Operation Warp Speed aims to deliver millions of doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the year if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration determines they are safe and effective.

GISD Board emergency meeting addresses tech purchase/hiring

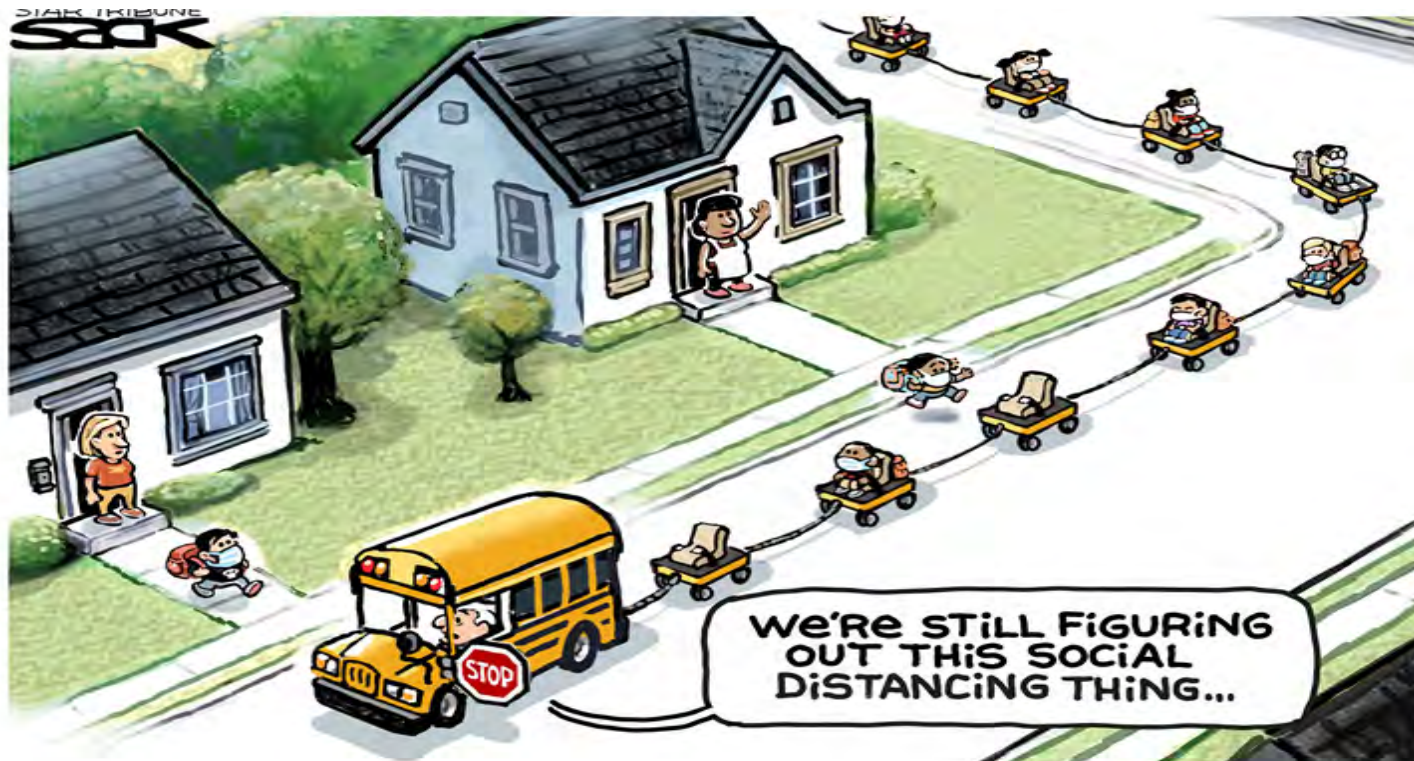
By Suzanne Bardwell

A brief special called meeting of the GISD Board of Trustees was held last Thursday morning at 8 a.m. with a short emergency called meeting following to address a budget amendment and an inter-local agreement with Education Service Center Region IV for the purchase of additional technology and chrome books to meet the virtual learning needs of students during the current pandemic crisis.

Financial Director Glenda Hickey said that the price for the equipment had changed since the last board meeting requiring the amendment for an additional expenditure of \$32,500. She said the funds would not be taken from the district's fund balance but from existing sources, much of which was unspent during the spring school closure. Trustees approved the amendment 4-0 with Rickie Blackmon, George Glenn and David Floyd absent.

Supt. Sedric Clark reported to the board that of the total number of parents responding to the choice survey for 1,827 students, the percentages of parents/guardians choosing virtual learning rather than in-person classroom attendance breaks down to the following percentages with 32% of students at Gladewater Primary School learning virtually, 31% of Weldon Elementary students choosing virtual learning, 28% of Gladewater Middle School students choosing online learning and 28% of GHS students selecting online educational services.

In other business the board approved contracts for GMS Art/Theatre teacher Laminda Miller, GHS Math teacher Jaime Cook, first grade teacher Marilou Barron and third grade teacher Shelby Burns.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Outlook for US Economic Recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic continues. Following significant surges in many states, signals in late July (at least as I am writing) have been modestly encouraging, with case numbers beginning to level off and COVID-related emergency room visits trending downward. Nonetheless, it will be a while before daily life or the economy can approach normal.

The US job market has improved as businesses have reopened, though total employment remains well below pre-COVID-19 levels. The most recent reports indicate gains of 2.7 million jobs in May and 4.8 million in June, with a decrease in the unemployment rate from 14.7% in April to 11.1% in June. However, the total increase over the past two months is far below the loss of 22.2 million during March and April. Moreover, the situation remains challenging and fluid, and momentum appears to be slowing a bit as some reopening moves were reversed.

Our latest forecasts indicate that 2021 will see the US economy regain a significant portion of activity lost through 2020. We are projecting a decrease in real gross product of -4.96% this year, with a gain of 3.67% in 2021. Employment is expected to decline by -6.25% for 2020 and rise 4.78% next year. This decline represents about 9.4 million jobs. It is worse than that now (as are

the GDP numbers), but some improvement is anticipated as the year progresses.

A new stimulus package is being negotiated and should provide relief for a few extra months to many people who have lost jobs or otherwise suffered. Another round of stimulus checks may also be forthcoming, helping household budgets across the country. Funds to be used by schools to reopen more safely are also under consideration, as are aid for health care institutions, state and local governments, small businesses, and other areas. The measure is being negotiated in a contentious election-year environment, and will likely be far from ideal. Given the current distress, however, anything will help (although there are long-term consequences from rising

debt).

It will likely take a little more than two years to return to prior peak job levels assuming no major additional disruptions. That is about half the time that was required in 2008, when the economy was facing major structural issues. Health and safety remain of paramount concern, and progress will depend on the ability to continue to resume activity without infections reaching a level that will necessitate a new wave of restrictions.

The current economic crisis was caused by a health crisis, and to ultimately resolve the economic crisis requires effectively dealing with the pandemic situation. Once a lasting solution to the COVID-19 issue can be developed, long-term prospects for the US economy remain positive. Be safe!!



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DOES BAPTISM LOOK FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

Acts 2: 38 says: **"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."** Thus, repentance AND baptism are essential to receiving the remission of sins. The preposition "for" in the Greek is "eis." The meaning is "to obtain" or "so that sins might be forgiven." Those who teach that one is baptized because his sins are already remitted make "for" (eis) look back instead of forward, i.e. "Repent and be baptized because your sins are already remitted" instead of "Repent and be baptized for (to obtain) the remission of sins." As you can see the meaning of the verse is totally changed! Such an interpretation is completely backward! Of course, their problem is, that without exception, the Greek preposition "eis" is always prospective (looking forward), never retrospective (looking back). The preposition "eis" is never translated "because of."

In Jeremiah's day, speaking of Judah, Jeremiah said: **"But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward" (Jer. 7: 24).** It appears that many today, when dealing with God's Word, and especially with baptism and salvation, still want to go backward instead of forward.

Is repentance essential to salvation? Yes indeed! (Acts 2: 38). Is baptism essential to salvation? Yes indeed! (Mk. 16: 16). Both look forward and are "for" or "to obtain" the remission of sins, and never backward or "because of" the remission of sins, as many teach. Think on these things.

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What's Happening?

Hood Scholarship still available

Attention: All 2020 graduates who intend to take advantage of the Hood Scholarship need to log on to the GHS Website and visit the Hood Family Foundation Scholarship tab listed under Scholarships.

There will be a short survey that asks name, email and college ID.

If they have any questions they can email Mrs. Lanham at lanhamb@gladewaterisd.com.

Upshur registers third COVID death

Upshur County has recorded three deaths attributed to COVID-19, including one of a Gladewater nursing home patient, out of 194 confirmed cases in the county, county Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols announced Monday afternoon.

The patient was a man between

70 and 80 years old, said Nichols. While Nichols said he did not have the dates of death for the victim nor the other two persons who died, he was notified of the Gladewater patient's demise July 25.

The others who died were a man between ages 75 and 85 who lived in a rural part of the county, and a woman between the ages of 90 and 100 who resided in a Gilmer assisted living facility, the coordinator said. He said he received word of the man's death July 24 and the woman's Friday. "There could have been other underlying (health) issues that took place" in these cases, Nichols added. "We don't really know yet."

Counting the death, the Upshur portion of the city of Gladewater has had 31 total COVID-19 cases--21 active and nine who recovered, said Nichols.

The city of Big Sandy has had eight confirmed cases, four active and four recovered, he said.

Upshur gets good news about insurance

A representative of a consulting firm which handles the health insurance plan for Upshur County governmental employees told the county commissioners court Friday she had "all very good news" about the plan's cost to the county.

Rachel Means, chief executive officer of Tyler-based Employee Benefits Consulting, said health care costs are coming in under the current 2019-20 fiscal year budget, that she expected the budget to be lower next year, and that the county's "stop-loss" cost is down.

EBC projects the county will end the current fiscal year (on Sept. 30) about \$250,000 below its approximately \$3,035,000 total health care budget, Means said. In addition, all medical expenses exceeding \$75,000 on a hospitalized employee are reimbursable to the county, she added.

New GEDCO board hires interim director

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their letters of resignation to Tow and the city council accepted the letters at a special council meeting held July 31.

Byrd's letter stated: "It has been a great honor and privilege to serve on the GEDCO Board. I'm very proud of the growth and success the Board and City has experienced. However, in that same spirit of service, I feel like the council desires to have a new Board based upon the new appointments last week. Because of the new direction, I hereby tender my resignation, effective immediately. This will allow the council to appoint a new board member of their choosing."

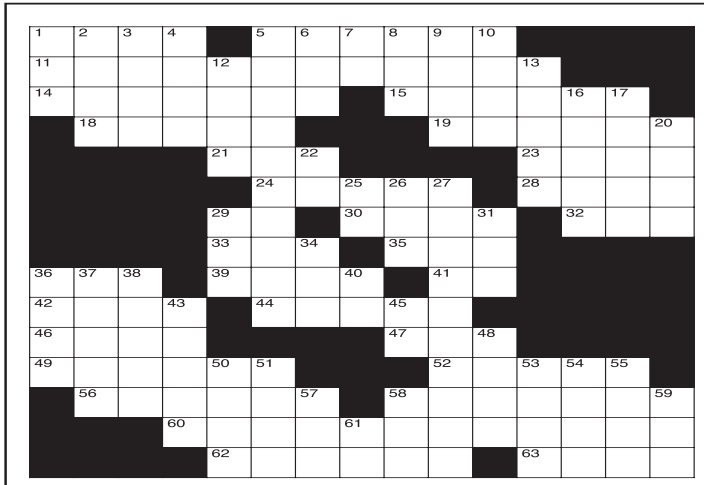
"I have always wanted to serve, and I feel led to tender this resignation to allow fresh perspectives."

"I wish the Board and City nothing but my very best. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to serve the City I love."

Clemens' resignation stated: "Due to the wholesale changes made to the GEDCO Board at last week's City Council meeting, and due to the obvious change in direction that the City is now headed with the organization, I no longer feel that I can be an effective Board member. Because of this, I announce my resignation from the GEDCO Board effective today."

"I wish both you and the new Board members nothing but the best in the future."

At the first GEDCO board meeting held following the council's actions, the newly appointed board members elected Bardwell as president and Carpenter as vice president. The board then appointed Tow as interim executive director.

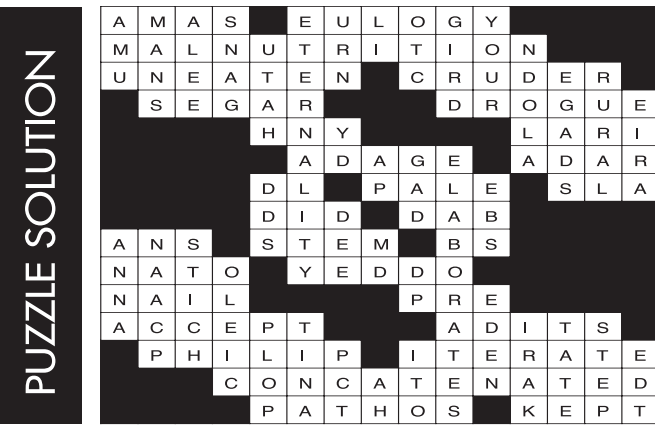


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular musical awards show
- 5. Speech in one's honor
- 11. A state of poor nutrition
- 14. Not ingested
- 15. More lacking in taste
- 18. "Popeye" cartoonist
- 19. Helps to reduce speed
- 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
- 23. Georgian currency
- 24. Proverb expressing a truth
- 28. Jewish calendar month
- 29. Volume measurement
- 30. Fair-skinned
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Touch lightly
- 36. Autonomic nervous system
- 39. Plant part
- 41. College degree
- 42. Military alliance
- 44. Tokyo's former name
- 46. Carpenter's tool
- 47. Before
- 49. Consent to receive
- 52. Passages
- 56. The Duke of Edinburgh
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Quality that evokes pity
- 63. Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. U.S. military school
- 2. Controls
- 3. Away from wind
- 4. Grab quickly
- 5. Being everlasting
- 6. Vase
- 7. Atomic #3
- 8. Type of medication
- 9. Encircle with a belt
- 10. Belonging to you
- 12. American state
- 13. City in Zambia
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Of the country
- 20. Helsinki district
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Reporters' group
- 26. The voice of Olaf
- 27. Explains in detail
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 31. One point south of due east
- 34. Scottish river
- 36. Elsa's sister
- 37. Civil Rights group
- 38. Line of poetry
- 40. Doctor
- 43. Fatty acid
- 45. Avatar (abbr.)
- 48. Awe-inspiring garden
- 50. Fall down
- 51. Rock icon Turner
- 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 54. UK museum network
- 55. Stairs have at least one
- 57. Part of (abbr.)
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise



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The deadline to apply is noon on Friday, August 14, 2020. The City Council will be conducting interviews to fill two vacant positions on August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gladewater Citizens for Economic Growth, Inc. hereby provides public notice that ten or more qualified voters of the City of Gladewater, Texas intend to file an application with the City Clerk, Judy Van Houten, of the City of Gladewater, Texas for a petition that will be circulated in Gladewater, Texas to request a local option liquor election: For or Against "The legal sale of all alcohol beverages including mixed beverages in the City of Gladewater, Texas"



PUBLIC HEARING

The Gladewater City Council will hold a public hearing Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas to consider demolition of the following structure:

- 1) LTS 17 & 18 BLK 2 ELK MOUND, more commonly known as 519 Roden Lane, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in this public hearing or send written comments to City of Gladewater, Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.



PUBLIC HEARING

The Gladewater City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed budget and proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2021 on

Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas.

The proposed tax rate does not exceed the no new revenue rate. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in this public hearing.



PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on August 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following:

- a) A variance request to City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §15.11.120(c)(2) for covered parking at LOT 2 BLOCK 2 EVERETT ADDITION, more commonly known as 203 Oak Drive.

There will be a second public hearing held by the Gladewater City Council on August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings. If you are unable to attend these meetings you may send written comments to Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, City of Gladewater, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF WARREN CITY FIRE, AMBULANCE, SERVICE TRUCK (FAST) GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Warren City will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020, at City Hall located at 3004 George Richey Road, Gladewater, TX regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Fire, Ambulance, Service Truck (FAST) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ricky Wallace, Mayor at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con Ricky Wallace al 903-845-3917.

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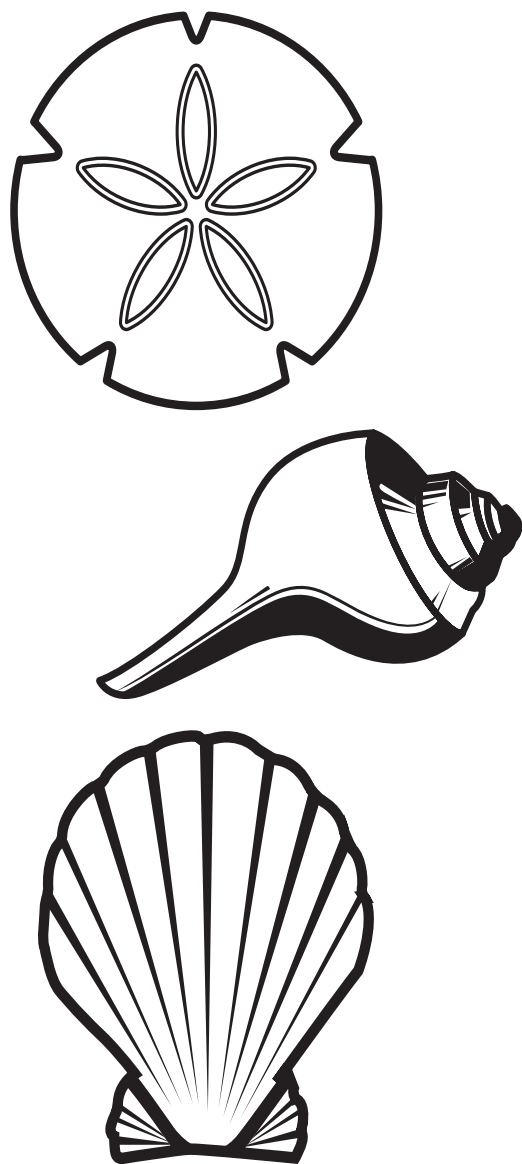
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Caldwell set to retire from Shakespeare Festival

KILGORE – An East Texas institution is bidding farewell to the man who put Kilgore on the map as a summertime cultural destination. Raymond Caldwell will step down August 31 after 35 years of leading the Texas Shakespeare Festival as founder and artistic director. Caldwell announced last year that he would be retiring on his 78th birthday.

With the spread of COVID-19 preventing any real-life extravaganza to bid farewell to the man who gave it life, TSF has launched a virtual event called “Celebrating Raymond” on its website, offering those who have worked with Caldwell or otherwise been touched by his work with TSF to leave messages of farewell remembrance.

TSF was just one of countless theatre groups across the country that had to cancel its 2020 summer season – and Caldwell’s final one – due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was a sad note for an organization that has become so much a part of East Texas culture and that made Kilgore an arts destination.

The festival launched in June 1986 as Kilgore College’s contribution to the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration with performances of Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, and The Daisy Bradford 3 by Gifford Wingate.

Since then, it has produced more than 28 of Shakespeare’s plays, as well as such other classic works as The Glass Menagerie, Cyrano de Bergerac, Harvey, and Blithe Spirit, and such musicals as 1776, Man of La Mancha, Camelot, and Into the Woods.

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TOTAL CASES TO DATE:	29

Data is from various sources and to be used for information purposes only.

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ANSWER: SEA STAR

Gladewater city officials have provided the latest official county information for the week ending on July 31. Gladewater has experienced its first COVID-19 death within the city limits. Mayor JD Shipp said, “We offer thoughts and prayers to the family in their time of loss.”

The information provided above is based on cases found only within the city limits of Gladewater. Please note that Gladewater mailing addresses do exist beyond the city limits. Also be aware that confirmed cases may be immediately known by family members and not yet found within the official reporting by Upshur and Gregg Counties. This is due to the processing time of that information to reach these Emergency Management Officials. Please continue to practice social distancing and follow CDC guidelines.

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Texas High School football in the 'New Normal'

Texas high school football practice began Monday throughout much of East Texas. The University Interscholastic League pushed back the start of high school athletics for Class 5A and 6A schools – the largest classifications in the state – but most of the rest of the state is continuing as scheduled.

But in these times of COVID-19, all that was normal football-related activity is far from normal. As of Sunday, there are 447,473 cases of COVID-19 in Texas with 7,361 deaths.

And while schools, coaches and athletes try to cope with the new rules and regulations (see chart for details), the guys in the zebra striped shirts are also having to adjust.

Larry Clemens, longtime football referee, shared some thoughts on what his fellow referees will have to deal with when that first whistle is blown under the 2020 Friday night lights.

Q - What are the main concerns officials have as we prepare for this year's football season?

A - The primary concern right now as with most people involved with the game is, are we going to have a season. I can tell you that officials are preparing for the season as we would in any other year. As far as the officials community is concerned we are starting the season on August 27th unless we are told otherwise.

Q - What precautions will officials take to safeguard their safety and the safety of others?

A - Officials will take the steps outlined by the CDC, UIL and TASO.

Q - How do you expect the pandemic to affect the game - less penalties, longer games, etc.?

A - As far as the game and how it's played there will be no difference. The games could be a little longer due to the way water has to be

Face Coverings- Executive Order GA-29

Executive Order GA-29, regarding face coverings, applies to all UIL activities effective July 3, 2020. This includes the 2020-2021 school year. As the public health situation changes, and/or if subsequent Executive Orders are issued by Governor Greg Abbott, these guidelines may be further modified.

1. For the purposes of this document, face coverings include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.

2. All employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest, unless an exception listed below applies.

3. The face coverings requirements do not apply to a school in a county that meets the requirements of paragraph 11 of Executive Order GA-29, unless the local school system chooses to implement these requirements locally. Even in these circumstances, the wearing of face coverings or face shields is strongly encouraged.

Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:
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 * When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing; or
 * Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29.

distributed and some other issues related to Covid19 but as far as the way the game is officiated there should be no difference.

Q - What happens if you are notified that a player from a recently played game tests positivity? Will the officiating crew need to be quarantined?

A - I am sure that the UIL / TASO will come up with a protocol. They will have a policy regarding all of this and I have been told that it will be out in a few days.



Union Grove Lions took to the football field Monday in preparation for the 2020 season. Photos by Chris Jones





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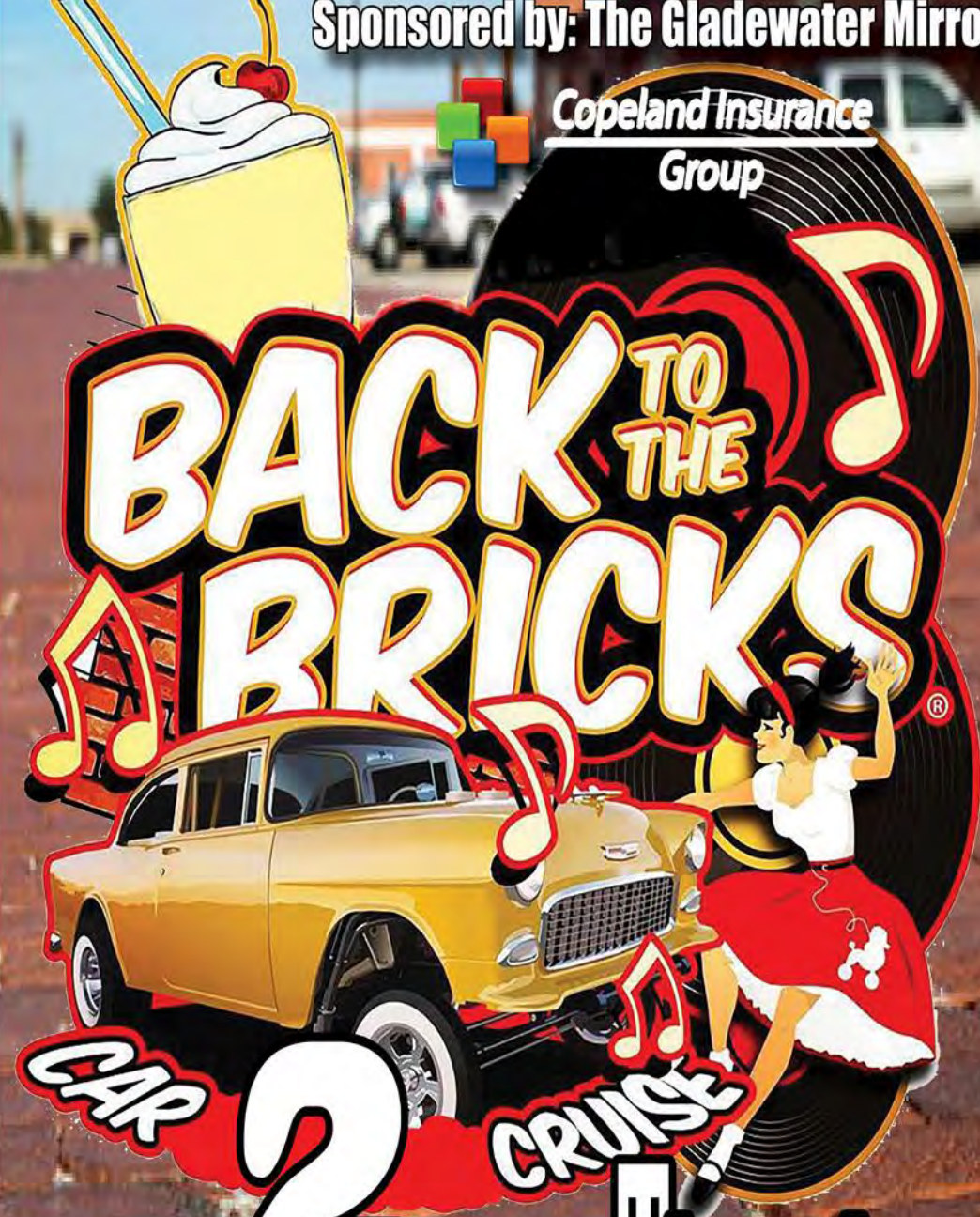
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Artist Gail Meadows lent your skill to the composition of a mural for the Gladewater Museum's Rodeo Annex. The mural appears in the children's corral and features two little cowboys and a cowgirl focused on action beyond the view of the museum visitor. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

time and money to make this valuable Gladewater destination possible," Roddy said. "Our 'Partner Wall' tells their stories. We continue to seek support for this project and would be happy to add new names to the wall in the goal of preserving the history of the Gladewater Round Up Rodeo."

Roddy said that during the annex renovation, the long wall in the children's area proved to be a perfect backdrop for a mural.

"That is when Gail Meadows joined the conversation and said she would like to do it," Roddy said. "After many hours of work the mural has come to life. There are three children looking over and through a fence at something in the distance, which lets imaginations run wild. There are activities for children to experience in this area including riding a rocking or stick horse, checkers, sit on a stump to color and draw, or dress up like a cowboy or cowgirl."

Meadows retired nine years ago from Union Grove ISD where she was an art teacher. Currently she serves as secretary at Gladewater's First United Methodist Church.

"This mural is my gift to Gladewater," Meadows said. "I hope those who see it will enjoy it. Our rodeo history is rich and I am so grateful to those who have donated items or capital to get the Rodeo Annex off the ground. The Annex is something for our community to be proud of for sure, and I am glad to do my part."

Roddy says that the museum is seeking pictures of children who have participated in the annual Mutton Bustin' and calf scramble events held at the rodeo over the years. The photos can be dropped off at the Gladewater Museum or emailed to gladwatermuseum@gmail.com.

The rodeo was canceled for the first time in 82 years this past June due to the COVID-19 pandemic

which was a heartbreaking decision for the rodeo directors. The directors are looking forward to the cowboys and cowgirls being back in the saddle for the 2021 rodeo next June. In the meantime, rodeo fans can visit the Rodeo Annex and learn more about one of the events that has put Gladewater on the map with both national and international visitors to its 4-day, outstanding rodeo competition.

The Gladewater Museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. as well as by appointment. The museum is located at 116 W. Pacific Avenue in Gladewater. For appointments call 903-845-7608.



The new Rodeo Annex of the Gladewater Museum is chock full of Round Up Rodeo memorabilia donated by loyal rodeo enthusiasts as well as exhibits created by the docents. The Annex is adjacent to the Gladewater Museum which is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

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Gladewater Museum Director Elaine Roddy and her dedicated board and docents saw the possibilities when a building adjacent to the museum became available. The Gladewater Round Up Rodeo Association stepped in as a financial partner and the rest really is history. A history that is now being preserved by the museum in unique exhibits.

The Round Up Rodeo was founded in 1937 by local businessman J.N. (Jack) Yates, a Native American Sioux from North Dakota who moved to Gladewater during the 1930s oil boom. Yates had experience, including organizing the first rodeo ever to be held in France as entertainment for the troops during World War I. After his wartime service, Yates established a successful pipe and supply company in Gladewater where he recruited citizens to donate funds or supplies to construct a rodeo arena. The original structure was built from lumber but the rodeo became such a success that it was reconstructed from steel just two years later.

Rodeo quickly gained a national reputation and ranks among the top rodeos in Texas, as well as in the top 10% in the nation. In 2005 it was ranked one of the top five medium sized rodeos in America. It has hosted many world champion cowboys and cowgirls across the decades and continues to do so. It is that tradition of excellence, coupled with the dedication of the local rodeo directors and supporters who continue to make the rodeo possible that the museum celebrates in its exhibits.

"The (rodeo) Museum Annex will truly never be finished because we continue to receive information about past participants and there will be future stories to tell," Roddy said. "We purchased the building on faith, faith that the community would support the project, and the understanding that all participants could have a place to display their story. We pledge to accomplish that."

Roddy says that to tell that story artifacts and articles are needed from the community at large. "Many volunteers have donated



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