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Bears vs. Roughriders
7:30 p.m. Friday
Jack Murphy Stadium

Bears host Center

By Beth McKamy

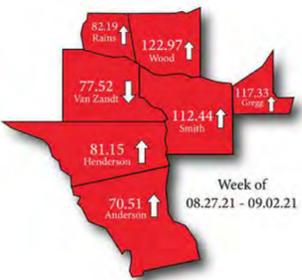
Gladewater returns to the field this Friday night to host the Center Roughriders in the annual "Blackout" game at Jack V Murphy "Bear" Stadium. Gametime is 7:30. The Bears hope to avenge last year's 41-40 loss to the Roughriders. Center, behind the rushing of then Sr RB Keomdre Horace, racked up 469 yards of total offense, 381 yards of it from Horace, who also scored 5 touchdowns for the Roughriders.

Fast forward to 2021 and fortunately for Bear fans Horace is gone. Center comes into Friday's game with a record of 0-2 on the year, falling to Gladewater district mates Tatum 68-26 and Jefferson 25-14. Despite the absence of Horace, the Roughriders return the ever dangerous combination of Sr QB Jake Hanson and WRs Makel Johnson and Christopher Evans. New HC Ricky Meeks takes over at the helm for Center. Meeks, who has 14 years of coaching experience under his belt, comes to the Roughriders from Alto, where he compiled a 21-13 record. Meeks was an assistant under his father Dickey Meeks at Henderson when the Lions won their only state championship in 2010. Gladewater fans might remember long time Bear Coach Ken Little was also an assistant on that Henderson team coaching the Lion defense in his final game, while also battling cancer. Little would pass away in 2012.

Gladewater, who averaged over 47 points a game last season, is looking to get their offense on track after putting up only 14 points in week 1 against 4A powerhouse Gilmer. Bear HC Jonny Louvier hopes to take advantage of an inexperienced Roughrider defense that only returns 4 starters and that has given up 93 points in 2 games.

Gladewater leads the overall series with Center 16-3. The series started in 1954 with the Bears shutting out the Roughriders 54-0. Gladewater has shutout Center four times in 1954 (54-0), 1955 (40-0), 1971 (40-0) and in 2008 (18-0). The Roughriders have shutout the Bears only once in 2009 (7-0). Gladewater has a large edge in points scored in the series 620-241. All Bear fans come out and support your team in their home opener.

NET Health passes resolution in wake of Delta variant's spike



The Board of Directors of the Northeast Health District passed a resolution this past week which they hope will reinforce their previous recommendations pertaining to the increase in COVID-19 cases since early July, officials announced.

Officials cite the increase in COVID cases as a result of the Delta variant's arrival in East Texas which has contributed to the "stress experienced by area hospitals treating the sick in our community, COVID-related and otherwise," officials said.

Although there has been a recent local uptick in COVID-19 vaccinations, the percentage of East Texans aged 12 years and higher who are fully vaccinated are generally 40 percent or less, with some counties only around 33 percent.

To augment vaccinations, other preventive measures that should be taken include the use of face coverings in public settings, staying home when sick, good hygiene practices, and social distancing.

A combination of these mitigation efforts is imperative in order to relieve the burden of disease in the East Texas area, officials said.

On Thursday Sept. 2, the NET Health Board of Directors passed a resolution that includes focused recommendations that embody

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Gladewater EFG tickets on sale now for Saturday fundraiser

By Suzanne Bardwell

Teaching is difficult in the best of times, but for the last two years it has taken a toll on GISD teachers, students and staff. The Education Foundation of Gladewater is working hard to support in-classroom grants to enhance pandemic learning and fill the gaps that have resulted from school shutdowns. To raise grant funds the second annual EFG Giddy Up & Give will be held Saturday at the Tempest Golf Course Clubhouse. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes dinner, entertainment by the Darrin Morris Band, a live and silent auction and a host of surprises.

A sure to be favorite auction item is the one-of-a-kind Mystery Cooler which will be filled to the brim with surprises. Cavender's Western Wear is donating custom made cowboy boots for the bid winning cowboy or cowgirl who will also snag box seats and VIP Pavilion passes for the 85th Gladewater Round Up Rodeo. For Bear lovers who just need a little time away there are trips that include a Fredricksburg Wine Country getaway, a New Orleans Jazz & Cuisine trip with lodging in the French Quarter and VIP tickets to a Preservation Hall Jazz Band performance, dinner and a romantic NOLA carriage ride. Hunters will be vying for the second annual Jack L. Phillips Memorial Hunt at Tequesquite Ranch donated by JP Safaris. Street naming honors for the Jack V. Murphy Stadium drive



20 years 9-11-2001

Nearly 3,000 people died on Sept. 11, 2001, when 19 terrorists working for al-Qaida hijacked four planes and launched coordinated attacks on American soil.

What transpired that day 20 years ago this Saturday stunned the nation and the world. Almost everyone who was old enough can tell you where they were or what they were doing when news broke of the first plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Here's a timeline of the tragic events, as told by the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

● At 8:45 a.m. on September 11, 2001, an American Airlines Boeing 767, Flight 11, collided into the World Trade Center's north tower in New York City immediately killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in the 110-story skyscraper.

● Only 18 minutes later, a second Boeing 767, United Airlines Flight 175, flew into the south tower. Both towers afire, burning debris covered the surrounding buildings and the streets below while hundreds jumped from the towers to their deaths in an attempt to escape.

● About 30 minutes later, a third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, crashed into the west side of the Pentagon near Washington, D.C..

● A fourth plane, United Flight 93, crash-landed into a field in Pennsylvania killing all 40 souls on board. Meanwhile, both World Trade Center towers collapsed into a terrifying and deadly inferno of rubble.

At the hands of 19 militant terrorists associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda headed by Osama bin Laden, more than 3,000 people (including more than 400 police officers and firefighters) were killed and more than 10,000 others were wounded during the attacks on 9/11. It was the deadliest terrorist act in U.S. history and the most devastating foreign attack on American soil since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Survivors and family members of survivors have come forward with stories of bravery and triumph. Tens of thousands have suffered. The initial Victim Compensation Fund

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2022 budget tax rate approved

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater City Council approved the 2022 budget and tax rate - which calls for no increase in the tax rate and the addition of an animal control officer, as well as raises for all employees.

The 2021-22 tax rate will remain at \$0.751562/\$100 valuation and the budget calls for \$6.8 million in revenue.

Following a executive session at Thursday's special session, the council chose to take on action at this time regarding the lease and/or purchase of Union Pacific properties in the downtown area.

The city and the Union Pacific have been in discussion for about a year over a proposed new lease contract from the UP which calls for the city to pay much more for downtown property that straddles the railroad tracks.

Earlier this summer, the City of Gladewater decided to turn the tables on the Union Pacific Railroad, using the long-standing practice of eminent domain to gain ownership of downtown land that straddles the railroad tracks.

The previous agreement called for a \$1,000 annual payment for 35 years. But the new deal proposed by the UP calls for a three-year lease at around \$10,000.

Instead of leasing at the higher price, the city would like to look at buying the property. But railroad officials haven't been cooperative. So, the city decided to turn to eminent domain as a solution to the railroad property issue.

Powerstation hit by thieves

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office is investigating an attempted theft of equipment which set off a flash fire that caused major damage at a rural Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative substation last Wednesday morning, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

Electrical service was interrupted to a number of homes for a brief time after the incident on Bluebird Road, but most if not all the power was "redirected... (in a) very timely manner," said Hazel. Upshur Rural spent the rest of the day replacing equipment at the site off Texas 300 south of Gilmer, he added.

Someone was apparently attempting to steal copper wiring,

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The Darrin Morris Band will provide the entertainment for Saturday's second annual Education Foundation of Gladewater's Giddy Up & Give at Tempest Golf Clubhouse. Tickets are \$50 each and include dinner, entertainment and a whole lot of fun, as well as access to the auction events. Tickets may be purchased at the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/giddy-up-give-2021-tickets-163390279725>. Courtesy Photo

is also up for grabs for one year. A sign will bear the name the auction winner chooses, maybe their own.

Grandparents and parents will want to be present to bid on the opportunity for their kids get a GFD Fire Engine or Police Cruiser personal ride to school, or maybe the joy of being an honorary cheerleader or water boy or girl for a home varsity football game, or for the ambitious future leaders there is Assistant Principal for a Day. To make your kid the star of his class a Recess & Kona Ice will be up for grabs for one lucky child's classmates.

That is just the a sampling of what will be on the live auction floor. The silent auction is filled with items sure to please. To check out some of the offerings and to earn a shot at a Date Night with a \$40 gift card to Booshay's Bayou Cafe and a \$40 gift card to Lumberjacks Axe Throwing go to the Education Foundation of Gladewater's Facebook page and like and follow.

The silent auction will be filled with items from GISD community businesses and individual supporters that is so diverse everyone attending is sure to find a special treasure while supporting the growth and success of GISD teachers and students.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



More than 600 new laws in effect

More than 600 new laws signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott went into effect Sept. 1. The new state laws — including one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, the right to carry handguns both concealed and openly without a license, changes to election law and a bill allowing restaurants to sell alcohol to go — were passed during the regular session of the legislature, which ended May 31. The House and Senate adjourned their second special session Thursday night.

“The 87th Legislative Session was a monumental success, and many of the laws going into effect today will ensure a safer, freer, healthier, and more prosperous Texas,” Abbott said. “I look forward to my continued work with the legislature to build upon these successes and create an even brighter future for the Lone Star State.”

Some of the more controversial laws, such as the abortion bill and the election law, face judicial challenges from opponents, although the U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to hear an appeal to the abortion bill, which bans the procedure if a woman is more than six weeks pregnant.

State deploys additional resources to Ida victims

Abbott announced Wednesday that additional resources and personnel have been deployed to assist in the response and recovery efforts in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Those resources include 116 guardsmen from a battalion tactical command and several platoons with high-water vehicles and other heavy equipment.

“Texas remembers the generous support offered by Louisianans during Hurricane Harvey four years ago, and we have recognized their need for additional help as they recover from the destruction of Hurricane Ida earlier this week,” Abbott said. “We will continue to help our neighbors in need, just as they did for us.”

Grants available for prescribed burning in East Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service has nearly a half-million dollars available in grants to offset the costs of prescribed burning on private lands in Central and East Texas.

“Texas has seen above-normal rainfall this year, resulting in greater herbaceous fuel loading in our fire environments,” said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Coordinator. “With more fuels, it is important for land managers to look ahead at what areas have the heaviest undergrowth and consider planning prescribed fire operations in those locations at a time when weather conditions are moderate.”

Prescribed fire is a land management practice that helps with habitat restoration, soil nutrient restoration and reducing wildfire risk by eliminating brush, weeds, dried vegetation and downed trees, according to a forest service press release.

The application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 30. Interested landowners can search eligibility and fill out an online application by visiting <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations rise again

After a decrease last week in COVID-19 cases in Texas, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported a rise to 126,379 new cases in Texas as of Friday, up about 20,000 from the previous week. Total number of deaths was 1,649, up 22% from the previous week. A total of 13,790 lab-confirmed patients were in Texas hospitals, up slightly from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

Nearly 4,200 Texans died of COVID-19 in the last month, largely due to the delta variant and overwhelmingly among the unvaccinated; the overall death toll since the pandemic began is over 56,000.

The number of Texans as of Friday who are fully vaccinated continues to trickle up, now totaling 13.8 million, or 47.4% of the state’s total population.

Zebra mussels now invaded 34 Texas lakes

With the designation of Lake Worth in Tarrant County on the Trinity River as “infested” with invasive zebra mussels, 28 Texas reservoirs are considered fully infested, with another half dozen lakes containing the pest. Zebra mussels negatively affect reservoir ecosystems by filtering out algae that native species need for food and attaching to and thus incapacitating native mussels. They are also notorious for clogging water intakes in power plants, which spend millions of dollars removing them.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says boaters play a critical role in preventing zebra mussels from spreading to new lakes.

“Each boater taking steps to clean and drain their boat before leaving the lake and allowing compartments and gear to dry completely when they get home can make a big difference in protecting our Texas lakes,” Brian Van Zee, TPWSD inland fisheries director, said.

May we never forget...

Just a few weeks ago our son Josh, our only child, was leading helibase attacks on three major wildfires out West. He is waiting now for his second assignment. In November he will travel with a national group of firefighting volunteers who will go to Kenya on a fire mission to train firefighters who have little training and less equipment.

How this all started has deep roots in East Texas, in American tragedy, and in the character of our son and many more young people like him. Josh was a junior volunteer firefighter in high school. He enjoyed helping out our neighbors and he learned a great deal.

As a senior he was the Photo Editor for my high school journalism program. He won his fair share of state and national awards including being named to the ILPC All State Journalism Staff. On 9/11 in 2001, as I was teaching a class full of eager young minds, Josh ran from my staffroom into my classroom shouting that a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center Towers in New York. Every morning Josh watched the news as he worked on his photos. That day, he broke the news to White Oak High School.

Within minutes we were all watching the scars of American history being slashed into a generation’s consciousness. It impacted many of them profoundly, including our precious son.

At Christmas a cousin was on a business trip to New York. She stopped an NYC firefighter, thanked him and told him eloquently about the impact their courage and sacrifice was having on young people all across this nation, including, specifically Josh. Whatever she said touched this man who had survived so much that he reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver coin with an angel stamped on it. He turned to our cousin and said, “This angel was in my pocket that day. My Angel protected me. Give it to the kid in Texas to watch over him to do the same.”

My child who had a journalism scholarship to TCU and a promised

Suzanne Bardwell



CNN Republican Presidential Convention internship chose instead to go to Stephen F. Austin University and become a Forester with a wild land firefighting specialization. He has fought fire all over America from mountains to marshland. I am often asked how I handle the danger he is in when he is on assignment. I pray...a lot. I also know that he has an angel watching over him wherever he goes, whatever he does.

A hero is an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances. We need to remember that. We all have the capacity to be heroic whether it is in the stairwell of a collapsing building, in a combat zone, on a medical frontline during a pandemic, in a raging wildfire, or on the streets of our hometown. We all need an Angel in our pocket and we all need to honor and pray for those who serve us. More importantly, we all need to seek ways we can serve and to do it with humility and gratitude.

This 9/11 I continue to pray for the families who lost so much on that day whether it was at the Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, or on a plane flown by terrorists and filled with everyday heroes. Many on 9/11 in 2001 gave their all and we honor their sacrifice and that of their families. We honor those who have fought in lands not their own for decades. We honor those who live a life of service and most humbly remember those who sacrificed all in that service.

“Greater love has no man than this...” John 15:13a

May we never forget.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

What goes up ...

Housing prices are up. Way up! The robust market reflects a variety of factors, including population growth, job opportunities, and interest rates. During the pandemic, demand



increased as people looked to upsize to allow more room for at-home work and/or school. Remote work also allowed many households to relocate, while stimulus funds helped many with down payments. At the same time, the pandemic slowed construction due to production shutdowns, logistics bottlenecks, and resulting shortages (and price increases) of

some building materials – and a tight labor market didn’t help. In other words, in our highly complex modern economy, the basics of supply and demand are alive and well.

Several recent reports indicate the strength of this trend. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 10-City Composite Home Price Index shows June home prices up 18.5% over a year prior. This index tracks repeat sales of similar homes over time, thus reflecting appreciation over time rather than a change in the mix.

Reports from The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) indicate increases are widespread, with 94% of 183 metropolitan areas tracked experiencing double-digit median sales price increases in the first quarter compared to last year. Nationally, the median sales

price of single-family existing homes rose 22.9% to \$357,900, an annual increase of \$66,800. Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown saw one of the fastest rates of increase, a whopping 45.1%.

Stories of buyers paying far above asking prices are common, and tight supplies leave few options. It’s a difficult market unless you happen to be a seller and don’t need to buy something else. Moreover, the recent strong gains are pricing some buyers out of the market. Even with stimulus help and low interest rates, affordability is a problem, particularly for first-time buyers or those with lower incomes. The job market is recovering and wages are rising, but not nearly as rapidly as home prices.

In addition, fears of a bubble are causing some concern, and the real estate crisis aspect of the

Great Recession is certainly not forgotten. This time, however, the price growth is due more to a supply-demand imbalance than to speculative factors.

There are signs conditions are beginning to normalize. The US now has about six months of housing inventory, meaning that the current for-sale inventory would last about that long given the current sales rate if no additional new houses were added to the market. That’s up from just over three months last fall, which is about as low as it has ever been.

Healthy real estate markets are good for the economy, and rising prices increase the wealth of homeowners. At the same time, expensive housing obviously presents financial challenges for buyers. We seem to be heading toward a happy medium. Stay safe!



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WHAT IS OF GREATER IMPORTANCE?

In sports we tend to look at rival games as bring critical. But, in the grand scheme of things, is any sporting event critical? It is so easy to lose all perspective about the relative importance of sporting events we often get so excited about.

Isn’t it odd how easy it is for us to get our values mixed up, and to become side-tracked from what is of surpassing importance? For example, many young people often spend much more time thinking about “making a living than they do about “making a life.” Many single people think only about “finding the right person” to marry, and never think about becoming the right people to make a future marriage work. Also, many young people often spend more time planning their wedding than planning their marriage! At the same time, many concentrate on having luxuries to live with, and forget about having high purposes in life to live for! You’ve probably heard about the silly girl who, when given a costly diamond ring, became more excited over the velvet box it came in.

It’s so important that we keep our values straight. Compared to health and life, no ball game is important. And, when we really think about it, no temporary goal in this life is truly important compared to the importance of eternal salvation. In Matthew 16: 26 Jesus said: “For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” How sad that so many plan for, and choose, the less important and temporary, over the eternal. It is essential that we remember what is really important in life. Think on these things.

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How the U.S. has changed

The fact that the U.S. changed forever on Sept. 11, 2001 is undeniable. Anyone who lived through the day's events and the aftermath sensed the changes.

Twenty years later, much of life has returned to its routines, but the marks left by the terrorist attacks remain.

WARS

The United States has been at war constantly since Sept. 11, 2001. Within a month of the attacks, U.S. forces invaded Afghanistan in pursuit of al-Qaeda, which claimed responsibility for the attacks. In 2003, the U.S. invaded Iraq as part of the War on Terror. The war in Afghanistan, which drew to a close in mid-2021 as the U.S. finally pulled all of its troops out of the country, is the longest-running war in the country's history.

Brown University's Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs lists the following effects of the post-9/11 wars.

- More than 801,000 people have died due to direct war violence, and several times as many due to the reverberating effects of war.

- More than 335,000 civilians have been killed as a result of the fighting.

- About 37 million war refugees and other people have been displaced.

- The costs to the U.S. for these wars has been over \$6.4 trillion.

FLYING

The effects on air travel were

intense immediately following Sept. 11. Commercial flights in the U.S. were grounded for days, and when they did resume, security was tight. Travelers have seen long lines, full body scans and other screening measures, and restrictions on items they can carry onto airplanes. The Transportation Security Administration grew to a massive size as it took over security duties that had previously been performed by private companies. The changes have made air travel more burdensome for travelers and at times infringed on their privacy.

SURVEILLANCE

Americans also have seen their privacy encroached upon by surveillance measures related to the War on Terror. According to PBS, audits have shown the National Security Agency annually had read "56,000 emails and other communications by Americans with no connection to terrorism, and in doing so, had violated privacy laws thousands of times per year." The scope of the problem came into focus in 2013, when CIA contractor Edward Snowden released classified documents regarding surveillance NSA programs.

IMMIGRATION AND ANTIIMMIGRANT VIOLENCE

Sept. 11, 2001 had major impacts on immigration in the U.S. The creation of the Department of Homeland Security saw immigration agencies shuffled and strengthened. The number of annual deportations of immigrants

doubled between 2001 and 2013, when it peaked, and while the numbers have declined, they remain much higher today than they were 20 years ago.

The aftermath of 9/11 also brought an increase in anti-immigrant violence, especially

against Muslims. Although the 9/11 attacks were carried out by Muslim extremists, innocent Muslims in the U.S. found themselves the target of attacks. In 2000, the FBI reported that it had handled 12 cases of anti-Muslim assault.

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(in operation from December 2001 to June 2004) received 7,408 applications from 75 countries and made 5,560 awards totaling over \$7 billion for both deaths (2,880) and personal injury (2,680) claims. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$8.6 million with an average award of \$2,082,128, all tax-free.

- On January 2, 2011, sitting President Barack Obama signed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 in honor of NYPD detective and first responder James Zadroga who died in 2006 from respiratory problems attributed to the inhalation of toxic dust from the World Trade Center disaster site. Also known as the "First Responders Bill," this Act expanded the scope of the Victim Compensation Fund to include first responders and individuals who later experienced health problems related to 9/11. More than 20,000 claims have been processed since then and close to \$3 billion in compensation for lost wages and other damages related to illness have been rendered.

While there are thousands of known victims and survivors, some remain unknown. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York has custody of 7,930 unidentified remains of those killed in the attacks. The remains are located in the World Trade Center Repository situated between the two footprints of the Twin Towers on the sacred ground of the World Trade Center site. There is a private Family Reflection Room that is not open to the public. Family members can also speak with World Trade Center anthropologists who can answer questions about the steps they are taking to identify the remains of 9/11 victims.

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UGISD honored the 13 service members killed in Afghanistan by recognizing each service members name, presenting a US flag in their honor, and observing a minute of silence at Friday's football game. The soldiers honored included: Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosariopichardo, 25, of Lawrence, Massachusetts; Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23, of Sacramento, California; Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, California; Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23, of Omaha, Nebraska; Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 22, of Logansport, Indiana; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, 20, of St. Charles, Missouri; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, 20, of Jackson, Wyoming; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, California; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20, of Norco, California; Navy Hospitalman Maxton W. Soviak, 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio; and Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Rotary clubs set golf tournaments

The Gladewater Rotary Club will host its 15th annual golf tournament on Oct. 23 at Woodhollow in Longview. The entry fee is \$75 per person, \$300 per team for the 4-man golf scramble. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee includes putting contest, lunch, green fee, cart fee, driving range and door prize ticket. Prizes will be awarded for the long drive and closest to the hole. Cash prizes include \$400 to the first place team, \$250 for second place team and \$175 for third place team. \$5 per player for two mulligans will also be available. All proceeds go to support four \$1,000 student scholarships, a \$500 military scholarship and Rotary Youth Leadership camps. To sign up contact Sam Cloud at 903-844-2205 or send check to the Gladewater Rotary at P.O. Box 17, Gladewater, 75647.

The Rotary Club of Gilmer will hold its annual fund-raising golf tournament Sept. 27 at Tempest Golf Club in Gladewater. Gilmer National Bank is tournament sponsor. The tourney will feature a 4-person scramble. Registration opens at 11 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact Jonathan Jetter at 903-445-7650 or Karen Holyfield at 903-802-4814.

Living Water Church Grand Opening Sunday

Living Water Church's "Grand Opening" will be held Sept. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 905 E. Broadway (Hwy 80) in Gladewater. Stop by and visit the brand new church. The grand opening will have fun for the entire family, including food trucks, and a bounce

house for the kids.

Everyone is invited to join in for an amazing time of worship and praise! Bring your kids and family!



On Monday, August 30, 2021, Upshur County Constable Tim Barnett's office received a request from ETOG along with social media requests to address illegal dumping off Blue Bell Road in Precinct 2.

During our investigation Barnett said he was able to identify the suspects. It was determined that a local resident had hired an individual to clean up their property and haul off the material off. The individual hired did not use an approved waste site and illegally dumped on private property and public roadway, meanwhile pocketing the funds paid to dump the debris. "We contacted the resident and they have paid to clean up the property at their own expense and properly disposed at a approved waste sites," Barnett said.

Felony Illegal Dumping Charges will be filed on the suspect(s) that transported the debris.

Barnett said if you hire someone to clean and haul off debris, you should request a paid receipt from an approved waste site for the debris before you pay for services. You may be responsible and charged with Illegal Dumping along with criminal and civil penalties to clean up the debris. This case will be forwarded to Upshur County District Attorneys Office for prosecution.

School Calendar of Events

GISD
9/8, Wednesday
 4 p.m. GHS Theatre Rehearsal
9/9, Thursday
 4 p.m. GHS Theatre Rehearsal
 GMS FB vs. Center-H
 5 p.m. 9/JV Bears@Center
9/10, Friday
 GHS 1:30-3 p.m. Flu Clinic
 4:30 p.m. JV/V VB vs. Nacogdoches-H
 7:30 p.m. Bears vs. Center
BLACK OUT Night
9/11, Saturday
 CC@Hallsville
 GMS VB Gladewater Tourney
 EFG Giddy Up & Give@ Tempest Golf Course
9/13 Monday
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9/14, Tuesday
 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
 4:30 p.m. JV/V VB@Sabine
9/15, Wednesday
 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
9/16, Wednesday
 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
9/16, Thursday
 CC@Quitman
 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
 5 p.m. 9/JV FB@Kilgore
9/17, Friday
 9-11 a.m. GHS Picture Day
 4:30 p.m. VB vs. Daingerfield-H
 Teacher Appreciation Night
 7:30 p.m. Bears vs. Kilgore-H
9/18, Saturday
 CC@Pine Tree
 State Special Olympic Qualifiers@San Antonio
UGISD
9/9, Thursday
 JH Volleyball vs. Grace
 Pizza Night - Watch Dog Meeting @ Elementary Cafeteria, 5 pm
 JH, JV Football vs. Alba-Golden (H)
9/10, Friday
 Dress up Day: Tye Dye Day
 FFA - Four States Fair
 Var. Volleyball vs. Leverett's Chapel (TH), 7:30pm
 Var. Football vs. Alba-Golden (TH)
9/11, Saturday
 JH Volleyball @ Hawkins Tournament
 Little League Football @ UG
 FFA - Four States Fair
 JH/HS Cross Country @ Hallsville Inv.
9/13 Monday
 Dress up Day: Marvel Monday
 JH Volleyball vs. Leverett's Chapel (TH)
9/14, Tuesday
 Dress up Day: Twin Tuesday
 JV, Var. Volleyball vs. Hawkins (H)
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Upshur County sets dates for adopting tax rate, budget

By Phillip Williams
Upshur County Commissioners Court on Tuesday of last week set Sept. 15 as date for adopting the county property tax rate and the county budget for fiscal year 2021-22, and also accepted the resignation of longtime county Building Maintenance Supervisor David Womble.

While the court plans to retain the current tax rate of 61.5 cents per \$100 valuation, it also set a Sept. 15 public hearing on what last week's meeting agenda termed a "tax increase." Despite keeping the tax rate, the county will receive more tax revenue due to increased valuations.

Womble announced he was retiring effective Oct. 15, but after the court held a closed session to discuss posting for the hiring of his replacement, commissioners voted to accept the resignation effective sometime between Oct. 15 and Thanksgiving Day. The court also voted to post the job opening.

The court is considering approving a budget of \$18 million for the general fund and insurance fund, up about \$1 million from the current fiscal year, according to County Auditor Connie Williams. If approved, the budget would dip into \$700,000 of the court's surplus, including a \$533,000 increase in funding for the Road and Bridge Department in the wake of numerous citizen complaints about county road conditions.

The potential budget includes \$1,000 pay raises for all county personnel with two exceptions: elected officials, who would get no raise, and certain personnel in the sheriff's office who are set to receive even larger salary increases.

In the meantime, three citizens complained to the court about road-related issues last week. Ramona Dwane, who lives on Emma Drive in the Magnolia Ridge subdivision, said "the

roads in our neighborhood have not changed in the past six years" and have holes that school buses can't pass.

"We pay tax dollars to this county. What are you doing with our money?" Dwane asked. She said patching with asphalt "is not gonna do the job," and the county is "losing revenue by people moving in and out."

Benjamin Moore, a Faith Lane resident, complained about water being dumped on his property, "horrible" drainage, and said he had called the Road and Bridge Department "multiple times." Moore said he was told "I'll get back with you," and that's been five months ago.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle pointed out in response that there is "some question who has the (legal) right to work on" certain roads due to a paperwork problem. Dolle, who has frequently expressed sympathy for road-related complaints, also said "this is the first I've been

made aware of drainage."

At one point, Dolle said he had received a petition with 330 signatures wanting to run off all elected officials because citizens couldn't get their roads fixed, and "I think they're right." He also complained that trucks are tearing up roads, and the firms responsible are "not putting a penny back into this county."

Betty Comer of Emma Road also complained about drainage, saying she spent thousands of dollars repairing her driveway although the Road and Bridge Department had worked in her

area. County Judge Todd Tefteller responded that the county needed to make sure what parts of roads are in the county inventory, and which aren't.

During a public hearing on the budget, the court approved County Road Administrator Andy Jordan's request to combine two part-time positions into a full-time administrative assistant position to deal with paperwork related to grant funds.

Jordan said he couldn't find anyone who would take the two part-time jobs, and that the full-time office staffer would cost less

than the two part-time salaries combined. He and Dolle agreed the salary for the part-time posts was insufficient.

After a lengthy discussion, the court also agreed to hire Cloud Cleaning of White Oak to provide additional cleaning services in county buildings.

The meeting was held in the 115th District Courtroom at the Upshur County Justice Center in Gilmer because two compressors were out in the court's normal meeting place, the nearby Upshur County Courthouse, Tefteller said.

Powerstation hit by thieves

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which has recently increased in price, and the sheriff's office sees an increase in thefts of that item when its price rises, Hazel said. The perpetrator, however, apparently left hurriedly and did not take anything, the chief deputy added.

The sheriff's office received a report at 5:36 a.m. that someone was at a nearby abandoned oil service well site where some rusted tanks were located, but deputies were unable to find anyone, said Hazel. Then at 7 a.m., the office received a report of some type of fire or explosion at the substation.

Gilmer Fire Department responded to the scene, but the blaze "pretty much burned itself out" soon after firefighters' arrival because breakers were tripped, said Fire Chief Jerry Taylor.

No arrests had been made as of Monday, but authorities have some physical evidence which is being analyzed, Hazel said.



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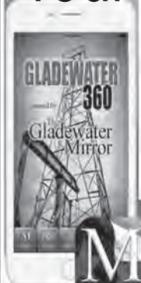
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NET Health passes resolution in wake of Delta variant's

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The resolution reads, in part:

- To help counteract the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19, the NET Health Board of Directors recommends all eligible persons obtain the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.
- To help counteract the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19,

the NET Health Board of Directors strongly recommends schools utilize face coverings for all individuals on campus and at school-related activities, as long as this area remains in the moderate to substantial benchmark per the COVID-19 community spread level document for the NET Health jurisdiction.

- To help counteract the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control guidelines, the Board recommends local businesses strongly encourage masking for customers 2 years of age and older and for employees,

except while eating or drinking, as long as this area remains in the moderate to substantial benchmark per the COVID-19 Community Spread Level document for the NET Health Jurisdiction.

- Per CDC guidelines, the NET Health Board of Directors recommends and strongly encourages that all members of the public stay home when they are sick, practice social distancing as much as possible, and quarantine and get tested after having known close-contact exposure to a person infected with COVID-19.

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- Read biographies of the victims of 9/11 at the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial's website at www.pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies.

- Read tributes written by others, and write your own tribute, at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum's Digital Remembrance Wall at www.neverforget.org/remember.

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FOR TEACHERS

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum offers resources to help teachers bring the stories of 9/11 heroes into their classrooms.

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For example, one lesson plan aimed at grades three through five is titled "Local Heroes" and asks: "What is a hero and how can people show gratitude to those who act heroically in their own communities?"

Another aimed at sixth-through eighth-graders is titled "American Anxiety After 9/11" and discusses the question, "How did 9/11 affect Americans' sense of safety?" Search for lesson plans by grade level and theme on the organization's website at <https://www.911memorial.org>.

Gladewater EFG tickets on sale now for Saturday fundraiser, Darrin Morris Band to perform

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be purchased at the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/giddy-up-give-2021-tickets-163390279725>.

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- **What Were the Twin Towers?** by Jim O'Connor and Who HQ.

This paperback book tells the history of the Twin Towers, how their construction changed the New York skyline, and why they were destroyed. Recommended for ages 8-12.

- **Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of John J. Harvey**, by Maira Kalman. This book for younger children tells the story of the John J. Harvey, a firefighting boat that was destined for the scrap pile before it helped put out the fires at Ground Zero when the fire hydrants in the area were inoperable. Recommended for ages 4-8.



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Proposition Number 1
(HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2
(HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

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Proposition Number 3
(SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincere-

ly held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4
(SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5
(HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establish-

ing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7
(HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8
(SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gladewater Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., September 20, 2021 in GISD Administration building located at 200 East Broadway, Gladewater, TX 75647. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.083400/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.366300/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
 (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value** of all property	\$873,288,675	\$857,138,341
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$16,362,519	\$8,780,049
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$570,280,002	\$552,431,270
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$14,542,378	\$8,406,465

*All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.
 **Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 *** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 **** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$1,767,650

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.054700	\$0.395000*	\$1.449700	\$4.438	\$7.623
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.083400	\$0.373391*	\$1.456791	\$4.773	\$7.552
Proposed Rate	\$1.083400	\$0.366300*	\$1.449700	\$4.773	\$7.499

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$115,236	\$120,218
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$60,834	\$71,992
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.449700	\$1.449700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$881.91	\$1,043.67
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$161.76

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.456969. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.456969.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$9,642,122
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$2,145,943

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Forest Service grants available for prescribed burning on private land

COLLEGE STATION – Texas A&M Forest Service is accepting grant applications to offset the cost of prescribed burning on private lands for Central and East Texas landowners through September 30, 2021.

\$477,786 in grant funds are available for eligible landowners conducting prescribed burns on their property by certified and insured prescribed burn managers. Last year, the grant programs provided \$376,162 to landowners for a total of 15,094 acres treated.

“Texas has seen above normal rainfall this year, resulting in greater herbaceous fuel loading in our fire environments,” said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Coordinator. “With more fuels, it is important for land managers to look ahead at what areas have the heaviest undergrowth and consider planning prescribed fire operations in those locations at a time when weather conditions are moderate.”

Prescribed fire is a land management practice with countless benefits including habitat restoration, soil nutrient restoration and importantly reducing wildfire risk by eliminating brush, weeds, dried vegetation and downed trees. Available grant funds are set aside for wildfire hazard mitigation and for some grants priority will be given to projects that protect the most homes and communities, while others will give priority to habitat and ecosystem restoration.

“Interested landowners can learn more by searching the interactive map on our webpage to locate their property and research their eligibility,” said McCrady. “The application process is entirely online as well and allows landowners to work directly with the professional burn contractor of their choice to complete the application, burn plan and map requirements.”

A total of \$239,368.88 of **Community Protection Program - Prescribed Fire Grant** funding is available for reducing hazard of high-risk fuels on private lands within 10 miles of a National Forest boundary in East Texas.

The **State Fire Assistance for Mitigation Central and East Texas - Prescribed Fire Grant** has a total of \$114,777.50 available to 43 eligible counties with a city- or county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

A total of \$73,640.01 is available through the **Neches River and Cypress Basin Watershed Restoration Program - Prescribed Fire Grant** for prescribed burning in prioritized East Texas watersheds. Treatments will help improve water supply and quality, control invasive species and enhance wildlife habitat by restoring ecosystem function.

Up to \$50,000 is available through the **Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program - Prescribed Fire Grant** for burn treatments on private land in East Texas to enhance longleaf pine ecosystems. This cooperative program is available in select counties throughout the year. For details on the Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/longleaf/>.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not conduct these prescribed burns. Grant recipients must select a certified and insured prescribed burn manager to reimburse costs from \$20 to \$30 per acre, depending on program eligibility.

The application deadline is Thursday, September 30, 2021. Interested landowners can search eligibility and fill out an online application by visiting <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>.

Find more information on cost-share programs offered to Texas landowners through the Funding Connector website at <https://texasforestinfor.tamu.edu/fundingconnector/>.

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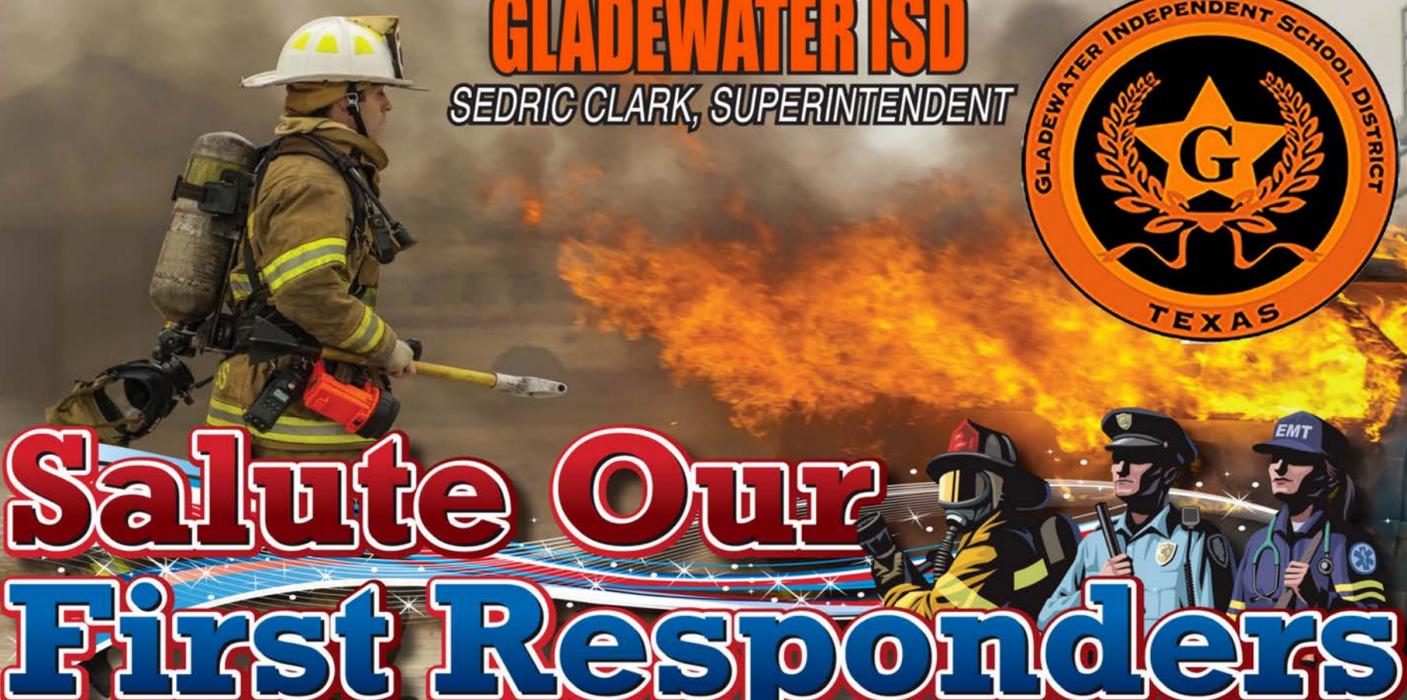
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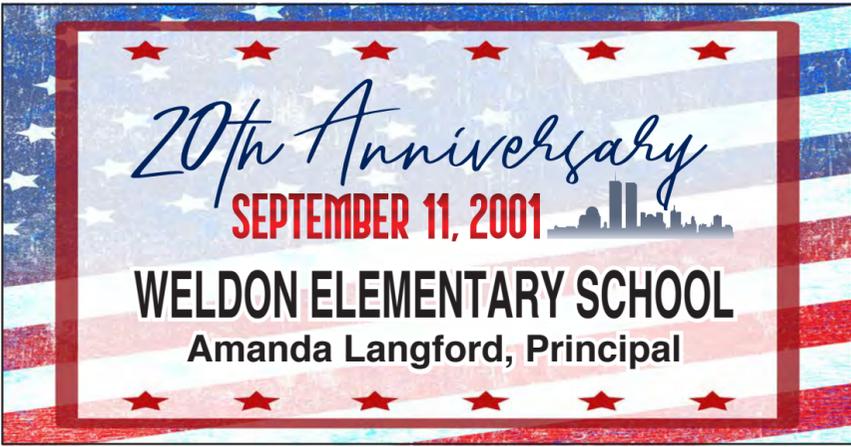
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The Union Grove Lions will attempt to rebound from last Friday's loss to Queen City by traveling to Alba-Golden for a non-conference game with the Panthers on Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The Lions dropped their home opener 57-12 to Queen City and are now 1-0, while Queen City's win made them 2-0 on the new season.

The Panthers enter the match with a 1-1 record. In their last match, Alba-Golden routed Big Sandy, 20-0. In other upcoming 3A matchups, Elysian Fields faces Winona, Harleton takes on Rivercrest, Shelbyville will face Waskom, Winnsboro will battle Hughes Springs, Big Sandy meets Ore City, and Harmony will battle New Diana.

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