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Last weekend's Gladewater Arts & Crafts Festival, held on the Broadway School front lawn, was a huge success with 65 vendors filling 73 booths. Blue skies and fall-like temperatures brought out waves of eager East Texas shoppers who have been hunkered down for months due to COVID-19. Vendors said the festival helped save what had become a dismal selling season as event after event got canceled due to the pandemic. Several vendors reported they sold more items this Saturday alone than they did over both days last year.

Photos by Jim Bardwell



Manna House volunteers Bob Sedgwick and Gary Hines unload food donations from generous Gladewater Mirror readers for the community food ministry. Food donations may be dropped off at the newspaper office at 211 N. Main St. weekdays during business hours or at Manna House in the southwest corner of City Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Financial donations may be mailed to Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647. Families and individuals who are food deprived are warmly welcomed to come by Manna House Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

GISD board looks to save big bucks

By Suzanne Bardwell

It was all about money and how to save it at Monday's GISD board meeting. While many homeowners are refinancing their home loans because of record low interest rates the board is looking at the possibility of doing something similar with the refinancing of the 2014 bond. Attorney Jeff Gulbas of the firm McCall, Parkhurst & Horton made the proposal for the district to be prepared for the opportunity to do so when the market is right. The amount to be refinanced is about \$27,720,000 which was financed at between 3-5 percent interest based on "market give or take" according to Chief Financial Officer Glenda Hickey. Gulbas said that the possible savings would run somewhere in the neighborhood of \$239,000 to \$244,000 annually over the life of the loan to 2044. Gulbas said there would not be any fees or costs associated with the refinancing and the rate they were looking for would be in the 1.4% to 1.5% range. It would also take debt off of GISD books with the refinancing. "We are looking at a six month window," Gulbas said. "GISD would not be committed unless the market is conducive to the move. We would hope to have it done before the November election." Trustees unanimously approved Hickey and Supt. Sedric Clark to

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Gladewater Bears vs. Tatum Eagles Friday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Gladewater

Record- Bears 12 Tatum 9 Ties- 1
 First Game- 1986 Bears won 25-0
 Last Game- 2019 Bears won 28-14
 Tatum's Last Win- 2009 29-28
 Total Points Scored- Bears 588 Tatum 470
 Most Points in a Game- 89-1998-Tatum won 62-27
 Fewest Points in a Game- 14-1992 Bears won 14-0, 1994 Bears 7 Tatum 7
 Largest Point Spread-44-1987 Bears 44-0, 1990 Bears 50-6
 Closest Game Tie not Included-1point 2009 Tatum 29-28, 2018 Bears 36-35.
 Number of Times Bears Have Shutout Tatum- 5
 1986 Bears 25-0, 1987 Bears 44-0, 1991 Bears 35-0, 1992 Bears 14-0, 2000 Bears 19-0
 Number of Times Tatum Has Shutout Bears- 0

Bears rally to capture 35-28 win

By Elizabeth McKamy

The fans got all they asked for Friday night at R E St John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore as the visiting Gladewater Bears scored 21 unanswered points to come from behind to defeat the host Kilgore Bulldogs 35-28 and spoil their Homecoming. Gladewater's WR DJ Allen scooped up a Devon Walker fumble and raced 72 yards with 2:51 left in the game to put the Bears up for good. Gladewater, who had started the possession at their own 1 yard line, after a 53 yard punt by Kilgore's Cade Phippen, called Walker's number up the middle. Walker plowed his way for 27 yards, but a hard hit from the Bulldogs Donovan Adkins knocked the ball loose and right into the hands of Bear speedster Allen who took it to the house. Gladewater, for the 2nd week in a row, used outstanding special team play to keep themselves in the game, overcoming a 28-14 late 3rd Quarter Kilgore lead. The Bears scored the last 21 points and the Bear defense shutout the potent Bulldog offense in the 4th Quarter. It took Kilgore less than a minute to get on the scoreboard. After receiving the opening kickoff, Sr QB Dalton McElyea hit Sr RB Tray Epps on a swing pass and Epps broke tackles and ran 58 yards for the score. Jr Chris Baldazo's kick was good and the Bulldogs led 7-0 with 11:15 left in the 1st Quarter. Gladewater struck back with lightning speed as the Bears return man Sr Eligia Carter took the ensuing kickoff 102 yards to paydirt.

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POTHOLE OF THE WEEK



A reader shared this week's Pothole of the Week with the Mirror. This one is at US 80 and Loop 485, which gets a lot of traffic every day and is TxDOT's responsibility. Got a pothole to share? Send your photo to: gladwatermirror@aol.com or snap a photo using the Gladewater Mirror App.

Gladewater's local sales tax revenue steady, up 3.02%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$765.3 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 4.5 percent less than in September 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly. Rising COVID-19 infection rates in July likely suppressed economic activity. Gladewater posted a 3.02-percent increase in sales tax revenue over the same reporting period - \$85,840.07 compared to \$83,322.06 in 2019. For the year, Gladewater is 8.85-percent ahead of 2019 - \$885,048.37 compared to \$813,034.02 the previous year.

"We are very fortunate that our local economy is weathering the pandemic storm," said Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp. "We still have growth-to-date over last year which is amazing. Thank you to our local businesses for enduring the hardships of the pandemic to serve our community's needs! Thank you Gladewater for shopping local!"

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG COUNTY							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$7,667.74	\$3,375.85	127.13%	\$61,079.92	\$39,512.83	54.58%
Easton	1.000%	\$5,429.46	\$3,209.05	69.19%	\$35,995.37	\$21,592.82	66.70%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$85,840.07	\$83,322.06	3.02%	\$885,048.37	\$813,034.02	8.85%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$517,679.73	\$780,361.32	-33.66%	\$5,439,984.52	\$7,645,900.97	-28.85%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$18,668.79	\$16,721.13	11.64%	\$173,916.33	\$163,134.84	6.60%
Longview	1.500%	\$2,986,598.30	\$2,678,445.29	11.50%	\$25,156,106.14	\$25,714,719.51	-2.17%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,189.32	\$1,452.18	-18.10%	\$12,604.65	\$15,194.79	-17.04%
White Oak	1.500%	\$98,335.64	\$110,160.73	-10.73%	\$838,621.93	\$853,286.16	-1.71%
UPSHUR COUNTY							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$19,813.03	\$15,173.95	30.57%	\$181,398.54	\$151,653.12	19.61%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$3,213.63	\$2,552.19	25.91%	\$31,975.71	\$24,311.34	31.52%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$168,656.54	\$149,496.97	12.81%	\$1,604,899.67	\$1,402,955.25	14.39%
Ore City	1.500%	\$21,176.58	\$15,864.26	33.48%	\$173,671.91	\$142,663.12	21.73%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$215.20	\$190.01	13.25%	\$3,243.23	\$3,839.22	-15.52%

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Chris Cobler
Capital
Highlights



Get your flu shot, governor says

While scientists race to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is urging everyone to get a flu shot.

Texans need to do their part to keep moving forward the state's recovery from the pandemic, the governor said. Last week, he also eased restrictions placed on businesses in most of Texas.

In a new public service announcement, Abbott reminded Texans that flu season already has arrived. Getting a flu shot is especially important this season to help keep hospitalizations down during the state's ongoing response to COVID-19, he said.

"I got mine today," Abbot said. "I can tell you it is the best way to reduce your chances of contracting and spreading the flu. So protect yourself and loved ones this flu season and get a flu shot today."

California firm finds friendlier skies in Texas

Incora, formerly known as Wesco Aircraft, is moving its headquarters from Valencia, California, to Fort Worth.

Incora, an aerospace and defense services provider, will relocate to the former Federal Aviation Administration building on Meacham Boulevard near Interstate 35W and Loop 820. The company received a \$1 million package of incentives from Fort Worth's economic development department. It also received a Texas Enterprise Fund grant of \$1.8 million.

"Our new, larger office space in Fort Worth will allow us to bring our teams together to increase efficiency, encourage collaboration and support the future growth of our business," Incora Chief Executive Officer Todd Renehan said in announcing the move. "This centrally located site also will offer more accessibility and availability to our customers and colleagues across the U.S. and in Europe."

About two months ago, Moody's Investor Services downgraded Wesco's ratings to negative, based on the disruptions created by COVID-19. Moody's said the company could improve its rating by increasing the amount of cash it had on hand and strongly executing on its recent merger with Pattonair. After the merger in January, Wesco and Pattonair formed Incora.

Open your heart to music

As Hispanic Heritage Month events happen across Texas, a new book encourages people to celebrate in song.

"Corazón Abierto: Mexican American Voices in Texas Music," is set to be published Nov. 15 by Texas A&M University Press. The author is Kathleen Hudson, founding director of the Texas Music Heritage Foundation in Kerrville.

"By sharing the artists' accounts of their influences, their experiences, their family stories, and their musical and cultural journeys, 'Corazón Abierto' reminds us that borders can be gateways, that differences enrich, rather than isolate," Texas A&M notes in promotional material for "Corazón Abierto," which translates in English as "open heart."

Another Texas A&M book might be of interest to those who correctly guessed last week's question about which celebrity appeared in the first "Don't mess with Texas" commercial in 1986. Legendary Texas blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan played "The Eyes of Texas" in a memorable start to the campaign. Vaughan, who died in a helicopter crash four years later, is remembered in a Texas A&M book released earlier this year, "Seeing Stevie Ray," by photographer Tracy Ann Hart.

The "Pride and Joy" of Dallas, Austin and blues music lovers everywhere, Vaughan was correctly identified by "Capital Highlights" readers Lew Cohn, of Highland Lakes Newspapers; Maria Whitsett, of the Burnet Bulletin; Colleen Bailey, of The Gladewater Mirror; Michael Flores, of the Bay City Tribune; Nancy Wilson, of the Marlin Democrat; Terry Fender, of the Bowie News; and Andrea Schutter Riebeling, of the Fayette County Record.

Riebeling, a real estate agent, added she had the good fortune of seeing Stevie Ray when she was about 20 years old. "I was just standing an arm's length away from him at the concert hall in Austin, so he really touches my heart!"

Ike Dike moves forward

As Hurricane Sally hammered nearby states, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn touted in a news release the progress of a massive flood mitigation project along Texas' Gulf Coast.

The Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay project, sometimes referred to as the Ike Dike, is intended to protect nearly 4,000 square miles from Brazoria County to Orange County. Last month, Orange County voted to move into the design phase with the Army Corps of Engineers. After a design study is completed in April, the project will be submitted to Congress for authorization and funding.

The Corps also is conducting a Coastal Texas Study with the Texas General Land Office to provide a comprehensive strategy for flood mitigation and coastal protection beyond Houston.

"The question isn't if that next bullet will come, but when, and how ready we will be," Cornyn said. "With these projects, Texas will be stronger, safer and better prepared for whatever Mother Nature sends our way."

...it's just life

Life in the fast lane is too fast...and a little bumpy. Last Sunday Jim's step-dad fell and dislocated a finger. Our angel of mercy nurse practitioner daughter-in-heart took him to the ER. She didn't want us exposed to COVID if it could be avoided. On Tuesday Jim's mom fell and broke her hip. I spent the next four days at the ER and hospital. Now she is in rehab and recovering nicely.

Daughter-in-heart is a hospitalist with a heavy case load and a much clearer understanding of the dangers of COVID-19 than the typical Facebook expert. So all I am going to say is, wear a flipping mask and keep your hands clean. I have personally known three people who have died from it. And do NOT give me that "underlying condition" garbage. People live a LONG time with underlying conditions when not exposed to DEADLY viruses.

On Saturday our son went to California for a 2-to-3 week fire assignment. He will be managing helitack (helicopter) aviation on one of the big fires. This is his calling and he is passionate about what he does, just as his precious wife is called to a medical career, just as I was called to teach and my sweetheart to journalism. Callings drive us. Love motivates us.

I planned to go to my childhood home on the ranch last week and troubleshoot stuff I have had on the back burner for far too long. This Friday I was supposed to be headed to Lubbock to surprise my Mom for her 93rd birthday. But I can't after possible exposure in the hospital. And by the way, my brilliant medical doctor who is a former high school journalism student of mine said the COVID fast test is extremely unreliable. Daughter-in-heart agrees 100 percent. Just sayin'.

So here is what I have learned in the last week or so: My son chose not only a wonderful wife who is gifted at what she does, he chose the daughter I cherish. My son is courageous, smart, funny and driven to

**Suzanne
Bardwell**



make a difference. I knew all of that already, but to say I am proud of him pales in light of his service.

The staff at Christus GSMC is phenomenal almost to a person whether they are delivering meals, cleaning, nursing or in transport. Gifted orthopedic surgeon Dr. Littlejohn ain't no slouch either. The Christus spiritual support is not surprising, but it most certainly is uplifting.

And, I know with every fiber of my being that hot, hot baths are never ever to be taken for granted...especially after five days. I truly am thankful for the gift of hot water and my spa tub.

Finally, I am homesick for black dirt, front porches and coffee, cattle at early evening grazing near the house. Life changes. Our lifestyle changes. We may not change as much, at least not on the inside. I will get to the ranch. I will get out to see my Mom and West Texas family in Lubbock. And it will be the right time when it happens.

When I look at the last week I see how good life really is. Family to love and support and encourage us. Family to help carry the load. People who care...whether they are pushing a mop or a syringe. And the sunsets out our west facing hospital room window were phenomenal. A reminder, along with the prayers over the intercom that there is a plan, there is peace in the midst of chaos and there most definitely is love.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Structure

Prior to COVID-19, the US was in the midst of a 10+ year expansion. While not perfect, the basic structure of the economy was basically sound. If this structure is kept intact, the recovery can be both robust and rapid. If it is allowed to deteriorate, things will inevitably be much worse.

I made this observation during my first speech after things began to shut down and have repeated it literally hundreds of times in subsequent speeches, meetings, columns, interviews, articles, forecasts, newsletters, and reports. It's an inescapable truism.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES)

Act helped preserve this vital structure. It provided relief to individuals, small businesses, and key industries, which helped to mitigate the fallout from the pandemic and related safety requirements. The Federal Reserve (Fed) response has also been massive.

Since March, trillions of dollars have poured into the economy through monetary and fiscal stimulus, and the Fed has slashed interest rates to basically zero. More than 150 million stimulus checks were sent. Small businesses received about half a trillion dollars in loans. Hard-hit sectors (such as airlines) received assistance. While imperfect in both conception and execution, these initiatives have generally been successful in maintaining the structure to support a strong recovery.

Unfortunately, many provisions of the CARES Act will soon expire or have already. With the end of this relief, we will likely see the recovery stall. Airlines which took advantage of CARES Act assistance are prohibited from laying off workers until October 1, but tens of thousands of layoffs will commence at that time. Nearly one of every six restaurants has closed either long term or permanently, and 40% of operators don't think their restaurants will survive the next six months without additional support. Many Americans are facing potential eviction or foreclosure, and families with displaced jobs face food insecurity and other critical issues.

The problem is quite simple. The CARES Act was beneficial but designed for a major displacement of two or three

months. We are now at eight months and counting, with major surge threats potentially on the horizon.

Election politics are the primary reason for inaction. However, the CARES Act passed essentially unanimously. Hence, any fear of a challenge from the left for supporting "industry bailouts" or from the right for expanding "social programs" is misplaced. That ship has sailed.

Keeping the structure in place means continuing to help individuals stay in their homes and have enough to eat, small businesses survive, and key industries remain viable. The structure is in danger of crumbling, which only prolongs and intensifies the agony. It's time to put politics aside and, as Sam Houston said, "Do right and risk the consequences." Stay safe!!



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SUBJECTIVE INTERPRETATIONS OF FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCES

Did you hear the story of a farmer who decided to quit farming and become a preacher? When asked why he made such a decision, the farmer said: "God called me to preach." When asked how God called him to preach, he said he saw clouds in the sky one day that looked like the letters G, P and C. He interpreted the clouds to mean "Go Preach Christ." When asked how he knew those letters didn't stand for "Go Plow Corn," the farmer was speechless. This illustrates the problem of basing religious beliefs on subjective interpretations of feelings and experiences. You still have to assume what the feelings mean.

A young Mormon elder once told me to pray and ask if the Book of Mormon was from God. When asked how I should expect God to answer, he said: "I asked God if the Book of Mormon was true and I got a warm feeling." He had no answer, When I asked him how he knew a warm feeling meant, "yes, it is," instead of "no, it isn't" he had no answer.

People today say that God is speaking to them, other than through the scriptures, telling them what to preach and how to live. They claim God is revealing to them things directly, and through dreams, visions, and apparitions. These elevate themselves to the level of the inspired apostles and render Christ's New Covenant obsolete., without any proof whatsoever.

Concerning religion and the salvation of our souls, we need something more definite than subjective interpretations of vague feelings or clouds in the sky, or some self-proclaimed prophet. Thank God, we have that in the Scriptures. When we study the Scriptures, we can understand and know precisely what God is telling us to do. So, my friend, don't look to vague feelings or mysteriously interpreted experiences, dreams and visions, cloud formations, and self-proclaimed prophets to know God's will! SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES! (Acts 17: 11). Think on these things.

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Bears rally to capture 35-28 win

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Sr Justice Hassek split the uprights to tie the game at 7 with 10:59 left in the 1st Quarter.

The Bulldogs got their 2nd touchdown of the night after McElyea hit Sr Brian Brown with a 34 yard pass to give Kilgore a 1st and 10 at the Bear 22 yard line. Three plays later RB Jermaine Roney ran the ball in from 6 yards out, giving Kilgore a 14-7 lead with :27 seconds left in the 1st Quarter.

Gladewater used their next possession to go 75 yards in 12 plays, getting big runs on 3rd downs from QB Tristan Holmes, Carter and Walker to extend the Bear drive, giving them the ball inside the Kilgore 5 yard line. On 1st and goal from the 3 yard line, Walker took the handoff and scored. Hassek's kick was good and with 6:40 left in the half the score was knotted at 14.

After a missed 33 yard field goal by Kilgore and a Bear punt that was returned 45 yards by the Bulldogs Adkins, Kilgore set up shop at the Gladewater 30 yard line. Seven plays later a QB sneak by McElyea from the 1 yard line put Kilgore back in front. Baldozo's kick was good and the Bulldogs led 21-14 at the half.

Gladewater took the 2nd half kickoff but couldn't muster any offense going 3 and out. The Bulldogs used a 52 yard pass from McElyea to Epps to give them a 1st and 10 at the Bear 22 yard line. Looking to widen their lead on Gladewater, QB McElyea threw a pass into the endzone, but the Bear's Tyrone Maddox intercepted the ball and stopped the Bulldog threat.

Kilgore got the ball back after a Bear fumble was recovered by Bulldog Davin Rider, who returned the fumble 45 yards for the touchdown, but a 15 yard penalty nullified the score. Kilgore still in Bear territory weren't to be denied going 45 yards in 7 plays. A Rider 1 yard touchdown with 2:55 left in the 3rd Quarter put the Bulldogs up by 14.

On the ensuing kickoff Kilgore elected not to kick it deep, staying away from the dangerous Bear returnees, instead kicking it to Gladewater's K'Havia Reese. Reese caught the ball at the Bear 31 yard line and raced up the sidelines, 69 yards for Gladewater's 2nd kickoff return touchdown of the night. Hassek's pat was good and the Bears narrowed the Bulldog lead to 7 with 2:39 left in the 3rd Quarter.

Gladewater tied the game in the 4th Quarter going 59 yards in 10 plays, culminating in a 6 yard Malachi Gordon run. The extra point was good and with 7:20 left in the game it was 28 all.

The Bear defense stiffened in the 4th Quarter, stopping Kilgore twice on 3 and outs, leading to Allen's fumble recovery return for the Bears winning touchdown.

Kilgore tried to come back to tie the score and send the game into overtime, but a Bulldog fumble at the Bear 14 yard line, recovered by Gladewater's G'Braylon Polly, dashed any Kilgore hope for a Homecoming victory.

The Bears open district next Friday, September 26th, hosting the Tatum Eagles. Game time is 7:30.

Lady Bears fall to Daingerfield

The Gladewater Lady Bears took a trip to Daingerfield Friday afternoon to take on the Lady Tigers. The Lady Bears took the 3rd set to extra points, but fell 3-0, 17-25, 18-25, 24-26.

JaKiyah Bell showed her versatility with 5 Kills, 4 Blocks, 5 Assists 2 Digs, 1 Ace. Alexis Boyd added 5 Kills, 5 Blocks, 1 Ace. Hai'leigh Oliver had 4 Kills, 8 Assists, 2 Digs, 3 Blocks.

Earlier in the week, Gladewater fell to #11 Sabine at Bill Waters Gymnasium. For the Lady Bears, Hai'leigh Oliver had 3 Kills, 2 Aces, 3 Assists, 1 Ace, 1 Dig. JaKiyah Bell added 3 Kills, 2 Blocks. Alexis Boyd made 10 Blocks. For the Lady Cards, Ryanne Stuart led all players with 7 Kills. Sierrah Richter had 2 Kills, 4 Aces, 7 Digs, 13 Assists. Aubree McCann added 6 Kills, 6 Digs.

The Lady Cardinals moved to 14-1 with straight set wins over Gary. Despite a strong showing,

Lady Lions slip

The Union Grove Lady Lions fall to Lady Hawks in Hawkins on Tuesday as Union Grove dropped 14-25, 15-25, 24-26, giving Hawkins the 3-0 win.

Lady Lion leaders include Makena Littlejohn with 22 Assists, Gracie Winn with 9 Digs, Carleigh Judd 9 Kills 2 Blocks, and Avery Brooks with 7 Kills, 5 Aces. Union Grove got Friday off after Carlisle cancelled the scheduled contest.



Gladewater Bear running back Devon Walker rushed 12 times for 82 yards and this TD against Kilgore Friday night. Photo by Chris Jones

GHS competes at Buckeye Inv.

Twenty Gladewater Bears received a medal at the Buckeye Invitational held over the weekend.

On Saturday with cooler Fall temps finally setting in, Gladewater XC runners traveled north for the second time in as many weeks. Coaches Kelly Berry and Josh Yount are seeing significant growth in Gladewater's Cross Country team.

Representing GMS, Suzy Perez placed 3rd in the girls race with a time of 14:55. Brooklyn Yount placed 8th (15:41) with Rachel Shepard 15th (16:18). For the Boys, Kennan Jalamo came in 1st (12:22) with Jaxxon Cook following in 3rd (12:41). Other finishers include Kyle Santos (11th, 14:13), Brayson Woods (12th, 14:31), Grafton Morgan (14th, 14:32), Ryder Welch (17th, 14:53), Cody Kegarise (18th, 15:34), Carson Wood (19th, 15:34).

GHS had Morgan Perez finishing 7th in Girls Varsity in



a time of 14:58. Katie Menjivar crossed the line 13th (16:49), Savannah Kegarise (14th, 16:59), Hallie Bulmer (15th, 17:03). John Reynolds was the top Bear in the Varsity Boys race coming in 9th in 19:14.

Following in 10th, 11th, and 12th were Tanner Gothard (19:26), Caleb Kimbrell (19:44), and Carlos Menjivar (19:50). Mathew Tant (15th, 19:55), Micheal Lewis (18th, 20:19).

In the JV ranks Kyle Martin finished 4th in the Boys run with a time of 28:59. In the JV Girls run Sky Danker crossed 9th in 18:39 and Faith Mooney 10th in 18:42.



Gladewater Lady Bear Alexis Boyd (10) reacts quickly to keep the ball in play. Photo by Chris Jones

James Bowie hands 18-12 loss to Lions

The James Bowie Pirates chalked up an 18-12 win Friday night over the Union Grove Lions at Pine Tree Pirate Stadium.

The Lions' Matthew Bowe rushed for 94 yards and had one touchdown and two catches for 15 yards in the loss, which moved Union Grove to 1-3 on the season.

Grayson Barnett recorded 14 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception return for a touchdown. Josh Rhodes finished with 12 tackles and Blake Moore had 10.

The Lions' next game will be Oct. 1 as they host Linden-Kildare on a Thursday night at 7 p.m.

TEAM	SCORE BY QUARTER				FINAL
	1	2	3	4	
GWATER	7	7	7	14	35
KILGORE	14	7	7	0	28

GAME STATS		
First Downs-	Bears 19	Kilgore 17
Carries/Yards-	Bears 42/263	Kilgore 25/69
Passing-	Bears 8/18/76	Kilgore 19/29/349/TD
Fumbles/Lost-	Bears 2/1	Kilgore 2/1
Interceptions Thrown-	Bears 0	Kilgore 1
Punts/Avg-	Bears 3/34.3	Kilgore 3/48.6

SCORING SUMMARY
1st Quarter- Kilgore goes 59 yards in 2 plays scoring on a McElyea to Epps pass of 58 yards. Kick is good making the score Bears 0 Kilgore 7 with 11:15 left.

Bears score on a 102 yard kickoff return by Carter. Kick was good making the score Bears 7 Bulldogs 7 with 10:59 left in 1st.

Kilgore goes 63 yards in 5 plays scoring on a 6 yard run by Roney. Kick was good making the score Bears 7 Bulldogs 14 with :27 seconds left in 1st.

2nd Quarter- Bears go on a 75 yard 12 play drive scoring on a Walker 3 yard run. Kick was good making the score Bears 14 Bulldogs 14 with 6:40 left in 2nd.

Kilgore goes 30 yards in 7 plays, scoring on a 1 yard run by McElyea. Kick was good making the score Bears 14 Bulldogs 21 with :24 seconds left in 2nd.

3rd Quarter- Kilgore goes 45 yards in 7 plays, scoring on a 1 young by Rider. Kick was good making the score Bears 14 Bulldogs 28 with 2:55 left in 3rd.

Bears get a 69 yard kickoff return from K'Havia Reese. Kick was good making the score Bears 21 Bulldogs 28 with 2:39 left in 3rd.

4th Quarter- Bears go 59 yards in 10 plays scoring on a 6 yard rub by Malachi Gordon. Kick was good making the score Bears 28 Bulldogs 28 with 7:20 left in game.

Bears go 99 yds in 1 play scoring on a fumble recovery by DJ Allen for 72 yards. Kick is good making the score Bears 35 Kilgore 28 with 2:51 left in game.

INDIVIDUAL LEADER STATS

Bears Rushing-	Devon Walker 12/82/TD DJ Allen 1/72/TD Malachi Gordon 13/49/TD Tristan Holmes 8/18/76
Passing-Receiving-	DJ Allen 3/27 K'Havia Reese 1/29 Kolin Lewis 4/20
Kickoff Returns-	K'Havia Reese 4/113/TD Eligia Carter 1/102/TD
Interception-Fumble Recovery -	Tyrone Maddox G'Braylon Polly
Kilgore Rushing-	Tray Epps 14/49 Davin Rider 3/13/TD Jermaine Roney 4/5/TD Dalton McElyea 4/2/TD
Passing-Receiving-	Dalton McElyea 19/28/349/TD Tray Epps 3/115/TD Donovan Adkins 5/92
Fumble Recovery-	Davin Rider 1/15

OCTOBER 10TH, 8 A.M. - NOON

Gladewater FALL City-Wide Clean Up Day

GLADEWATER RESIDENTS may bring bulky, household garbage and items to dumpsters located along E. Commerce St, in downtown Gladewater. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions - everyone will need to unload their items themselves.

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Your help is needed to keep our community clean. Volunteers will be meeting at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on E Pacific at 8 a.m. where they will be dispersed to help in parks and neighborhoods in Gladewater. Trash bags will be provided.

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TxDOT urges motorists and parents to use caution as children head back to school

As millions of Texas children return to school this year, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) asks motorists and parents to exercise caution to prevent traffic crashes and injuries in and around school zones and bus stops.

Last year, 784 traffic crashes occurred in Texas school zones, resulting in one death and 12 serious injuries. The most common causes for these crashes were driver inattention, failure to control speed and failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign or when turning left.

In addition, five people were killed and 76 were seriously injured last year in 2,453 traffic crashes involving school buses in our state. Speed and driver inattention also were the top contributing factors in those crashes.

TxDOT urges drivers to slow down, pay attention and follow all traffic laws in school zones and when approaching school buses. Many schools are opening later than usual this fall because of

the pandemic. It's important that motorists be aware of changing traffic patterns around schools to keep children safe and to avoid costly fines and tickets.

Tips for Drivers Sharing the Road with School Buses

Follow at a safe distance, keeping in mind that school buses make frequent stops.

Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed. Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.

Always remain alert for children around buses and remember they may not always look for vehicles before crossing the street.

Violations can lead to a fine of up to \$1,250 for a first offense.

Tips for Driving in School Zones

Be aware that traffic patterns around schools may have changed since the last school year.



Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.

Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.

Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.

Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School

Always walk on sidewalks. If there's not a sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street facing

traffic.

Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right and left again before proceeding.

Always obey crossing guards.

Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.

Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked vehicles.

Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.

Follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart." is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX,

a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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How you can stop 'Fake News' from faking you out

The term "fake news" gained traction during the 2016 U.S. presidential race between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, and it has since become a familiar phrase in the American political vernacular.

Could fake news factor into the current presidential election season? The QAnon movement has been seen by some media and political observers as an example of a politically-driven group promoting fake news. Despite a lack of evidence to support their beliefs, followers of the QAnon movement believe that President Trump is fighting a satanic deep state of global elites. Facebook booted accounts promoting QAnon.

David Dozier, a professor emeritus in the School of Journalism & Media Studies at San Diego State University and author of *The California Killing Field*, thinks QAnon's origins and emergence into national news cycles symbolizes the intent of fake news: to influence voters.

"We live in a world where it's hard to believe almost anything you see related to politics on social media, and sometimes in the mainstream media as well," Dozier says. "Our democratic process for electing political leaders has suffered great harm due to these disinformation campaigns."

"Fake news is definitely an issue heading into this critical presidential election. QAnon is the latest example of how conspiracy theories on the internet can gain traction and build followings."

Researchers have suggested that false information presented as news fuels public distrust of political leaders and the media, influences people's attitudes, and damages democracy.

"We've never been more polarized as a country, and fake news is dividing us further," Dozier says. "It's become a phenomenon, but people still have the power to sort the true from the false."

Dozier suggests these ways to spot fake news:

* Don't fall into the bias trap. People can fall prey to confirmation

bias, a tendency to favor information that confirms or supports one's prior beliefs or values. "Regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum," Dozier says, "people lend more credence to information that reinforces what they already believe. To counteract the confirmation bias trap, try changing your perspective by taking the other side of the argument. Overall, be skeptical and think critically."

* Pause before you share or retweet. "Some people have an emotional reaction to a piece of news and think they should share it," Dozier says. "But it's important to know that the people who create disinformation are designing it to do just that – trigger an emotional reaction. So wait and ask questions about the content. Who shared it or created it? Why was this shared? Do some investigating."

* Go straight to the source. "The algorithms used by social media and news aggregator sites are designed to make sure we see stories geared to our interests," Dozier says. "This makes it harder to identify if a story is real or fake, and who created it. Instead of following a link from the outlet that shows up on your social media, go online and head straight to the source. Inspect the poster's profile and their post history. See if the poster has affiliations that are in line with spreading a certain point of view."

* Inspect the content the account posted. Conducting a reverse image search can make it easier to authenticate an image by finding its source. "Fake news/disinformation often uses old images," Dozier says. "With a reverse image search, you can search for previous instances of an image that appears online and to find if the image used is from a different story. You can also reverse image search the profile picture to see if that picture or similar photos are being used on other accounts. That's a common practice to create fake personas online."

"Getting to the facts is getting more difficult," Dozier says. "We have tons of information coming at us from all angles and platforms. It's more important than ever to think for ourselves."



The Lunch Bunch Crew of Mary Griffin, Joyce Williams and Eileen Latting in 2002 took a moment to celebrate their friendship with a picture. The ladies serve as an example to the importance of shared moments of friendship and support. Courtesy Photo



The Lunch Bunch Crew has been celebrating friendship for 36 years. The last two of the original Lunch Bunch are 90-year old Mary Griffin and birthday girl 90-year old Joyce Williams. Additions to the original group are Cindy Williams, LynnAnn Williams, Sherri Williams and Jennifer Williams. Courtesy Photo

USDA extends WIC COVID-19 flexibilities for duration of COVID-19 emergency

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Monday announced the extension of more than a dozen flexibilities ensuring participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) continue receiving the food and health support they need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

USDA's proactive extension of these waivers throughout the national public health emergency will ensure nutritionally at-risk mothers, babies, and children receive the critical nutrition benefits and services they count on in a safe manner while allowing the program to operate based on

local conditions throughout the pandemic.

"USDA has been extremely steadfast in offering flexibilities to ensure Americans in need continue to receive food assistance during COVID-19. President Trump has demonstrated his commitment to supporting Americans in need during the pandemic and setting them up for success as our nation reopens and recovers," said Secretary Sonny Perdue. "WIC provides vital services to new and expectant mothers, infants, and children and we are committed to making it as easy as possible for them to receive the support they need

during the pandemic."

Without Monday's action, these essential flexibilities would have expired at the end of this month. WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, and health care referrals to low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants and children under five who are determined by health professionals to be at nutritional risk.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has made maximum use of existing program flexibilities and the waiver authority provided by

Congress to make it as easy as possible for children and families to participate in WIC – and all of the department's nutrition assistance programs – during the COVID-19 health emergency.

The WIC waivers being extended allow for:

- * Participants to be approved for WIC without being physically present in a local office;
- * Remote issuance of benefits to any participant;
- * Flexibility in food package requirements, including dairy, grains, vegetables, and infant foods; and
- * Additional options for pick-up of food packages.

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Upshur Co. keep \$0.615 tax rate

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Tuesday of last week unanimously approved retaining the current property tax rate of 61.5 cents per \$100 valuation, and a \$17 million budget for the general and insurance funds for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Although the tax rate remains unchanged, it will raise \$289,705 more revenue than in the current fiscal year, which County Auditor Connie Williams said will come “almost entirely” from new construction. County Judge Todd Tettler said the increase is only .99 percent.

All the tax rate is for maintenance and operations because the county has no debt.

“We don’t take that \$289,000 and just find a way” to spend it, said Precinct 3 Commissioner Frank Berka. He said some of it will go into the county reserve fund, which needs enough money for six months’ operating expenses. (Williams said the fund now has only about four months’

worth, and Tettler added, “We save it for a rainy day.”)

Only pay raises in the new budget are for the 115th District Court reporter (a hike ordered by District Judge Dean Fowler), certification pay for certain employees and the addition of a car allowance for all four justices of the peace.

Precinct 2 Justice Lyle Potter will receive \$300 monthly while the others--Wyone Manes of Precinct 1, Rhonda Welch of Precinct 3 and Anthony Beterton of Precinct 4--will get \$100 monthly.

Tettler said Potter travels more than the others, generally must be at the county justice center (where his office is located) to perform magistrations, and that all four JPs agreed to the new allowance plan.

The \$17,029,343 budget is up about \$130,000 from last year’s \$16,899,017, said Williams. Besides the car allowance, she said the increased expenses include a \$10,000 update in the

county emergency plan, upgrading software, leasing equipment for the Road and Bridge Department, bonds for elected officials, and \$7,000 more for purchasing books for the county library.

Said Tettler, “Some of this stuff is unfunded state mandates we got hit with.”

In other business in Gilmer last week, the court approved two changes in the health insurance plan for county employees and officials. Commissioners approved reimbursing the Medicare premium, Medicare supplement and drug plan premiums for any employee who voluntarily chooses to switch from the county plan to Medicare. The court also approved changing its stop-loss company, moving its business to Reunion.

Paige Mendez of Tyler-based Employee Benefits Consulting told the court moving to Reunion would save \$34,000 in fixed costs on the stop-loss contract and \$128,000 in cost savings on claims.



The “American Pickers” from the History Channel is currently planning on returning to Texas this November. They are looking for leads throughout the state, specifically interesting characters with interesting items and lots of them! They understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, they are all facing very uncertain times and everything is changing daily. American Pickers plan on taking this pandemic very seriously and will adjust their schedule accordingly for the safety of those who appear on our show and our crew. We won’t pick unless everybody is safe. People who are interested can reach out to them by calling 1-855-OLD-RUST (653-7878), or email at AmericanPickers@cinemflix.com. They also have Facebook: @GOTAPICK.



LGV Trade Days to resumé Nov. 14

Longview Jaycees Trade Days for October has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. According to Billy Clay the event will resume Nov. 14-15. Vendors may call 903-753-4478 to reserve space. An inside 10’ x 10’ area is \$50 per weekend, an outside 10’ x 20’ space is \$45 per weekend. Outside electricity is \$3 per day. Outside concession spaces of 20’ x 20’ are \$110 per space. Table rental is available inside only. No animals are allowed in exhibit building except service animals. A Texas Sales Tax Number is required. Vendors may carry rent over one time a year due to emergency or illness. Trade Days hours are Saturday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Opry Special

The Gladewater Opry will host a Friday Night Special at 7 p.m. with the Tender Mercies and the New Harmony both from Tyler. There will be no admission charge but a love offering will be taken.

GISD Calendar

9/23, Wednesday
GPS Picture Day
Noon-2 p.m. GPS Virtual Learners pictures
Progress Reports mailed

9/24, Thursday
4:30 p.m. GMS vs. Tatum
5 p.m. JV Bears@Tatum

9/25, Friday
4:30 p.m. V VB vs. Hughes Springs-H
7:30 p.m. V Bears vs. Tatum-H

9/26, Saturday
Cross Country@Union Grove

9/28, Monday
Remote Day for teachers
Student Holiday

9/29, Tuesday
4:30 p.m. JV/V Senior Night VB vs. WO-H

10/1, Thursday
5 p.m. JV Bears vs. New Boston-H

10/2, Friday
4:30 p.m. V VB@Ore City
7:30 p.m. Bears@New Boston

10/3, Saturday
CC Running with the Bears-GHS

UGISD Calendar

9/24, Thursday
6:30 p.m. JV Football vs. Harmony

9/25, Friday
V Football OPEN
4:30 p.m. V VB Senior Night vs. Union Hill-H

9/26, Saturday
UG Invitational CC@UG

9/28, Monday
Student Holiday-Teacher Workday
5 p.m. 8B/8A/7A JH VB vs. Carlisle-H

Country market set

Southern Cross Country Fellowship is hosting a country market. It will be outdoors, plenty of space between vendors, and social distancing will be encouraged. There will be ample places to wash and/or sanitize hands.

This will be a monthly event beginning Sept. 26. It will feature food vendors, market & craft vendors. They also welcome small business owners and will have games for kids including a bounce house.

Call 903-734-2257 for more information.

Mini-town hall on tap

The Cherokee Rose Republican Women will hold a public “mini-town hall” Sept. 29 for three GOP candidates for office in the Nov. 3 general election.

The event, open to the public, is set for 6 p.m. at Lantana Activity Center, 80 Lantana Road, outside Gilmer. A free salad and dessert will be served, and the event is set to conclude before the 8 p.m. debate between Presidential candidates Donald Trump and Joe Biden, said CRRW President Cynthia Ridgeway.

Speakers include Upshur County Tax Assessor-Collector Luana Howell, running for reelection; State Sen. Pat Fallon of Corsicana, who is running for the District 4 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, and District 7 State Rep. Jay Dean of Longview.

NOTICE OF CITY GENERAL ELECTION AVISO DE CIUDAD ELECCIONES GENERALES

To the registered voters of Gladewater, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 3, 2020, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and two Council members.

A los votantes registrados de Gladewater, Texas: aviso es, por la presente, dado que el lugar de votación que se enumeran a continuación estará abierto de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el 3 de noviembre de 2020, para votar en unas elecciones generales para elegir Alcade y dos miembros del Consejo.

The GREGG COUNTY polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 3, 2020. (Los sitios de votación designados abajo estarán abiertos de las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche el día 3 de noviembre de 2020.

LOCATION(S) OF GREGG COUNTY POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN)

Longview Community Center	meeting room	500 E Whaley St, Longview, 75601
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church	fellowship hall	2500 McCann Rd, Longview, 75605
Alpine Presbyterian Church	gymnasium	4102 Tryon Rd, Longview, 75605
Judson Community Center	main room	1129 FM 1844, Longview, 75605
Spring Hill First Baptist Church	gymnasium	4000 Gilmer Rd, Longview, 75605
Greggton Community Center	meeting room	3211 W Marshall Ave, Longview, 75604
Emmanuel Baptist Church	fellowship hall	501 E Highway 80, White Oak, 75693
Gladewater First Methodist Church	gymnasium	217 W Quitman Ave, Gladewater, 75647
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Kilgore Community Center	large meeting room	622 Kay St, Kilgore, 75662
Meadowbrook Country Club	dining room	1306 Houston St, Kilgore, 75662
Elderville Community Center	main room	10450 Highway 349, Longview, 75603
St Mark CME Church	ellowship hall	1100 Sapphire St, Longview, 75602
Stamper Park Resource Center	meeting room	502 S Center St, Longview, 75601
Broughton Recreation Center	gymnasium	802 S ML King Jr Blvd, Longview, 75602

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(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo las siguientes fechas y horarios y en los siguientes locales):

Gregg County Courthouse:	
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	October 13, 2020 – October 16, 2020 (13 de octubre de 2020 al 16 octubre de 2020)
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Saturday, October 17, 2020 (sabado, 17 de octubre de 2020)
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, October 18, 2020 (domingo, 18 de octubre de 2020)
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	October 19, 2020 - October 23, 2020 (19 de octubre de 2020 al 23 de octubre de 2020)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Saturday, October 24, 2020 (sabado, 24 de octubre de 2020)
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, October 25, 2020 (domingo, 25 de octubre de 2020)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	October 26, 2020 – October 30, 2020 (26 de octubre de 2020 al 30 de octubre de 2020)

Longview Community Center, Judson Community Center, Greggton Community Center, White Oak Community Center, Sabine ISD Old Elementary Cafeteria, Kilgore Community Center, Elderville Community Center, Broughton Recreation Center:

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Longview, Texas 75606 – City, State, Zip Code (Ciudad, Estado, Zona Postal) Or emailed to: kathryn.nealy@co.gregg.tx.us
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 23, 2020.

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The UPSHUR COUNTY polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 3, 2020. (Los sitios de votación designados abajo estarán abiertos de las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche el día 3 de noviembre de 2020.

LOCATION(S) OF UPSHUR COUNTY POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN)

Indian Rock Baptist Church	4944 St. Hwy 154 E., Gilmer, Texas 75645	East Mountain Community Center	103 Municipal Dr., Gilmer, Texas 75645
Water Department	6792 FM 726 S., Gilmer, Texas 75645		
Ashland Masonic Lodge #1138	10478 St. Hwy 154, Diana, Texas 75640		
Assembly of God Church	1060 US Hwy 271 N., Gilmer, Texas 75644		
Walnut Creek Baptist Church	1969 N. Sego Lily Rd., Diana, Texas 75640		
Ore City Community Center	408 Althea, Ore City, Texas 75683		
Frontier Cowboy Church	2791 FM 593, Gilmer, Texas 75644		
Big Sandy ISD	#1 Wildcat Dr., Big Sandy, Texas 75755		
Pritchett Community Center	1092 FM 1404, Big Sandy, Texas 75755		
St. James Baptist Church	2800 W. Commerce, Gladewater, Texas 75647		
Enon Community Center	5223 Armadillo Rd., Gilmer, Texas 75644		
Oak Hill Baptist Church	3084 FM 2088, Gilmer, Texas 75644		
Simpsonville Fire Station	10282 FM 556, Gilmer, Texas 75644		
Rosewood Baptist Church	8261 Arrowwood Rd., Gilmer, Texas 75644		
Upshur County Library	702 W. Tyler St., Gilmer, Texas 75644		

UPSHUR COUNTY Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo las siguientes fechas y horarios y en los siguientes locales):

Gilmer Civic Center,	
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 13, 2020 – October 17, 2020 (13 de octubre de 2020 al 17 octubre de 2020)
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	October 18, 2020 (domingo, 18 de octubre de 2020)
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 19, 2020 – October 23, 2020 (19 de octubre de 2020 al 23 octubre de 2020)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 24, 2020 (sabado, 24 de octubre de 2020)
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	October 25, 2020 (domingo, 25 de octubre de 2020)
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 26, 2020 – October 30, 2020 (26 de octubre de 2020 al 30 de octubre de 2020)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a):
Lory Harle - Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
100 West Tyler - Address (Dirección)
Gilmer, Texas 75644 – City, State, Zip Code (Ciudad, Estado, Zona Postal) Or emailed to: lory.harle@countyofupshur.com
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 23, 2020.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) 23 de octubre de 2020.

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PUBLIC HEARING
There will be a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission of Gladewater, Texas Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas to consider a request to rezone the property located at ABS A664 CHOATE, DB, TRACT 3, 1.814 ACRES, more commonly known as W GAY AVE S/SID from residential to light commercial.

All interested parties are invited to attend or send written comments to City of Gladewater, Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, P.O. Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

Divide & Conquer Estate Sale for Ann (Mrs. Lee) Lawrence
529 Park Heights Circle - Tyler Texas 75701
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Sat., Sept. 26 - 8:00-2:00

This gorgeous 6297 sq ft Azalea District home is for sale; contents must go: Story & Clark baby grand piano; antique sofa; 19th Century lacquered settee with Nancy Corzine silk upholstery; English Chippendale tea table; McOnie vintg. glass top rattan table & 6 chairs; 7 Chippendale dm. chairs; Grace wallpaper screens; carved antique buffet; Ralph Lauren Modern Hollywood Collection buffet cabinet; late 1800's disassembled French marble mantel; antq chests, accent tables, and chairs; sofa & chair with white slipcovers; another sofa; 2 antique tilt tables; beds; chests; antq. tripod table; antique pine cabinet; antique Fch. curio cabinet; Blue Willow dishes; pedestals; Mid-Cent. buffet; Asian fabric matching padded headboard, chair, & bedding; white sideboard; unique cups & saucers; leather club chairs; lg. Eng. Antq. secretary; Fch. cherry armoire; sterf. & silv. plate selections; antq. cradle; fab. lamps; framed art; mirrors; leopard fabric chair; antq. nesting tables; red leather club chair; leather off. chairs; vintg. brass chandelier; modern light fixtures; boxes of E. Tex. Hist. Journals; book collections; design & historical magazines; several desks; Antq. musical figurine; Hummel; racks of couture; Worth, Carlie, Escada, St. John, and vintg. clothing; kid gloves; Rose Festival ball gowns; Escada belts; Gracci, Bottega Veneta, Louis Vuitton, and other designer purses; eve. bags; hat boxes; shoes, scarves, coats; fabric; men's boots, coats, James Avery, Dian Malouf, and other jewelry; western hats; abundance of linens, custom bedding, towels, table cloths, napkins; cookware; dishes; brass & copper selections; roosters; tote trays; Kent. Derby glasses; stemware; cookbles; sm. appliances; vintg. children's clothing, dolls, games, toys, doll farm, Christmas decorations; Tex. ornaments; lighted globe; file cab.; vases, planters, plant stands; black wrought iron patio furniture; vintg. typewriters, turntables, and movie projector; electronics; Bose radios; vintg. Fisher radio; horse saddle; snow board & boots; caming jars; ladders; yard tools; soooooo much more!!

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Visit www.cityofgladewater.com for complete job duties, responsibilities and an application. Submit completed application along with Resume to City of Gladewater, Attn: Human Resources, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, TX 75647 or via email to jvanhouten@cityofgladewater.com. Position open until filled. EEOC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gladewater City Council adopted the following ordinance September 17, 2020.

Ordinance # O-20-12 to adopt \$11.10 - Game Rooms and Amusement Redemption Machines of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances, which establishes a fee of \$1,000 per application/permit. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication as required by law.

Copies of this ordinance may be obtained from Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas.



Gladewater public workers employees jack hammered concrete Monday morning to make way for conduit and electrical wiring for the downtown street lamps. Monday's work brings the downtown light project, funded by the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation, one step closer to being complete. GEDCO board member John Paul Tallent is overseeing the project.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

GISD board looks to save big bucks

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act as pricing officers with the authority to approve the sale of the bonds when the opportunity presents for the much lower tax rate. If pursued the savings over the course of the refinanced bond could save the district from \$5 to \$5.5 million.

In another cost savings vote, board members unanimously approved a 5-year contract with ETEX for local and long distance phone service which would set monthly phone costs at \$1,797.46 per month as opposed to the \$4,000 a month under the current contractor Frontier and Consolidated. The district will receive new equipment and hardware as well.

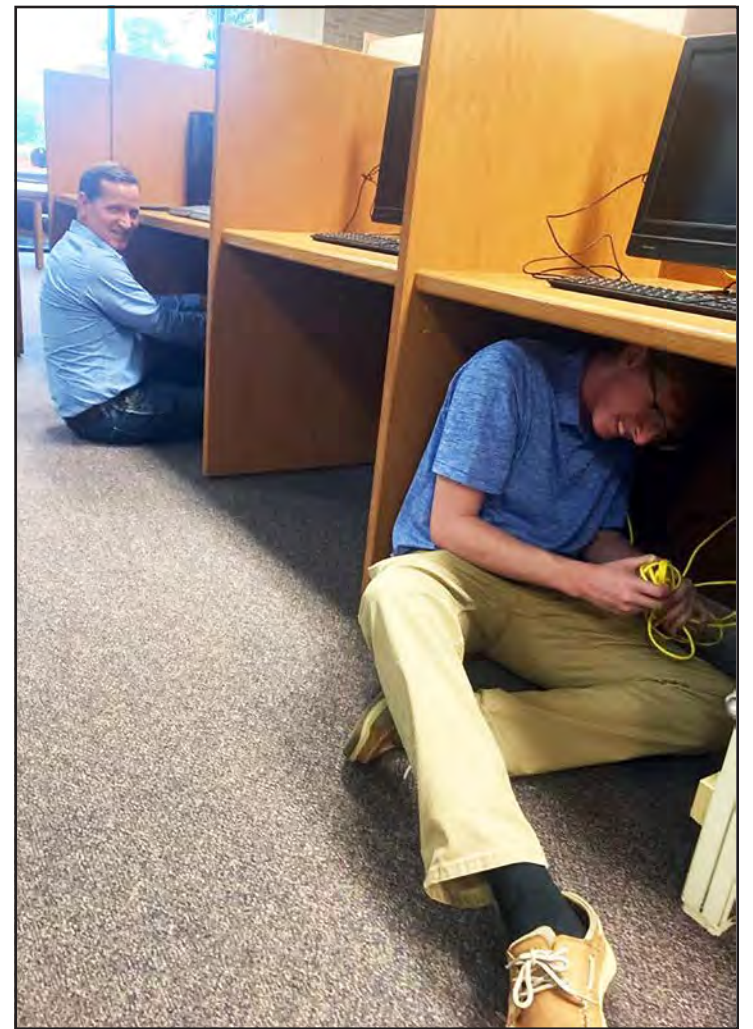
The contract was scrutinized by district technology director Avon Bateman who noted that he expected better service especially since the company was local.

The final approval for the 2020-2021 tax rate which was set at \$1.4497 with maintenance and operation at \$1.0547 and interest and sinking at 39.5 cents was approved unanimously. This tax rate has remain unchanged since 2014.

In an attempt to assist teachers with more time for planning which is required by double teaching duties as in-classroom and separate online virtual classes, the board approved a calendar modification with the addition of one day per 9-week period for planning which would translate to student holidays and teacher workdays on Sept. 28, Nov. 20 will go from a half-day to full work day, Feb. 12 and April 23.

Trustees also approved a contract of \$106,798 to employ two full-time Gladewater certified police officers as School Resource Officers.

A district recommended 3-year contract with Unifirst Uniform Services to provide uniforms for maintenance workers and transportation mechanics as their work provides heavy wear on personal clothing was approved unanimously. The cost will play out at about \$53.82 a week for the district.



Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow and technology adviser Clay Timmons were busy Monday installing computers at the long-overdue Gladewater Economic Development Corporation project - the Lee Library Career Center. GEDCO donated three computers and the Gladewater Mirror donated four computers. The center will give local residents a place to search for jobs and do research.

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Giddy Up & Give 2020, EFG calls all Bear Nation supporters

The Education Foundation of Gladewater (EFG) is hosting a Giddy Up & Give 2020 virtual online auction which runs from Oct. 5 through 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. A live auction will be held Oct. 10 with a live stream to the Education Foundation of Gladewater's Facebook page. The Oct. 10 live event at Stockyard Steakhouse in Gladewater was limited to 100 guests due to COVID-19 restrictions and is already sold out. However, the greater community can participate in both the online and live-streamed auctions to support Gladewater ISD teachers as they strive to meet their students' individual needs by creating unique and effective classroom learning environments with innovative curriculum for their students pre-K through seniors.

The EFG's mission is to support instructional innovation and creativity in the classroom by funding educational grants submitted by Gladewater

ISD faculty and staff. The teachers of GISD strive to add engaging curriculum and learning tools to classrooms, but budget constraints at times limit purchase.

By supporting Giddy Up & Give 2020, Bear Nation supporters can help teachers develop richer learning environments for their students. The goal is to work in partnership with GISD and the community to create a premier school district. The EFG is accepting donation items now. Honorariums and memorials are also a dedicated method of donation.

To learn more about the foundation and, or the auctions go to: www.educationfoundationgladewater.org/giving and visit the auction website at www.gladewater.murabid.com/. Items are being added as received. For information or to donate email: efgladewater@yahoo.com.



NORFOLK - U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Ben W. Potter "GRIMACE", a MV-22 pilot with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 774 (VMM-774) and the Honorable Gregory J. Slavonic, Under Secretary of the Navy, Acting, pose for a photo on Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, Sept. 11, 2020. Potter is a native of Big Sandy. Slavonic visited the Fleet concentration area to engage with Sailors and Marines and view readiness and training efforts. UN-SECNAV and Potter pledged the same fraternity, Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Potter belongs to the Nu Tau Chapter, Stephen F. Austin State University '06 Graduate. Upsilon Pledge Class, Spring '03. U.S. Marine Corps Photo by LT Ashley E. Nekoui/Released

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Dear Gladewater ISD Patron,

The Education Foundation Gladewater (EFG) is pleased to announce its 2020 Grants for Teachers Fundraiser Event, **Giddy Up & Give 2020**. We have scheduled this event for October 10 at Stockyard Steakhouse, Gladewater. Attendance at the event is strictly by ticket only and limited to 100 guests. It will be a fun night of fundraising with dinner preceding a Live Auction. Don't want to wait until October 10? Then join our Silent Auction beginning on October 5. Watch for more details soon on our website and Facebook page!

The EFG's mission is to support innovation and creativity in the classroom by funding educational grants submitted by faculty and staff of Gladewater ISD. The teachers of our district strive to add innovative and engaging curriculum to their classrooms, but budget constraints at times limit those possibilities. By supporting **Giddy Up & Give 2020**, you can provide a much needed contribution to make those innovative ideas a dream come true for our teachers.

There are several ways to support this effort. Would you sponsor a table? Purchase individual tickets to attend the event? Or, donate an auction item? Certainly, you are welcome to do all!

We hope that we can count on your help to make this year's **Giddy Up & Give 2020** event a success!

Thank you for your consideration in partnering with the EFG as we work together to make Gladewater ISD a premier district in this region. We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact any of our EFG directors for additional information.

Sincerely,
Katie Ellis, Event Chair

P.S. We are pleased to announce that the Education Foundation Gladewater is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.