

EFG's Giddy Up & Give did just that, \$35K raised for future grants

By Suzanne Bardwell

Giddy Up & Give was the event and people did just that to the tune of approximately \$35,000. The newly re-formed Education Foundation of Gladewater (EFG) hosted its first event Saturday night at Stockyard Steakhouse with 100 tickets sold.



"This time last year, we were a steering committee of only a few members studying how to best move forward with plans for establishing a sound and permanent education foundation for Gladewater," EFG president Cathy Shipp said. "Within a few short months the EFG was well on its way as a nonprofit organization with a new set of bylaws, elected officers and directors of about 20 members, ready to go to work to raise funds for teacher grants and to provide a means for the community to support our mission of enhancing the quality



Giddy Up & Give event auctioneer Chuck Darling, who is Vice President of Tyson Fundraising, assisted by Education of Foundation of Gladewater board member Katie Abernathy Ellis were exuberant and successful elements of Saturday's wildly successful event.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

of education for GISD students and projects of the classroom teachers." Those resources have been

Gladewater Bears vs. Jefferson Bulldogs
Friday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Jefferson

By The Numbers

- Record- Bears 11 Jefferson 8 Ties- 1
- First Meeting- 1929 Jefferson won 54-0
- Last Meeting- 2003 Jefferson won
- Total Points Scored in Series- Bears 377 Jefferson 339
- Most Points Scored in a Game- 56 1994 Jefferson won 42-14
- Fewest Points Scored in a Game- 12 1991 Tie 6-6
- Largest Point Spread- 54 1929 Jefferson won 54-0
- Closest Game Not Including Ties- 1998 Bears won 27-26
- Bears Shutout Jefferson 3 Times- 1966 27-0, 1968 41-0, 1987 35-0
- Jefferson Shutout Bears 2 Times- 1929 54-0, 1930 33-0

Bears eye playoffs after beating Rabbits

By Elizabeth Mckamy

The Gladewater offense outscored Atlanta 21-7 in the 3rd Quarter and the Bear defense shutdown the potent Rabbit running attack, allowing only 13 rushing yards in the 2nd half, giving the host team a 42-27 victory here at Jack V. Murphy Stadium Friday night. The win keeps Gladewater atop the District leader board and gets them one step closer to the District crown and a #1 seed into the State 3A D1 playoffs.

The Bears, who have outscored opponents 85-34 in the 1st Quarter, found the going tough against a ball control Atlanta offense and a stubborn Rabbit defense. Gladewater won the toss, but deferred to the 2nd half as is their custom. Atlanta took the opening kickoff, using a steady diet of Jr RB Keith Kinney, and drove from their own 15 yard line to the Bear 45 in 6 plays, but on 2 & 9 the Gladewater defensive line broke through and tackled Kinney for a 5 yard loss. After an incomplete pass and a 32 yard punt, the Bear's offense went to work from their own 18 yard line. Proving that they could run the "ground and pound" as well as any team, Gladewater marched down the field in 10 plays. Mixing in a couple of pass plays, the Bears got on the scoreboard when QB Tristan Holmes hit Jr WR DJ Allen with a 22 yard touchdown pass. Kicker Justice Hassek's extra point was good and the Bears led 7-0 with 3:50 left in the 1st Quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff the Bears tried an onside kick, but the Rabbit's Adrian Kennington fell on the loose ball, giving Atlanta great field position at their own 49 yard line. It only took the Rabbits 6 plays to cover those 51 yards, tying the game on QB Justin Pierce's 30 yard touchdown pass to Kam Dickerson. K Daniel Hernandez's kick was good and the score was knotted at 7 with :37 left in the 1st Quarter.

On the Bear's next possession they ran up against a tough Atlanta defense, giving the ball back to the Rabbits at the Bear 41 yard line. Despite the good field position Atlanta couldn't get anything going and punted the ball back to Gladewater. It only took the Bears 3 plays to cover the 81 yards to their 2nd score of the night. Holmes hit Kolin Lewis with a short pass, but the speedster Lewis outran all Rabbit defenders 70 yards for the score. Hassek's kick was good and the Bears went back ahead 14-7.

Atlanta notched the score at 14, going 75 yards in 8 plays, scoring on a 5 yard run by Kinney with 2:54 left in the 1st half. The tie lasted all of 1:31 as the Bears took the ensuing kickoff and went 64 yards in 3 plays. RB Eligia Carter got his only TD of the night on a run of 60 yards. Hassek, who was 6 for 6 kicking extra points on the night, banged his kick through the uprights, giving Gladewater a 21-14 lead with 1:21 left in the half.

It didn't take Atlanta long to put more points on the board after a

District 6 3A D1 Standings

Gladewater 5-2, 3-0
White Oak 3-0, 2-0
Tatum 3-1, 1-1
Jefferson 3-3, 1-1
Sabine 3-4, 1-2
Atlanta 1-6, 1-2
New Boston 1-4, 0-3

Friday's Game Scores

Gladewater 42 Atlanta 27
Tatum 56 New Boston 32
Jefferson 41 Sabine 34
White Oak open

This Week's Games

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

Take proper health precautions when voting early

Early voting has started in Texas this week and this November 3 General Election will be like no other election ever seen.

There will be a few major changes that will affect every voter.

First, there will be no more "Straight Party" voting – the option will NOT be on your ballot. Voters will need to read each office and select their candidate for that office. The candidate's party affiliation will be listed next to the candidate's name.

Second, physicians urge all Texans to play it safe as they fulfill their civic duty, reminding everyone that it is possible to vote safely during a pandemic.

"Voting can be made safe by following the public health guidelines," said Diana L. Fite, MD, president of the Texas Medical Association (TMA). "A little planning goes a long way."

With the coronavirus still actively spreading in Texas, some elderly patients and Texans with disabilities wonder if it's safe for them to vote in this year's election, since they are most at risk for serious illness if they catch COVID-19.

Texans might have two options to vote: an individual might qualify to vote by mail, or he or she may vote in person.

"For those over 65 years old or who have chronic illnesses,

it would be preferable to stay at home and send off an application for a mail-in ballot," said Dr. Fite. "It's certainly safer for these people to vote at home and mail their ballot than to venture out among crowds."

Any registered voter 65 years or older on Election Day or with a disability may vote early by mail in a Texas election.

The Texas Secretary of State has information and instructions about how to apply to vote by mail.

Tip: The voter's local voting clerk must receive an application for a mail-in ballot by Friday, Oct. 23.

For Texans opting to vote in person, there are options as well. The early voting period runs Tuesday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 30. During this period, registered Texans can vote in person at any polling location in their home county. Voters might consider looking online for less-busy polling places and times, to avoid crowds.

Dr. Fite recommends early voting if possible to avoid any unforeseen problems. "If a person is sick on Election Day, that person should not go out to vote," said Dr. Fite. "Instead, early voting is a consideration to avoid that possibility from occurring."

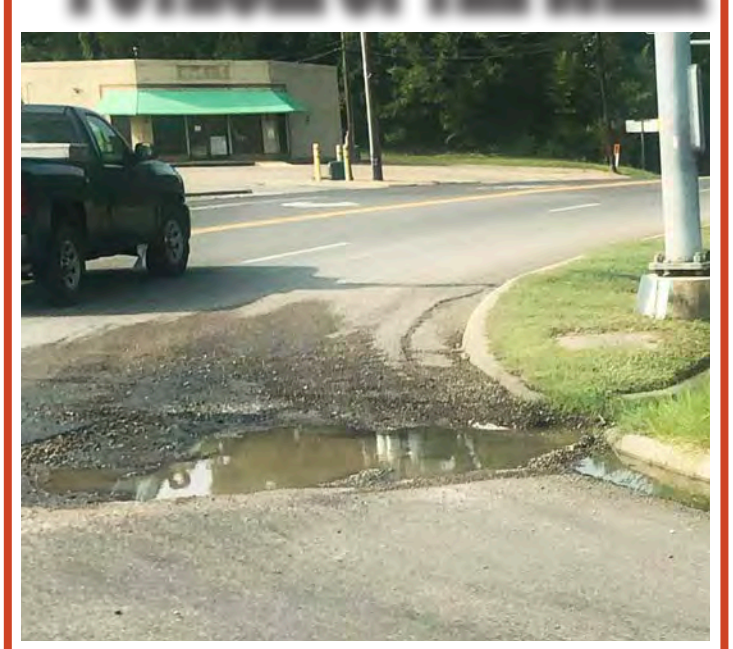
On Election Day, Nov. 3, voters registered in a county that participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program may vote at any polling location in the county. If someone's county does not participate in that program, he or she must vote in their own precinct on Election Day.

Whether voting early or on Election Day, physicians urge everyone to plan ahead and practice the same public health best practices as if they were going to the grocery store or anywhere else in public.

"Wash hands or use sanitizer before and after voting, try to stay 6 feet from others, and wear a mask," said Dr. Fite. Simply maintaining space while waiting

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POTHOLE OF THE WEEK



This "Pothole of the Week" at US 80 and Loop 485 was featured two weeks ago and is still not fixed. This intersection 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.

Missing man found, killed in traffic accident

State Troopers responded to the scene of the fatal crash on Texas 300, approximately four miles northwest of the city of Longview in Upshur County.

According to DPS spokesperson Jean Dark, the investigator's report indicates the driver of a 2003 Hummer H2, Steven Earl Montgomery, 55, of Big Sandy was traveling southeast on SH 300 Oct. 8 when the vehicle went off the roadway to the left and entered the east side ditch where it struck a group of trees and overturned.

Mr. Montgomery was pronounced at the scene by Judge Betterton and was taken to Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Gilmer.

Montgomery had been reported missing on Oct. 7 and was last seen by his family leaving his residence for work around 5:15 a.m. that day. A land owner discovered the crash on Oct. 8 and notified emergency personnel.

The crash remains under investigation.

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Gladewater's local sales tax revenue slips in red 10.61%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$751.5 million in local sales tax allocations for October, 2.8 percent less than in October 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to weigh on the Texas economy and sales tax revenue.

Gladewater posted a -10.61-percent decline in sales tax revenue over the same reporting period - \$81,340.71 compared to \$90,997.90 in 2019. But for the year, Gladewater is still ahead of 2019 - 6.89-percent - \$966,389.08 compared to \$904,031.92 the previous year.

Clarksville City's sales tax revenue soared over the same reporting period last year 65-percent - \$5,191.37 compared to \$3,146.20, but White Oak experienced a -12.41 drop in sales tax revenue over 2019 numbers - \$75,059.22 compared to \$85,699.42, as did Warren City with a -15.54-percent decline.

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG COUNTY							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$5,191.37	\$3,146.20	65.00%	\$66,271.29	\$42,659.03	55.35%
Easton	1.000%	\$4,269.25	\$3,390.23	25.92%	\$40,264.62	\$24,983.05	61.16%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$81,340.71	\$90,997.90	-10.61%	\$966,389.08	\$904,031.92	6.89%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$469,195.15	\$873,099.02	-46.26%	\$5,909,179.67	\$8,518,999.99	-30.63%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$22,014.41	\$17,541.43	25.49%	\$195,930.74	\$180,676.27	8.44%
Longview	1.500%	\$2,647,870.72	\$2,682,059.44	-1.27%	\$27,803,976.86	\$28,396,778.95	-2.08%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,149.25	\$1,360.77	-15.54%	\$13,753.90	\$16,555.56	-16.92%
White Oak	1.500%	\$75,059.22	\$85,699.42	-12.41%	\$913,681.15	\$938,985.58	-2.69%
UPSHUR COUNTY							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$20,118.98	\$14,344.26	40.25%	\$201,517.52	\$165,997.38	21.39%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$4,576.53	\$3,255.96	40.55%	\$36,552.24	\$27,567.30	32.59%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$155,575.46	\$181,989.78	-14.51%	\$1,760,475.13	\$1,584,945.03	11.07%
Ore City	1.500%	\$17,022.49	\$15,651.66	8.75%	\$190,694.40	\$158,314.78	20.45%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$343.02	\$264.20	29.83%	\$3,586.25	\$4,103.42	-12.60%

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Chris Cobler
Capital
Highlights



Accusations rock Attorney General's office

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is battling back against seven top aides who accuse him of bribery and abuse of office.

The aides delivered the accusations in a letter to the agency's human resources director. The Austin American-Statesman and KVUE-TV obtained and first published the letter.

The Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported that the allegations are tied to Paxton's relationship with Nate Paul, an Austin real estate investor and campaign donor.

Congressman Chip Roy of Austin called on his fellow Republican to resign.

"Any grace for him to resolve differences and demonstrate if the allegations are false was eliminated by his choice instead to attack the very people entrusted, by him, to lead the office – some of whom I know well and whose character are beyond reproach," Roy said.

Paxton's spokeswoman said the former aides were trying to impede an ongoing criminal investigation into criminal wrongdoing by public officials, including employees of the AG's office.

"Despite the effort by rogue employees and their false allegations, I will continue to seek justice in Texas and will not be resigning," Paxton said in a statement.



PAXTON

Many bars get shot at reopening

Bars in most of Texas may reopen this week at 50 percent capacity under a new executive order issued by Gov. Greg Abbott.

In addition, other businesses may expand to 75 percent capacity. The expanded openings are permitted in regions where COVID-19 hospitalizations account for less than 15 percent of available hospital beds and with approval by the county judge.

Abbott praised Texans for following health protocols that include social distancing, wearing face masks and vigorous hand washing. He urged people to continue these practices to keep Texas moving forward.

"It is time to open up more, provided that safe protocols continue to be followed," Abbott said. "If everyone continues the safe practices, Texas will be able to contain COVID, and we will be able to reopen 100%."

In the state's two biggest metropolitan areas, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, both Democrats, said the science didn't support reopening bars yet.

"The data guiding county decision-making tells us we are doing much better than we were a few months ago, but we are still at the highest level: red. Indoor, maskless gatherings should not be taking place right now, and this applies to bars, as well," Hidalgo said.

Waco native memorialized for heroism

Texas has more reason to be proud: Its native son is the first enlisted sailor and first African American to have a supercarrier named after him.

The story of Doris "Dorie" Miller's heroic actions at Pearl Harbor will reach from his hometown of Waco to the shores of international waters. Most supercarriers are named for U.S. presidents, but Miller's actions at the start of World War II continue to reverberate almost 80 years later.

Although the racism of the time limited Miller to serving only as a mess attendant aboard the battleship USS West Virginia, he jumped into action during the Japanese attack. He received the Navy Cross for moving his captain to safety, firing an anti-aircraft gun at the attacking bombers and pulling injured sailors out of the burning waters.

The Navy announced the decision on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The ship is estimated to cost \$12.5 billion and set sail in 2032.

Fall, Y'all Fest replaces Yamboree

Because Gilmer's annual East Texas Yamboree festival, scheduled this week, was canceled months ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a non-profit organization is sponsoring a scaled-down "Fall, Y'all Fest" Friday and Saturday, mainly in the downtown area.

It will feature events ranging from a golf tournament at the Gilmer Country Club, fireworks show, musical entertainment, and a carnival, to the start of the race for Yamboree queen (for a pageant scheduled in March.)

The Crabtree Amusements carnival rides, which close nightly at 10 p.m., will be spaced out due to COVID, said Hadden Starnes, founder of the organization sponsoring the festival, which is Live East Texas Corporation, doing business in Upshur County as Live Gilmer.

He said the substitute festival was aimed at promoting economic development by creating jobs and bringing businesses to Gilmer.

A schedule of the two days of events, which is subject to change, is available by calling 903-680-9125 or emailing fallyall@liveeasttx.com.

...green pastures, still waters

My little light is looking more like a dim bulb. It's not that I am hiding it under a bushel, it is just that there just isn't enough energy right now to make it shine. After three weeks of family accidents and unexpected illness and surgeries, things were looking up and then my cowboy cousin lost his wife unexpectedly. Yes, she had struggled and overcome many times before. But this, was not, then.

She had a liver transplant 15 years ago and the anti-rejection drugs led to a ferocious battle with brain cancer. A battle which she won. As the minister said at her funeral this past Saturday, "Miss Vickie chose life. She chose to be with her family, she chose to be with her children and grandchildren, and her husband Billy. She had 15 extra years of life because she chose to fight for it."

Fighting for life is vitally important. But, as we all know fights can wear you out. And sometimes, we lose the battle. Vickie's 'laying to rest' was the first time in my lifetime of attending funerals that the phrase took on a depth of meaning that was a revelation. My cousin chose to create a family cemetery in a grove of trees near his mother's house on a country hill which overlooks a lake to 'lay his wife to rest'. As I listened to the old hymns, the trees swayed in the breeze, the words to the songs tumbled in my memory. I recalled worn oak pews in an old country church called Cedar Creek, with my head lying in my Momma's lap as she fanned me. The Spirit of the words and the memories rolled through my soul. Time slowed, and for a very few minutes so did I. And then, I was in the present.

As the minister prayed, I raised my head and looked across my seated family members to the lake beyond. I no longer heard the pastor's words, I clearly heard: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul..."

We all seem to need some restoration right now in the midst of the

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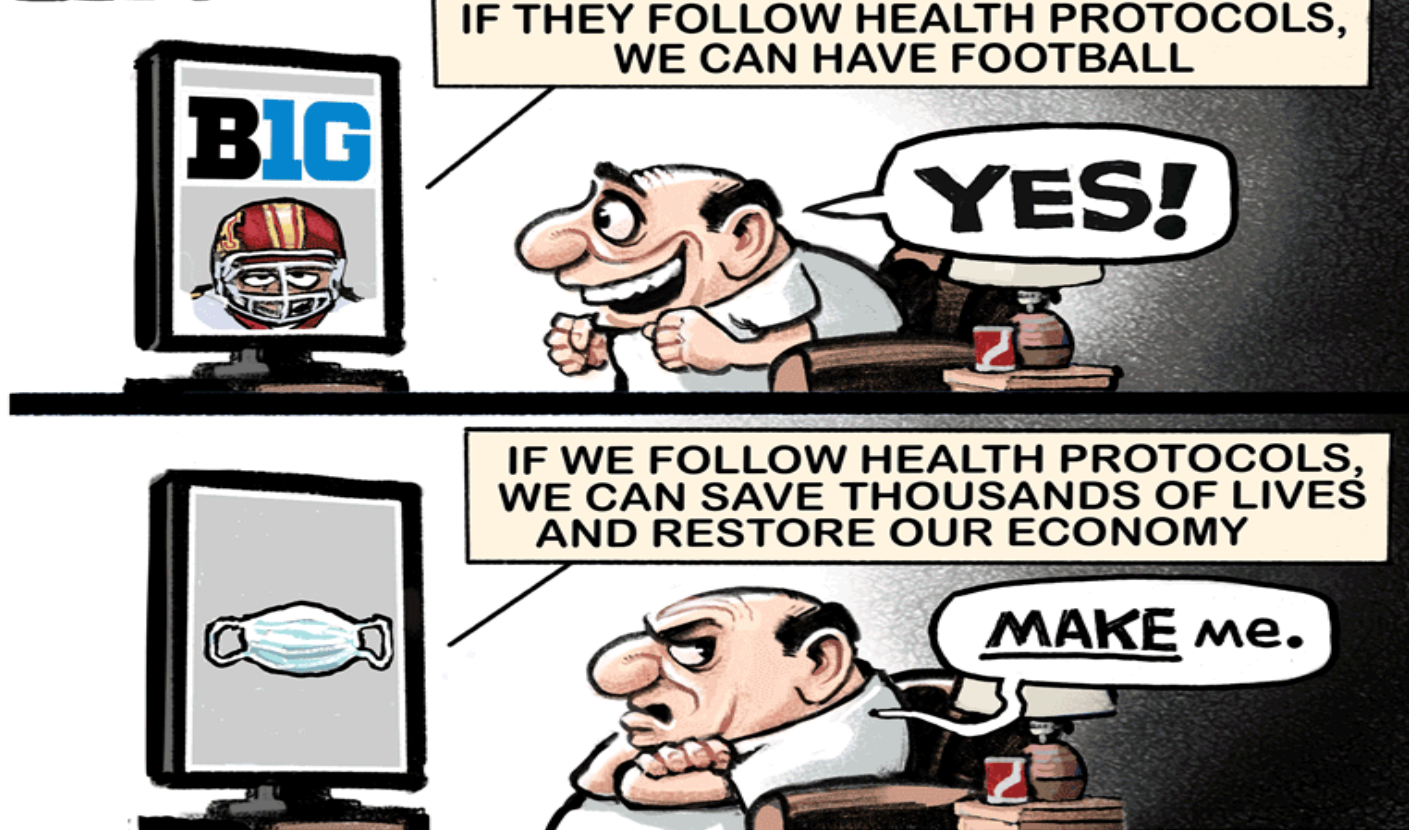


crisis and chaos that is our time. Maybe it is easier to see the Creator when you are in the pastures and beside the waters. I know that the country restores my soul in the way little else does. I also know that love breaks our hearts, sometimes into pieces, but love mends our hearts as well. I know that family and memories should bring ties that bind for generations. And I know, that faith gives hope for the future.

But here we are in a world that is spinning in anger and chaos, disease and struggle. Many of us live our days in a world full of hurt and fear. Many of us live our days in busyness and toil. Many of us let our time just somehow slip away from us. And some of us just wear out.

Maybe we should each take the time to walk beside the still waters and rest...in peace...with ourselves and one another. Maybe we need to restore the power of faith, hope and love to our lives. Life is too precious to squander. We all desperately need to find our place of peace. And if we need to make peace, we need to do it while we can.

Maybe I will see you by the water. We can lay some burdens down and watch the waves of our lives become gentle. I know I need more peace...and rest. I am betting that many of you do as well. Remember that this day, this moment is all we really have. There are no promises of more. Look for the green pastures and kick your shoes off. Wade into the still waters and let the gentle waves wash your weariness, fear and anger away. And then, let's find our little lights and let them shine while we can.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

K-Shaped Recovery

The US economy continues to generate new jobs, with the latest (September) report showing a modest gain of 661,000. The unemployment rate has decreased from 14.7% in April to 7.9% last month. Though the situation is improving, the total increase over the past few months is well below the 22.2 million lost during March and April. Additionally, the recovery has been decidedly uneven. The "rising tide" that was improving the lot of people from all socioeconomic groups prior to the pandemic has unfortunately turned.



The correlation between education level and employment is well established. Not only do those with more education typically earn greater incomes, they are also less likely to be unemployed. The pandemic has caused this pattern to accelerate. Remote work had been growing before COVID-19, but its prevalence has increased dramatically. More people are working at home, with companies planning to maintain this posture for now. However, workers with less education tend to be in jobs for which this approach is not feasible; rather than shifting to remote work, they have become unemployed.

Industries such as professional and business services, financial activities, information, and public administration have been able to largely maintain operations. Many others (salons, travel and leisure, bars, and restaurants,

for example) had to shut down for a period, only to reopen with reduced capacity.

Given the types of jobs and industries which lend themselves to remote work, it's not surprising that higher levels of education have meant a greater likelihood of working from home. Recent surveys by the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that about 70% of people with a bachelor's degree and higher are in jobs suitable to perform remotely, compared to just 25-30% of those with only a high school diploma.

Although many companies are struggling during the pandemic and job losses have impacted workers across all education levels, unemployment increased the most among those with lower education attainment. In September, unemployment rates ranged from 4.8% for people

with at least a bachelor's degree to 10.6% for those with less than a high school diploma. Moreover, there was a spike in chronic (more than six months) joblessness and an increase in those dropping out of the workforce.

In the midst of these challenges, housing values and the stock market have generally escalated and the tech sector has boomed. Consequently, wealth among the upper economic echelons has increased, while unemployment, food insecurity, and poverty have also skyrocketed. It is a recovery that is embracing those at the top, while devastating those at the bottom – a K-shaped recovery. To achieve long-term prosperity, we must keep the structure in place, which requires providing viable opportunities for everyone. This needs to happen soon!

Stay safe!

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HOW GOD DRAWS PEOPLE

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, and they shall all be taught by God. Therefore, everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me." (Jn.6: 44-45). God's three-part process of drawing people to Him involves: (1) Hearing; (2) Learning; and (3) Coming. There is nothing mystical about it. The Father teaches, people listen, learn, and believe what they have been taught, and they come. It is just that simple!

God does not draw people to Himself by overpowering their own free will i. e., God does not irresistibly draw men to Himself. Thus, Calvinism's doctrine of "irresistible grace," that overwhelms or supersedes the individual's volition is false. One does not come to God by a "direct operation of the Holy Spirit" that intrudes into the human heart.

The Bible clearly teaches that man plays a part in his own salvation. By this it is meant, God has given man free will; a person can choose whether he will or will not come to God. Jesus invites all to come to Him (Matt. 11: 28), and those who do come to Him are those who "willingly" respond to the call of the gospel (2 Thess. 2: 14). Thus, the Father draws people by His loving appeal through the gospel message which is embodied in Jesus Christ. That is why the gospel of Christ is said to be the "power of God unto salvation." (Rom. 1: 16). That is why we are to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mk. 16: 15). Those who hear, learn and believe will obey the gospel (Mk. 16: 16). But all who will not believe, will not come to Jesus in obedience, that they might have life (Jn. 5: 40). What about you my friend? Think on these things.

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Gladewater runningback Devon Walker rushed for 81 yards on 15 carries and scored twice in the 42-27 win over the Rabbits Friday night. Photo by Chris Jones

INDIVIDUAL LEADER STATS	
Bears	
Rushing- Eligia Carter 7/128/TD	Devon Walker 15/81/2 TDs
Passing- Tristan Holmes 11/19/209/2 TDs	Receiving- DJ Allen 6/92/TD
	Kolin Lewis 2/85/TD
Kickoff Returns- K-Havia Reese 3/46	Interception- Tyrone Maddox
Atlanta	
Rushing- Keith Kinney 24/95/TD	Passing- Justin Pierce 8/12/143/2 TDs/Int
Receiving- Kam Dickerson 3/69/TD	Matthew Cauley 3/58/TD666
Kickoff Returns- Alijuah Drayton 2/81	Field Goals- Daniel Hernandez (23 yards & 33 yards)



Gladewater QB Tristan Holmes completed 11 of 19 passes for 209 yards and 2 TDs in the 42-27 win over Atlanta Friday night. Photo by Chris Jones

Union Grove hosts Wildcats Thursday

The Union Grove Lions will be looking to bounce back this Thursday night when they host Big Sandy at Glyn Johnston Stadium. The Lions are coming off a 31-7 loss last Friday night in Beckville and hoping to find the endzone more against an 0-5 Big Sandy team. The Lions were held to 205 yards of total offense and just one score in their last game against Beckville while giving up 397 yards of total offense to the Bearcats. Both teams will be looking for their first district win of the season and in Big Sandy's case their first win period. It's been an interesting season for the Big Sandy Wildcats to say the least. They haven't played a game since their 41-14 home loss to the Ore City Rebels way back on Sept. 11. Since then the Wildcats have not played a game due to COVID-19 related closures. Their only other non-practice on the field experience of the 2020 season came in the form of 34-0 loss to the Alba-Golden Panthers in the season opener. In the game last week against Beckville the Lions failed to get much going offensively. Senior Matthew Bower carried the majority of the offensive load finishing the game with 154 rushing yards, 27 passing yards, one receiving yard and a successful two-point conversion. Bower was responsible for the only points of the game for Union Grove. The Lions will be looking to improve their offensive output by taking better care of the football. Turnovers played a crucial role in the Lions loss to Beckville. In that contest Union Grove threw two interceptions, lost one fumble and turned the ball over on downs three times. While the Lions will have the edge in on the field experience going into the game, they will have to plan for a Wildcat team that everyone has seen very little of this season. The two teams sit currently at the bottom of the District 2A-1 Region III standings and will be looking to get their seasons back on track. The Union Grove Lions and the Big Sandy Wildcats will kickoff from Glyn Johnston Stadium at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday night in Union Grove.

SCORE BY QUARTER					
TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL
GWATER	7	14	21	0	42
ATLANTA	7	13	7	0	27

GAME STATS		
First Downs-	Bears 23	Atlanta 13
Rushing-	Bears 36/284	Atlanta 35/141
Passing-	Bears 11/19/209	Atlanta 8/12/143
Fumbles/Lost-	Bears 1/1	Atlanta 0
Interceptions-	Bears 0	Atlanta 1
Punts-	Bears 0	Atlanta 4/28.2 avg
Penalties-	Bears 3/28 Atlanta 3/20	

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter- Bears go 82 yards in 10 plays, scoring on a Tristan Holmes pass to DJ Allen for 22 yards. Kicker Justice Hassek was good on the PAT making the score Bears 7 Atlanta 0 with 3:50 left in the 1st Quarter. Atlanta goes 51 yards in 6 plays, scoring on a 30 yard pass from Justin Pierce to Kam Dickerson. Daniel Hernandez kick was good making the score Bears 7 Atlanta 7 with :37 left in 1st Quarter.

2nd Quarter- Bears go 81 yards in 3 plays, scoring on a 70 yard pass play from Holmes to Kolin Lewis. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 14 Atlanta 7 with 7:00 left in the 2nd Quarter. Atlanta goes 75 yards in 8 plays, scoring on a 5 yard run by Keith Kinney. Hernandez's kick was good making the score Bears 14 Atlanta 14 with 2:54 left in 2nd Quarter. Bears go 64 yards in 3 plays, scoring on a 60 yard run by Eligia Carter. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 21 Atlanta 14 with 1:21 left in the 2nd Quarter. Atlanta goes 11 yards in 7 plays, scoring on a Daniel Hernandez 24 yard field goal making the score Bears 21 Atlanta 17 with :17 left in the 2nd Quarter. with 2 Atlanta goes 9 yards in 2 plays, scoring on a Hernandez 33 yard field goal making the score Bears 21 Atlanta 20 with :00 left in 2nd Quarter.

3rd Quarter- Bears go 48 yards in 7 plays scoring on a 12 yard run by Holmes. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 28 Atlanta 20 with 9:45 left in the 3rd Quarter. Bears go 42 yards in 2 plays scoring on a 4 yard run by Devon Walker. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 35 Atlanta 20 with 8:17 left in the 3rd Quarter. Atlanta goes 48 yards in 4 plays scoring on a 40 yard pass from Pierce to Matthew Cauley. Hernandez's kick was good making the score Bears 35 Atlanta 27 with 2:52 left in the 3rd Quarter. Bears go 59 yards in 5 plays scoring on a 2 yard run by Walker. Hassek's PAT was good making the score Bears 42 Atlanta 27 with :31 left in the 3rd Quarter.

Lions fall to Bearcats, 31-8

By Jordan Moss

The Union Grove Lions could not match the Beckville Bearcats offensive output Friday night falling 31-8. The Bearcats improved to 4-3 on the year and 2-1 in district following the victory over the Union Grove Lions Friday night. The loss drops the Lions to 1-5 on the season and 0-3 in district play. Junior quarterback Ryan Harris led the Bearcats with two rushing touchdowns and 186 rushing yards on 13 attempts for an average of 14.3 yards per carry. Harris completed four passes for 36 yards and caught a pass for a two-point conversion. The Bearcats freshman running back J'Koby Harris added two touchdowns of his own and finished the game with 95 rushing yards including a 38-yard scoring run early in the first for the first points of the game. The Lions gave up 397 yards of total offense with 345 of them coming on the ground for Beckville. Union Grove were held to 205 yards of total offense. Union Grove's lone score came early in the game when the Lions took a 7-0 lead following a 48-yard touchdown run from senior Matthew Bower. Bower finished the game with 154 yards on the ground, 27 yards thorough the air and caught three balls for a total of one yard. On the defensive side of the ball Union Grove senior Grayson Barnett led the team in total tackles with 10 including eight solo tackles. Fellow Lions senior Cannon Cowan had one sack for a five-yard loss. Union Grove took the early advantage with the first score, but after that it was all Beckville. The Bearcats rolled off the next 31 points of the game to secure the victory. The Beckville defense stifled the Lions offense all night forcing Union Grove to turn the ball over three times with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. The Bearcats came up with two sacks in the game, forced three turnovers on downs and forced Union Grove to punt twice. Union Grove wasn't without its opportunities to get back on the scoreboard in the game. On their opening possession of the second half the Lions drove down to inside the Beckville five-yard line. The Lions turned the ball over on downs. The second Union Grove possession of the half got down to inside the Bearcat 35 but ended in a turnover when Williams intercepted a pass. This Friday night the Union Grove Lions will be back in action at home as they host the Big Sandy in a Thursday night matchup at 7:30 p.m. from Glyn Johnston Stadium in Union Grove.

Bears eye playoffs after beating Rabbits

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72 yard kickoff return by Rabbit Alijuah Drayton set Atlanta up at the Bear 18 yard line. The Gladewater defense once again stepped up holding the Rabbits to a 24 yard Hernandez field goal with :17 left in the 1st half. Atlanta inched a little closer after the ensuing kickoff took a Rabbit bounce away from all Bear receivers, ending up in Atlanta possession at the Gladewater 25 yard line. With :05 left on the clock K Hernandez hit a 33 yard field goal to get the Rabbits within one point at the half. The Bears came out for the 2nd Half determined to put some distance between them and the Rabbits on the scoreboard and that they did. Taking the 2nd half kickoff Gladewater went 48 yards in 7 plays, scoring on a 12 yard run from QB Holmes. Hassek split the uprights giving the Bears a 28-20 lead. After the offense took care of business, the defense put the brakes on the Atlanta running attack. After being held to only 2 yards, the Rabbits were forced to punt. The Bears, who have blocked 2 punts this year for touchdowns got a partial hand on the punt. An Atlanta player, thinking it was a free ball, fell on the football at the Rabbit 42 yard line, setting Gladewater up with great field position. Two plays later Bear RB Walker got his first TD of the night, scoring on a 4 yard run with 8:17 left in the 3rd Quarter and giving the Bears a 15 point lead. Atlanta got on the board for the last time with 2:52 left in the 3rd Quarter. QB Pierce hit Couley with a 40 yard touchdown pass to pull within 8 points of the Bears, but on Gladewater's next series RB Walker plowed in from the 2 yard line to put the Bears up 42-27. The Rabbits tried one last march, driving to midfield, but an interception by Bear's Tyrone Maddox squashed the drive and Gladewater went back to their "ground and pound" to run out the last 7:50 of the game.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM JERRY WILLIAMS

Jerry Williams passed away on October 5, 2020. He was born on June 4, 1932 to J.O. Williams and Ella Mae Odom Williams. Jerry was a 1949 graduate of Gladewater High School where he was valedictorian. He earned a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree



from Baylor University and served 3 years as an officer in the United States Air Force. Jerry married Polly Aiken Williams in 1959. He worked in his family business J.O. Williams Pontiac Buick for over 20 years. He was one of the founders of Glade Lanes, Glade Tennis & Swim Club and owner of Glade Healthclub. Jerry was an avid tennis player and enjoyed weight training throughout his life. He was real estate investor, was involved in banking as a principal shareholder of First Bankshares of Texas, and was a

partner in several Grady's Restaurants. Jerry also volunteered his time to civic activities as a member of the Gladewater Lion's Club and Rotary Club and served on the Gladewater City Council.

Jerry never met a stranger and could easily converse with anyone. He was a man of great accomplishment and was highly intelligent. One of his most endearing qualities was his willingness to share his knowledge with anyone—friends, family, or strangers—to help them have a better life.

Jerry was a lifelong Republican. He was an entrepreneur and was a very strong believer in the free enterprise system and proved what one could accomplish through hard work and determination. He also wholeheartedly supported his children in all their endeavors and instilled in them a belief that they could do whatever they set their mind to.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers J.O. Williams and Neal Williams. He is survived by his children Ronda, Dana, Steven, and Lori and his grandchildren Amber, Leah, Caroline, Heather, Cheyenne, Nick, Milo, Lola, and Savvy.

There will be no service at this time.

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JAMES MATTHEW FLOYD

Funeral services for James Matthew Floyd, Jr., 74, of Gladewater will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2020, at the Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gladewater with Pastor David Dusek officiating. Interment will follow services at Gladewater Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Friday evening at Croley Funeral Home from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Floyd passed away Friday, October 9, 2020, in Longview.



James was born January 25, 1946, in Tampa, Florida, to James Matthew Floyd, Sr. and Kathleen Giddens Floyd. He retired from GTE/Verizon after 28 years of service as an Engineer Executive and was the recipient of the Chairman's Award. Mr. Floyd served in the United States Air Force. James was very giving of his time with the community; but even more with his sons. He was always traveling for their activities like livestock shows, soccer, and basketball no matter how far away. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, classic cars and above all spending time with his family watching his grandkids in soccer, softball, and FFA. James leaves behind a loving family to carry on his legacy.

James is survived by his loving wife Dolly Floyd; father James Matthew Floyd, Sr.; three sons Scott Floyd and wife Monica, Jason Floyd and wife Heather and Matt Floyd; daughter Denise Wolff; sister Sharon Roberts; four grandchildren Katelyn Floyd, Kamryn Floyd, Christian Floyd and Alexis Floyd as well as many other loving family and friends.

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



Croley's Murray named TFDA's new president

By Phillip Williams

Troy Murray, president and general manager of Croley Funeral Homes in Gladewater and Hawkins, took office recently as president of the 3,000-member Texas Funeral Directors Association at its virtual 134th annual convention.

Murray, 46, of Gilmer, was installed Sept. 29 by his father Steve Murray's longtime friend, association past president Robby Bates of Dekalb, at the association's Austin office (Steve Murray is a longtime funeral director, and Bates is also a past president of the National Funeral Directors Association.)

Troy Murray had been named the state association's president-elect last year. He is also president/general manager of Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer, which has existed since 1883, Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Homes in Gilmer and Diana community, and Sunset Memorial Park in Gilmer.

He said last week it was "truly an honor" to serve his fellow funeral directors and "continue to serve the families we serve in East Texas."

Murray has received past honors from the state organization and

East Texas Funeral Directors Association. He was the state group's secretary-treasurer for one year before being elected president-elect last year, and is past president of the East Texas group.

He was named the state association's "2015 Young Funeral Professional of the Year."

A 1992 graduate of Gilmer High School, Murray graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service with honors and began his career in Beaumont before moving back to Gilmer in 2007 to help his father in business.

The Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer is one of the oldest continually-operating mortuaries in Texas and has a state historical marker.

Troy Murray, married father of two children, was president of the East Texas Yamboree festival in 2018 and was named the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce's "outstanding citizen" for 2015.

He is past president of the chamber. He is also a member of the Gilmer Rotary Club, Bethesda Masonic Lodge No. 142 A.F.&A.M. in Gilmer and the First Baptist Church in that city.

Take proper health precautions when voting early

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in line to vote can help prevent the spread of germs.

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Also - early voting for Upshur County residents will be held at the Gilmer Civic Center, not the courthouse this election.

Finally, voters will see a Gladewater City Council race on this Nov. 3rd ballot. Those elections were postponed in May and moved forward to this November.

Incumbent Farrell Alexander is being challenged by former city councilman Scott Owens for the Place 2 seat. Mayor JD Shipp and Place 3 councilwoman Brandy Flanagan are unopposed.

There were no challenges for the Gladewater ISD board.

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Former Gov. Perry visits East Texas

By Phillip Williams

Former Texas Gov. and ex-federal Secretary of Energy Rick Perry told an audience of 200 at a political dinner outside Gilmer on Saturday night that Americans are in a "spiritual battle" with forces being driven by "demonic" Marxism.



Appearing at East Texans for Liberty's annual "Stars of Texas Fall Celebration" (along with country music star Neal McCoy, who led singing of the National Anthem), Perry told the gathering at Flyin' Feathers Ranch that Marxism was at the core of what was "driving those people that are

burning down these cities."

Perry, the longest-serving governor in state history, urged the audience to take people to the polls and "multiply your vote 'cause I'm telling you if we're not successful and (Democratic Presidential nominee) Joe Biden, who's a Manchurian candidate" wins, his running mate Sen. Kamala Harris and other senators will

ban fracking and try to pack the United States Supreme Court.

"We gotta go with intensity if we want a country that our children and grandchildren want to live in," Perry declared.

Praising President Trump, whose cabinet he was in, Perry said Washington is "a swamp, folks, and the deep state is there," but that jobs were created and taxes reduced under Trump.

In addition, "he ain't gonna send \$150 billion to the Iranians," a reference to Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, having sent money to that nation.

Some say they won't vote for Trump because "he's rude, crude," but "Donald Trump is gonna stand for the rule of law" while Biden will stand for "chaos," Perry argued.

Concerning controversy over the President's morals, the former governor pointed to the story of David's adulterous affair with Bathsheba in the Bible and said "God's been using Donald Trump... We've got the best candidate."

Perry said Americans need to get on their knees as the Bible instructs to seek forgiveness.

Also addressing the gathering were U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Tyler) and Republican State Sen. Pat Fallon, both in contested races for separate Congressional seats.



Always a crowd pleasure, the Gladewater HoneyBears performed Friday night at Jack V. Murphy Stadium.

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Give which included a silent online auction, Saturday's ticketed event with live auction, fundraising games, live music and a host of generous individuals and businesses who make up Bear Nation.

"The success of our inaugural fundraiser is due totally to the hard work of an amazing committee led by Katie Ellis, event chair and her committee of Cori Arevalo, Lois Reed and Christian Allen," Shipp said. "They were truly our Giddy Up & Go getters for the give. I can not sing enough praise nor say enough times thank you to them for the time devoted to this fundraiser."

According to Ellis, she hit the ground running with ideas and then the pandemic put a damper on the original planning.

"I spent months feeling discouraged on how I could possibly pull something off with all these restrictions," Ellis said. "To say it was a success is an understatement. Our Gladewater community showed up and showed out, or as I would like to say, they giddied up and gave. I'm not surprised by our community, I am thankful that this awful virus didn't hinder us from helping out our teachers and students who much deserve these grants especially during this difficult time."

Live auction items included the first Jack L. Phillips Bear Memorial Hunt at Phillips'



The GISD gifted and talented robotics program will no longer be outdated as Mark and Pat Commander donated the funds to replace them with competitive models. The approximately \$2,000 donation was made in memory of their granddaughter, Lexi Commander who passed away at the age of seven in 2011. The robots will be named LexiBots in her memory.

Photo by Suzanne Bardwell

Tequesquite Ranch with Bar JP Safaris in Bracketville, a Mossberg rifle, a custom Bear cooler filled with surprise items, art by Gladewater elementary students and even dinner for four with Mayor JD Shipp to the Country Tavern in the Longhorn Limousine to name just a few. The silent online auction had dozens of items donated by generous businesses and individuals that proved to be popular with at home bidders as well.

"The glue between the absolutely best (live event) committee and the Education Foundation's successful fundraiser was no doubt the

community of generous sponsors who supported us," Shipp said.

Education Service Center VII's Cori Arevalo was the graphics arts creator and committee member who shared her excitement about the success of the event as well.

"It was so moving to see the money pouring in, especially during these crazy times, but I know Gladewater is filled with kind and generous people and it wasn't surprising to see how quickly they stepped up to show their support," Arevalo said. "I feel that most everyone in our community understands how important EFG grants will be to our teachers and students."



Gladewater Mirror owner Jim Bardwell, Mayor JD Shipp, Brent Abernathy and Dale Rhodes enjoyed the hospitality of Saturday's Giddy Up & Give event at the Stockyard Steakhouse. The four were event table sponsors. Rhodes led the pack on several winning bids helping to raise funds for the Education Foundation of Gladewater.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Car enthusiast Ricky Wallace checks out this classic pickup truck at Thursday's "Back to the Bricks" car cruise in downtown Gladewater. Wallace joined other local classic car owners in showing off their flashy rides. The monthly event is sponsored by the Gladewater Mirror and Copeland Insurance. This last week's cruise was the last one for the season since daylight savings time ends this month. But it will return next spring. Keep an eye out for notices in the Mirror. Photos by Jim Bardwell



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