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Bears vs. Bulldogs  
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Jack Murphy Stadium

## Bears squeak by Roughriders; host Kilgore Bulldogs Friday

By Beth McKamy

Senior runningback Malachi Gordon ran for 213 yards and a touchdown and the Bears overcame penalties and turnovers to claim a one point victory over the Center Roughriders at Jack V Murphy Stadium Friday night.

Gladewater lived in Center territory all night, and were 41 point favorites over the 0-2 Roughriders, but penalties and turnovers in the red zone kept the Bears off the board. The Gladewater offense managed to get into the Red Zone on eight of their nine drives but could only muster two touchdowns despite racking up 486 total yards, 385 of that on the ground.

The Bears got their first chance in Center territory after the Roughriders fumbled the opening kickoff, setting Gladewater up at the Center 23 yard line. Starting quarterback, junior Kollin Lewis hit senior wide receiver DJ Allen on a 22 yard strike to reach the Roughrider one yard line but a fumble on the next play put the pigskin back in Center's hands.

On the first play after the Bear fumble Center used a little trickery executing the "swinging gate" for a 23 yard gain. Sophomore quarterback Emonte Cross would give Center their only offensive touchdown of the night on a one yard run. Roughrider kicker Carlos Hernandez split the uprights giving the Riders a 7-0 lead with 9:55 left in the first quarter. That would be one of only two times the Bear defense would allow the Center offense to cross midfield.

The Bears wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, driving 70 yards in nine plays. On first and 10 from their own 30 yard line, Gordon ripped off 11 of his 213 yards. Fullback Austin Verner would add seven more yards. On second and three from the Bear 48 yard line a holding penalty pushed Gladewater back to their own 38 yard line. The Roughrider defense sacked QB Lewis for a 4-yard loss but a Center 15 yard penalty gave the Bears new life in Roughrider territory. Four plays later on fourth and four Allen makes a one handed grab of a Lewis pass to give Gladewater a first and 10 at the Center 25. Fullback Zach Polanco broke through the defensive line for a 20 yard gain and G'Braylon Polly barreled in from the five yard line for the Bear score. Following a Center penalty on the extra point try, QB Lewis ran the

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Senior runningback Malachi Gordon ran for 213 yards and a touchdown for the Bears Friday. Photo by Jim Bardwell

## Thomas to represent GHS at Queen's Pageant

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Miss Gregg County Pageant will be held Thursday night at the Gregg County Fairgrounds. Seven nominees from each of the county's public schools is represented. Each nominee was chosen to represent their school based on scholastic ability and student vote.

Jade Thomas will represent Gladewater High School. She is the daughter of Monica Thomas and the late Quinn Thomas. She has served as a 4-year Bear, participated in band and varsity softball throughout high school. Thomas was named an Outstanding Student in Spotlight on GHS for the past three years and currently serves as the National Honor Society President. Thomas plans to become a doctor of dental surgery and will attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue her goals. She is a member of the Progressive Church of God in Christ.

Representing White Oak High School is Lexi Baker. She is the daughter of Kathryn and Shaun Baker. She is a WOHS varsity cheerleader, a member of the state-recognized Roughneck yearbook staff, a volleyball and track athlete, as well as a participant in the East Texas Juniors Volleyball Club. Baker's volleyball honors include first team All District 2018 and 2019; District 15-3A Hitter of the Year 2020; Academic All District 2018, 2019, 2020; All East Texas Volleyball Newcomer of the Year 2018; All

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Jade Thomas  
Miss GHS



Lexi Baker  
Miss WOHS



Leslie Lynn Barnes  
Miss SHS



Abby Hattaway  
Miss KHS



Judging will begin at 9 p.m. Thursday at the Longview Fairgrounds, with Miss Congeniality announced after a vote by the seven contestants. The schools will also compete for the spirit trophy. The goal of the Miss Gregg County Pageant is to encourage young women to pursue their education at higher levels by providing scholarships. The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.



Demi Nicole Ferguson  
Miss SHHS



Alivia Leary  
Miss PTHS



Randi Floyd  
Miss GHS

## EFG raises \$80K in GISD Giddy Up & Give event

By Suzanne Bardwell

The calculators overheated and the Education Foundation of Gladewater's board of directors rejoiced when the donations were totaled from Saturday's second annual Giddy Up & Give fundraiser held at Tempest Golf Clubhouse. The grand total raised to support grants to enhance classroom learning for GISD students came in at approximately \$80,000.

"It made me cry, I am blown away," EFG Event Chair Katie Ellis said. "This community rallies together when there is a need. I love the name Giddy Up & Give because that's what our community does. They giddied up and gave generously. I am so proud to be a Bear."

Giddy Up & Give opened with a brief welcome from Ellis and Mayor JD Shipp's moving remarks in recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 followed by a prayer by Todd Clifton prior to a buffet dinner served on the veranda of the clubhouse. Those in attendance packed Neptune's dining room and enjoyed the music of the standout Darrin Morris Band which currently has two number one singles on the Texas Country Music Charts.

A silent auction filled with a variety of donated items and included original artwork by Gladewater students was a hit with those in attendance. Last year a grant wish was filled by the Commander family when they sponsored the purchase of robotics equipment for a new course curriculum and academic competition. The robots were named Lexi-bots in honor of their late granddaughter.

This year the focus was on the art program for a wish which was easily met with support from a variety of sources. The foundation for the arts grant began with a \$2,300 memorial donation from family and friends of former career WOISD art teacher Cindy Welling, whose daughter and granddaughter are GHS alums and her grandchildren all attend GISD.

A hot ticket auction item was the second annual Jack L. Phillips Memorial Hunt at Tequesquite Ranch donated by JP Safaris. Nancy Phillips Abernathy spoke warmly about her late father and the memories to be made at Tequesquite Ranch for the lucky donor and his family or friends. For the second year in a row Dale and Tanna



Education Foundation of Gladewater's event chairman Katie Abernathy Ellis shows off a sample of custom boots which Cavender's of Longview donated for the auction. Lucky winner Dale Rhodes won the opportunity to design his own custom pair. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Rhodes snagged the coveted hunting trip.

Live auction items ranged from a large autographed action photo of Hall of Fame Cowboy Bob Lilly donated by Todd Clifton to trips to Mexico to a mystery cooler filled with treasures, to Cavender's custom boots, trips to Mexico, naming a GHS Street for a year and much, much more.

The 2020 auction raised approximately \$30,000 with a huge \$50,000 leap in 2021. The EFG's mission is to support instructional innovation and creativity in the classroom by funding educational grants submitted by Gladewater ISD faculty and staff.

The teachers of GISD strive to add engaging curriculum and learning tools to classrooms, but budget constraints at times limit purchase.

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## Annual Arts and Crafts festival this weekend

The Annual Gladewater Arts and Crafts Festival is this weekend - Sept. 18-19 on the grounds of the Broadway School campus in downtown Gladewater.

The festival will run Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. (Check out the Vendor list)

Gladewater hosts one of the largest annual outdoor artistic events and festivals in East Texas. You'll find dozens of booths featuring all kinds of arts and crafts, homemade goods, jewelry, unique handmade works, food, toys, home decor items and more.

Francisco Metal Art  
Heartful Thoughts  
Eve's Garden Designs  
The Glorified Gypsy  
K & S Creations  
Jewelry & More by TJ  
Papa Bunn's BBQ & Grill  
Cuttin' Creations  
Gram Crafter  
Kountry Love Baking  
Scroll Saw Art  
A & C Creations

Burleson's Woodcarving and More  
The Byrd's Nest  
Wud Craft  
Better Than...Brand  
JC's  
Trinkets & Beads  
Deck the Balls  
Creations by P&N  
Diamond G Cedar  
The Three Sister's Designs  
The Tattered Paint Brush  
Wizard Princess Designs

The Hair Studio  
Sweeter Than Honey  
Hot Press Heifer  
Creations by Katherine  
Linda G Creations  
Gordon's Grill & Go  
East Texas Kettle Corn  
WH Ranch  
Sugar Hill Mudworks  
Lana Lynne  
Scrubby Love Gladewater  
Between the Creeks

Back Porch Crafts  
Hunt IV Custom Boards  
MIMI's Kitchen  
Bellatrous  
Crafts by George  
Lorie Darlin'  
Small Town Girl by Tall  
GIG's Wreaths  
Kazlow's Kookies  
Made by Knight  
SJK Designs  
Junk to Treasures  
Dragon's Nature Photography, LLC

Luline's Handmade Goods  
Random Flower Co. Popcorn  
Creative Giltz  
DRL Creations plus Everything Bella  
Jewelry from the Heart by Becky  
Bev Mize Designs  
"Back In the Day" Canning & Creations  
Neevana Creations  
Handcrafted by Matthew R. Prior  
The Bread Lady  
Pineywoods Creations  
Kirby's Krafts

Three Roots Boutique  
The Spice Hippies  
C & J Crafts  
WOW Creative Crafts  
Mermaid Magic  
Whymzies  
Creations by Becca  
LJW Designs  
Mark's the Spot  
Salsa Lady  
Winters'  
Gnome Hollow Candles & Soap Co.

## Local sales tax revenue still up

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced late last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$925.1 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 20.9 percent more than in September 2020.

These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

Gladewater's local sales tax posted double-digit increases for the fifth month in a row, showing a 15.13-percent rise over the same period last year. Gladewater's sales tax posted \$98,832.34 in July 2021 compared to \$85,840.07 for July of 2020.

For the year Gladewater moved from 2.56-percent overall for the year as of June 2021 to 3.78-percent overall as of July 2021.

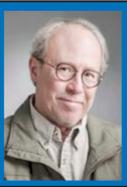
Kilgore posted a 13.921-percent increase in sales tax revenue, while neighboring White Oak slipped, posting a -4.58-percent. Gilmer posted a rise of 6.25-percent and Warren City was up 5.99-percent, but Clarksville City was down -10.83-percent.

Big Sandy posted a 27.70 rise over last year, while East Mountain fell -16.82-percent. Union Grove was up 36.11-percent.

GREGG COUNTY							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$6,837.13	\$7,667.74	-10.83%	\$65,217.98	\$61,079.92	6.77%
Easton	1.000%	\$4,229.98	\$5,429.46	-22.09%	\$39,885.65	\$35,995.37	10.80%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$98,832.34	\$85,840.07	15.13%	\$918,549.04	\$885,048.37	3.78%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$589,743.89	\$517,679.73	13.92%	\$5,464,857.62	\$5,439,984.52	0.45%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$22,724.61	\$18,668.79	21.72%	\$195,361.29	\$173,916.33	12.33%
Longview	1.500%	\$3,228,536.14	\$2,986,598.30	8.10%	\$28,488,219.84	\$25,156,106.14	13.24%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,260.67	\$1,189.32	5.99%	\$12,565.69	\$12,604.65	-0.30%
White Oak	1.500%	\$93,825.75	\$98,335.64	-4.58%	\$858,813.46	\$838,621.93	2.40%
UPSHUR COUNTY							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$25,303.04	\$19,813.03	27.70%	\$212,219.14	\$181,398.54	16.99%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$2,672.81	\$3,213.63	-16.82%	\$34,457.31	\$31,975.71	7.76%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$179,208.91	\$168,656.54	6.25%	\$1,718,161.88	\$1,604,899.67	7.05%
Ore City	1.500%	\$19,912.43	\$21,176.58	-5.96%	\$170,691.08	\$173,671.91	-1.71%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$292.93	\$215.20	36.11%	\$3,507.75	\$3,243.23	8.15%

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Abbott calls third special session for Sept. 20

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special legislative session to deal with redistricting, to decide how to spend billions of dollars in pandemic funding from the federal government and to determine to whether state or local governments can mandate COVID-19 vaccines, as well as some pet issues of the governor that failed to pass recent sessions.

The third session begins Sept. 20 and by law can last no longer than 30 days. The second special session resulted in passage of hotly contested voting restrictions and what are considered the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, both of which are under legal attack. In the case of the latter, the U.S. Justice Department is suing the state, saying the abortion law banning the procedure at roughly six weeks of pregnancy is unconstitutional.

"The (Texas) act is clearly unconstitutional under long-standing Supreme Court precedent," Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, as reported widely by media outlets.

Several groups have filed suit against the elections bill signed by Abbott last week, including Voto Latino, LULAC Texas, the Texas Alliance for Retired Americans, and the Texas American Federation of Teachers.

The law limits early voting hours, ends drive-in voting, and restricts mail-in voting. GOP leaders maintain that other provisions in the measure make it easier to cast a vote than before.

### August cooler, wetter than normal for most of Texas

August is in the books and the first day of autumn beckons. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, reports the month was cooler than normal for most of the state, and wetter than normal for about half of Texas. The U.S. Drought Monitor map for Texas shows just 1% of the state in drought.

"Over the last 22 years, we've averaged about 40% of the state in drought by the end of August, Wentzel wrote in his monthly report. "Since 2000, we've only had two other Augusts that ended with less drought area: 2004 and 2007."

### Emergency SNAP benefits extended again

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is extending emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits once more in September, meaning SNAP recipients will again get an additional \$95 in emergency allotments. The funding comes from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, we are pleased to provide this additional support to ensure Texans will be able to keep food on their table for themselves and their families," said Wayne Salter of the HHSC.

### Duck hunters can expect another good season

The early teal hunting season began Saturday, and officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say habitat conditions point to another productive season for hunters.

"Teal numbers are already impressive in many areas of Texas, especially the rice prairies of the Texas Gulf Coast and the playa wetlands of the Panhandle," Kevin Kraai of TPWD said.

The 16-day statewide early teal season runs through Sept. 26, with a daily bag limit of six. Blue-winged teal are by far the most prevalent duck found in Texas this time of year, according to TPWD.

### Tuition program open enrollment underway

Open enrollment in the state's Texas Tuition Promise Fund began Sept. 1 and runs through the end of February. The plan allows parents and others to lock in today's tuition and fees at state public colleges and universities. The accumulated funds can also be transferred to private colleges and other institutions such as vocational schools, though the tuition is not locked in.

The TTPF program offers webinars throughout the enrollment period. More information can be found at TuitionPromise.org or by calling Monday through Friday at 800-445-GRAD (4723). Press Option 5.

### COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas decreased slightly in the past week, with the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reporting 120,494 new cases, down 4.6% from the previous week. Total deaths statewide increased slightly to 1,789.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-10 hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 13,285 reported in Texas, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Available intensive-care unit beds remain scarce, with just 330 open in the entire state, the least since the pandemic began early last year. Even more concerning are the few pediatric ICU beds open, with just 80 available, according to DSHS.

At least 45 school districts across the state have shut down in-person classes because of COVID-19 outbreaks affecting more than 40,000 students, according to the Texas Tribune. The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated crossed the 14-million mark, which is 48.5% of the total population, DSHS reported.

## "...the nation we know."

Eyes are said to be mirrors to the soul. There are those among us whose humor shines in the twinkle of their eyes. Their eyes make us smile. And then there are the eyes that reveal the horror they have seen and the pain they have lived despite the smile on their lips.

As I watched the televised 9/11 memorial Saturday morning on the 20th anniversary of that moment that scarred our nation I thought about some of the truly heroic people I have known. My long list of heroes were from different generations, different parts of our nation, different races, faiths and socio-economic backgrounds. But they all had one thing in common. They were ordinary people who responded in extraordinary circumstances with bravery, honor and strength.

I remember the eyes of a New York City firefighter who was in the Twin Towers on 9/11, 2001. His picture doesn't capture the depths of sadness in his deep brown eyes. It had just been a year and a half after 9/11 when our picture was taken. In that photo my eyes are clearly sparkling and his... aren't.

I remember the deep brown eyes of my Dad when he talked about friends he lost in World War II. The sad eyes of the young firefighter and the sad eyes of my aging father had a great deal in common.

Former President George Bush had some very important things to say in his speech at the Flight 93 memorial service in Pennsylvania that honored everyday Americans on a commuter flight who made a choice to stop the terrorists who hijacked their plane with the intent of turning it into a weapon. Pres. Bush's eloquent words about the people on Flight 93, people just like you and me, were powerful:

"Twenty years ago, terrorists chose a random group of Americans, on a routine flight, to be collateral damage in a spectacular act of terror.



## Suzanne Bardwell



The 33 passengers and seven crew of Flight 93 could have been any group of citizens selected by fate. In a sense they stood for us all.

"The terrorists soon discovered that a random group of Americans is an exceptional group of people. Facing an impossible circumstance, they comforted their loved ones by phone, braced each other for action, and defeated the designs of evil.

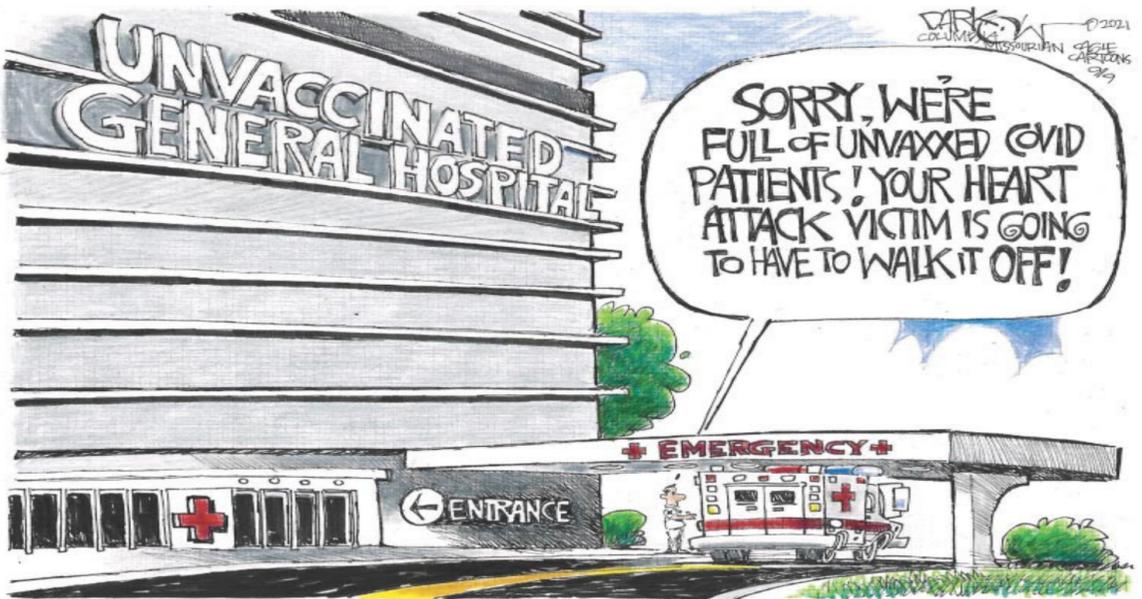
"These Americans were brave, strong, and united in ways that shocked the terrorists—but should not surprise any of us. This is the nation we know. And whenever we need hope and inspiration, we can look to the skies and remember."

Remember today that you too, are brave and strong. Remember that what you love most you will always fight to protect.

Remember that we are united by much more than what divides us. Remember that every single one of us has the potential for heroism. Let us live each day forward dedicating ourselves as ordinary people to extraordinary lives.

Seize this day everyday heroes, and make your corner of the world a better, brighter place to be. And as for your eyes? Let them shine with hope despite the challenges we face. We needed to be reminded that we are stronger than we think, braver than we know, and that we will always stand together when it is most needed. It is what Americans have always done.

It is who we are.



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## Momentum Mishap ...

August job gains for the US were disappointing, with an increase in total nonfarm payroll employment of 235,000 and the unemployment rate down 0.2 percentage point to 5.2%. An increase of this magnitude



isn't bad by historical standards and is, in fact, somewhat above the average during the 11 years of expansion prior to the pandemic. However, it's not the strong economic recovery from the COVID downturn we would like to see, and it's a far smaller increase than those observed in recent months.

The primary reason is simple –

the delta variant. Cases had been trending much lower through the spring and early summer as vaccination programs and other measures taken to curtail the spread of the virus led to significant progress and the beginnings of a return to more normal activity. Then came the much more contagious delta variant and cases and hospitalizations began to rise quickly, causing increased fear and reluctance to travel, additional restrictions, and other growth impediments. As I've said repeatedly since the pandemic started, the economic crisis was caused by a health crisis, and until the health crisis is effectively dealt with, the US will not see a robust economic recovery.

To put the August gain in perspective, 2021 monthly job growth has averaged 586,000, and June and July were particularly

strong with gains of 962,000 and 1.1 million, respectively. Some industries continued to hire last month (professional and business services, transportation and warehousing, private education, manufacturing, and miscellaneous services), but others came to a screeching halt. Retail trade employment actually declined, and several industries were essentially unchanged, including leisure and hospitality (which alone had recently seen average gains of 250,000 per month), construction, wholesale trade, and health care.

The job market has come a long way since the end of the February-April 2020 pandemic recession, but certainly isn't all the way back. Total employment plummeted by 22.5 million last spring, and we remain about 5.3 million jobs below the prior peak. Even with recent gains, manufacturing

employment is down 378,000 from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020, and there are 1.7 million (10.0%) fewer leisure and hospitality jobs.

Now, with the delta variant pushing up caseloads and hospitalizations, the pace of hiring has slowed. Worse, if the surge continues, there is the potential for more significant economic disruptions with cancelled events and athletic seasons, offices remaining closed, and schools switching to hybrid or remote learning.

To get the pace of economic growth back on track, we must bring the virus under control. Common sense precautions such as masks and vaccinations can help. Obviously, the primary concern is for human health and well-being, but the economic fallout will no doubt cause additional stress. Stay safe!



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## THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Someone said: "God will not change your will against your will." The Bible certainly confirms the idea that God will not force people to do His will. God created man with the ability to make moral choices. We refer to such as "free moral agency." Thus, God who gives people the power of volition, respects man's freedom of choice to the extent that He does not miraculously make a person love Him. He will never miraculously change someone's heart from hatred and rebellion to love and obedience. Simply put, this means that we have the ability to obey or disobey God, and then face the consequences. Hence, man is the only one in God's creation that can tell God NO!

For example, God commanded Adam and Eve to not eat of the tree bearing the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. We also read of the consequences if they disobeyed. (Gen. 2: 16-17, 3: 3). Satan tempted Eve to partake of this tree. She gave in and ate, and then gave to her husband, and he ate of it too. (Gen. 3: 6). They were cursed and driven out of the garden. (Gen. 3: 16-24). Could they have chosen not to eat of the fruit? Did they not each have the ability to choose and then face the consequences of their independent decision?

Deuteronomy 30: 19 says: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, CHOOSE life, that you and your offspring may live." Joshua 24: 15 says: "CHOOSE for yourselves this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." In John 5: 39-40 Jesus told the Jews: "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are NOT WILLING to come to Me that you may have life." These and many more scriptures scream of the FREEDOM to CHOOSE!

Of course, God does change people, but He doesn't change people against their will! He appeals to people by love, by promises, and by warnings. But He won't change your will against your will! Don't ignore God and tell yourself: "When God wants me He'll change me." That not only indirectly blames God for your disobedient lifestyle, but you deceive yourself. Think on these things.

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# OBITUARY

## WILLIAM ROSS "POP" JONES

William Ross "Pop" Jones: Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother passed away with his family by his side Saturday August 7, 2021 at the age of 76.



Ross was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to James Atkins Jones and Bennie Jackson Jones March 23, 1945.

The Jones Family moved to Gladewater, Texas early in Ross's life. Ross graduated from Gladewater High School in 1963. A standout

athlete in Basketball and Baseball, Ross was on the team that made it to the state finals in 1963.

1963 was a special year because this is when Ross met the love of his life, his wife Susan Allen.

Ross and Susan were married in Gladewater Texas in 1968 and moved to Corpus Christi, Texas. For 54 years, through good times and bad, they remained by each other's side until his passing.

Ross received his Bachelors of Education from East Tx State University (Texas A&M Commerce) in 1968 and his Masters of Science, Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M Corpus Christi in 1981.

Ross' teaching and coaching career began in Corpus Christi, TX in 1968. From Corpus Christi to Robstown, Gladewater, Big Sandy, McAllen and La Joya Texas. Ross enhanced the lives of many students and teachers during his 34 year career in special education. Upon retirement in 2002 he started a small business building golf clubs for kids, volunteered his time at the First United Methodist Church in McAllen, The Valero Texas Open and Texas Dove Hunters Association. He also fished the Lower Laguna Madre and Baffin Bay every chance he could.

"Pop Jones," as he was affectionately known, was an avid outdoorsman. His joys were bird hunting and being on the water chasing trophy speckled trout and redfish. He loved to see his friends and family, especially his grandchildren, enjoy the outdoors and the lasting bonds that time a field created.

Ross is preceded in death by his Parents: Jim Atkins Jones and Bennie Jones of Gladewater. Brother: Jim Atkins Jones Jr. Father and Mother in Law: Tommy O Allen and Sarah Allen of Gladewater.

Ross is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Susan, Brother: Jerry B Jones Son: Darren Jones Daughter in Law: Courtney Jones Grandchildren: Garrett and Lauren Jones and Keaton and Avery Slimak. Sister and Brother In Law: Julie Allen Tucker and Mike Tucker, Brother and Sister in Law: Frank and Denny Allen as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Pop loved fishing and was a staunch proponent of conserving our resources. Our family humbly requests that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to: Coastal Conservation Association, 6919 Portwest Drive, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77024. In the name of Ross Jones

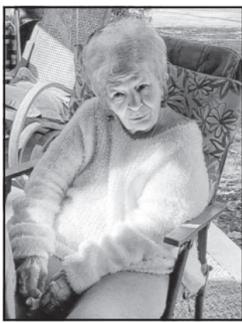
A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, September 20th at 2 p.m. at University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Rd 78249, with a reception immediately after.

For those unable to attend a live stream of the service can be seen here: [Universityatx.org](https://www.universityatx.org), click on the livestream link at the bottom of the page at the time of the service.

We also ask that family and friends take the time to write down a favorite hunting or fishing story, or cherished memory about Ross. We will be incorporating these short stories into a photo album for the family. Send to [dbjoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:dbjoutdoors@gmail.com)

## BARBARA LOUISE STEVENSON LOCKWOOD ROBINSON

Graveside Services were held for Barbara Louise Stevenson Lockwood Robinson on Thursday Sept 9th 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Gladewater Memorial Park



Gladewater, after her passing from this life on Sept 4, 2021 in her home of 67 years. Officiating was Bro Mike Midkiff of Quitman.

Barbara was born October 18, 1937 in Longview to William Oscar Stvenson and Susan Frances Stevenson.

She worked as a manager for Dollar Stores and more recently as a cook for the Gregg home of the Aged. In her younger years she enjoyed dancing, bowling, riding motorcycles, and camping. Barbara now enjoyed playing cards, working jigsaw puzzles, Fishing and cooking and most of the time spending time with family. Barbara was a loving devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and homemaker. She will not soon be forgotten by all the loving family and friends she leaves behind.

Barbara is survived by her husband Walter Joe Robinson of Gladewater; daughter-in-law Reina Lynn Wilcoxon Lockwood of Faiefield, TX; daughter Kathy Lockwood Sargent and husband Terry Glen Sargent Sr of White Deer, TX; son William Todd Lockwood and wife Debra of Marshall, TX; two sisters Juanita Lavern Stevenson Hopkins and husband Leroy of Longview and Leveda Mae Stevenson Blalock of Gladewater; five grandchildren Christopher Eugene Lockwood and wife Mandy of Kansas City, Joshua Dee Hook of Borger, TX, Natalie Lockwood Hardy and husband Lance of Troup, TX, William Chad Lockwood and wife Joy of Battleboro, NC and Harold Chance Lockwood of Minot, ND; 12 great grandchildren as well as many other loving family and friends.

Preceding her in death are her parents William Oscar Stevenson and Susan Francis Simms Stevenson; son Harold Eugene Lockwood and four brothers William Miles 'Son' Stevenson; Chesley Jerry 'CJ' Stevenson; David Dean Stevenson and James Franklin 'Jimmy' Stevenson.

## JAMES WILLIAM SLOAN

James William Sloan was born on April 27, 1921 in Henderson County, TX to Harvey John Sloan and Margaret Frances Adams Sloan. He was the 2nd of 7 children. He passed away on September 10, 2021 in Tyler, TX.



James was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Lillian Page McRaney Sloan, daughter Carolyn Kay Sloan, granddaughter Nicole Maria Williams, daughter-in-law Karon Sloan, step-son Mike Hortman, sister Ann Andrews & husband Jinx of Roane, Pud Reeves and husband Bill of Lufkin, sister Betty Pizzo & husband Frank of Lufkin, and brother Lynn Allen Sloan of Crosby.

He is survived by wife Nancy Bryant, daughter Gwen Hodges and husband Vernon of Tyler, son James Ray Sloan and wife Joy of Simonton, son Bill Sloan of Lufkin, step-daughter Jayne Faulkner and husband Willie, step-daughter Tammy Hortman, step-son Allen Hortman, brother Buck Sloan & wife Shirley of Houston, brother Skeeze Sloan and wife Laura Ann of Lufkin, and sister-in-law Ginger Sloan of Crosby.

Surviving grandchildren are Carter Hodges

and wife Krista, Taryn Coffey and husband Craig, Toni Sloan, Rachel Sloan, Tiffany Stephens, Shelly Dannhaus, John Dennis, Rhonda Jackson, Selena Graham, Billy Faulkner and wife Trang, Chris Faulkner and wife Elizabeth, Hulali McCoy and husband Mike, Dallas Koa, Justin Schroeder, and Leslie Hortman. Also 32 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

JW and Lillian knew each other their whole lives and from the time he was 16 and she was 13, they were committed to each other. They were married for 60 years. And he was then married to his beloved Nancy for the last 14 years.

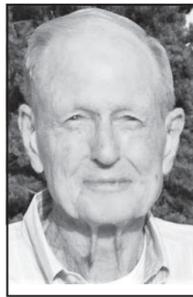
JW served in the US Army from '42 to '45 during WW2 achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. While stationed at Ft. Carson, CO, he escorted FDR as the President toured the base. After coming home from the military, James worked in the oil field '46-'67, then retired from LeTourneau in 1983 after 15 years working as a maintenance mechanic. He was a faithful Gladewater Bears fan going to football games from '56 to the year 2000. James became a Christian as an adult and was a devout follower of Jesus Christ. He loved gardening, old cars and trucks, going to church, and spending time with family. He ran a good race for 100 years.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Croley Funeral Home of Gladewater, visitation will begin one hour prior at 10:00 AM; interment will follow at Gladewater Memorial Park.



## EDWARD P. "RED" MARKHAM

Red departed this earth for his heavenly home on Sunday, September 12, 2021. It is fitting it was Sunday as he always said, "It's good to be in the Lord's House!"



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## Gilmer dentist killed when pinned between truck and gate

By Phillip Williams

Longtime Gilmer dentist and former school board member Dr. Jerald Walton was killed Friday afternoon in an apparent freak accident when his pickup apparently pinned him to a metal gate on Machen Lane west of the city, said Upshur County Sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

"We can only speculate at this point" exactly what occurred, Hazel said Monday. He said Dr. Walton, 66, was at an entrance to his property, where he and his wife were building a new home, when he was pinned between the driver's door of his four-door late model pickup and the gate.

The dentist may not have realized that his vehicle was out of gear (not in "park") when he exited it to open the gate at 863 Machen Lane, but "we just don't know," Hazel said.

However, the chief deputy said he had no reason to believe the truck jumped out of gear on its own.

Upshur County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Betterton ordered an autopsy

performed at Forensic Medical Management Services outside Tyler, but there was no evidence of foul play, Hazel had said in a press release issued Friday.

The chief deputy said early Monday afternoon he believed the autopsy had been scheduled for earlier that day, and he did not have results yet, but he had written Friday that "this case will remain open, pending the findings of the autopsy."

Deputies and other emergency personnel responded to the scene at 4:02 p.m. "in reference to an

individual that appeared to be wedged between a vehicle and a gate," Hazel wrote. Upon arrival, deputies found the body.

Hazel said Monday the property had numerous horses and that Dr. Walton's truck was carrying hay.

Dr. Walton, a 1973 Gilmer High School graduate, originally established his local practice many years ago in a then-dental office on Texas 154 adjacent to The Gilmer Mirror. For several years, he had maintained his practice in an office he built on South Montgomery Street.

## 19-year-old dies in wreck

By Phillip Williams

A 19-year-old Tatum man was killed when his pickup struck a tree and caught fire, ejecting him in the process, Thursday night on FM 49 west of Gilmer, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

John Grant V was pronounced dead at the scene by Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch, DPS Sgt. Sara Warren said in a press release. Preliminary investigation showed Grant was eastbound in a 2008 Ford F-250 when, for a "yet-undetermined reason," he crossed into the westbound lane and overcorrected to the right, Warren said. That caused the pickup to skid sideways off the roadway's south side and strike the tree, ejecting him, she said, adding the tree was at the bottom of a deep ravine. The judge also said the truck's destruction by fire made it impossible to determine whether Grant was wearing a safety belt since, if he was, it may have broken.

## 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.

### County to set tax rates today

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Wednesday (Sept. 15) is scheduled to consider approving retaining the current property tax rate of 61.5 cents per \$100 valuation, and approve the county budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Those are among 22 items on the agenda (counting such matters as adjournment and the invocation) for the 10 a.m. meeting on the

Upshur County Courthouse's third floor in Gilmer.

At the same hour, the court is also to hold two separate public hearings: one on the tax rate, and one on separate proposed records archive plans for County Clerk Terri Ross' and District Clerk Karen Bunn's offices.

While the county plans to keep the same tax rate, it is projected that it will receive \$386,932 more in property tax revenue than last year due to an increase in taxable valuations.

### School Calendar of Events

<b>GISD Calendar</b>	
9/15, Wednesday	4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal	6:30-8:30 p.m. full band practice
9/16, Thursday	9/21, Tuesday
CC@Quitman	4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal	JV/V VB@New Diana
5 p.m. 9/JV FB@Kilgore	9/22, Wednesday
9/17, Friday	Primary School Picture Day
9-11 a.m. GHS Picture Day	4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. VB vs. Daingerfield-H	9/23, Thursday
Teacher Appreciation Night	4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Bears vs. Kilgore-H	5 p.m. 9/JV Bears vs. Tatum-H
9/18, Saturday	9/24, Friday
CC@Pine Tree	4:30 p.m. V VB@Hughes Springs
State Special Olympic Qualifiers@	7:30 p.m. Bears@Tatum
San Antonio	9/25, Saturday
9/20, Monday	CC@Union Grove
FCCCLA Fundraiser continues	

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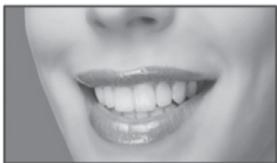
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# Bears squeak by Roughriders; host Kilgore Bulldogs Friday

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 ball in for the 2-point conversion which would be the difference in the game.

Gladewater hit paydirt again in the second quarter on their longest drive of the night for 90 yards in 10 plays. The Bears would use their signature "ground and pound" game to eat up yardage and clock. With five minutes left in the second quarter Gordon would get his only touchdown of the night on a nine yard run. The PAT was good and Gladewater took a 15-7 lead.

The Roughriders would score again when junior wide receiver Da'Nijhalon Gibson returned the ensuing kickoff 72 yards for Center's last score of the night. The extra point was good narrowing the Bear lead to one, but that's all Gladewater would need as the Bear defense allowed the Roughriders only 63 total yards in the second half. Center's only sustained drive came in the fourth

quarter after penalties stopped the Bear offense at the Center 12 yard line. The Roughriders drove to the Bear 31 yard line in eight plays but an interception by Gladewater defensive back Trevor Hollins dashed Center's last hope. The Bear offense would control the clock and drive to the Center one inch line where on fourth and goal they let the clock expire to end the game.

The Bears will host the 4A DI Kilgore Bulldogs Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Kilgore will be looking for a little revenge after last year's 35-28 Bear win. The Bulldogs lead the overall series 24-13 with four ties. Kilgore (2-1) opened up the season with wins over Nacogdoches (28-7) and Hallsville (54-0) before dropping last Friday's contest to the Pirates of Pine Tree (42-27).

The Bulldogs come to Bear Stadium under new head coach Clint Fuller. In Fuller's three seasons as defensive coordinator

at 4A DII Pleasant Grove, the Hawks had the number one defense in the state all three years. That defense put them in the state championship game in 2018 and won the championship in 2019. The Hawks reached the state semifinals in 2020. Fuller was a finalist for the Dave Campbell Assistant Coach of the Year in 2019. He has also coached at Grapevine, South Lake Carroll, Byron Nelson and Van Alstyne. The Bulldog offense was hit hard by graduation but quarterback Daverion Van Zandt, wide receivers Jermaine Roney and Matthew Tyeskie will lead Kilgore. Veteran kicker Kris Baldoza has the leg to put points on the board and the defense should keep the Bulldogs in games this season. Bulldogs leading the way are defensive linebacker Alex Chavez, defensive back Marcaelin Caraway, defensive back Davin Rider and linebacker Cris Ervin.



Lexi Betts hits the floor to return a hard serve.

Photo by Chris Jones

# Lady Bears beat Lady Dragons

Kiyona Parker and JaKiyah Bell recorded 12 kills apiece, helping lift the Gladewater Lady Bears over the Lady Dragons of Nacogdoches 3-2.

Gladewater eased through the first set 25-12 before the Lady Dragons awoke to claim the next two sets 21-25, 22-25 respectively. The Lady Bears rebounded in the 4th 25-19 to even things out and held on in the 5th 15-13 for the win. This win comes in Gladewater's first game in the freshly remodeled Bill Waters Gymnasium as well as the first game in 15 days for the Lady Bears. Bell added 5 aces and 15 assists. Zandy Tyeskie had 7 assists. Gladewater traveled to Sabine on Tuesday to begin 15 3A district play.

# Thomas to represent GHS at Queen's Pageant

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East Texas Volleyball Team Outside Hitter 2019, 2020; All State Honorable Mention Outside Hitter 2018, 2019 and 2020. Baker placed seventh in state 3A pole vault in 2019 and fifth place in 2021. Baker's ambition is to attend Texas A&M University to major in business with the goal of owning her own real estate business. She is a member of the White Oak Community Church.

Leslie Lynn Barnes, the daughter of Keasha and Tim Barnes, is the Sabine High School queen nominee. She is a Sabine Strutters dance team lieutenant, a member of the National Honor Society, and participates in both UIL One Act Play and UIL Debate academic competitions. She is also a member of the Senior Company at Elite Dance Center. Barnes plans to attend either Texas Christian University or the University of North Texas to major in Forensic Science. She is a member of the Liberty City First Baptist Church.

Miss Kilgore is represented by Abby Hattaway. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Trey Hattaway. She is the captain of the KHS Hi-Steppers, Student Council President, NHS Secretary and a member of the Anchor Club. Hattaway is also a member of the Longview Ballet Senior Company. She plans to attend Kilgore College where she will audition for the world famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. Hattaway will then transfer to a 4-year university to pursue a degree in education.

Spring Hill High School queen nominee is Demi

Nicole Ferguson. She is the daughter of Casey and Andy Ferguson. She participates in varsity tennis and cheerleading, and is a member of the Z-Club and the National Honor Society. Ferguson plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biochemistry and minor in business. After graduation she plans to attend The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston to pursue a career in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Representing Pine Tree High School is Alivia Leary, the daughter of Brian Leary and Deanna Knoop. She is the drill team social officer, Choir President and participates in the Pine Tree theatre program. She is a member of Grace Creek Church. She plans to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Leary plans to become a professional dancer.

The Longview High School pageant nominee is Randi Floyd, the daughter of Tameka Everhart and Randy Floyd. She is a participant in the soccer team, cheer squad, Z-Club and Texas Bank and Trust Student Board. She is a member of Church on Purpose and plans to attend Texas A&M University to pursue a career as an orthodontist.

The goal of the Miss Gregg County pageant, which originated in the 1960s is to spotlight outstanding area young women and provide higher education scholarship assistance. Local Gregg County dignitaries will judge the nominees beginning with dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn culminating in the pageant at the fairgrounds.



The Bears recover a fumble and hang on for a 15-14 win over Center. Photo by Jim Bardwell

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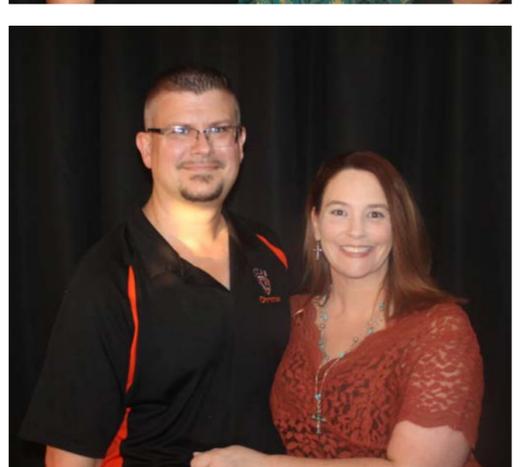
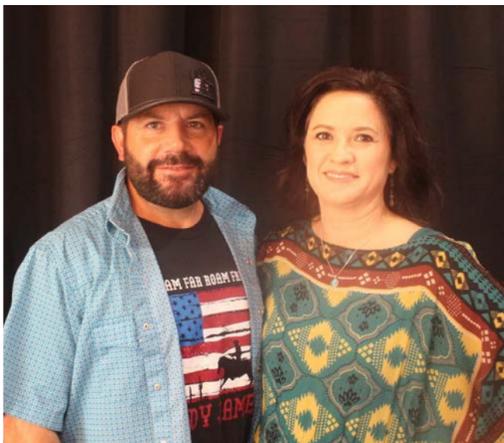
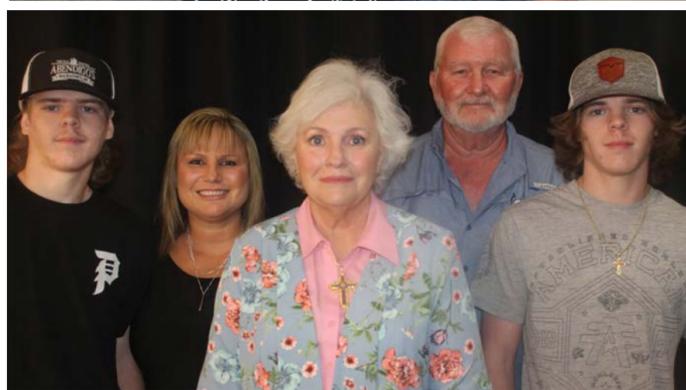
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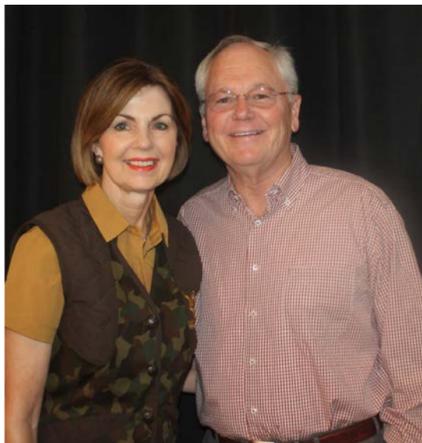
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**Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021  
Constitutional Amendment Election**

**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.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

**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."**

# EFG raises \$80K in GISD Giddy Up & Give event

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By supporting Giddy Up & Give 2021, Bear Nation supporters help teachers develop richer learning environments for their students. The goal is to work in partnership with GISD and the community to create a premier school district. Honorariums and memorials are also a dedicated method of donation.

To learn more about the foundation go to: [www.educationfoundationgladewater.org/giving](http://www.educationfoundationgladewater.org/giving) or email: [efgladewater@yahoo.com](mailto:efgladewater@yahoo.com). EFG Board members are President Jesse Hawkins, Vice President/Event Chair Katie Ellis, Secretary Cori Arvelo, Treasurer Todd Clifton, Parliamentarian Cathy Shipp, and members Lois Reed, Christian Allen, Mandy Wood, Suzanne Bardwell, Lynn Ann Williams, Margie Collins, Darren Richardson, Jon Keller, Mark Carpenter, John Ussery, Scott Owens, Sam Cloud, Frankie Alexander, Jamie Cook and Sedric Clark, ex officio member.

"We are already beginning to work to create an even more fun and successful



GISD Supt. Sedric Clark and wife Katonya, Athletic Director Scott Clower and wife Jennifer, and the power principal duo of Amanda and Chris Langford stopped for a group picture at the EFG Giddy Up & Give event held Saturday at Tempest Golf Clubhouse. The photo booth was sponsored by the Gladewater Mirror.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

event for next year," Ellis said. "We look forward to EFG, through the support of the community, making a difference in the lives of our students and teachers."

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Sept. 10 EXHIBITS AND CARNIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC

Sept. 11 EAST TEXAS TWISTER CHEERLEADING DARBY WARREN BAND

Sept. 12 PUERTAS SE HABREN DJ TORITO MIX

Sept. 13 KELLY MOORE MUSIC MINISTRY BAND

Sept. 14 ZUMBA ON STAGE "FIT AT THE FAIR"

Sept. 15 KIM BONNETTE BAND

Sept. 16 MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT

Sept. 17 JOSH DAVIS - ELVIS TRIBUTE ON STAGE

Sept. 18 WATERMELON, CORN & HOT WINGS EATING CONTEST DEL RIO BAND

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 SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.  
 MONDAY - THURSDAY, SEPT 13-16 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.  
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