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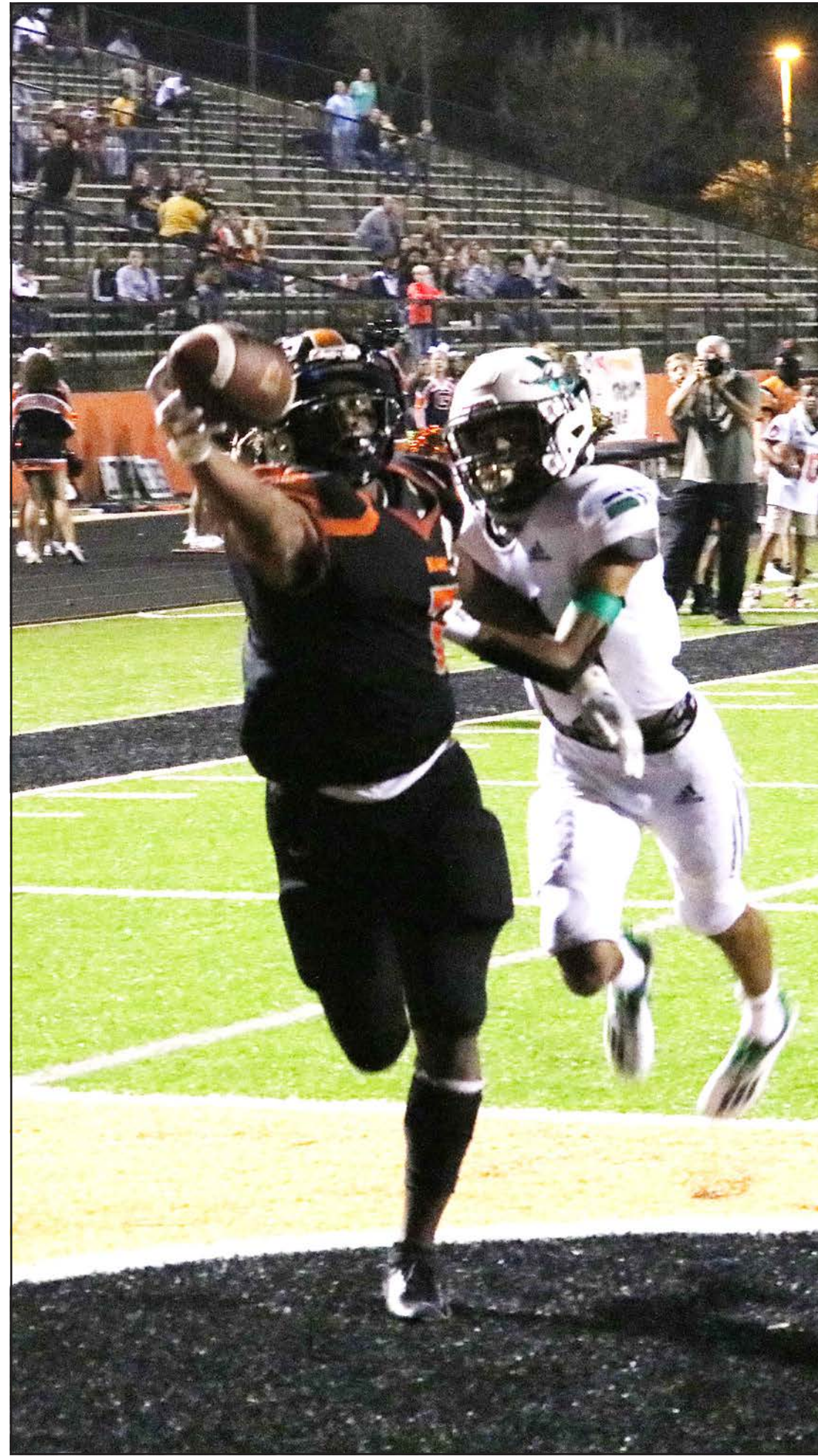
EFG calls all Bear Nation supporters

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.



Gladewater Bear wide receiver DJ Allen makes a finger-tip reception good for one of five touchdowns Friday night against Tatum.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Bears shoot down Tatum Eagles, 42-21

By Elizabeth McKamy

The skies over Jack V. Murphy "Bear" Stadium were filled with missiles as Gladewater's "Air Raid" brought down the Eagles of Tatum 42-21 here Friday night in the District 6 3A Div. 1 season opener. Bear Sr QB Tristan Holmes threw for 350 yards and connected with Jr WR DJ Allen for 5 touchdowns and the Bear defense came up with two key interceptions enroute to the victory.

Gladewater got on the scoreboard first, taking the opening kickoff and going 65 yards in 17 plays, eating up over 7:00 minutes off the clock, converting three 4th downs to keep the drive moving. Holmes hit Allen with a 15 yard TD strike and Sr K Justice Hassek split the uprights to give Gladewater a 7-0 lead with 4:16 left in the 1st Quarter.

The Bears scored again in the 2nd Quarter after Jr DL Eli Kates intercepted Tatum QB Kendric Malone's pass and returned it 14 yards to give Gladewater great field position at their own 46 yard line. Four plays later Holmes hit Allen again, this time from 48 yards out. Hassek's pat was good and the Bears led 14-0 with 10:04 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Tatum got their first points of the game going on a 9 play, 70 yard drive. Malone, who was 18 of 31 passing for 302 yards in the game, hit Jr WR Kendall Williams for 13 yards and the touchdown. Sr K Omar Rodriguez was perfect on the extra point and the Eagles narrowed the Bear lead to 14-7 with 2:51 left in the half. Two minutes later the Bears answered Tatum's TD with one of their own when Holmes

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City-wide cleanup set for Oct. 10

Gladewater's City-Wide Clean Up Day will be Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements the procedure will be a little different this year.

Gladewater residents may still get rid of bulky, household garbage and other items at the usual East Commerce Street location in downtown Gladewater, but you will need to unload your own items.

City workers will direct you to the drop off location, then they will scoop up the piles and deposit the items in dumpsters located at the location. This process is to reduce personal contact and keep everyone safe.

Prohibited items include paint, shingles, batteries, chemicals, tires, refrigeration items and

commercial waste. The City of Gladewater will also provide curbside pick-up for any disabled and senior citizens, as available. To schedule this complimentary service please call 903-845-2196 by Friday, Oct. 9 during business hours.

Your help is also needed to keep our community clean. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on E. Pacific at 8 a.m. on Oct. 10 where they will be given plastic trash bags and gloves and dispersed throughout town to help in the parks and neighborhoods in Gladewater.

The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation will reward all volunteers and city workers with a free hotdog lunch at noon at the Ken Bennett Pavilion.

Clements gifts \$100K to Kilgore College athletics

Noted local philanthropist and KC alumnus Mike Clements has a motto that he distinctly stands by: "When life becomes about everyone else and not about you, great things can be accomplished."

Clements fully embraces this motto with a gracious gift of \$100,000 to Kilgore College athletic programs to benefit student-athletes.



"I'm blessed to be in a situation where I am able to give back to change students' lives, one student at a time," Clements said.

A portion of the funds will supplement The Lane Johnson Athletic Performance Center project which is set for construction this semester on the Kilgore campus.

"We are so grateful that Mike has stepped forward to make a transformational gift that will have a lasting impact on our student-athletes for years to come," said Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president. "Our primary mission will continue to afford our student-athletes the best possible academic and athletic experience during their time as Rangers, and in order to continue to do so, contributions such as this are vital for us to achieve those goals."

Clements, owner of Energy Weldfab, has a long and proud partnership with the college that began in 1974 when Mike met his late wife, Amy, while attending classes at KC.

Energy Weldfab's success has been a tool that has allowed Clements to support and give generously to charities and organizations that serve local communities and others.

In the early 2000s Mike and Amy collaborated with programs throughout KC to begin what has been a tremendous relationship between his family and the college.

"We are beyond grateful to Mike for this gift to our athletic department," said Jimmy Rieves, athletic director. "His generous and selfless gift will allow student-athletes to have an exceptional college athletic experience."

For information on philanthropic opportunities to support students and student success at KC, visit <https://giving.kilgore.edu>.

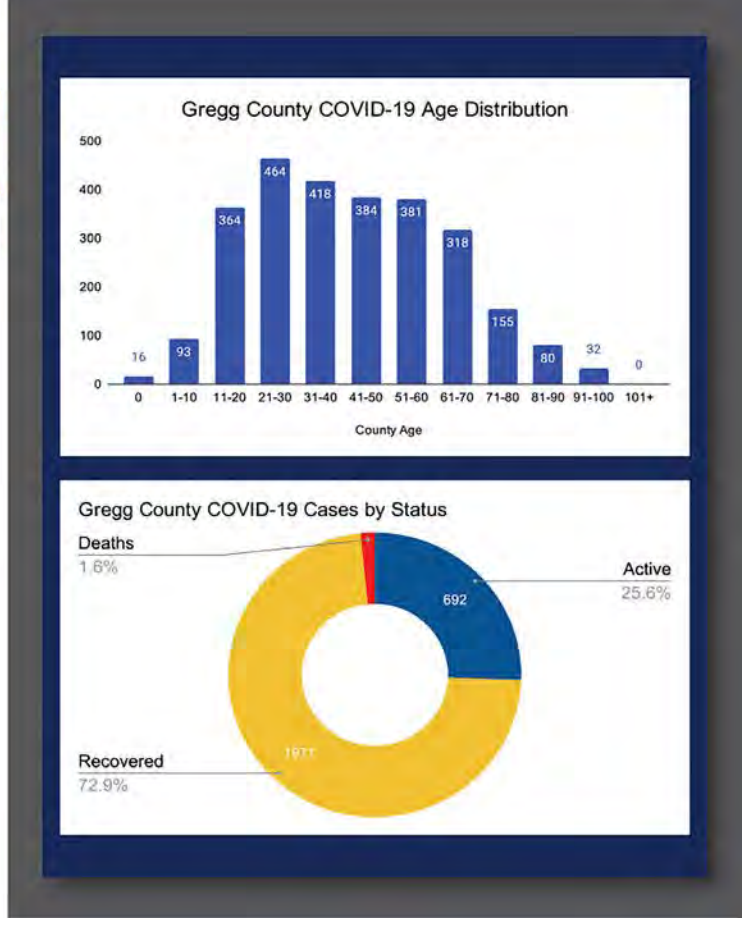
NET HEALTH		September 28th 2020				
NORTHEAST TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT		Total Cases	New Cases	Active	Recovered	Deaths
September 28th	Confirmed	2241	16	423	1780	38
	Probable *	464	15	269	191	4

GREGG COUNTY	CASE COUNT	DEATHS
Longview	1785	32
Kilgore	248	7
White Oak	115	2
Gladewater	85	1
Judson	4	—
Gilmer	2	—
Greggton	1	—
Lakeport	1	—

Individual cases associated with a city may be outside of the city limits

Gender	Male: 928	Female: 1313
County Jail Inmates	Active Cases: 1	Deaths: 0

* Total count of antigen tests being considered probable until a lab-confirmed positive PCR test is received. Future dashboard updates of probable cases will include retroactive COVID-positive antigen reports.



Commissioner indicted for tampering with votes

AUSTIN – Senator Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) issued the following statement in conjunction with Representative Jay Dean (R-Longview) on last week's indictment of four defendants on charges related to election fraud in the 2018 Democratic primary race for Gregg County Commissioner for Precinct Four:

On Wednesday, September 23, a Gregg County Grand Jury indicted four defendants on election offenses committed during the 2018 Democratic primary race for Gregg County Commissioner for Precinct Four. The indictment alleges 134 felony counts against the four defendants, including Gregg County Commissioner Shannon Brown.

The indictments cover a range of offenses including engaging in organized election fraud and fraudulent use of a mail ballot application.

During the 2018 race between Kasha Williams and Mr. Brown, some concerning numbers were released.

In all other Gregg County precincts, a combined total of 12 mail ballot applications were requested based on a voter's disability. In Precinct 4, voters requested 366 ballots based on the voters' disabilities. While Williams defeated Brown by more than 20 points in in-person early voting and election day ballots, 73% of these 366

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Chris Cobler
Capital
Highlights



Houston-Dallas bullet train company says it's on fast track

Texas' first- and third-largest cities could be in daily commuting distance from each other via the high-speed Texas Central Railroad. Proponents of the proposed bullet train hailed two historic milestones last week: The Federal Railroad Administration released its rules of the road for the project and approved the environmental review and route for the track between Houston and Dallas. Commuters would be able to travel the 240-mile route in less than 90 minutes on the Japanese-built train, with departures every 30 minutes daily during peak periods and every hour during off-peak periods. The train, holding about 400 passengers, is projected to travel at speeds of more than 200 mph. Construction could start as early as next year. "This is the moment we have been working toward," said Carlos Aguilar, chief executive officer of Texas Central Railroad. The Federal Railroad Administration approval "represents years of work by countless individuals, affirming a very thorough and careful regulatory process that will make the Texas Central Railroad the first high-speed rail system to be implemented in the United States."

Opponents said the project still has a long way to go before final approval. Texans Against High-Speed Rail officials contend Texas Central is in financial trouble and has significant regulatory hurdles to clear.

"Texas Central will likely trumpet this decision as major progress for its project, but they are simply arranging deck chairs on the Titanic," said Kyle Workman, chairman and president of Texans Against High-Speed Rail.

Closed for the public's business

The U.S. treasury has sent \$139 billion to the country's state and local governments in COVID-19 relief funds, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Government.

To track this spending in the Lone Star State, a group called Texas Housers has filed public information requests with major city and county governments, seeking documentation of new expenditures and policies.

"However, recent guidance from Attorney General Ken Paxton has eviscerated Texas' Public Information Act and given governments impunity to operate without public scrutiny," Texas Housers, an advocacy group supporting affordable housing, said in a statement. "The guidance allows governments to ignore public information requests if they are operating 'skeleton crews' and working remotely during the pandemic."

San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth responded to Housers' requests with automated emails stating that they are "closed for business" when it comes to the Texas Public Information Act.

"The exploitability of this system is obvious," Housers' statement said. "A city can be open for business with regards to new expenditures and policies but closed for business with regards to divulging any information about these plans."

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas has joined in opposing this suspension of the Public Information Act and has asked the Attorney General's Office for a clarifying opinion.

This old house

The Association of Texas Realtors is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020.

For a little perspective, the Humble Independent School District reports the price of a new home was \$6,296 in 1920. One hundred years later, the average home price in Humble is \$149,794. What will the price be in 2120? And what will a real estate agent's job look like 100 years from now?

"We are at a crucial juncture within the history of the brokerage industry that will test the survival of every real estate agent" Jason S. Weissman, CEO of Bost Realty Advisers, wrote in a recent Fast Company opinion article. "The real estate agents and brokerages who survive and thrive in the coming crunch will be those who embrace technology, not fight it."

Pecan pie goes with everything

Texans don't really need a special month to remind them to celebrate pecans or wine, but October offers some emphasis.

October is specially designated for recognizing Texans pecans and Texas wine. The Texas Pecan Board and Texas Fine Wine invite people to celebrate by pairing the two tastes together during a virtual tasting event.

To participate in this tasting, purchase a tasting kit through Texas Fine Wine by Friday, Oct. 9, at texasfinewine.com/upcoming-events. Each kit is \$125 plus tax and includes five bottles of wine, a 1-pound bag of raw pecans and a tasting sheet, recipes and other information produced by the Texas Pecan Board to be used during the event.

...pity parties, blowouts and blessings

I was on the way to the hospital. It was raining. Nothing had gone right. Nothing. My mother-in-law had broken her hip and was in rehab, my father-in-law was struggling with his health, regardless of the circumstances, deadlines and other family obligations had to be met. My Mom's 93rd birthday was being spent at the other end of the state and I was missing her desperately. Things needed fixing at home and at my family's ranch. I was overwhelmed. I was feeling pretty darn sorry for myself.

The truth is I was in the ditch wallowing in self-pity. It was pretty disgusting. I called my prayer partner and poured out my woes while she patiently reminded me of my blessings. And then my tire blew... and, it was raining. And I got tickled big time. It was like the Big Guy in charge thumped me on the head and said 'get a grip'. Because I immediately did just that as I limped my car off the street into a parking space.

I absolutely knew I wouldn't call my hubby because he had an important meeting AND was on deadline to get the paper out. So I called AAA. Next, I began the laborious process of moving all the junk from my trunk to the backseat of my car so the spare could be conveniently reached. Folding chairs for football games, flowers for family graves at the cemetery, garden spades, football posters, cameras, shoes, gloves for picking up litter, trash bags (irony there), tote bags for the grocery store, my 1301 and 1302 college history lecture notes from the classes I last taught in 2015, and even more junk began to fill my backseat.

Almost before I had the trunk open, my crisis line soul sister was beside me reaching into my dirty trunk to help unload it as the rain

**Suzanne
Bardwell**



came down on both of us. And, we laughed, a lot, before my friend Karen Lowrey left wet, bedraggled and giggling.

The wrecker showed up and a very kind, heavily tattooed young man took the ruined tire off, aired up my donut spare and instructed me on safe driving on the temporary tire. When I told him I was on my way to the hospital he said to call him right back if I had any problem. I was moved to offer him \$20 for his exceptional service and told him to have dinner on me. When he opened his palm and saw the amount which was certainly modest for the service he rendered, he was beside himself and said with real joy: "I can take my kids to Wendy's tonight and they can even have flurries!"

Along with my damp hair and clothes, now my cheeks were wet with tears as well. The compassionate young man was thrilled to be able to do something for his kids that would be an enormous treat. Something I take for granted.

Suddenly my ditch looked pretty dog gone shallow and my smile was wider than the street I was now driving on. And that knot on my head from the Big Guy turned out to be a blessing after all. That is one blowout I will never regret.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Rising Tide

The more than ten years of sustained economic expansion that preceded the pandemic, the longest period of growth in US history, brought notable progress across a broad spectrum. The latest income and poverty data from the US Census Bureau (through 2019) illustrate this point, indicating how the sustained strength benefitted individuals and families across the nation. Real (inflation-adjusted) median household income increased an impressive 6.8% between 2018 and 2019 to reach \$68,703. It was the highest level since the series began (1967). It's an impressive



increase from just five years prior in 2014, when median household income was \$58,001, which was lower than five years prior to that in 2009 (\$59,458). Keep in mind that the median is the level at which half are above and half are below; it's not just some huge gains at the top end driving the increases (although there has been some widening of the gap). In fact, 2019 real median incomes were up for all racial/ethnic groups with increases of 5.7% for Whites, 7.9% for Blacks, 10.6% for Asians, and 7.1% for Hispanics. Families, single people, and single parents were all better off. The 2019 real median earnings of women increased a little faster than men. Many more people were working, with the total number of individuals with earnings up 2.2 million.

Not surprisingly, the number of families in poverty declined notably. The official poverty rate in 2019 was 10.5%, decreasing for the fifth consecutive year and down 1.3 percentage points from 2018. Since 2014, the poverty rate has fallen 4.3 percentage points. In 2019, there were 34.0 million people in poverty, approximately 4.2 million fewer than in 2018. The Black and Hispanic poverty rates were the lowest since the data has been published (1959 and 1972, respectively).

Historically significant low unemployment was also observed in 2019 across racial, ethnic, gender, and age groups. More than a decade of expansion brought prosperity at rates not seen in many years. It is apparent that a rising tide can indeed lift multiple boats, with growth

and job opportunities in the private sector driving widespread progress.

Obviously, the pandemic has changed the situation dramatically, and the contrast between the historically high incomes and declining poverty last year (and steady progress for years before) with the current challenges facing millions of Americans is striking. Recent data tells us, for example, that the number of food insecure households has doubled. The ongoing gains have been reversed and will take a while to return. If, however, we can keep the structure together and help businesses survive and families avoid financial disaster, we can both restore past gains and achieve new heights in the future.

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PARENTS AND CHILDREN

I read a newspaper ad some time in the past that stressed the problem of drug abuse by school children. It asked: "What is your child taking in school this year?" It then said: "Your child isn't just learning about History and English in school. He's also learning about amphetamines, barbiturates and marijuana." Parents were then urged to talk with their children and get involved in fighting the drug problem.

I'm sure you are concerned about drugs in our schools. But there is a weakness and inconsistency in many of these efforts to fight drug abuse among children. Children are told to "Just say no" to drugs, while parents are merely told not to "abuse" drugs. Is there a distinction? Does such a message mean: "Children shouldn't take drugs at all, but parents can take drugs as long as they don't 'abuse drugs'?"

For example, take "social drinking." You see, alcohol is a drug too! I will venture to guess that many of the leaders in the fight against drugs among young people are social drinkers. Hence, they use drugs too. The difference is that the drug they favor is in the liquid form, instead of the powder or pill form. So, the implication is that young people need to adhere to "total abstinence" but their parents leave the door open for "social drinking" by telling people they are not "abusing" drugs. Young people can see the inconsistency and hypocrisy in their parents, with their alcohol in one hand, telling them to "Just say no to drugs"! Prov. 20: 1 says: "Wine is a mocker, intoxicating drink arouses brawling, and whosever is led astray by it is not wise." Parents, think on these things.

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Bears shoot down Tatum Eagles, 42-21

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threw a perfect pass for 26 yards to Allen to give each their 3rd score of the contest and a 21-7 Bear halftime lead.

The Eagles used only :18 seconds to get back on the board after taking the 2nd half kickoff. The Bear defense stepped up on 1st and 2nd down, but a beautiful pass from Malone to Quiston Sheffield for 63 yards gave Tatum added life. The extra point was good, making the score Bears 21, Tatum 14.

Gladewater coughed up the ball on their next possession, giving Tatum the ball in Bear territory, but the Gladewater defense held firm, getting a big QB sack from Kates. On 4th and 24 from their own 38, K Rodriguez hit a towering 52 yard punt that rolled to the Bear 10 yard line. Three plays later Holmes threw a 89 yard bomb that appeared to be out of the reach of his receiver, but Allen made a spectacular, one handed grab, to haul in the pass and increase the Bear lead to 28-14 with 8:20 left in the 3rd Quarter.

Tatum went 50 yards in 9 plays on their next possession, but once again the Gladewater defense stiffened, and on 4th and 7 from the Bear 16 yard line, K Rodriques 33 yard field goal try failed, turning the ball back over to the home team. Holmes and Allen connected on their 5th TD four plays later, this time for 69 yards. Hassek's kick was good and the Bears led 35-14 with 2:55 left in the 3rd Quarter.

After an Eagle short punt, Gladewater got their final points of the contest going 46 yards in 7 plays, scoring on Jr RB Jakeven Hardeman's 2 yard run. The pat was good, making the score 42-14 with 10:42 left in the game.

Tatum got a "garbage time" touchdown, rounding out the scoring on a Malone 5 yard run with 9:20 left in the game. After a 7 play drive by the Bears stalled, Tatum went on a 12 play, 49 yard drive led by Jr QB Jackson Richardson, but a Hardeman interception on the games last play ended the Eagle threat.

The Bears travel to New Boston next Friday, October 2nd at 7:30 in only the 2nd meeting between these two schools. The Bears won the first meeting 40-7 in the Region playoffs in 1984. For longtime Bear fans that 1984 match-up with New Boston came the week before what would arguably be called one of the greatest games in Texas High School football, the showdown with the 1983 State Champion Daingerfield Tigers at Rose Stadium in Tyler. That classic playoff game ended in a 27-27 tie after the Tigers blocked a Gladewater extra point late in the game. Daingerfield advanced 6-5 on penetrations.

District 6 3A D1 Standings

Gladewater	3-2	1-0
Sabine	3-2	1-0
White Oak	2-0	1-0
Tatum	2-1	0-1
New Boston	1-2	0-1
Atlanta	0-5	0-1
Jefferson	2-2	0-0

Last Weeks Games

Gladewater	42	Tatum	21
Sabine	48	New Boston	38
White Oak	28	Atlanta	21

This Week's Games

Gladewater	at	New Boston
White Oak	at	Jefferson
Sabine	at	Atlanta
Tatum	is	open

TEAM	SCORE BY QUARTER				FINAL
	1	2	3	4	
GWATER	7	14	14	7	42
TATUM	0	7	7	7	21

GAME STATS

First Downs-	Bears 17	Tatum 20
Rushing/Yards-	Bears 32/106	Tatum 28/114
Passing Yards-	Bears 14/22/350	Tatum 18/31/302
Total Yards-	Bears 456	Tatum 416
Fumbles/Lost-	Bears 1/1	Tatum 1/0
Interceptions Thrown-	Bears 0	Tatum 2

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter- Bears went 65 yards in 7 plays, scoring on a Holmes to Allen 15 yard pass. Hassek's kick was good making the score 7-0 with 4:16 left.

2nd Quarter- Bears went 54 yards in 4 plays, scoring on a 48 yard pass from Holmes to Allen. Hassek's kick was good making the score 14-0 with 10:04 left in 2nd.

Tatum went 70 yards in 9 plays scoring on a 13 yard pass from Malone to Williams. Rodriguez kick was good making the score Bears 14 Tatum 7 with 2:51 left in half.

Bears went 63 yards in 6 plays scoring on a 26 yard pass from Holmes to Allen. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 21 Tatum 7 with :26 left in half.

3rd Quarter- Tatum went 63 yards in 3 plays scoring on a 63 yard pass from Malone to Sheffield. Rodriguez kick was good making the score Bears 21 Tatum 14 with 11:38 left in 3rd.

Bears went 90 yards in 3 plays scoring on a 89 yard pass from Holmes to Allen. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 28 Tatum 14 with 8:20 left in the 3rd.

Bears went 80 yards in 4 plays scoring on a 69 yard pass from Holmes to Allen. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 35 Tatum 14 with 2:55 left in the 3rd.

4th Quarter- Bears went 46 yards in 7 plays scoring on a Hardeman 2 yard run. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 42 Tatum 14 with 10:42 left in the 4th.

Tatum went 83 yards in 5 plays scoring on a Malone 5 yard run. Rodriguez kick was good making the score Bears 42 Tatum 21 with 9:20 left in the 4th.

INDIVIDUAL LEADER STATS

Bears- Rushing-	Malachi Gordon 12/46
	Jakeven Hardeman 9/41/TD
Passing-	Tristan Holmes 14/21/350/5 TDs
Receiving-	DJ Allen 10/288/5 TDs
	Kolin Lewis 3/38
Kickoff Returns-	Kolin Lewis 1/8
	K>Havia Reese 1/5
Interception Returns-	K>Havia Reese 1/0
	Eli Kates 1/14
Tatum- Rushing-	Decartiay Allison 8/65
Passing-	Kendric Malone 16/27/280/2 TDs/Int
Receiving-	Decartiay Allison 7/127
	Kendall Williams 6/60/TD
	Quiston Sheffield 2/74/TD
Fumble Recovery-	JaPatrick Blanton 1
Kickoff Returns-	Jayden Boyd 1/22



DJ Allen gets a step on a Tatum Eagle defender as he prepares to snag a Tristan Holmes pass, good for a touch-down in the Bears' 42-21 victory. Photo by Jim Bardwell



Jakeven Hardeman sprints away from Eagle defensive linemen for big yardage. Hardeman had nine carries for 41 yards and one TD against Tatum Photo by Jim Bardwell



Gladewater's flag runners got a workout Friday night as the Bears rolled to a 42-21 win over the Tatum Eagles. Photo by Jim Bardwell



Gladewater's Jakeven Hardeman and Kolin Lewis team up to shut down the Tatum Eagles running game Friday night. Photo by Jim Bardwell

OCTOBER 10TH, 8 A.M. - NOON

Gladewater FALL

City-Wide Clean Up Day

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The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and GEDCO are sponsoring a free Hotdog Lunch at noon for all volunteers.

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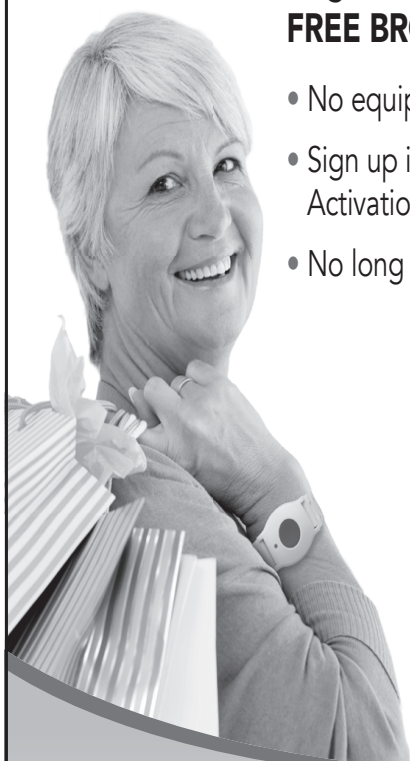
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Texas Girls Coaches Assoc. State Volleyball Poll September 29, 2020 Class 2A

1. Iola 16-0
2. Beckville 18-2
3. Crawford 16-3
4. Neches 13-3
5. Thrall 12-3
6. Poolville 14-3
7. Wink 17-4
8. Albany 9-1
9. Abbott 12-2
10. D'Hanis 12-2
11. Wildorado 10-3
12. Albany 12-2
13. Bremond 8-1
14. Miami 8-1
15. Cumby 7-1

Class 3A

1. Ingram Moore 16-0
2. Lexington 19-1
3. Bushland 18-2
4. Sabine 16-1
5. Scurry-Rosser 14-1
6. Gunter 14-1
7. Hardin 16-2
8. Goliad 14-3
9. Brownfield 14-1
10. Boyd 17-3
11. Sonora 11-3
12. Rains 15-1
13. Prairiland 11-2
14. Troy 14-2
15. Lorena 12-2

Lions to host auction

The Gladewater Lions Club has served the community since 1931 and is seeking new members to continue the service they are known for. The club has also had its major fundraisers of the Gusher Days Pancake Breakfast and Round Up Rodeo concession stand canceled due to COVID-19. The Lions will hold an online auction from Oct. 3-13 to raise funds and are seeking donations. Please contact Martin Pessink at 903-375-3515 to offer items or services for the auction. The club's service work is extensive throughout the year. For information please call Donna Seery at 903-845-4066.



Livia Prince (5) shows good form as she receives a hard serve from Hughes Springs. Photo by Chris Jones



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Lady Lion Jayce Nutt (4) receives a serve from Union Hill. Photo by Chris Jones

Lady Lions beat Union Hill in 3-straight

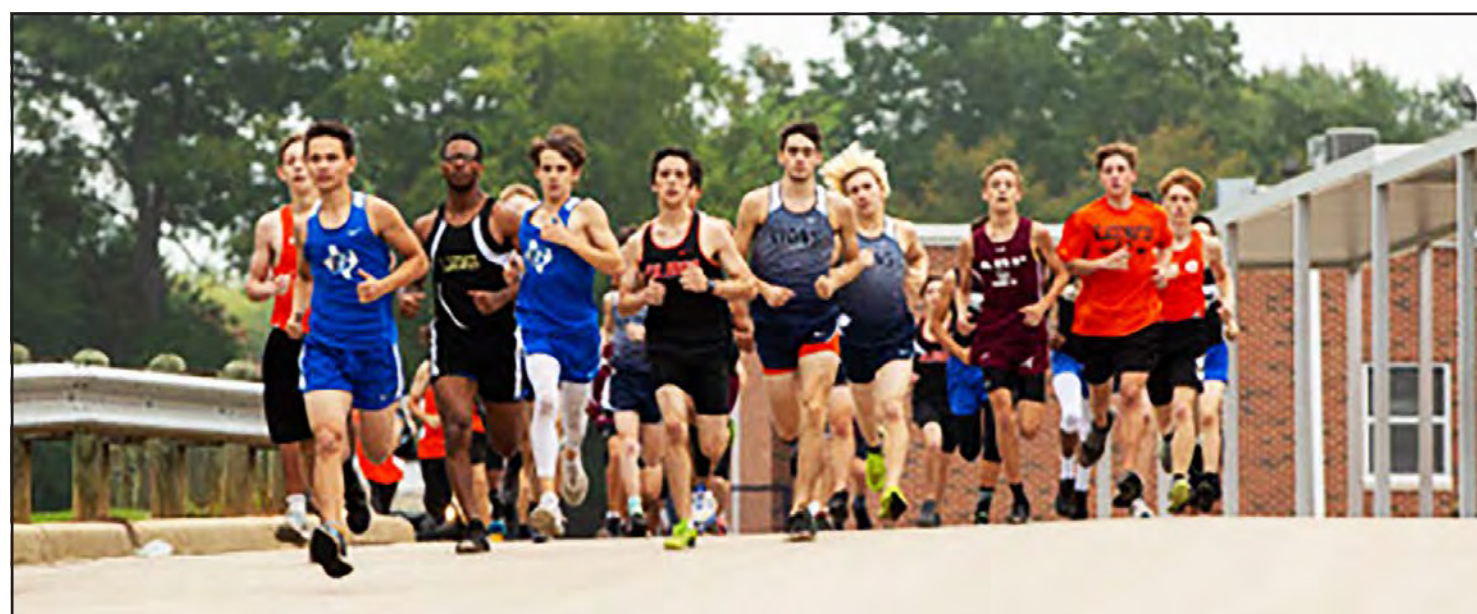
A lengthy layoff didn't dull the Union Grove Lady Lions claws. After the Carlisle and then Big Sandy games were rescheduled, Union Grove stepped back on the court for the first time in 10 days and beat Union Hill 3-0 on Friday. Although the Lady Bulldogs were competitive in the first set, Union Grove took it 25-22. From there the Lady Lions clamped down, winning out 25-7, 25-18. Avery Brooks accounted for a significant part of the scoring with 12 Kills, 12 Aces. Makena Littlejohn setup her teammates with 31 Assists, and Maci Williams added 11 Kills.



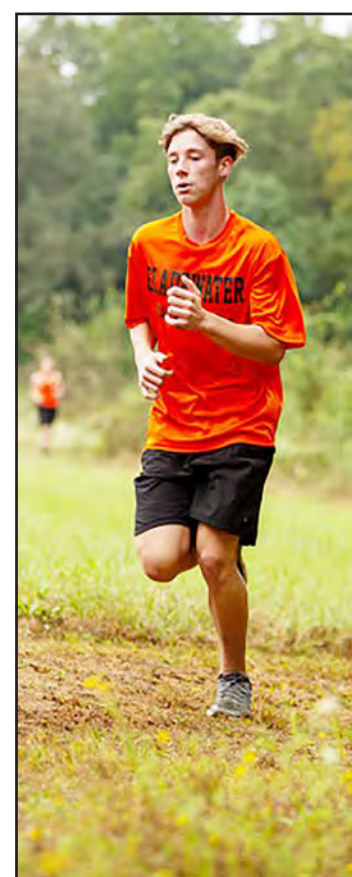
Union Grove seniors (L-R) Jayce Nutt, Carleigh Judd, Maci Williams, and Makena Littlejohn were honored last week. Photo by Chris Jones



Ali Yohn helping Union Grove to a second place team score.



Mild temperatures and a light fog enveloped Union Grove Saturday morning and was a perfect setting for the X-Country run. Several schools descended on the land of Lions including Gladewater, Gilmer, and Hawkins. Jr. High Boys got things started, trampling out a well laid out two miles. Gladewater placed 2nd as a team just behind Elysian Fields. Next to tackle the course, the Jr High Girls were well represented by each school. Gilmer took the top team spot with Union Grove taking 4th followed by Gladewater in 5th in that round. Varsity Girls launched at the gun next. Down a closed off road and up towards the football field. Once around the field, they headed into a pasture and the relief of a winding downhill. Out of the pasture the runners make a right turn and back up towards the football stadium where the finish line awaited. Gilmer had the top finisher and took 1st place in the team scoring with Union Grove in 2nd. Varsity Boys would repeat the route, but turning left out of the pasture to gain another mile before also finishing at Glyn Johnston Stadium. Again, a runner from Gilmer crossed the line first, but this time Union Grove won the team competition with Gladewater in 2nd. JV Girls and Boys took the start together, finishing out the Union Grove Invitational XC Meet.



Tanner Gothard competed for Gladewater. Photos by Chris Jones

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Local man, woman indicted on drug charges

By Phillip Williams
 The Upshur County Grand Jury on Wednesday of last week returned an unusually large number of indictments--52--while passing two cases, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.
 Some 17 of the indictments, all returned in Gilmer, were sealed since no arrest had been made in those cases, Byrd said.
 Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments were as follows, his office said:
 Katherine Elizabeth Tuttle, 27, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) on May 26, 2019, \$10,000 bond
 Cory Blake Ramsey, 39, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Oct. 7, 2019, \$10,000
 Matthew Stephen Varner, 35, of Gilmer, was separately indicted on three charges: unlawful possession of firearm by felon, forgery and possession of controlled substance

(methamphetamine), all alleged to have occurred Jan. 17.
 Bond was set at \$25,000 on the firearm charge, \$10,000 each on the other charges.
 Kallie Mechelle Hicks, 30, of Lindale, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) Oct. 3, 2019. Bond was set at \$50,000, but she was released to Kaufman County authorities to face charges there.
 Karla Sanchez Castaneda, 29, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) July 1, 2019. Bond was set at \$35,000, but she was released to Gregg County authorities to face charges there.
 Johnathan William Charles Darden, 32, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) July 1, 2019, \$25,000
 Crystal Ann Hilderbrand, 36, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Dec. 17, 2019, \$35,000
 Ronnie Allen Spangler, 36, of Gilmer, possession of controlled

substance (methamphetamine) Dec. 6, 2019, \$15,000
 Carissa Desire McCollon, 23, of Arp, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Dec. 9, 2019, \$25,000
 Robert Eugene Lydy III, 50, of Bullard, was separately indicted on charges of tampering with physical evidence and possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), both on Oct. 2, 2019. Bond was set at \$10,000 per charge.
 Julie Leanne Gryder, 43, of Gilmer, tampering with physical evidence last Dec. 17, \$25,000
 Kyeties Taz Lampley, a 26-year-old Ore City man, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) May 26, 2019, \$10,000
 Bobby Brian Burnette, 53, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) June 21, 2019, \$10,000
 Kelly Ann Lambert, 45, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) June 25, 2019, \$10,000
 Kendra Gayle Simmons, 36, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) April 19, \$5,000
 Ryan Andrew Monto, 32, of Quinlan, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine)

July 27, 2019, \$10,000
 Sauncia Aiyana Davis, 37, of Winona, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Nov. 10, \$5,000
 Lanny Dale Hill, 55, of Sulphur Springs, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Dec. 19, \$10,000
 Norman Randall Albright, 32, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Dec. 21, \$10,000
 Tracy Neil Truelove, 41, of Wills Point, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Jan. 4. Bond was set at \$10,000, but he was released to Gregg County authorities to face charges there.
 James Ernest Morgan III, 28, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Feb. 20, \$5,000
 Crystal Lynn Morgan, 29, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Feb. 20, \$5,000
 Patrick Brian Weeks, 45, of Diana, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Feb. 5, \$5,000
 Robby Keith Hawkins, 38, of Gilmer, was separately indicted on charges of possession of controlled substance

(methamphetamine) and unlawful possession of firearm by felon, both last Nov. 6. He remained in county jail in Gilmer on other charges.
 Dereck Blake Coe, 17, of Gilmer, aggravated robbery Aug. 5. He remained in county jail under \$250,000 bond.
 Rachel N. Claypool, 43, of Georgetown, Ky., charged in a single indictment with two counts of driving while intoxicated with child passenger July 18, \$10,000
 Joshua Jay Rollins, 29, of Longview, was charged in separate indictments with evading arrest/detention with vehicle and tampering with physical evidence, both on April 30.
 Bond was set at \$10,000, but he remained in county jail without bond on a state-issued "blue warrant" charging him with parole violation
 Jaeden Devin Whitworth, 21, of Lindale, was separately indicted on two counts of possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), one on July 3, 2019 and one last Dec. 29. Bond was set at \$25,000 per charge, but he was released to Wood County authorities to face charges there.
 Judy C. Muller, 56, of Mt. Pleasant, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) March 23, \$10,000



Important voting information

What you need to know about the November election:
 Oct. 5, Monday - Last Day to register to vote
 Oct. 13, Tuesday - First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance
 Oct. 23, Friday - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail
 Oct. 30, Friday - Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance
 Nov. 3, Tuesday - Voting in-person and last day for receipt of mail-in ballots.

Fall Fest canceled

The annual Gladewater Emergency Services Fall Fest has been canceled for this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to keep children safe.
 Traditional trick-or-treating, crowded parties and indoor haunted houses are among the activities the CDC says pose the highest risk for coronavirus transmission, and families should avoid them this year.

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.

GISD Calendar

- 10/1, Thursday**
GMS FB@New Boston 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
- 10/5, Monday**
College Shirt Day
GHS English & History 9 week tests
GMS VB vs. Hughes Springs-H
6 p.m. Ag Chapter meeting-Ag Shop
- 10/6, Tuesday**
GHS Math & Non-Core 9 Week Tests
GMS Math 9 Week Tests 4:30 p.m. JV/V VB@ Jacksonville
- 10/7, Wednesday**
GHS Science & Make Up 9 Week Tests
GMS ELAR 9 Weeks Tests
- 10/8, Thursday**
5 p.m. JV Bears@Atlanta
GMS Soi/Soc. Studies 9 Weeks Test
- 10/9, Friday**
End of 1st 9 Weeks/UIL Eligibility
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UGISD Calendar

- 10/1, Thursday**
Western Day Blood Drive
3:20 p.m. Senior Recognition pep rally
7 p.m. Senior Night Festivities
KYKX Game of the Week
- 10/2, Friday**
7:30 p.m. V Fball vs. Linden-Kildare
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Commissioners meet Wednesday

By Phillip Williams
 Upshur County Commissioners Court on Wednesday will consider allowing the county's dental insurance to continue covering employees who voluntarily opt out of the county's health insurance program to use Medicare.
 That is among nine items, counting the invocation and adjournment, on the agenda for the 10 a.m. meeting at the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer.
 Due to COVID-19, attendance is restricted to county department heads and/or their designees, and persons who receive special permission from County Judge Todd Tettler. The meeting will be shown live, however, on Facebook; those wishing to view should go to www.countyofupshur.com and click on the Upshur County Facebook link.
 Questions for the court should be submitted by 9 a.m. Wednesday.
 In other business, the court will:
 * consider authorizing its annual grant to the Meals on Wheels program.
 * consider several routine matters which are sub-grouped under one item on the agenda, ranging from paying bills and approving the payroll, to accepting various documents for recording.
 * consider approving a resolution declaring October as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month."
 * recognize Upshur County adult volunteers Rick and Jennifer Poorman as the 2019 Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award winners.
 * recognize Maggie Mayes, Timothy Poorman and Jayden Taylor as Upshur 4-H members who are serving on the state level as "Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors."
 * consider approving the proclamation for National 4-H Week.

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Commissioner indicted for tampering with votes

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mail ballot votes were cast for Brown, who ultimately won the election by five votes. According to county elections data, 69% percent of mail ballot applications for Brown's race were marked as being assisted by a third-party.

"Voting by mail is an important tool for our over-65 and disabled citizens. Mail-in ballots are also most vulnerable to cheating and fraud. We must protect Texas election integrity and we will," said Senator Hughes.

Representative Dean stated, "The alleged account of voter fraud appears so clearly to be a problem in our districts, but we are encouraged by the attention it has brought to the issue, both

here and statewide, and by the opportunity to fix this problem.

Both legislators expressed their thanks to Attorney General Ken Paxton, District Attorney Tom Watson, Sheriff Maxey Cerliano, and their teams for their thorough investigation.

Gregg County DA Watson commented, "Voting is one of our most precious rights as Americans. We get to choose who we want to represent our interests, locally, statewide, and nationally. Unfortunately, there are individuals out there who would jeopardize the integrity of our elections for personal gain. My office stands strong with the Attorney General's Office to ensure that the integrity of our electoral system is protected."

"It is an unfortunate reality that elections can be stolen outright by mail ballot fraud. Election fraud, particularly an organized mail ballot fraud scheme orchestrated by political operatives, is an affront to democracy and results in voter disenfranchisement and corruption at the highest level," said Paxton. "Mail ballots are vulnerable to diversion, coercion, and influence by organized vote harvesting schemes. This case demonstrates my commitment to ensuring Texas has the most secure elections in the country, and I thank the Gregg County Sheriff and District Attorney for their continued partnership. Those who try to manipulate the outcome of elections in Texas must be held accountable."

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