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## Trustees hear pandemic challenges

By Suzanne Bardwell

GISD trustees approved the mineral and real estate tax levy for the 2020 tax year as presented by tax assessor/collector Trecia Turner with real estate assessed at \$6,781,766.45 and mineral valuation at \$1,168,422.08.

Supt. Sedic Clark recognized campus principals Kerry Hrdackey, Amanda Langford, Chris Langford and Cathy Bedair for their exceptional work. October is principal appreciation month.

"The most important position in a district is the classroom teacher," Clark said. "The most difficult position is probably that of the campus principal. They have to come through when it matters the most. They have a significant impact on our success and our students' success. I thank them for all their hard work."

Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot reported on the challenges and frustrations of distance learning instruction to remote learners. He reported that the failure rate for the at-home learners was higher. The first nine weeks saw 302 students choosing remote learning with 110 of those students experiencing failure in one or more subjects. Those statistics do not include quarantine students.

"Our teachers are doing all they can," Dr. Lightfoot said. "But it still pales in comparison to in-person learning. We continue to do the work. Our teachers are spending countless hours calling parents and kids and even making home visits in some cases. It is hard work, double the work for our staff. We can meet needs of struggling students better if they are with us."

Dr. Lightfoot reported that the number of remote learners as of Oct. 12 had dropped to 216.

"We are reaching out to those failing on a personal level," Supt. Sedic Clark said. "We have a situation we have to handle and we are handling it."

Dr. Lightfoot pointed out that the situation was not unique to GISD but was comparable to other districts throughout the region and state. He also noted that districts would be dealing with the struggles of pandemic learning constraints for years to come because of the learning deficits for many students.

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Eli Carter hurdles over a Jefferson Bulldog defensive-man as he gains a crucial first down for the Bears Friday night. Gladewater rolled over the Bulldogs 51-13 and are unbeaten in district play. The Bears take on the undefeated White Oak Roughnecks this Friday in Jack V. Murphy Stadium.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

## Gladewater losing majority of firefighters to neighboring ESD

By Jim Bardwell

Although it wasn't on Thursday's Gladewater City Council agenda, Mayor JD Shipp felt compelled to address the recent news that eight Gladewater firefighters are leaving for better paying jobs - about \$10,000 more per year.

Gladewater Fire Department employs a staff of 13, including GFD Fire Chief Cory Crowell, with seven part-time firefighters and five volunteers.

The firefighters have chosen to leave to join Smith County Emergency Services District No. 2, which was approved by voters in November 2019 to raise sales taxes to fund and hire additional firefighters for stations across rural Smith County. The ultimate goal is to have paid firefighters at each fire department 24 hours a day 7 days a week. According to the Smith County ESD 2 website,

the starting pay for qualified firefighters is \$46,345.

"The sales tax increase approved by voters within Smith County ESD 2 allows the hire of additional full time staff at a rate of \$10,000 more than ours," Shipp told the crowd at the council meeting and on the live-stream on the Gladewater Mirror Facebook page. "\$10,000 more. Where would Smith County ESD 2 most likely pull from local full-time departments to fill those new positions? Where? Longview? Tyler? Kilgore? Or Gladewater? Gladewater, of course."

"We have a really great group of firemen. This opportunity which recently opened is an excellent opportunity for our guys to take the next step in their careers within the fire service industry and to better care for their families with the substantial pay increase."

Gladewater's starting salary is \$35,823, while the median annual salary of firefighters in state of Texas ranges from \$32,280 to \$71,300. The highest paying area for firefighters in Texas is Waco with a median annual salary of \$71,300. The second highest paying city/area in Texas is Fort Worth-Arlington (mean annual salary \$66,180). The lowest paying area is Gulf Coast Texas non-metropolitan area with a median annual salary of \$32,280.

Closer to home, Tyler's median pay for firefighters is \$37,890 per year, while Longview's \$63,030.

Shipp assured everyone that the decision to part company was totally on the firefighters, not the city.

Shipp said some comments being posed or made on social media claimed the city didn't even try and meet the firefighters

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Gladewater Bears vs. White Oak Roughnecks  
Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Jack V. Murphy Stadium

### By The Numbers

Record - Bears 27 White Oak 7  
1st Meeting - 1974 White Oak won 16-6 (My Senior year. White Oak watered-down their field all week to make it difficult for our speedster RBs. On top of that it rained all week. At halftime the water was ankle deep. Sure was hard marching in the mud and water.  
Last Meeting - 2019 Bears won 44-0  
White Oak's Last Win - 2004 27-14  
Total Points - Bears 1064 White Oak 380  
Most Points in a Game - 88 1985 Bears won 68-20  
Fewest Points in a Game - 14 1978 Bears won 14-0  
Largest Point Spread - 55 1983 Bears won 55-0, 1996 Bears won 55-0  
Closest Game - 3 1999 Bears won 24-21  
Bears Shutout White Oak - 10 times- 1978 14-0, 1979 34-0, 1983 55-0, 1990 47-0, 1994 34-0, 1996 55-0, 2000 41-0, 2001 28-0, 2018 49-0, 2019 44-0.  
White Oak has Shutout the Bears - 1 time- 1997 31-0

## Bears roll over Bulldogs, 51-13

By Elizabeth Mckamy

The Gladewater Bears, despite missing several key starters, proved why they are a team to be afraid of this season. Gladewater's Eligia Carter and Devon Walker combined for 317 yards and 6 touchdowns to lead the Bears to a 51-13 victory over the host Jefferson Bulldogs here Friday night at W. F. Lockett Field in Jefferson.

Gladewater's "ground and pound" was in full force as the Bears offense clawed their way to 391 yards rushing as the defense mauled the Bulldogs, causing 3 turnovers and holding the potent Jefferson offense to 13 points. Jefferson, who had racked up over 500 total yards of offense last week, in their 41-34 win over Sabine, wished on this cold night that the Bear defense had gone into hibernation, but it wasn't to happen, as the Bulldogs were running for their lives all night long.

Gladewater got their only passing touchdown on the night, on their first possession of the game, when QB Tristan Holmes hit WR K'Havia Reese on a 46 yard strike with 7:37 left in the 1st Quarter. Four plays later Reese showed his defensive skills snagging a Jefferson pass and setting the Bears up at the Bulldog 25 yard line, but the Jefferson defense came away with their only turnover of the night when a Holmes pass was knocked out of the Bear receiver's arms, straight to a Bulldog who returned the interception 38 yards. A penalty on the play set Jefferson up in great field position at the Bear 38 yard line. It was for naught, as once again the Gladewater defense stepped up big, getting their second interception of the contest, this one by the Bears Tyrone Maddox. Marching 70 yards down the field and eating up the clock on their way, Gladewater got on the

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### District 6 3A D1 Standings

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Gladewater | 6-2, 4-0 |
| White Oak  | 4-0, 3-0 |
| Tatum      | 4-1, 2-1 |
| Jefferson  | 3-4, 1-2 |
| Sabine     | 3-5, 1-3 |
| Atlanta    | 1-7, 1-3 |
| New Boston | 1-5, 0-3 |

### Friday's Game Scores

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| Gladewater | 51, Jefferson 13 |
| Tatum      | 44, Atlanta 20   |
| White Oak  | 30, Sabine 11    |
| New Boston | open             |

### This Week's Games

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| White Oak | at Gladewater |
| Jefferson | at Tatum      |
| Atlanta   | at New Boston |
| Sabine    | Open          |

## POTHOLE OF THE WEEK



This ginormous pot canyon can be found on the corner of Hampton and Wabine streets. It was contributed by a Gladewater Mirror reader whose chassis has suffered from its effects. Got a pothole to share? Send your photo to: gladewatermirror@aol.com or snap a photo using the Gladewater Mirror App.



Gladewater's DJ Allen was awarded Monday with the 2020 Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week trophy for week 5 - where the Bears beat Tatum 42-21, with Allen earned the secondary with 10 catches for 283 yards and five touchdowns. Allen was joined at the presentation by Bear Head Coach Jonny Louvier and J.O. Williams' Josh Johnston, Dash Williams, Mason Williams and Michael Williams. As a "Built Ford Tough" gridiron hero Allen was honored for his performance on the field and leadership off the field, as well as significant statistics from that week's game and contribution to the team's success through individual leadership abilities.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

**Chris Cobler**  
Capital  
Highlights



## State resumes requiring job searches to get benefits

Texans receiving unemployment benefits will need to show an active effort to find a job starting Nov. 1.

The Texas Workforce Commission suspended the requirement in March as the pandemic started. More than 3.6 million have filed for unemployment relief since then, according to Texas Tribune research.

Workforce Executive Director Ed Serna said the state continues to suffer from the pandemic, "but we're seeing employment opportunities begin to bounce back in Texas as our economy restarts. There are opportunities out there, and getting Texans back to work and businesses up and running again will create even more."

Abhi Rahman, Texas Democratic Party communications director, called the action "wrong and emblematic of Republicans who will do the most cruel thing imaginable every chance they get."

"These are Texans who are struggling to put food on the table or fighting off evictions," Rahman said. "These are Texans who have lost everything due to no fault of their own."

Workforce officials report 695,000 jobs are available at WorkInTexas.com, the state's online portal. Texas Workforce also reported the state's unemployment rate jumped to 8.3% in September, up from 7% in August.

## Big-time advocate in small town

A small-town Texas librarian is making big waves as an advocate for universal broadband access.

Dianne Connery, director of the Pottsboro Area Library, is spotlighted in Arizona State University's ShapingEDU's blog for her efforts to make high-speed internet available in her town of 2,000. Pottsboro is about 75 miles north of Dallas.

The article notes she helps library users with their online medical appointments, works to create wifi hotspots around Pottsboro for students during the pandemic, and teaches people how to use Google Drive. She also drives around town testing to show where broadband coverage has been exaggerated by service providers.

"Working in a rural library, I talk to people every day who struggle with not having access to broadband," Connery said. "Their stories inspired me to work to improve conditions. In particular, I saw how young people do not have the same experiences and opportunities as kids in the suburbs and urban environments."

## Burning like a heat wave

La Niña conditions threaten to make this a dangerously dry and warm winter and spring in much of Texas.

A La Niña event could lead to a drought and a summer heat wave similar to the weather pattern that smacked the state in 2010-11, according to Nelun Fernando with the Texas Water Development Board. Other factors might affect the amount of rainfall between now and the summer, he said, but already 18 counties in West Texas and the Panhandle are experiencing exceptional drought.

"We can say with some certainty, though, that the die is loaded toward drought persistence over West Texas through the winter and possibly through spring," Fernando said.

## Giving Texas the business

The Aggies and the Longhorns aren't likely to finish No. 1 in football this season, but Texas can celebrate a national championship in economic development.

The state ranked No. 1 for the eighth consecutive time in a survey of U.S. corporate executives. The survey was announced at the International Economic Development Council's annual conference, which was held virtually in Dallas.

Executives preferred Texas over No. 2 Georgia by a wide margin. North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee round out the top five. Factors cited in the ranking: overall business climate, a favorable tax climate, a pro-business environment, and access to talent.

## Carve out Halloween fun with care

Halloween activities will need to be more thoughtful this year to be safe during the pandemic, the Texas Department of Health Service advises. Trick-or-treating from door to door is considered a high-risk activity for spreading COVID-19 and should be avoided, according to the state health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People also should avoid attending crowded indoor costume parties and going to an indoor haunted house or on a hayride with those who are not part of their household.

Instead, the state and federal health agencies recommend lower-risk holiday activities such as carving pumpkins, decorating at home and having a virtual costume party. Moderate-risk activities include participating in one-way trick-or-treating where goodies are left at the end of the driveway; having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are 6 feet apart and wear protective masks; and visiting pumpkin patches where people use hand sanitizer, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distance.

Costumes with facial coverings are not sufficient replacements for proper cloth face masks, officials said.

## This day...

Cancer, in any of its forms is a frightening diagnosis. Every single reader has dealt with this disease in some form. Some families get an unfair helping of the dreaded disease. Some are shocked to find that exposure to carcinogens in ways they couldn't have imagined have brought the disease to their door.

I have watched some face the fight with a smile and determination. I have seen some let the disease take them without raising a fist to fight because it came at a time that it was just too much to bear. We have all seen the fight and the surrender too many times to count.

So here comes October with all of its reminders about breast cancer awareness in cheery pink. And certainly the focus has led to saved lives and earlier treatment and that is definitely something to celebrate. And we do. We have come a long way. So, I too, will be breaking out my pink shirts.

My grandmother was diagnosed in the days of brutalizing surgery and chemo. She surrendered when the disease metastasized. She had lived a loving and relatively long life. Yet as she waited to leave this earth one of her heartbreaking cries to me was "why can't I just die?" I didn't know the answer to her question but I encouraged her to be at peace and be with us until she wasn't.

My joyful aunt raised her fist and fought the disease with energy and fierce dedication and she lived to be 85. She died of our family's

**Suzanne  
Bardwell**



most feared ailment...stroke. One of my best friends fought cancer in her early 40s just as fiercely only to embrace the inevitable and say goodbye to her 11-year old son. My husband's beloved Granny fought it with the help of her family as long as she could and had seven years more of life, but died far too soon, at the same age I am now.

Medicine has come a long way. Treatments for cancer are better than ever. But that doesn't change the fear of the unknown that comes with the diagnosis. So we keep fighting as long as we can. And we keep supporting those we love as long as we can.

Until there is no more time.

Today is all we have. Today, this moment, is our life. Let's try to live it as fully, as joyfully, as courageously and kindly as we can.

Because we can.

That is the gift we have before us...this day.

I pray that your gift of life, today, is filled with much laughter and love. And memories. Sweet and precious memories.



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## Going once ...

Two Americans, Dr. Paul R. Milgrom and Dr. Robert B. Wilson of Stanford University, received this year's Nobel Prize in Economics "for improvements to auction theory and inventions of new auction formats."



Each year, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Prize in recognition of ideas and research that increase our understanding of important issues in economics and related areas.

This year's winners have studied auctions and how they work.

Most of us experience auctions in some form, perhaps through silent bidding at charity events

or buying items on eBay. While the concept of auctions has been around for millennia and is generally understood, making them effective and efficient isn't so simple. It's particularly complex for certain types of goods and services that aren't easy to sell through traditional channels, such as frequencies on the radio spectrum or airport landing slots.

I worked on some of the early spectrum sales in the 1980s. The process became so bogged down at times that the federal government ended up assigning access by lottery. Paul and Bob did much to resolve these problems.

One issue arising from auctions of public goods is that the process can actually result in the winning bidder paying too much and impairing its financial

sustainability. If a cellular service provider buys radio frequencies but then lacks the resources to fully deploy the needed infrastructure, for example, cell phone service may suffer. In fact, for many public goods, the highest bid may not always yield the best outcome for society.

Dr. Wilson and Dr. Milgrom came up with better structures and formats for auctions, especially in non-traditional situations. In studying auction theory, they gained insight into how rules for bidding and final prices affect outcomes. Much of their work expands on the seminal precepts of game theory originally conceived by the beautiful mind of John Nash.

Bob's work deals with the concept of a "common value," which is uncertain at the time of the auction but would be the

same for everyone in the end. An example is the actual amount of recoverable oil beneath certain acreage. His theories demonstrate why rational bidders place bids below their own best estimate of the common value because they are afraid of paying too much (the "winner's curse").

Paul's more general theory accounts for common values, but also the possibility of "private values" that vary for each bidder. He found that the auction format gives the seller higher expected revenue when bidders learn more about each other's estimated values during the auction.

This work has helped not only sellers and buyers, but also taxpayers through boosting revenue and improving social wellbeing in auctions of public goods. The Prize is well deserved. Stay safe!!



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## JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

Someone once asked: "What is more embarrassing than jumping to a conclusion that isn't there?" In some matters jumping to unjustified conclusions is worse than embarrassing. It can be fatal! It can jeopardize one's salvation.

For example, look at one of the most common false conclusions many jump to concerning salvation. Because the Bible says we are saved by faith, many people jump to the conclusion that salvation is by faith "only." They conclude people are saved the moment they believe, and regardless of whether or not they obey other things God commands. However, the conclusion they jump to isn't really there.

First, the Bible plainly says we are not justified by faith only. "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." (Jas. 2: 24). Obviously, when the Bible says we are not justified by faith only, anyone who jumps to the conclusion that we are justified by faith only, is jumping to a conclusion that isn't there. When the Bible teaches that we are saved by faith, it doesn't mean "faith only."

People are saved by faith when, their faith leads them to repent of their sins, confess Christ, and be scripturally baptized. Just as the Bible says we are saved by faith, it also says, in 1 Pet. 3: 21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us." It would be jumping to a conclusion that's not really there, if we decided we are saved by baptism "only" because the Bible says we are saved by baptism. By the same token, it is jumping to a false conclusion to decide we are saved by faith "only" because the Bible says we are saved by faith.

The truth is, we are saved by faith when we, by faith, do the things God commands of us to be saved. That includes baptism, as well as repentance and confession of Jesus. Have you been saved by faith? Think on these things.

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# Bears roll over Bulldogs, 51-13

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scoreboard again when K Justice Hassek was good on a 30 yard field goal, giving the Bears a 10-0 lead with 9:27 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Jefferson looked like they might get their first points of the game on their next drive, but on 4th and 4 from the Bear 31 yard line, QB Josh Thomas was dropped for a 5 yard loss by the stingy Bear defense, turning the ball back over to Gladewater. The Bears wasted no time adding to their lead, going 64 yards in 8 plays and scoring on a 5 yard Carter run, putting the Bears up 17-0 at the half.

The Bulldogs got their first points of the night after a pooch kick on the opening kickoff of the 2nd half ended up in Jefferson hands at the Bear 40 yard line. Four plays later Thomas scored on a 19 yard QB scamper, closing the Bear lead to 17-7 with 10:28 left in the 3rd Quarter. Meant to excite and motivate the Bulldogs and their fans, the score had the reverse effect. It's never good to poke a Bear, much less 36 of them, but that's exactly what Jefferson's touchdown did. Gladewater proceeded to go on a 34-0 run, scoring on runs of 18, 29, and 1 yard by Carter and runs of 12 and 3 yards by Walker to eat up time and yardage and ground their way to a 51-7 lead as the Bear defense was literally pounding the Bulldog offense.

Jefferson got their final points of the night on a 90 yard kickoff return by Carlos Jackson with 3:09 left in the game. The extra point was blocked and the Bears claimed the 51-13 victory, staying atop the District 6 3A D1 leader board.

The Bears host the undefeated (4-0, 3-0) Roughnecks of White Oak Friday night, October 23rd, 7:30 pm at Jack V. Murphy "Bear" Stadium. Come out and support your Bears in this big game for 1st place in district play.



Bear Kolin Lewis picks up valuable real estate Friday night against the Jefferson Bulldogs. Gladewater rolled up 51 points to Jefferson's 13 to stay unbeaten in district action.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

| SCORE BY QUARTER |   |    |    |    |       |
|------------------|---|----|----|----|-------|
| TEAM             | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | FINAL |
| GWATER           | 7 | 10 | 20 | 14 | 51    |
| JEFFERSON        | 0 | 0  | 7  | 6  | 13    |

| GAME STATS       |               |                          |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| First Downs-     | Bears 23      | Jefferson 10             |
| Rushing- Bears   | 46/391        | Jefferson 24/99          |
| Passing- Bears   | 1/5/46/TD/Int | Jefferson 10/18/93/2 Int |
| Fumbles/Lost-    | Bears 0       | Jefferson 1/1            |
| Punts-           | Bears 0       | Jefferson 5/23 avg       |
| Penalties/Yards- | Bears 9/83    | Jefferson 9/65           |

## SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter- Bears go 86 yards in 3 plays, scoring on a 46 yard Tristan Holmes to K'Havia Reese pass. Justice Hassek's kick was good, making the score Bears 7 Jefferson 0 with 7:37 left in 1st Quarter.

2nd Quarter- Bears go 70 yards in 11 plays, scoring on a 30 yard Justice Hassek field goal, making the score Bears 10 Jefferson 0 with 9:27 left in 2nd Quarter.

Bears go 64 yards in 8 plays, scoring on a Eligia Carter 5 yard run. Hassek's kick was good, making the score Bears 17 Jefferson 0 with 3:46 left in 2nd Quarter.

3rd Quarter- Jefferson goes 40 yards in 4 plays, scoring on a 19 yard run by Josh Thomas. The pat was good, making the score Bears 17 Jefferson 7 with 10:28 left in 3rd Quarter.

Bears go 57 yards in 3 plays, scoring on a Carter 18 yard run. Hassek's kick was no good, making the score Bears 23 Jefferson 7 with 9:36 left in 3rd Quarter.

Bears go 29 yards in 1 play, scoring on a 29 yard run by Carter. Hassek's kick was good, making the score Bears 30 Jefferson 7 with 7:31 left in 3rd Quarter.

Bears go 32 yards in 6 plays, scoring on a 1 yard run by Carter. Hassek's kick was good, making the score Bears 37 Jefferson 7 with 2:21 left in 3rd Quarter.

4th Quarter- Bears go 46 yards in 6 plays, scoring on a Walker run of 12 yards. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 44 Jefferson 7 with 7:03 left in 4th Quarter.

Bears go 12 yards in 4 plays scoring on a 3 yard run by Walker. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 51 Jefferson 7 with 3:23 left in 4th Quarter.

Jefferson goes 90 yards in 1 play, scoring on a Jackson 90 yard kickoff return. The kick was blocked making the score Bears 51 Jefferson 13 with 3:09 left in 4th Quarter.

## INDIVIDUAL LEADER STATS

Gladewater Bears

- Rushing- Eligia Carter 21/235/4 TDs
- Devon Walker 13/82/2 TDs
- Passing- Tristan Holmes 1/5/46/TD/Int
- Receiving- K'Havia Reese 1/46/TD
- Kickoff Ret- Eligia Carter 1/20
- Fumble Recovery- Nick Lincoln
- Interception Returns- K'Havia Reese 1/5
- Tyrone Maddox 1
- Field Goal- Justice Hassek 1 for 30 yards

Jefferson Bulldogs

- Rushing- Malik Brasher 12/73
- Josh Thomas 10/26/TD
- Passing- Josh Thomas 10/18/93/2 Int
- Receiving- Dontavian Gardner 3/36
- Kickoff Returns- Carlos Jackson 1/90/TD
- Interception Return- Zion Hopes 1/38



Eli Carter burned the Jefferson defense Friday night, rushing for 235 yards on 21 carries and contributing four TDs on the night in the 51-13 win. Photo by Jim Bardwell

# Union Grove back in the win column, beating Wildcats 33-8

By Jordan Moss

The Union Grove Lions are back in the win column.

Union Grove defeated the Big Sandy Wildcats 33-8 on Thursday night to earn their second win of the year.

The Lions were led offensively by a ground attack that put up 312 total rushing yards using just three ball carriers. Senior quarterback Matthew Bower led the pack with 151 rushing yards on 14 carries for an average of 10.8 yards per carry and one rushing touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Cooper Vestal added 139 yards on 15 carries averaging 9.3 yards per carry. Vestal had a rushing touchdown of his own as well. Junior Carter Smith finished with 22 yards on seven carries.

Senior Cannon Cowan caught four balls for 63 yards and a touchdown while fellow senior Grayson Barnett hauled in three

catches for eight yards.

On defense the Lions were led in tackles by sophomore Blake Moore who finished with six total tackles, four of which were solo and two coming for a loss. Cowan intercepted a pass and freshman Anthony Scavone hurried the Wildcats quarterback once and recovered a fumble.

The tone was set early on when Vestal scored on a 73-yard option run on just the second play from scrimmage. Union Grove never trailed in the game.

The Lions even got a safety in the game when junior Hunter Cannon brought down the Wildcats back behind in their own endzone on the first play of the possession following a Lions turnover on downs.

Union Grove Head Football Coach Scotty Laymance spoke after the game about getting back into the right side of the

win column.

"It was great for our team to get back into the win column, and always good to win a rivalry game," Laymance said.

With starting quarterback Chase Mead out with an injury, it was Vestal asked to step up to the plate. The sophomore quarterback finished the night going eight-of-13 passing for 67 yards. Bower also stepped up to fill the void completing two-of-three passes for 47 yards and a touchdown.

Laymance spoke after the game about the performance from his young quarterback.

"Cooper Vestal had a great game at QB as the replacement starter for Chase Mead," Laymance said.

Laymance also praised the defensive effort he saw from the Lions on Thursday night.

"Our defense played very well as they held Big Sandy to zero points until under a minute to play in the fourth quarter," Laymance said. "The defense also had two safeties and an interception return for a touchdown by Cannon Cowan."

It was the first win for the Lions since back on Sept. 11 when they defeated Alba 12-8. Laymance spoke after the game about the pride he and his staff feel in the effort put forth by the team this season.

"Our coaching staff is continually impressed by the resiliency that our kids have shown through this season," Laymance said. "They have taken everything that has been thrown at them and continue to rise up to the next challenge."

The Lions will next be in action this Friday night when they travel to take on the Frankston Indians at 7:30 p.m. from Jeff and Opal Austin Stadium in Frankston.

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# Gladewater losing majority of firefighters

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halfway. "Well, halfway is at least \$5,000," Shipp explained. "Multiply that times 12. We do not have \$60,000 within our existing budget to accommodate this salary increase. A salary is a reoccurring expense that we would have to meet every budget cycle."

"We have struggled for years to balance our budget. This is why step pay increases were frozen for everyone. This is why we asked departments heads to trim their budgets by 3%, after they were already asked to provide a lean budget, two or three years ago."

"Last year, for the first time in many, we had a budget surplus of less than \$20 - less than \$20. This year, we had a budget surplus of a little over \$40,000. Do we really obligate a surplus that we haven't experienced in years to a reoccurring expense? Will this surplus be here next year? We don't know. I don't think it wise to obligate any reoccurring expense to a surplus where uncertainty exists."

The Smith County ESD 2 budget calls for \$7,249,817 to be spent on payroll in 2020-2021.

Chief Crowell said the situation will most likely worsen by the end of the year, with three more GFD firefighters expected to leave, which will mean he and one fireman will be left to cover the city.

Shipp said this is not the first time Gladewater has found itself in such a situation.

"Well, we were in a similar situation only a couple years ago with our police department," Shipp explained, referring to when the Gladewater PD had to be rebuilt following former GPD chief Rob Vine's departure.



Neighboring police departments were contracted to fill in until a new chief and new officers could be hired. "It's a very similar game plan. We will actively pursue new job candidates. We are not going to fill vacancies with a body."

"We do want to hire men or women of the similar character and professionalism as those that are leaving. We have already reached out to our neighbors so that they are aware of our staffing challenge ahead. They are willing to help our community. We do have our citizens' best interest in our actions."

Shipp said the only way to get more money to pay firefighters better is for the city to again pursue an ESD of its own.

"I believe the best solution is to seek the formation of an ESD. We have had discussions in the past about joining other communities in forming an ESD. These communities included Gladewater, White Oak, Clarksville City and Warren City," Shipp said.

"For it to be a financially viable option to fire service in our area, it would take all four communities to agree to work towards it. As of today, there does not exist that agreement to even discuss it further. However, should fire service employees and volunteers of these respective

communities reach out to their councils and express interest, we could hopefully restart this discussion."

Talks concerning forming an ESD broke down between White Oak and Gladewater two years ago, when White Oak officials decided it was not in their best interest to partner with Gladewater. White Oak officials felt Gladewater would get the lion share of the funding and some in White Oak felt Gladewater would control the ESD, leaving White Oak in a subservient role.

Councilwoman Brandy Flanagan addressed comments on social media about the loss of the firefighters.

"Gladewater did not terminate any firemen and is not going to a volunteer fire department (that was never even on the table). Positions have already been posted for those leaving to the Smith County ESD. Our neighboring communities have graciously agreed to help fill in gaps until the fire chief hires on new firemen. We wish the ones leaving nothing but the best... They are a great group of guys."

In other business at Thursday's meeting, the council:

- \* Approved the investment report for quarter ending September 30, 2020.
- \* Approved HOT (hotel/motel

tax) report for July - September 2020.

\* Amended the School Resource Officer Agreement between the City and GISD for the 2020-2021 school year.

\* Approved a Blanket Permit for the Annual Turkey Shoot to be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, with Nov. 14 as a make-up day.

\* Approved a Blanket Permit request from Brett Edmonds for Booshay's Central Station Café's Car & Truck Show to be held on November 7.

\* Approved a Blanket Permit requests from Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and Gladewater Tourism & Downtown Association for the Annual Downtown Holiday Open House to be held November 12.

\* Approved a Blanket Permit request from Gladewater Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Parade to be held on Tuesday, December 8.

\* Denied a demolition lien forgiveness request on property located on 0.31 acres at 1000 N. Culver. Councilmembers felt it would set a precedent if approved.

\* Approved a Gladewater Lake Board recommendation to fill the alternate board member position with Laura Green.

\* Approved a CenterPoint Energy franchise revision ordinance going from two to four percent.

\* Approved an agreement with Enterprise fleet company - by a 4-3 vote - to have the city's cars and trucks under a lease and maintenance program at a rate of \$185,000 per year. City officials said newer vehicles should reduce fuel and maintenance costs and actually save money on the current aging fleet.

\* The council accepted the resignation of Municipal Judge Christopher Botto.



Gladewater Fire was dispatched to a structure fire with smoke and flame showing this past weekend. On arrival GFD crews were able to get the fire under control, perform search and overhaul. GFD was supported by Clarksville/Warren City VFD, Christus EMS and Gladewater PD, as well as Sabine VFD as standby at the station.



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# Four beef cattle webinars set for October, November

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Jim Wells, Kenedy/Kleberg, Nueces and San Patricio counties will host the "Show Me the Money" beef cattle production webinar series from 6-8 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays from Oct. 26 to Nov. 16.

"These webinars, presented by AgriLife Extension and other beef cattle industry experts, will be helpful to producers because they will provide a wide range of information that can be applied to the beef cattle operation," said Jason Ott, AgriLife Extension agent, Nueces County.

The cost is \$10 for each webinar or \$20 for the first three webinars. The Nov. 16 webinar is free. Online registration is required for each webinar.

The first webinar, "Cattle Marketing," will be Oct. 26. Presenters and topics will be:

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state livestock marketing specialist and agricultural economist, Bryan-College Station — Economics of Cattle Marketing.

Eddie Garcia, Gulf Coast Auction, Alice — Cattle Buying: Why They Bring What They Do.

Riley Rhodes, Live Oak Auction, Three Rivers — Feeder Cattle Sales: Upgrading Marketability.

Rodney Butler, Beeville and Nixon auctions — Breeder Sales: Marketing Your Genetics.

The second webinar, "Feeds, Minerals and Supplementation," will be Nov. 2. It will have the following presenters and topics:

Jason Banta, Ph.D. AgriLife Extension beef specialist, Overton, will present on understanding the relationships between grass, hay and feed to maintain a cow.

Ron Gill, Ph.D., Department of Animal Science associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader for animal science at Texas A&M University, Bryan-College Station, will present on why minerals matter for cattle nutrition.

The third webinar in the series, to be presented Nov. 9, will be "The Economics of Infertility." The presenters and topics for this



Four webinars related to beef cattle production will be offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in October and November.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo

webinar will be:

Stan Bevers, retired AgriLife Extension economist and owner of Broken B Cattle and Key Performance Indicators, Vernon, will present on herd economics and the cost of open cows.

Ky Pohler, Ph.D., assistant professor of animal science with Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, will discuss how to improve cow fertility and reproduction.

The final webinar on Nov. 16 will address Beef Quality Assurance certification.

# Pedestrian killed walking on US 80

By Phillip Williams

A 50-year-old man was killed when a pickup struck him as he walked on U.S. 80 about four miles west of Gladewater on Monday night of last week, said authorities.

Samuel Stephen Lawrence, who was wearing a backpack and had been thought to be possibly homeless, had identification showing an Alexandria, La., address, said Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch. She said she pronounced him dead at the scene about 8:20 p.m. about a quarter mile west of Almond Road, but did not order an autopsy.

The pickup driver, Wesley Melvin Allen, 60, of Hawkins, was unharmed, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Jean Dark.

Preliminary investigation indicated Allen's 2001 Dodge Ram 2500 crested a hill and hit Allen, walking west in the middle of the westbound lane, Dark said.

Welch, who said the sheriff's office was notified of the accident at 7:27 p.m., quoted the driver as saying he knew he had hit something, but did not know what since he had not seen Lawrence. Thinking it might be a hog or deer, Allen promptly returned to the scene, found the victim in the ditch, did CPR on him and called 911, she said.

Welch said the driver, who was accompanied by his elderly father, said he was not speeding when the accident occurred. Allen was not intoxicated, and both men were "pretty shook," she said.

Darkness had descended before the incident, and the driver speculated Lawrence was in the middle of the highway when impact occurred, she said.

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# Tips when choosing a cancer doctor

Well wishes may come in waves when people begin to let loved ones know they have been diagnosed with cancer. Such wishes may express sentiments like "Get well soon" or "You can overcome this," but rarely will patients hear, "Good luck with your doctor." People who have never before battled cancer may not know it, but their choice of which medical professionals will guide their cancer treatment is theirs to make, and the decision can determine if their journey to beating cancer is a smooth or bumpy road.

Choosing an oncologist is a significant decision. Patients will want a doctor with experience treating their specific type of cancer,

but they also can benefit from working with an oncologist who's receptive to their questions and concerns. The Rogel Cancer Center at the University of Michigan notes that, unless patients are experiencing urgent symptoms like nausea, vomiting and pain, they have time to look for an oncologist.

Few people may know where to begin when looking for an oncologist. The Rogel Cancer Center offers the following tips to help make that decision easier.

- Speak with your primary care physician. Primary care physicians do not specialize in treating cancer, but they are no doubt familiar if not friendly with various doctors who are. That makes primary care physicians great resources.

- Emphasize communication. Look for an oncologist who keeps the lines of communication open and is willing to answer any questions you or loved ones have. Cancer treatment is complicated, and there's bound to be a few bumps in the road along the way. So patients are liable to have lots of questions, and an oncologist who's ready and willing to answer those questions and speak in reassuring tones if complications arise can help calm patients' nerves.

- Ask yourself some questions. After speaking with some oncologists, ask yourself if you understand each one's explanations about treatment, prognosis and potential side effects. If your understanding of how your treatment will unfold is uncertain after speaking with an oncologist, you might want to keep looking.

- Look for a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center. The Rogel Cancer Center notes that NCI-designated cancer centers have received recognition for their expertise. Such centers also are high-volume and staffed with doctors who specialize in treating various cancers in an assortment of ways. A list of NCI-designated cancer centers can be found at [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

Newly diagnosed cancer patients will make many decisions regarding their treatments. One of the most important such decisions involves which doctor will direct treatment.



## Pregnancy and breast cancer

Breast cancer affects millions of women across the globe every year. While some women may be at greater risk of breast cancer than others, no woman is immune, and that includes expecting mothers.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.® notes that pregnant women can be diagnosed with breast cancer, though such diagnoses are rare. In fact, Breastcancer.org notes that instances of women developing breast cancer during pregnancy are so rare that only small studies have thus far been conducted in regard to treating pregnant women with the disease. However, there are various treatment options for expecting mothers diagnosed with breast cancer.

Each woman is different, and treating breast cancer in pregnant women will depend on a host of factors. The NBCF notes that the size of the tumor, its location and the term the pregnancy is in will help to determine the safest, most effective treatment plan.

According to Breastcancer.org, a mastectomy with axillary lymph node dissection will likely be recommended to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer during the first trimester of their pregnancies. That recommendation will be based on guidelines established by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Surgery will be recommended because radiation therapy is not safe during pregnancy. Once women have undergone successful surgery, the NCCN guidelines suggest waiting until the second trimester to begin chemotherapy.

Doctors treating women diagnosed with breast cancer during the second trimester of their pregnancies may recommend either mastectomy or lumpectomy, a surgical procedure in which a lump is removed from the breast. Such recommendations align with NCCN guidelines. In addition, women who receive a lumpectomy would wait until after their children are born to receive any necessary radiation therapy or hormonal therapy. That's because radiation is not safe during pregnancy and the NBCF notes that the effects of hormone therapy on unborn children are not entirely understood.

The NCCN guidelines advise that women diagnosed with breast cancer during the third trimester of their pregnancies undergo a mastectomy or lumpectomy with axillary lymph node dissection. Chemotherapy is safe during the third trimester, but radiation and hormone therapies will be delayed until after the child is born.

Pregnant women are only rarely diagnosed with breast cancer. But as scary as such a diagnosis can be, women should rest assured that treatment is safe, even if it entails a combination of therapies.



## Symptoms of male breast cancer

Breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer diagnosed among the female population. Though breast cancer may seem like a disease that's exclusive to women, breast cancer can affect men as well.

While they have a smaller concentration than women, men have breast tissue, which means it's possible for them to develop breast cancer. Male breast cancer is most common in older men, but it is important that men recognize that the disease can strike them at any age.

Men with breast cancer experience symptoms that are similar to those experienced by women. Possible signs to be aware of include:

- skin dimpling or puckering
- a lump or swelling, which is typically (but not always) painless
- nipple retraction
- redness or scaling of the nipple or breast skin

- discharge from the nipple, which may be clear or blood-tinged

The American Cancer Society advises that sometimes breast cancer can spread to the lymph nodes under the arm or around the collar bone and cause a lump or swelling in these locations. The protrusion may be noticeable even before the original tumor in the breast is large enough to be felt.

Men should realize that enlargements or issues affecting both breasts (not on just one side) typically is not cancer. Enlargement or changes to both breasts in men can be caused by weight gain, medications or heavy alcohol consumption.

Various types of breast cancer can affect men, according to the Mayo Clinic:

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# October is National Depression Month

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There are several signs and symptoms that can determine if a person has depression. These include:

- Irritable mood most of the day, nearly every day
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities most of the day, nearly every day
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- Difficulty concentrating or making decisions

- Frequent thoughts of death or suicide

Much like diabetes, asthma or heart disease, depression is a disease that requires medical attention and treatment. However, if left untreated, depression can last months or in some cases, years.

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## What to expect after cancer treatment ends

Once the initial shock of a breast cancer diagnosis wears off, many patients are ready to get down to business and begin treatment. Based on data collected by the SEER database, which is maintained by the National Cancer Institute, five-year survival rates for breast cancer in the United States are excellent. If the cancer is localized or regional (spread to nearby structures or lymph nodes), the survival rate is 99 percent and 86 percent, respectively. If the cancer has spread to distant parts of the body, the five-year survival rate is 27 percent. These survival rates underscore the importance of early detection and treatment.

phenomenon called "chemo brain" can occur. This is a mental change characterized by an inability to focus and memory deficits.

In addition, after chemo ends, it may take up to six months for hair to start to grow back, and hair that grows back may be a different color and have a different texture.

### After radiation

The American Cancer Society says side effects from radiation may vary depending on the patient. Extreme fatigue is often noted, and such feelings may come and go.

Some people experience skin changes in the radiation treatment area. The skin may appear red, irritated, swollen, or blistered. Over time, the skin may become dry, itchy or flaky. Depending on certain types of radiation treatment, radioprotective drugs may be offered to help protect certain normal tissues.

### Follow-up

Doctors will prescribe a regimen for follow-up care. Every few months women may expect a visit at first. The longer you have been cancer-free, the fewer follow-up visits will be required. Mammograms on any remaining breast tissue will be scheduled between six and 12 months after surgery, and annually thereafter.

Bone density tests and blood and imaging tests also may be recommended if you are taking certain medications or have physical indicators that the cancer might have come back.

Getting back on track after breast cancer treatment can take time. Eventually, life can return to normal, especially for patients with a good support team in place. TF20A347

### After surgery

If treatment involves surgery for a lumpectomy or mastectomy, patients will move to into the recovery room after surgery to wake up from anesthesia. BreastCancer.org says if you are feeling any pain, now is the time to speak up, as staff in the recovery room assess your pain and vital signs.

Many surgeries are completed on an outpatient basis. However, more invasive surgeries that involve lymph node dissection require a hospital stay.

Doctors will set up a schedule of follow-up care to check surgical sites and monitor healing. Radiation or chemotherapy may be used in conjunction with surgery and may continue even after surgery.

### After chemotherapy

Chemotherapy causes an "enormous assault" on the body, according to Marisa Weiss, MD, founder of Breastcancer.org. Many of the hurdles that people feel post-treatment are lasting fatigue. WebMD says a

## Benefits of self-help groups

The benefits of self-help groups have grown enormously over the last decade—and for good reason. Researchers, participants, and physicians all recognize and appreciate the benefits of support groups. More and more people are being referred to these groups for peer support, guidance, and empathy as individuals battle a host of conditions from weight loss, co-dependency, alcoholism, and bereavement. A self-help group or support group has these characteristics:

- Mutual help is the primary goal of the environment
- Members run the group themselves
- Members share the same problem or experience
- There is no cost for participating in the group

The benefits of support groups are undeniable. Studies point to the benefit of mutual support in helping members deal with the realities of having a serious illness, understanding emotional trauma, resisting addiction, or pursuing healthier lifestyles. Here are some startling facts:

- 50% fewer psychiatric patients require re-hospitalization after participating in a support group for 10 months.

For more information about support groups at the Palestine Resource Center, contact us at 903-729-7505.

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GILMER--State Board of Education member Dr. Keven Ellis will address the monthly meeting of the Cherokee Rose Republican Women on Thursday night, Oct. 29. The event, to which the public is invited, is set

for 6:30 p.m. at the Open Range restaurant on Texas 155 north.

For more information, contact club president Cynthia Ridgeway at 903-736-9615.

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# How to manage pain medications during breast cancer treatment

Breast cancer researchers have worked tirelessly over the last several decades as they work to eradicate the disease once and for all. While breast cancer still

affects millions of women across the globe each year, advancements in treating the disease have dramatically improved five-year survival rates, providing patients

and their families with hope as well as a realistic expectation of a long, healthy life after cancer.

According to Breastcancer.org, women diagnosed with breast

cancer in 2020 and beyond have an array of treatment options to fight their disease. That marks a stark contrast from recent history, when treatment options were considerably more limited. Though treatment options have expanded and improved survival rates, women diagnosed with breast cancer can still expect to confront some side effects as they navigate their way through treatment.

Pain is one of the more common symptoms breast cancer patients experience, both before diagnosis and during treatment. In fact, breast cancer treatment plans typically include strategies to address pain. Breastcancer.org notes that most breast cancer patients can get complete relief for their pain. However, it may take some time before the right formula is found and patients can return to enjoying daily activities.

- Take your medication on a regular schedule. The ACS advises cancer patients who have



been diagnosed with chronic pain to take their medications around the clock on a schedule, rather than taking it only when pain is severe. Schedules can be adjusted, but patients should not do so on their own. Pain medication schedules should only be adjusted after speaking with a physician.

- Familiarize yourself with pain medication side effects. Pain

medications may produce side effects such as sleepiness and dizziness.

Pain medication can help breast cancer patients overcome a common side effect of both their disease and their treatments. Learning to manage pain medications is vital for patients as they recover from their disease.

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