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Bears' season ends early *Loses to Mount Vernon in shoot-out*

By Elizabeth McKamy

It was heartbreak city in Rains Friday night as our hometown Bears fell short 51-43 to the Mt Vernon Tigers in the first round of the Texas State 3A D1 Playoffs.

"Our kids played hard and I am proud of them. The results weren't what we wanted, but that's life sometimes. We will be a better program because of it, and I wish the seniors the best and am glad I got to coach them", said Head Coach Jonny Louvier.

The match-up between the Bears and the Tigers was everything it had been billed to be. A shootout. Gladewater took the opening kickoff and went 68 yards in 8 plays, scoring on a QB Tristan Holmes 1 yard run. Justice Hassek's kick split the uprights and the Bears led 7-0 with 8:17 left in the 1st Quarter. It didn't take Mt Vernon long to get a score of their own going 77 yards in 7 plays.

QB Brock Nellor hit WR Nicholas Lacy with a 27 yard strike. Nellor's pass for the 2 point conversion was good giving the Tigers a 8-7 lead with 6:25 left in the 1st Quarter.

Gladewater used their ball control offense, chewing up the rest of the 1st Quarter, to go on a 15 play, 73 yard scoring drive. On 3rd and 6 from the Tiger 21 yard line RB Eligia Carter broke tackle after tackle on his way to a 21 yard touchdown.

Hassek's kick was good and the Bears took back the lead 14-8

	1	2	3	4	Total
Gladewater Bears	7	21	0	15	= 43
Mt. Vernon Tigers	8	29	7	7	= 51

	Bears 28	Mt Vernon 23
First Downs-	Bears 44/280	Mt Vernon 40/200
Rushing/Yards-	Bears 11/19/155/2 TD/Int	Mt Vernon 14/21/301/5 TD
Passing-	Bears 7/55	Mt Vernon 7/45
Penalties/Yards-		



Giving it everything he's got, Eli Carter hurdles a Mt. Vernon defender in Friday's playoff game in Rains. Carter had 183 yards on the night in 19 carries, as well as a Bear TD in the regional playoff loss 43-51 to the Tigers. The Bears earned the district championship crown with no district losses before facing off against the powerful team from Mt. Vernon.

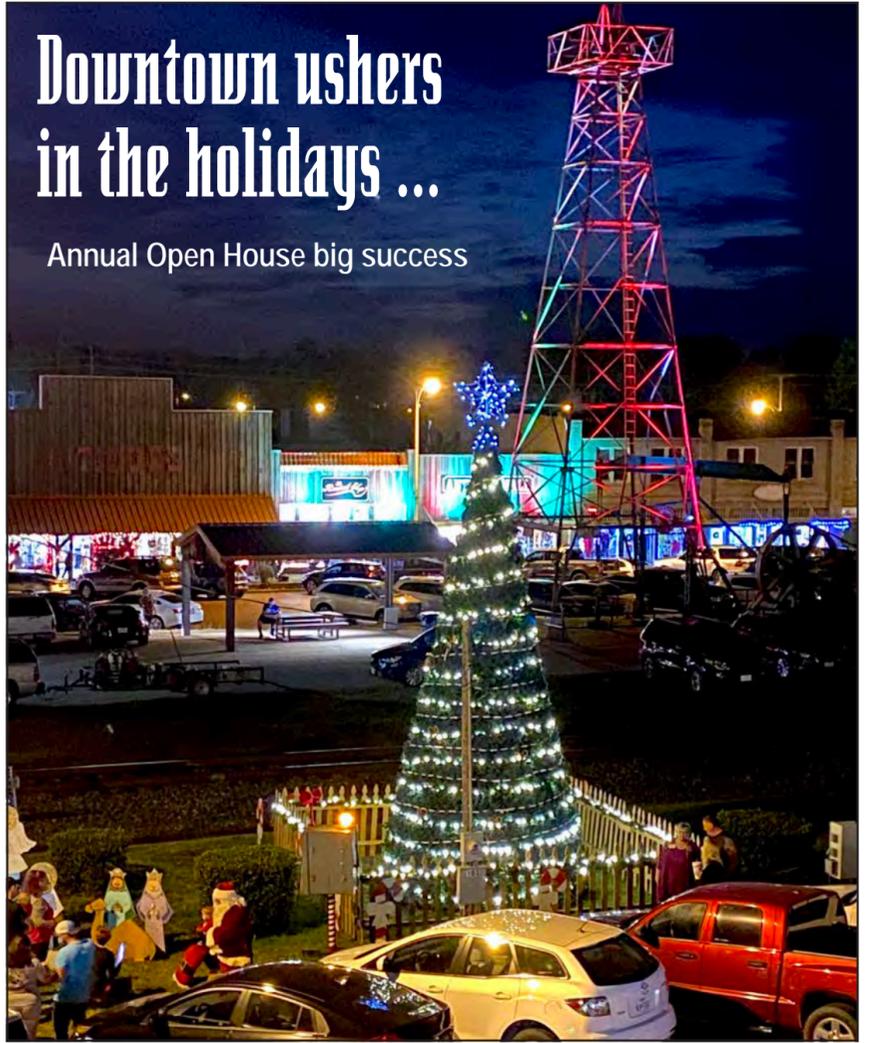
Photo By Jim Bardwell

with 10:32 left in the half. What happened next is what shootouts are made of. In the last 10:32 of the 1st half 43 points were put on the scoreboard by both teams combined. Mt Vernon got the shootout going

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Downtown ushers in the holidays ...

Annual Open House big success



Mrs. Claus, AKA Gladewater Chamber of Commerce President Lois Reed visits with one of the kids on Santa's good list, as another youngster mails his letter to Santa in the special delivery box provided by the post office. A letter writing station was set up by chamber members next to their courtesy hot chocolate which was provided to strolling visitors at Saturday's downtown open house.

Photo By Jim Bardwell

Weldon fourth grade quarantined

"We are navigating a situation unlike any we have seen..."

By Suzanne Bardwell
Schools are climbing the mountain of COVID protocols while trying to teach pre-Kindergarten through high school students. On Sunday, Gladewater ISD contacted all Weldon fourth grade parents and released a statement that all fourth graders would go to virtual learning as of this past Monday for the rest of the week prior to the Thanksgiving break, which will in effect, begin this Friday with a district-wide teacher workday. According to Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot three fourth grade

teachers have tested positive for COVID-19 and others have become symptomatic, with one currently awaiting test results. "As of Monday, only one fourth grade student is confirmed COVID-positive," Dr. Lightfoot said. "However over a dozen fourth grade students were placed on quarantine last week for symptoms or exposure, and many more would have been placed on quarantine Monday due to exposure had the decision not been made to quarantine the entire fourth grade." Dr. Lightfoot reported that as

of Monday morning only three GISD students had tested positive in the month of November and 20 students positive since the school year began in August. Of the 20, three were remote learners and had not physically attended school this semester. "That leaves 16 on-campus cases over 14 weeks of school," Dr. Lightfoot said. "While we see our neighboring districts having to close entire schools due to COVID outbreaks, we consider our numbers to be remarkably low and a testament

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Tempest shares Grand Old Flag with veterans

Energy Weldfab owner Mike Clements and the Tempest Golf Club partnered in creating a patriotic monument which can be seen for miles. At 208 feet a gigantic pole holds a 90" by 180" flag which was appropriately dedicated last Wednesday on Veteran's Day.

A plaque carries the message "We the People" Dedicated to the men and women who serve our country as members of our military and as first responders." Michael E. Clements Sr. Veterans and first responders were out in force for the dedication of the flag. A contingent of veterans from Longview's Marine Corps League Detachment 959 had the honor of carrying the weight of the flag and raising it for the first time. Country music superstar and Spring Hill resident, Neal McCoy, led the crowd of over 300 people in the Pledge of Attendance and the National Anthem. Speakers included Texas Representative Jay Dean, Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt, Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerriano and veteran Lucero Harris among others. Tempest owner Joe Bruno was unable to attend due to COVID restrictions, but was present by phone throughout with family members speaking for him thanking Clements for the gift of the pole and flag at the Wilkins Road (off Hwy. 135) golf course.

The ceremony concluded with prayer, a 21-gun salute by the Gregg County Sheriff Honor Guard, the playing of TAPS by Angela Burch and bagpipes by Ron Clower. The master of ceremony was Tim Bryan.

Photos By Suzanne Bardwell



Local sales tax down 7.16%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$890.5 million in local sales tax allocations for November, 4.8 percent more than in November 2019.

These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and on sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

Gladewater posted a -7.16-percent decline in sales tax revenue over the same reporting period last year - \$112,287.87 compared to \$120,953.81. But for the year, Gladewater is still ahead of 2019 - 5.23-percent - \$1,078,676.95 compared to \$1,024,985.73 the previous year.

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG COUNTY							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$10,340.15	\$6,490.10	59.32%	\$76,611.44	\$49,149.13	55.87%
Easton	1.000%	\$3,781.53	\$3,430.61	10.22%	\$44,046.15	\$28,413.66	55.01%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$112,287.87	\$120,953.81	-7.16%	\$1,078,676.95	\$1,024,985.73	5.23%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$566,272.74	\$583,873.23	-3.01%	\$6,475,452.41	\$9,102,873.22	-28.86%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$23,545.07	\$20,140.30	16.90%	\$219,475.81	\$200,816.57	9.29%
Longview	1.500%	\$3,249,052.61	\$3,245,065.26	0.12%	\$31,053,029.47	\$31,641,844.21	-1.86%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,200.21	\$1,600.51	-25.01%	\$14,954.11	\$18,156.07	-17.63%
White Oak	1.500%	\$78,703.39	\$73,975.78	6.39%	\$992,384.54	\$1,012,961.36	-2.03%

OPINION/EDITORIAL

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Local, state leaders battle COVID surge, each other

Texas topped 1 million COVID-19 cases as some counties reimposed restrictions that had been loosened after this summer's spike.

Particularly hard-hit El Paso extended its temporary shutdown of nonessential businesses, but the Texas Eighth Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 Friday to block County Judge Ricardo Samaniego's order. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and some El Paso businesses had opposed the judge's order, claiming it went too far.

"I will not let rogue political subdivisions try to kill small businesses and holiday gatherings through unlawful executive orders," Paxton said in a statement.

Samaniego promised to continue the legal fight to protect El Paso residents and health care workers.

"So unfortunate that Paxton, the 'Texas' Attorney General, finds the opportunity to gloat instead of coming to El Paso to walk alongside me by the mobile morgues with 144 El Pasoans; or send his condolences to the families of his 741 constituents who died of COVID-19," the judge responded in a statement.

On Friday, the state reported 7,083 people hospitalized with COVID-19, according to the Texas Tribune. Hospital beds in West Texas are scarce, and area morgues are overflowing with bodies.

The Texas Department of State Health Services urged Texans to continue to wear facial coverings, socially distance and wash hands regularly. The state also supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines for Thanksgiving gatherings. These include:

Limit the number of attendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others not from their household.

Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking.

Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors. Keep music levels down so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.

Preparing for vaccine

Texas will work to quickly distribute a new vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech as soon as the drug receives final regulatory approval.

The state health department has developed a vaccine distribution plan and is working with health care providers to enroll in the agency's immunization program to be eligible to administer the shots. Over 2,500 providers already have enrolled in the program.

Meanwhile, the University of Texas celebrated the work of its McLellan Lab in Austin for co-designing the coronavirus spike protein used in the proposed vaccine. Also, the University of Texas Medical Branch served as a site for clinical trials for the Pfizer vaccine and engineered a way to evaluate the drug more quickly.

High interest in internet service

Many Capital Highlights readers reacted to last week's column about the lack of broadband access in rural Texas.

They shared stories of driving miles to use a public library's wifi for a few hours. Some described carefully positioning themselves just so in one corner of their home's upstairs balcony to get service that was barely adequate.

Column reader Michael Phillips of rural Harrison County said his home is too remote for DSL and that satellite service is slow, expensive and unreliable at times. He has written letters to county officials, state legislators, his congressman and both of Texas' U.S. senators.

"In today's connected world, having access to fast, reliable Internet is essential," he wrote. "More and more people are shopping online, banking and paying bills online, students need access to online research tools, many college classes are either partially or totally online, medical resources are online, streaming services, news and entertainment are online. In addition, many small businesses start up online."

If you missed the panel discussion "Broadband is a Lifeline," you still may view the replay at TexasTribune.org. Stay tuned to see what the Legislature will do when it convenes in January.

Homeward rebound

The number of homes sold in Texas rose 18.4% in the third quarter of 2020 over the previous year.

Almost 120,000 homes sold in the state, even though listings dropped 32.4% from the prior year, according to the Texas Quarterly Housing Report by Texas Realtors.

"The Texas real estate market's resiliency, especially in the middle of a pandemic crisis, is nothing short of incredible, though our housing supply is still critically low," said Cindi Bulla, Texas Realtors chairwoman.

...love & science

I know several people who have died from COVID-19. The most recent is someone I liked a great deal whose mother once upon a time in my newly married life was my Sunday School teacher. Maybe our problems in this contentious moment in history is that we don't have enough Sunday school under our belts.

One of the first things many of us learned as itty bitty children is the song "Jesus Loves Me". That is reassuring, to know that you are loved. Next as itty bittys we learned the song "Jesus Loves the Little Children"...all the children of the world". ALL.

Many of us also learned quite early that "God is Love". At the center of Christianity is a God that is pure love. A lot of us, including me, have a tendency to re-create God in our own image, as an American with values just like ours instead of the other way around.

Jesus brought a revolution through his teaching. Jesus said the most important commandment was to love God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Jesus didn't stop there. He then said, The second greatest commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

As a culture right now we could use a good old dunking in love. I don't understand why we have to be so critical and angry. Neither of those characteristics will help us solve the problems facing us today. I need a love dunking for sure. It is so easy to be angry with someone who is angry at you. So, if you grew up singing and believing the songs I cited earlier what can we do to show others that we are called to love?

First it requires that we put aside our anger, our selfishness and our critical nature. Okay, let's TRY really hard to do that. Next, let's opt for doing what is right to help prevent the spread of this awful pandemic. And don't tell me it's no big deal if you got through it with ease. One of my best friends has been in the ER today with her husband who has pre-existing conditions, as does she, which makes COVID extremely dangerous in their case.

The CDC has the research footnoted and posted on its articles

Suzanne Bardwell



about the importance of wearing masks to prevent the spread of this pandemic plague. The article is referring to multi-layer cloth masks, not N95 masks. Depending on the quality of the cloth mask, it blocks 50% to 80% of droplets. The research cites collected statistics and case histories such as the outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. In that particular case study it was found that the face coverings resulted in a 70% reduced spread.* So, if you genuinely believe in that "love your neighbor" stuff, wear your mask, social distance and keep those nasty little fingers clean.

Now if we could just prevent the spread of misinformation, unfounded opinion and just flat out meanness we would be doing something truly great!

*Seven studies have confirmed the benefit of universal masking in community level analyses: in a unified hospital system, a German city, a U.S. state, a panel of 15 U.S. states and Washington, D.C., as well as both Canada and the U.S. nationally. Each analysis demonstrated that, following directives from organizational and political leadership for universal masking, new infections fell significantly. Two of these studies and an additional analysis of data from 200 countries that included the U.S. also demonstrated reductions in mortality. An economic analysis using U.S. data found that, given these effects, increasing universal masking by 15% could prevent the need for lockdowns and reduce associated losses of up to \$1 trillion or about 5% of gross domestic product. (All claims footnoted with research studies for reference on CDC.gov site.)



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Beyond the election

The presidential election is (almost) over, and sorting through the new directions under President-elect Biden has begun.

There are still some votes to be counted (or recounted), litigation to be dealt with, and protocols to be followed before the election is officially certified, but it's highly unlikely that results will shift.

From an economic perspective, it is rare that presidents move the needle much on economic growth. Historically, the economy has fared moderately better in Democratic administrations, but the difference, while statistically significant, is small and not necessarily caused by

the president. In terms of policy, the ability to implement major initiatives will depend on the outcome of the two senate races in Georgia, which will determine which party has a majority. (The Democratic party lost some seats in the House of Representatives but maintained the majority there.)

Clearly, the first and foremost thing to be dealt with is the coronavirus. There has been some good news regarding progress toward a vaccine, but case numbers and hospitalizations are higher than ever. The economic crisis is the direct result of the health crisis, and we cannot fully revive the lost jobs and output until we have an effective strategy with regard to the pandemic.

It appears that President-elect Biden will properly focus more directly on a better response.

However, calls for sweeping shut downs and other highly restrictive mandates should be approached with caution. The US economy is recovering, but a major shut down would be devastating, causing financial duress and wreaking havoc on mental health and wellness. While targeted restrictions may be essential in many places, a broad-based lockdown would cause immense harm. Greater encouragement of basic safety measures is already forthcoming from the president-elect, which experts agree can have major positive consequences.

A second issue worth noting relates to uncertainty. Nothing inhibits investment and risk-taking in the economy more than unpredictability. Uncertainty also inhibits purchasing, and about 70% of the US economy is driven

by consumer spending during normal times. I anticipate that there will be greater clarity and consistency going forward, which could be a positive factor. The initial response in the financial markets is quite positive.

I would sum up by noting that the dichotomy created by virtually every poll in the election between the virus and the economy was incorrect. The economy can only be restored through a concerted health response. At the same time, the health response should be examined through the lens of its potential to lead to indirect harms which could be avoided. It will be a balancing act, but research into promising advances in vaccines and therapeutics is ongoing in laboratories and universities across the country and, indeed, the world.

Stay safe!



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REDEFINED MORALS

Sadly, there are many who want to make things that are nasty, ugly, and sinful acceptable. "I dreamed last night that I had come to dwell in Topsy-Turvydom, where vice is virtue, virtue vice. Where nice is nasty, nasty nice, where right is wrong, wrong is right, where white is black, black is white." The prophet Isaiah said, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter (Isa. 5: 20).

Today, in our enlightened age the moral standard is being turned completely upside down! People spin, rationalize, twist and manipulate the facts, in order to justify even the grossest evil, explaining evil acts by high-sounding labels. For example, the slaughter of the unborn through abortion, becomes a "good" thing because it gives women "freedom of choice." Sexual perversion and blatant immorality, is called the "new morality." Marriage, between one man and one woman for life is labeled as outdated by those who seek to redefine the family into various "marriages" of two homosexual men, or two lesbian women. Those who dare to speak out against such as sinful, are called a "homophobe" or worse!

Thus, the evil and darkness of sin, with its bitter fruit, is made to look good and acceptable to a gullible society. Theodore Roosevelt said, "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." My friends, God's moral standard has not changed, and will not change because it is rooted in His moral character (Rom. 12: 1-2). Think on these things.

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Bears' season ends early

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last 10:32 of the 1st half 43 points were put on the scoreboard by both teams combined. Mt Vernon got the shootout going marching down the field, 55 yards in 7 plays, scoring on a Nellor to Jaden Horton pass of 24 yards. The kick was good and the Tigers went back ahead 15-14 with 8:12 left in the half.

It was then Gladewater's turn, going 61 yards in 9 plays scoring on a Holmes to DJ Allen pass of 13 yards. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 21 Mt Vernon 15 with 3:09 left in the half.

It only took the Tigers one play to take the lead away from the Bears. Nellor hit WR Cayden Coffman with a perfect 73 yard strike. The extra point kick was good giving Mt Vernon a 22-21 advantage with 2:49 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Gladewater came right back. After a 18 yard kickoff return by the Bears Kolin Lewis set Gladewater up with good field position at their own 45 yard line, the Bears needed only 3 plays to hit paydirt again.

This time on a perfect "hook and lateral". Carter finished off the 52 yard play with his 2nd touchdown of the night. Hassek, once again, was perfect on the kick, making the score Bears 28 Mt Vernon 22 with 1:30 left in the half.

The Tigers got another one play drive. This time Nellor hit a wide open Jacob Marshall over the middle for a 74 yard TD. The kick was good and Mt Vernon took back the lead 29-28 with 1:10 left in the half. On the ensuing kickoff the Bears K'Havia Reese took and ball and raced down

the sidelines for an apparent touchdown but a holding penalty on the play brought the ball back to the Gladewater 20 yard line. Holmes hit Carter with an 11 yard pass and hit Reese for another 10 yards but on 1st and 10 from their own 41 yard line, Tigers OLB Makenzie McGill stepped in front of a Holmes pass and raced 45 yards for the pick six. Nellor ran in the 2 point conversion to put Mt Vernon up by two scores 37-28 and end the half.

The 2nd half opened up with Gladewater kicking to the Tigers. Mt Vernon went 36 yards in 11 plays, but the Bear defense came alive and the Tigers turned the ball over on downs, giving Gladewater their first break of the game.

The Bears, however, couldn't muster a drive and 5 plays later turned the ball back over to the Tigers after a 4th and 4 pass fell incomplete. Mt Vernon widened their lead going 56 yards in 12 plays and scoring on a Nellor one yard run. The kick was good making the score Bears 28 Mt Vernon 44 with 4:50 left in the 3rd Quarter.

Reese got the Bears good field position again, this time on a 48 yard kick return, setting Gladewater up at the Tiger 42 yard line. Holmes led the Bears down the field, going 42 yards in 9 plays and scoring on a 1 yard run. DJ Allen ran in the 2 point conversion and the Bears narrow the Tiger lead to 8 points with 11:19 left in the game.

The Tigers came right back going 71 yards in 11 plays and scoring on a 6 yard pass from Nellor to Gunner Fielden. The kick was good and Mt Vernon went back ahead by 15 with 8:15

left in the contest.

Gladewater, with their season on the line, wasn't going to go down easy. The Bears fought back, going 75 yards in 10 plays, despite 2 penalties negating a 40 yard run by Carter and a 22 yard strike from Holmes to Allen. Gladewater's Malachi Gordon got his only touchdown of the night on a 9 yard run. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 43 Mt Vernon 51 with 3:31 left on the clock.

Hassek's onside kick just went out of bounds ending the Bears hopes. Mt Vernon QB Nellor kept the ball on the last 7 plays of the game running out the clock.

If you come to a shootout, you have to bring enough ammunition and the Bears just ran out of bullets.

We thank all our seniors who were playing in their last game for the Bears. K'Havia Reese, Nic Lincoln, Tristan Holmes, Eligia Carter, Caden McKaskle, Ozzie Chavarria, Landon Ellis, Kolten Jennings, Justice Hassek, Jaden Miller, Trent Bolt, Jasper Taylor, Nathan Keller, Jordan Kinsey and Derrion Simmons. They all contributed to this year's success despite all the obstacles they faced. Thanks also to our outstanding coaches, who gave all they had to keep our players safe and to help guide all the Bears to success on and off the field. HC Jonny Louvier, AD Coach Scott Clower, coaches Barry Lindsay, Austin Karcher, Chris Langford, Bobby Chadwick, Jermaine Lewis, Tony Rivera, Quinton Thomas, Curtis Armstrong, Kevin Clark, Chase Manley, Derrick Floyd, Jeff Hodges, Josh Yount and Athlete Trainer Jeff "Doc" Davis.

28 Mt Vernon 22 with 1:30 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Tigers go 74 yards in 1 play scoring on a 74 yard pass from Nellor to Jacob Marshall. Kick was good making the score Bears 28 Mt Vernon 29 with 1:10 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Tigers score on Makenzie McGill's 45 yard interception return. Nellor runs in the 2 point conversion making the score Bears 28 Mt Vernon 37 with 30 left in the 2nd Quarter.

3rd Quarter: Tigers go 56 yards in 12 plays scoring on a 1 yard run by Nellor. Kick was good making the score Bears 28 Mt Vernon 44 with 4:50 left in the 3rd Quarter.

4th Quarter: Bears go 42 yards in 9 plays scoring on a 1 yard run by Holmes. DJ Allen ran in the 2 point conversion making the score Bears 36 Mt Vernon 44 with 11:19 left in the 4th Quarter.

Tigers go 71 yards in 11 plays scoring on a 6 yard pass from Nellor to Gunner Fielden. Kick was good making the score Bears 36 Mt Vernon 51 with 8:15 left in the 4th Quarter.

Bears go 75 yards in 10 plays scoring on a 9 yard run by Malachi Gordon. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 43 Mt Vernon 51 with 3:31 left in the 4th Quarter.



Eli Carter scores a TD against Mount Vernon during bi-district action Friday. Photo by Jim Bardwell

Individual Stat Leaders

Bears
 Rushing- Eligia Carter 19/183/TD
 Tristan Holmes 12/40/2 TD
 Passing- Tristan Holmes 11/19/155/2Td/Int
 Receiving- Eligia Carter 4/81/TD
 DJ Allen 5/58/TD
 Kickoff Return- K'Havia Reese 1/48
 Kolin Lewis 2/34

Tigers
 Rushing- Brock Nellor 29/146/TD
 Passing- Brock Nellor 14/21/301/5 TD
 Receiving- Cayden Coffman 4/116/TD
 Jacob Marshall 2/83/TD
 Interception Return- Makenzie McGill 1/45/TD

District 6 3A D1 Playoff Scores

Gladewater 43 Mt Vernon 51
 Atlanta 12 Mineola 42
 White Oak 21 Pottsboro 35
 Tatum 37 Winnsboro 28

Tatum will play #1 3A D1 State ranked Grandview, Friday night in Athens. Gametime is 7:30pm.



HoneyBear 1st Lt. Ryliegh Hightower leads the drill team in a hoop routine to the song "Shut Up and Dance" performed by the Bear marching band at Friday's game against Mt. Vernon in Rains. The team's captain, along with the cheerleader squad were on quarantine due to COVID exposure.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter: Bears go 68 yards in 8 plays, scoring on a 1 yard run by Tristan Holmes. Justice Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 7 Mt Vernon 0 with 8:17 left in the 1st Quarter.

Tigers go 77 yards in 7 plays scoring on a 27 yard pass from Brock Nellor to Nicholas Lacy. 2 point try was good making the score Bears 7 Mt Vernon 8 with 6:25 left in the 1st Quarter.

2nd Quarter: Bears go 73 yards in 15 plays scoring on a 21 yard run by Eligia Carter. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 14 Mt Vernon 8 with 10:32 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Tigers go 55 yards in 7 plays scoring on a 24 yard pass from Nellor to Jaden Horton. Kick was good making the score Bears 14 Mt Vernon 15 with 8:12 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Bears go 61 yards in 9 plays scoring on a 13 yard pass from Holmes to DJ Allen. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears 21 Mt Vernon 15 with 3:09 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Tigers go 73 yards in 1 play scoring on a 73 yard pass from Nellor to Cayden Coffman. Kick was good making the score Bears 21 Mt Vernon 22 with 2:49 left in the 2nd Quarter.

Bears go 55 yards in 4 plays scoring on a 52 yard pass from Holmes to Carter. Hassek's kick was good making the score Bears



Bear quarterback, senior Tritan Holmes' leadership was just as evident at the conclusion of Friday's playoff loss to Mt. Vernon. Senior Nic Lincoln hugs Holmes, as #62 junior Chase Wise listens along with the rest of the team to their quarterback's passionate speech. Holmes told his teammates that they had made their families, their school and the community proud of them this season.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Union Grove XC is State bound

On Nov. 10 the Union Grove Lions XC team travelled to Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park to compete in the 2A Region III Regional XC meet.

Sophie Pyle led the Lady Lions across the 2 mile course, finishing 13th with Macey Alston crossing the line 15th.

Gracie Winn and Gracie Stanford finished 30th and 32nd respectively as Ava Wightman crossed 38th to round out the scoring and earn a Regional Championship and a trip to the State meet for the team. Joining them at State, runners Jena Scott earned a 47th place and Analeice Jones 64th out of 131 runners.

The Boys XC team had two top ten finishers with Preston Woodall (8th) and Kole Burns (10th), qualifying both runners for the State Meet. In a group of 111 runners competing at the Regional level other Lions included Dakota Arden (46th), Gannon Smith (51st), Will Wilson (56th), Brendon Fuller (77th), and Vincent Miller (85th).

The State Meet will be held at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Nov. 24.



Coach Kelly Berry captures the moment with freshman Lady Bear cross country runner Morgan Perez who qualified for regional competition by placing sixth at district competition. Perez ran the course in 15:24 and came in 96th out of 135 runners.

Courtesy Photo

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Adelina Fay Spencer Roberts

Graveside Services for Adelina Fay Spencer Roberts, 74, of Gladewater will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at Gladewater Memorial Park under the direction of Croley Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. Mrs. Roberts passed away Friday, November 13, 2020, in Longview.



Mrs. Roberts was born May 27, 1946 in Montpelier, Idaho, to the late William Spencer and Jean Rheinhold Spencer. She married James H. Roberts on December 18, 1966 and they enjoyed nearly 54 years of marriage. Fay was a supporter of the Special Olympics and ARC. Fay loved her family and cherished spending time with them. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and homemaker who will not soon be forgotten.

Fay is survived by her husband James H. Roberts; brother Dennis Spencer; sister Elaine Daines; five grandchildren Chris King, James King, Jerry King, Kyle King and Katy King; two great grandchildren Haley King and Conner King as well as many other loving family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and three children Laina King, Kathy Roberts and Scott Roberts.

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



Soror Alice Allen Gholston

The hour glass, with its sands of time has slowly but surely spilled its contents, and with the passing of the last grain of sand, went the life of our departed sister and loved one. Soror Alice Allen Gholston became an Ivy Beyond the wall on Thursday, October 29, 2020.



Soror Alice Gholston was initiated into the Alpha Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., at Tillotson College in Austin, TX on November 18, 1943. She became a member of the Nu Omega Chapter in Marshall,

TX after relocating to the East Texas area. On April 3, 1949 Soror Gholston and eight other Sorors with wisdom, love and devotion bound in purpose to establish and charter the Epsilon Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Longview, TX South Central Region. There, plainly in view, was a spirit of fellowship and the joy she found in service to others.

Soror Gholston held the sorority's title as a Diamond Soror with 77 years of service and Life Consecutive Member. Her departure was that of the last Charter Member of Epsilon Zeta Omega Chapter. Soror Gholston earned a B.A. Degree from Tillotson College Austin, TX and an M.A. Degree Prairie View A&M University Prairie View, TX. She was a long time educator, teaching English and Spanish. Soror Gholston served Epsilon Zeta Omega Chapter as Ivy Leaf Reporter, Hodegos and as a part of several committees including: Historical, Courtesy & Social, Scholarship, Bylaws/Constitution, Member Reactivation, Nominating, Founders Day, Community Outreach, Red Cross, Summer Workshop, Chapter Roundup, Chapter Protocol and Education Advancement Foundation.

Soror Gholston was preceded in death by her husband A.L. Gholston, her Parents, 3 Brothers and one Sister. She leaves to cherish her memory a loving niece legacy, Soror Leslie Wilcox and her husband Bobby Wilcox, Special Nephew William (Butch) Smith and his wife, Lanita, loving Sorority Sisters, First Lutheran Church of Carson, California church family, St. James Baptist Church Gladewater Church Family, a host of former students that she taught in Quitman, Chapel Hill, Tyler, and Longview, TX. A host of In-laws, Neices, Nephews and other Relatives and Friends.

The imprint of Soror Gholston's service is left so deep that any who follows may clearly see the material used in her life's activity of love, devotion and friendship that overshadowed criticism. She was a delight to her friends, a joy to her family and a source of good will to the stranger. She lived as she died, serene and beautiful.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to:
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Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 am November 12, 2020 at Roosevelt Memorial Park 18255 Vermont Avenue, Gardena, CA.



Martin Pessnick of US Ventures, better known as Sasquatch Trading Post on Upshur Ave. (Hwy. 80 W) donated bags of potatoes, onions and apples for Manna House family food boxes recently. Donations of canned goods are in short supply and needed at this time. Especially with the holidays approaching.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Manna House community food ministry shelves are more empty than full at this time. Donations are needed immediately of canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna and Vienna sausages. Items may be dropped off at the Gladewater Mirror at 211 N. Main St. weekdays during business hours or at Manna House on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647.

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Upshur deputy shot, suspect wounded

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office confirmed Monday a shooting incident occurred involving gunfire between a suspect and Upshur County deputy.

At approximately 1:40 a.m. Gilmer P.D. and the Upshur County Sheriff's Office responded to the CEFCO store at the intersection of U.S. 271 and Texas 300 in Gilmer.

There, officers found a subject had fired multiple rounds inside and outside of the store, with several rounds being shot in the direction of people. No one was reported injured at the location, but there was property damage. The reason for the suspect's behavior at that location is being investigated.

Officers located the suspect vehicle traveling south on Texas 300 towards Longview and a car chase with began. The chase extended into southern Upshur County and northern Gregg County. The suspect shot at officers during the chase.

The suspect alluded capture at that point, but soon after, while checking a possible address for the suspect car on Snyder Road in southern Upshur County, an Upshur County deputy took gunfire to his vehicle from the area of this residence.

At approximately 5 a.m., the suspect drove up to officers that were staged nearby. The suspect began shooting and deputies returned fire.

In that engagement, an Upshur County patrol deputy was struck by gunfire. He was treated and released from a Longview Medical Center. The suspect was also shot and was transported to a Longview Medical Center where he remained Monday.



The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Small Town Nutrition to the chamber family with a ribbon cutting held at their 125 S. Main St. location. Owners James Goodrum and Darcie Carpenter did the honors by cutting the ribbon.

Brittany Stewart, owner of Simply Down Home located at 203 W. Commerce in downtown Gladewater, became the latest shop owner to join the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce family with a ribbon cutting held Thursday morning.

Welcome to the chamber family.

Photos courtesy of the Gladewater Mirror



What's Happening

UGISD Calendar

11/18, Wednesday
US Benchmark testing

11/19, Thursday
FFA@Area VI LDE

11/20, Friday
5 p.m. JV/V G BB vs. West Rusk-H
8 p.m. V B BB vs. Laneville-H

11/21 Saturday
1 p.m. JV/V G BB@SH
2 p.m. V B BB@SH

11/23 Monday
11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break
State Cross Country@Round Rock
1 p.m. JV/V B BB vs. Harmony-H

GISD Calendar

11/18, Wednesday
8 a.m. GHS School Picture Day

11/20, Friday
Student Holiday/Teacher
Workday

11/21, Saturday
Noon Girls BB@Chapel Hill

11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Manna House

Christmas family boxes

Manna House is now accepting applications for Christmas family food boxes. Families who need extra assistance with food sources may also qualify for regular family food boxes. To apply go to Manna House in the southwest corner of City Hall on Hwy. 80 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to get an application.

Food Drive underway

Brookshire Grocery Co.'s 39th annual Spirit of Christmas Food Drive is underway with the goal to help thousands of people in need.

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KC launches rootEd Alliance GISD one of 5 districts to benefit

Kilgore College has launched an important new partnership with rootEd Alliance, Inc., a collaborative philanthropic effort to clear the path to a stronger future for students in rural America. Together, KC and rootEd Alliance will promote postsecondary educational opportunities in five rural school districts in East Texas. Nationally, only 26% of rural students graduate with an associate's or bachelor's degree, but 80% of jobs that pay middle class wages require education beyond high school.

To close this gap, KC is working alongside rootEd Alliance to implement a unique program that embeds success advisors in local school districts to help students pursue a postsecondary education. The success advisors will work with high school seniors to provide exposure to college and career opportunities, offer personalized advice and guidance, and connect students to available sources of financial aid. Success advisors will serve Gilmer, Gladewater, Leverett's Chapel, Overton and West Rusk

high schools. "Kilgore College is honored to have been chosen through a competitive process to partner with rootEd Alliance in this very important work to increase educational opportunities for rural high school students that will lead to better economic outcomes for these students, as well as for their families and communities," said KC President Dr. Brenda Kays. "We are grateful for the visionary leadership of the superintendents in each of these school districts that will collaborate with us." Noa Meyer, president of rootEd Alliance, said the acute educational and economic strains on rural communities mean it is now more critical than ever to invest in the potential of rural students.



City Councilman Rocky Hawkins was out last week cleaning the lot of the empty building on north main that was previously occupied by a bank. The building owner is responsible for maintenance of the lot but it has not been done in a timely manner. Hawkins has taken it upon himself to ensure that it is not an eyesore as thousands drive through Gladewater weekly. Many other volunteers are also hard at work maintaining empty lots, cleaning parks and more. All community members are urged to join these volunteers in keeping our community looking its best. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

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GISD school board deals with COVID fallout

By Suzanne Bardwell

GISD Trustees approved the GISD Wellness Policy, School Health Advisory Council members and a Texas Education Agency approved plan for Asynchronous Remote Learning all by unanimous vote. They also heard reports from GPS Principal Kerry Hradecky and Weldon Elementary Principal Amanda Langford. Both principals' focus was on campus strategies to address learning and teaching variables impacted by the COVID pandemic crisis.

Hradecky said that first grade is where the greatest leaps in learning occur and that student performance had been deeply impacted by last spring's shutdown. She said that the campus was focused on building a culture of literacy in an exciting way to engage the students. She also said that Region 7 Service Center Texas Instructional Leadership team was focusing on specific campus and teacher needs and how to address those effectively.

Langford said that in addition to focusing on student skills, that deepening teacher skills was also a priority.

"I am not going to call this the new normal because we are going to get past this," Langford said. "It is a struggle but we will get past it."

She said that the impact of quarantining students was creating gaps in learning. Supt. Sedric Clark said that due to fourth grade COVID exposure some students had missed 24 of the current 68 days of school. Langford said that her campus had also revamped the discipline plan

to focus on consistent, reliable and predictable application. She also said that her campus was working on incorporating a new character building program to enhance a feeling of community and address bullying issues.

Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot reported that two grants in the amounts of \$18,000 and \$390,000 grant would be used not only for reimbursement for COVID related expenses, supplies and instructional needs, but also as supplemental extra duty pay for the professional staff that were essentially working double duties with in-classroom and remote learning instruction. He said there would be extra duty pay for hourly staff who had to go beyond their usual job duties to ensure that student and staff needs during the pandemic were addressed.

Supt. Clark announced the retirement of GHS Principal Cathy Bedair and that GMS Principal Chris Langford would serve as interim principal at the high school campus while GMS Asst. Principal Derrick Floyd will serve as interim principal of the middle school while Langford is committed to leading the high school. Clark also said that Director of Transportation Steve McFarland had resigned and that Director of Maintenance Matt McIntosh would also serve as interim for that position.

The board accepted the resignations of GHS Principal Cathy Bedair, GHS math teacher/coach Thomas Cleveland, GHS physics/robotics teacher Mark Wilcox and third grade teacher Wanna Cook.

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	EMS	20200692	1:26		604 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	10-50 MINOR	20200693	7:52		SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	EMS	20200694	9:01		5377 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20200695	10:16	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20200696	11:32		1304 NORTH NORTH
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	TERROR THREAT	20200756	14:22	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
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	FIRE DEPT	202006771	14:01		MAHOGANY MAHOGANY RD
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	EMS	202006775	16:31		700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
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	ASSIST	202006790	13:21		55 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES ST
	ABANDONED 911	202006791	14:38		199 ROSIE WADY ROSIE WADY RD
	ABANDONED 911	202006792	14:42		
	EMS	202006793	15:00		4 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE
	ABANDONED 911	202006794	16:50		S LEE LEE
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	ALARM/OTHER	202006800	2:44	SUPER STOP EXXON	601 N MAIN MAIN ST
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	EMS	202006803	9:23	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	ASSIST	202006804	9:52		505 POST POST ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202006805	10:09		407 JOHNSON JOHNSON ST
	EMS	202006806	11:57	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
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	THEFT	202006810	15:48	TRADER'S MALL	355 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202006811	16:25		407 LIVE OAK LIVE OAK
	MISCELLANEOUS	202006812	16:27	ANTIQUUE MALL	100 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	EMS	202006813	16:56		305 W OLIVER OLIVER
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	202006815	17:44	SONIC DRIVE IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	202006816	18:08		54 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	202006817	18:17	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	THEFT	202006818	18:24	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
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	ALARM/OTHER	202006820	19:52	TIRE ROAD	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202006821	21:59	TRUMAN SMITH	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202006822	22:56		355 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
11/16/20	ASSIST	202006823	5:25		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	ASSIST	202006824	5:46		4066 NORTH POINT PLEASANT NORTH POINT PLEASANT
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WATER BILLING:	903-845-2474	GEDCO:	903-845-5441
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CODE ENFORCEMENT:	903-845-2011	GREGG CO. PCT #3 J P:	903-845-2672
FIRE - NON EMERGENCY:	903-845-2484	GREGG CO. AUTO & TAX:	903-845-3514
LEE LIBRARY:	903-845-2640	GREGG CO. VOTER REGIS:	903-236-8458
POLICE ,NON EMERGENCY:	903-845-2166	HOUSING AUTHORITY:	903-845-2493
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WATER/TREATMENT PLANT:	903-845-3715	MEALS ON WHEELS:	903-309-7968
AEP/SWEPCO: Customer service,	1-888-216-3523	SUDDENLINK COMM:	903-845-4036
AEP/SWEPCO Outage reporting,	1-888-218-3919	UPSHUR CO. PCT #3 J P:	903-844-8254
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Weldon fourth grade quarantined

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to how disciplined our students, employees and families have been in following the safety precautions both in school and out. We know, however, that an outbreak could occur in the Gladewater community at any

time so we are doing our best to be prepared if that should happen."

GISD requires employees to self-screen for symptoms each day before reporting for duty, while students have their temperature checked at school arrival. Parents are asked to

check children for symptoms each day before sending them to school. Through a partnership with the KINSA Fluency School Health Program the district has provided smart thermometers free of charge to parents of students in grades pre-K through fifth grade.

"These smart thermometers allow our school nurses to monitor and track student data, which strengthens communication and cooperation between parents and school staff as we work together to keep our students safe," Dr. Lightfoot said.

He said that the district has mask and proximity guidelines which are as strict as can practically be managed in a school setting. In addition, there are multiple motion-activated hand sanitizer dispensers stationed throughout every school and district building. Each classroom is also equipped with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

"Our custodial staff does an outstanding job keeping high traffic and heavily used areas clean and sanitary," Dr. Lightfoot said. "These are things we can control to a great extent. What we cannot control is the behavior of people when they are not in the school setting. We certainly appreciate our students, employees and parents for the steps they are taking on their

own personal time to try to keep themselves and others safe from exposures to COVID-19."

Gladewater ISD is not alone in its struggle, throughout East Texas school closures have occurred when numbers have spiked.

"We are navigating a situation unlike any we have seen in most of our lifetimes," Dr. Lightfoot said. "We've had to completely reimagine how to have school both in-person and remotely. Of course, all businesses and organizations are having to operate differently, if they are operating at all. So there is a sense among our students, employees and parents that we are all in this together and we will push through it together, giving our best effort along the way."

Dr. Lightfoot said that there was no other way to describe the situation other than as a national crisis but despite the circumstances there were some good things as well.

"We are seeing many positives in GISD in the way our Bear Family is responding to the crisis," Dr. Lightfoot said. "We keep finding new and better ways to control the things we can and I believe we will emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever and better equipped to meet the needs of our outstanding students."



Austin Bank Branch President Todd Clifton and Gladewater Beautification Board members Jon Keller, Vabbie Fortson, Austin Bank's Abigayle Berry and Beatification Board member Tracy McKnight honor Austin Bank as Business of the Quarter for its continuous attention to landscaping and presenting a positive business image to the community and visitors at its Gladewater branch on Hwy. 80.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Gladewater High School Asst. Band Director Rhett Pilcher and Director Jeff Smith proudly display the trophy the band won at the UIL Region 4 Marching Contest in Sulphur Springs on Nov. 3. Despite the many challenges of COVID restrictions the band persevered to earn a first division Sweepstakes rating from the judges.

"I am proud of how the kids handled all the issues that affected large groups during this pandemic," Smith said. "The kids have a great work ethic and that paid off with us earning an overall first division at the contest."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on June 30, 2020, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of March 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all of SWEPCO's Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. The request has no effect on SWEPCO's non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$616,370,432 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has over-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related, and purchased-power costs by \$10,041,895, excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative over-recovery balance is \$10,144,696 as of December 31, 2019. SWEPCO seeks to carry over the cumulative Reconciliation Period fuel over-recovery balance into the next reconciliation period beginning January 1, 2020. SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and a prior fuel refund proceeding, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 50997.



Who knew that Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (Matt Byrd) was a fan of the Christmas sweater? Scores of children enjoyed meeting Santa's lead reindeer as well as marveling at the swirling snow at the Byrd's Nest. Byrd, along with wife Karla and many of Santa's helpers, ensured that children would have a great time by providing a playground filled with interactive activities.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Despite the warm temp, Small Town Nutrition co-owner James Goodrum sports his holiday bunny suit from the movie "A Christmas Story". Foodie Goodman had to be sweltering in the footie outfit with temps in the upper 70s at Saturday's downtown holiday open house event. He managed to hop around town much to the delight of visitors.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



These smart Gladewater kiddos, Hannah, Duex and Sophi, came masked and prepared for an evening of making memories with their mom Charla Nash at the holiday open house held downtown Saturday. They dropped their masks, but not their smiles for a quick photo to capture the moment and memories.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Santa Claus, sometimes known as Jack Bynum, strolled the downtown streets much to the delight of children of all ages giving out candy canes and hearing Christmas wishes from visitors attending Saturday's downtown holiday open house.

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Gladewater Chamber of Commerce members and City of Gladewater personnel served free hot chocolate Saturday night at the annual Holiday Open House. The chamber also gave away a holiday gift basket. The lucky winner was Sara Stiles.

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Council members to be sworn in Thursday

The Gladewater City Council will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at which time re-elected Mayor JD Shipp and incumbent Place 3 councilwoman Brandy Flanagan will be sworn in along with newly elected councilman Scott Owens.

At a special council meeting Monday, the recent election votes were canvassed and approved. Owens, who previously served on the council for about 10 years, unseated Place 2 councilman Farrell Alexander, 1,080 to 684. Shipp and Flanagan were unopposed. Shipp received 1,734 votes and Flanagan received 1,627.

Agenda items at Thursday's meeting include:

- * Presentation to outgoing City Council Member Farrell Alexander
- * Appointment of the mayor pro-tem
- * Consider a blanket permit request from Anthony & Melva Gordon for a Craft & Trade Show to be held on December 5 at Jeter House from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- * Consider a Fire Protection Agreement between City of Gladewater and Upshur County ESD #1
- * Consider a Fire Protection Agreement between City of Gladewater and Upshur County ESD #1 as agent for the City of Union Grove
- * Consider hiring Karen A. Jacks & Associates for audit services for fiscal year ending 2020
- * Consider the appointment of City Council Members as ex-officio members of advisory boards
- * Consider amending the city's fee schedule for 2021 and adding fees for brush pick-up and event permits in the City of Gladewater Code of Ordinances
- * Consider amended the city's Blanket Permit Policy
- * The council is scheduled to enter to executive session regarding deliberation, recruitment, appointment, and employment of a Municipal Judge and possible make a selection Thursday night.