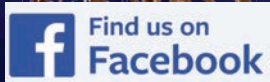


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Beginning this week the Gladewater Mirror will be changing to a Thursday newspaper, instead of Wednesday.

Those receiving their paper through the US Postal Service, you should get your paper in your Thursday mail delivery, instead of Wednesday's mail.

This change is needed to fit into our new printing schedule at our new printing facility in Palestine.

Four seats up for grabs on council

Four seats on the Gladewater City Council are up for grabs in the upcoming May 7 municipal election.



SHIPP

Three of the seats currently belong to Mayor JD Shipp, Place 1, and council members Brandy Flanagan, Place 4, and Scott Owens, Place 3. A fourth seat is an unexpired term previously held by councilman Dennis Robertson, who resigned Dec. 31, 2021 due he and his wife moving to Longview.



FLANAGAN

Rather than appoint someone to the vacancy, the council chose to let the voters choose who they wanted for the Place 5 seat.

A council member must live inside the city limits, according to the city's bi-laws.

Shipp, who has not announced whether he will seek a third term as mayor, has served on the council for 12 years - he is in his fourth year as mayor and served eight years as a councilman.



OWENS

Flanagan has been on the council since 2018, serving two terms.

Owens is seeking a second term on the council after being elected in 2020. Previously he served on the council for 10 years.

Candidate eligibility requirements and deadline to file include:

1. MUST be a United States Citizen.
2. MUST be at least 18 years of age or older on the commencement of the term filled at the election.
3. MUST be a registered voter of the City of Gladewater as of the filing deadline.
4. MUST have resided continuously in Texas for twelve (12) months and the City for 6 months immediately preceding filing deadline.
5. MUST NOT have been finally convicted of a felony (unless pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities).
6. MUST satisfy any other requirement prescribed by law for the office.

Filing begin Jan. 19 and the deadline to file a candidate application is Feb. 18, by 5 p.m. Candidate packets, including the application, are available in the Gladewater City Clerk's office the first week of January. For more information call 903-845-2196 Extension: 4.

UGHS' Littlejohn gets Lions' share of wins

By Chris Jones

A love for basketball began for J.B. Littlejohn playing as a Pirate in Pittsburg, Texas. It was solidified when he moved to Clarksville and became a 3-point shooter for Clyde Carlisle, the second winningest coach in Texas and third winningest in the nation as of 2003 with 1,103 wins. A young Littlejohn would buy into Carlisle's disciplined coaching style and help the Tigers become state finalists in 1991 going 35-2. Littlejohn would have certainly received a nod from the late Carlisle when he notched his own 400th career win on Dec 2, 2021, beating Alba-Golden 46-33 in the McLeod Tournament.

Despite his love for basketball, it wasn't the sport of choice in the Littlejohn household. His father played against the likes of the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus as a semi-pro golfer. Enough of that talent to swing a nine iron transferred down to his son, earning him a scholarship to Grayson County Community College. There he began earning his teaching/coaching degree before finishing up at UT Tyler. After beginning his coaching career in 1997,



Littlejohn received the title of head coach for the first time in 2001 at Fruitvale, but it was at Graford High School where he found his own coaching identity. In 2008 Littlejohn took the Rabbits to the

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Photos by Chris Jones

Road rage leaves one man dead

By Phillip Williams

Authorities are seeking the public's help in finding a driver whose possible act of "road rage" caused another vehicle to overturn on U.S. 271 north of Gilmer Wednesday afternoon last week, killing a man and injuring a woman, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Raymond C. Haley II, 30, of Mount Pleasant was pronounced dead at the scene by Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch near Midway community, the DPS said. His passenger, Shavett Holley, 30, of Linden, was transported to UT Health Pittsburg hospital in stable condition, said DPS spokeswoman Jean Dark.

Dark released these details of the 3 p.m. incident:

Preliminary investigation indicated Haley was northbound in a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle behind the other vehicle when "information obtained from witnesses at the scene" indicated the front vehicle's driver "slammed on its brakes in a possible road rage situation," causing Haley "to take evasive action to the right."

Haley, who wasn't wearing a safety belt, ran off the highway, "overcorrected to the left and the vehicle rolled, ejecting the driver." The other vehicle, described as a brown KIA "sportage type vehicle," continued north on U.S. 271 toward Pittsburg.

The DPS seeks the public's help in identifying the driver, and anyone with information should contact the DPS' Gilmer office at 903-797-2753, Dark said.

Upshur County indictments handed down

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury has indicted Robert Lee Travis on a murder charge in connection with the May 1 shooting of an Ore City man.

Travis, 42 and also of Ore City, was indicted Dec. 16 on charges of killing Braiden Ray Robinson. Robinson, 32, was shot about 10 p.m. during a disturbance at a home in the 8000 block of Salsvia Road in northeastern Upshur County, sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel said at the time.

Travis and Robinson were "known to each other," Hazel said. At the time, Sheriff Larry Webb said the suspect was arrested at Webb's office in Gilmer after turning himself in "in a roundabout way."

Travis, who was arrested May 2, remained free on \$500,000 bond, said District Attorney Billy Byrd's office, which announced the indictment Dec. 22. Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter had pronounced Robinson dead at the scene.

Travis' was among 21 indictments, five of them sealed, which the jury returned Dec. 16 in Gilmer, Byrd reported. Jurors also no-billed two cases, he said.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments were as follows, Byrd's office reported:

Ivan Anthony Craig Ferrell, 28, of Gladewater, arson on Nov. 16, 2020. He remained in county jail at Gilmer on other charges.

Gladewater resident Brandon Cody Willoughby, 33, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine)--repeat offender on April 20, \$20,000 bond

Tiffany Sharee Ross, 34, of Gilmer, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on Oct. 17, 2020, \$25,000 bond

Kenneth Ray Johnson, 54, of New London, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver on Oct. 14. He remained in jail under \$40,000 bond.

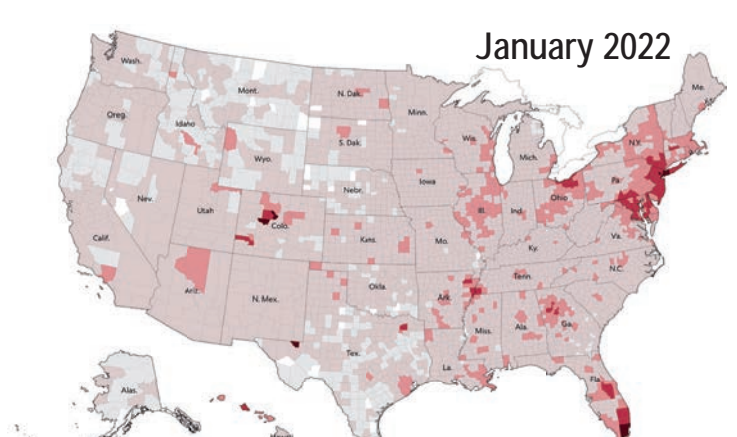
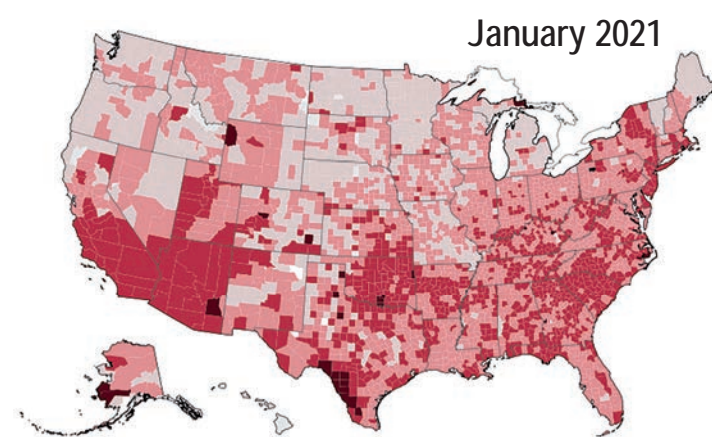
Owen Curtis Waxler, 35, of Granis, Ark., possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Oct. 12, \$25,000

Robert Paul Holder, 53, of Mount Enterprise, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Aug. 19. He remained in county jail at Gilmer on other charges.

Leslie Ann Gay, 35, of Hawkins, burglary of building on Jan. 8, 2020, \$10,000

Edward Benton Glass, 53, of Quitman, possession of controlled sub-

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Coronavirus in the U.S.: Where cases are growing and declining

New Year's celebrations in the United States were dialed back as COVID-19 cases surge, soaring to an average of 344,000 per day for the past week. Compared to two weeks ago, hospitalizations are up 19 percent, while deaths have fallen 5 percent. The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the U.S. now exceeds 822,000.

The worst U.S. outbreaks are largely in the Midwest and Northeast, but cases are also rising again in the Southeast. After a dramatic summer wave followed by a November lull, cases in Florida are skyrocketing. In Washington D.C. daily cases have risen 800 percent in the past two weeks as the District continues to lead the country in cases per capita. Ohio, Delaware, and Indiana have the highest rates of hospitalization.

To help overburdened hospitals around the country, 13,000 members of the National Guard have been activated in 48 states to support the

COVID-19 response with everything from vaccinations and testing to clinical care. This is in addition to 1,000 military doctors, nurses, and EMTs being sent around the country, some of whom are already on the ground in Indiana, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and New Jersey.

The surge is largely due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, which is more infectious than Delta. Within just one month, Omicron went from causing less than 1 percent of new COVID-19 cases to almost 60 percent, becoming the dominant variant in the U.S.

This week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated their guidance on isolation and quarantine, stating that infected individuals only need to self-isolate for five days rather than 10. Rochelle Walensky, director of the CDC, explained that these changes reflect new studies that show

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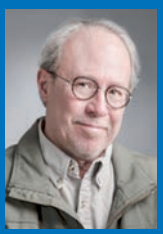
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OPION/COMMENTARY

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Twenty-nine new laws in effect in January

More than 20 new state laws went into effect as Texans rang in the New Year, with another half-dozen to go on the books on Jan. 18, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. Those laws include a ban on transgender athletes competing on sports teams that reflect their gender identity, and penalties for illegally restraining dogs. Other new laws include:

- Require landlords to disclose to potential renters if a property has ever flooded or is in a flood plain. Texas becomes only the second state in the nation with such a requirement, joining Georgia.
- Allow homeowners to take a homestead exemption in the same year they buy their home, instead of having to wait until the following year, potentially saving on property taxes.
- Require people accused in Texas of a violent crime to post a cash bond. Before, a judge could agree to release the accused on a personal bond that does not require a cash payment.
- Provide a slate of new benefits for Texas veterans and their families, including exempting new veteran-owned businesses from paying the franchise tax.

A full listing of new laws can be found at the Legislative Reference Library's website.

Abbott seeks more testing sites, antibodies

Texas is seeking more federally funded COVID-19 testing locations and additional federal allocations of monoclonal antibodies used to treat the virus in six counties facing increased cases because of the omicron variant: Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo and Tarrant.

"Testing sites, additional medical staff and continued shipments of therapeutics from the federal government will help us continue to save lives and mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Gov. Greg Abbott said in making the request.

The Texas Department of State Health Services has also requested additional allocations of an antibody therapeutic proven effective in fighting the omicron variant, as well as other treatments used to reduce hospitalizations. DSHS also requested three teams of medical personnel to support urban hospitals that don't have DSHS-contracted health-care staff.

COVID-19 cases double in state from previous week.

The number of new Texas cases of COVID-19 has more than doubled in the past week to 108,719, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 422 new deaths were recorded, up 58% from the previous week's total of 266.

DSHS reported as of Sunday there were 5,523 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals, up nearly 64% from the previous week. The total number of Texans who are fully vaccinated now stands at 16.45 million, according to DSHS, which is 56.7% of the total population. In addition, 4.678 million of the state's residents have been vaccinated with a booster dose.

First phase of election audit completed

The initial review of the 2020 general election results in four Texas counties showed relatively few discrepancies between electronic and hand counts of ballots. The Dallas Morning News reported that out of the 11.3 million votes cast statewide, Secretary of State John Scott found potentially 509 cases where people may have cast ballots both in Texas and another state, and 67 possible cases of votes cast in the name of dead people.

The audits are being performed in Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Collin counties. During the next phase, officials will conduct "a comprehensive records review to ensure election procedures were properly followed in 2020."

Former president Donald Trump called for the audit in September, despite having handily won the state. Trump has pressured the governor to add an election audit to a special legislative session, but Abbot thus far has not done so.

It rained fish in Texarkana last week

Instead of cats and dogs, it rained fish in Texarkana last Wednesday. The Texarkana Gazette reported that as strong thunderstorms moved through, residents in at least four locations reported fish falling from the sky. In a Facebook post, city officials explained the rare phenomenon.

"Animal rain is a phenomenon that occurs when small water animals like frogs, crabs, and small fish are swept up in waterspouts or drafts that occur on the surface of the earth," officials wrote in the post. "They are then rained down at the same time as the rain. While it's uncommon, it happens, as evidenced in several places in Texarkana today."

Editorial

The 2021 New Year began after the loss of retired Glade-water Fire Chief "Snuffy" Wayne Smith on Dec. 30, 2020 and sadly, 2022 is beginning after the death of Chamber of Commerce Manager Marsha Valdetero on Dec. 27, 2021. The gaping hole left by these two amazing people, each at the beginning of a new year, should be a reminder to us all of how lives well spent should look.

Both Snuffy and Marsha had servant hearts. They loved the Glade-water community and its citizens. Both gave of themselves unstintingly. They made a difference in the community and in countless lives they touched. Because they were public figures they had to weather storms in their

...laugh it up in 2022

One of my New Year's resolutions is to laugh...a lot, with a twinkle in my eye. After the last couple of years I figure this is the best resolution of all.

In this first 2022 issue of the newspaper, let me see if I can leverage a grin from you dear readers, with a chuckle or two thrown in for good measure with my New Year's Resolutions and a teeny bit of help from the vast wasteland of the world-wide web:)

Hello 2022, I resolve to:

Live my best life and only buy pants with elastic waists.
Sign up for a 5K as an act of confidence and not run as an act of self-preservation.

Tattoo "New Year, New Me (JK)" on my arm.

Manage to go the entire year without accidentally telling someone random on the phone "Love you" as the call ends. Although my dentist's receptionist did seem to appreciate it.

When asked what political party I belong to proclaim loudly that I belong to the: Barefoot Country Girl's Party and proud of it! Followed by, "You got a problem with that buster?"

When someone makes fun of my accent I resolve to speak more slowly and add more syllables.

I will wield every spare wrapping paper tube I come across as a makeshift lightsaber.

At Halloween I will dress King the 85 lb. Wonder Dog as a Bantha and trick or treat despite the fact my 'child' is a grown man and unavailable as cover for candy patrol.

I will try to stop daring people to lick frozen flagpoles... and...stop googling symptoms on WebMD

I will perfect my charcuterie board skills...for obvious reasons.

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respective arenas which they both did with grace and humor.

These two public servants more often than not went beyond the parameters of their respective jobs and worked longer and harder than they needed to. They juggled not only their responsibilities but also ensured that events ran smoothly when others dropped the ball.

If we can take anything from the lives of these two dedicated individuals it is the model of how to serve others. So, as we make and discard New Year's resolutions, let us commit to making our corner of the world a better place. Snuffy and Marsha certainly did just that. The best way we can honor them is to do the same.

Suzanne Bardwell



When someone doubles down on political rants and raves I will sing off key "Time will tell" after every sentence they utter.

I will help all my friends gain 10 pounds so I look skinnier.
I will tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.

I will buy new clothes big enough to account for next year's holidays. Preparation is the key to success.

This new year I will consider taking up a new hobby such as procrastination.

The most common New Year's Resolution is to get in shape. I choose round.

I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

I don't call them New Year's resolutions. I prefer the term: casual promises to myself that I am under no legal obligation to fulfill.

My goal for 2022 is to accomplish the goals of 2021 which I should have done in 2020 because I promised them in 2019 and planned them in 2018. Everyone should have a 5-year plan.

One last thing pals, just remember every day in 2022 what my wise old pappy used to say:

"Honey, you have to laugh to keep from crying."

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Long-Term Economic Forecast for Texas Metropolitan Areas...

Metropolitan areas across Texas have regained most of the jobs lost due to COVID-19. While growth that would have otherwise occurred has been foregone or at least delayed, the long-term outlook remains quite positive.

More than three fourths of all jobs across the state are currently found in the state's seven largest metropolitan areas, a proportion which has been rising steadily over time.

Through 2045, the Houston and the Dallas areas will likely each account for approximately one fourth of net new jobs, with the greater Austin, San Antonio, and Fort Worth regions each contributing between 8% and 9% of the total gain.

The fastest-growing metropolitan centers as measured by percentage changes in jobs are expected to be those with significant concentrations of energy activity (though some of these are coming back from steep initial declines and lingering vestiges of COVID-19) including Odessa (up by a compound annual 1.90% per year through 2045), Midland (1.87%), San Angelo (1.85%), and Tyler (1.81%). These smaller MSAs are projected to equal or exceed the most rapidly expanding large metro areas (such as Dallas-Plano-Irving with 1.85% annual growth and Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown with 1.80%).

Employment in the Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine Met-

ropolitan Division is likely to increase at a 1.68% annual pace, while El Paso is projected to experience modest job growth through 2045 at a rate of 1.55% yearly.

The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA economy has recently struggled due to sluggish recovery in the energy sector, but these problems are likely to resolve over time. Employment in the area is expected to expand at an annual rate of 1.74% through 2045.

The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA is projected to see 1.76% annual job growth through 2045. The San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA economy's expansion pace is likely to be maintained, with employment anticipated to rise at a 1.70% yearly rate over the period.

Texas' smaller metropolitan areas are also projected to enjoy notable gains over time. As mentioned, areas with significant energy activity are projected to see particularly strong job growth as the industry recovers from pandemic-related demand decreases and other issues. Sherman-Denison (1.73%) is also expected to outpace the state rate of expansion. Most of the other smaller MSAs are predicted to advance by 1.50% or more through 2045.

While residual effects of the coronavirus and the emerging omicron variant may cause issues in some areas over the next few years, Texas metropolitan areas are likely to see notable long-term expansion. The largest population centers are projected to generate the highest numbers of net new jobs, but several smaller metros will likely keep pace in terms of relative increases. There are challenges to be sure, but the overall prospects are quite encouraging.

Happy New Year – and stay safe!



REVENGE, OR "GETTING EVEN"

On an episode of the old Amos 'n Andy comedy routine, Andy was being bullied by a big fellow who kept slapping him on his chest. Finally, Andy decided to get even. He said: "I'm fixed for him. I put a stick of dynamite in my vest pocket, and the next time he slaps me, he's gonna get his hand blown off!" That funny little story illustrates a truth that's not so funny: revenge is dangerous business! You see, trying to get even with people who wrong us may cause us to end up destroying ourselves. God's Word has some good advice for us about revenge. Or, perhaps we shouldn't call it "advice" at all. Actually, Bible teachings about revenge are commandments from God!

In the Old Testament, Proverbs 20: 22 says: "Don't say, I will get even for this wrong. Wait for the Lord to handle the matter." Proverbs 24: 29 says: "And don't say, now I can pay them back for all their meanness to me! I'll get even! In the New Testament, God tells us "Never recompense (pay back) evil for evil for anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible. Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it, says the Lord," (Rom. 12: 17-19). First Thessalonians 5: 15 says: "See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else." And 1 Pet. 3: 9 tells us: "Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do. And He will bless you for it."

Yes, my friend, revenge is a dangerous business. Not only can hatred consume us, but revenge is sinful and we can be as quickly condemned for breaking God's law against revenge as the person who wronged us in the first place. Don't destroy yourself trying to "get even" with someone who has done wrong to you. Think on these things.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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To: The Unknown Heirs of CANAAN WADE GRIMES
 You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #2 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Kay Lynne Grimes in said court on the 22nd day of December, 2021, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled in the Estate of CANAAN WADE GRIMES the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2021-0505-E, the nature of such application being for Application to Determine Heirship and Application for Independent Administration

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 27th day of December, 2021

Michelle Gilley
 Clerk of the County Court at Law#2
 Gregg County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **Matthew Jacob a/k/a Brent Pelky** Greetings:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, 2022, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable County Court at Law 2 Court of Gregg County, at the Court House in Longview, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on this the 28th day of June, 2021.

The file number of said suit being No. **2021-1127-CCL2**

The name of the parties in said suit are:
 William D. Farrar, PLLC Plaintiff
 and
 Maverick Natural Resources, LLC, Breitburn Operating, LP and Mathew Jacob a/k/a Brent Pelky Defendants,

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: **Damages**

The name and address of the attorney for plaintiff, or the address of plaintiff is:

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Issued this the 9th day of December, 2021

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Candidate forum scheduled

By Phillip Williams

East Texans for Liberty will sponsor a public forum Monday for candidates in the March 1 GOP party primaries at 6:30 p.m. at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church at 6761 State Highway 154. Complimentary food will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.

All candidates in the three contested local races on the GOP ballot have confirmed they will appear - Upshur County District Clerk Karen Bunn, seeking re-election against Nicole Hernandez; Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch, seeking re-election against Ashleigh Duncan; and county GOP Chairman De'Borah Deaz, opposed for re-election by Carl Byers. Candidates for other offices who are expected to appear include two of the four GOP contestants for the U.S. House of Representatives, Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran and Joe McDanel; Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, seeking re-election; Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Sid Miller and his opponent James White; and State Rep. Cole Hefner and his challenger Dewey Collier.

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Commissioners set early Primary voting dates

By Phillip Williams

At its final meeting of 2021, Upshur County Commissioners Court on Thursday approved early voting dates for the March 1 Republican and Democratic primaries.

The court set such voting at County Election Administrator Lory Harle's office at the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14-18, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 22-25. (No voting will be held Feb. 21 because it is Presidents Day, a governmental holiday.)

County Judge Todd Tefteller said that if the Omnicron virus outbreak necessitated it, the county could move the voting to the city-owned Gilmer Civic Center. He said that might be required if governmental authorities require social distancing between voters.

County Auditor Connie Williams replied that a federal grant could cover any costs of moving, and Tefteller responded, "Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can hold it here (at the courthouse)."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson suggested making a deposit with the city to secure the center for early voting if needed, and Williams said she had no problem with that.

In the same vote approving the early voting arrangements, the court accepted, for recording, the 16 election-day polling locations. They are the Indian Rock Baptist Church, East Mountain Community Center, Glenwood Water Supply Corporation, Ashland Masonic Lodge No. 1138 in Diana, Assembly of God in Gilmer, Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Diana, Ore City Community Center, Frontier Cowboy Church, Big Sandy School, Pritchett Community Center, St. James Baptist Church in Gladewater, Enon Community Center, Oak Hill Baptist Church, Simpsonville Volunteer Fire Department, Rosewood Baptist Church and the Upshur County Library in Gilmer.

Under the "countywide" voting system, any Upshur County voter can cast his/her ballot at any of these places on election day. Voters, however, cannot participate in elections for precinct offices (such as justice of the peace) other than for the precinct where the voter resides. (For example, a voter who lives in justice of the peace Precinct 2 can vote in Precinct 3, but not in an election for Precinct 3 justice of the peace.)

Each voting location will have a ballot suitable for the precinct where the voter lives.

In other business Thursday, the court took two votes in which it approved seeking bids on various materials for the Road and Bridge Department. County Road Administrator Andy Jordan told commissioners he wanted to take bids now to avoid inflation he expected after the first of 2022.

In one vote, the court authorized requesting bids on gas and diesel, plant mixed asphalt, refined road oil and emulsified asphalt, pug milling and RipRap/rock. In the other vote, the court approved seeking bids on commercial base.

Jordan said he had encountered problems using grant funds to obtain limestone base, and that a railroad was "giving our supplier fits." He also said commercial base comes from a different quarry than the limestone base, and that he would choose between the two types.

Nicholson left the room during the discussion and votes on the road and bridge materials to avoid a conflict of interest because of the nature of his business. The court approved the matters 3-0 with Tefteller joining Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle and Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley in voting yes.

(Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller was absent because, Tefteller said, he was "stranded somewhere." Airlines have been canceling numerous flights recently, reportedly due to staff shortages caused by the COVID outbreak and because of bad weather.)

In other business at Thursday's meeting in Gilmer, the court approved buying and installing security cameras for the courthouse.

GISD offers students Telehealth access

Gladewater ISD has announced that it is partnering with Goodside Health to bring an additional layer of health services to the district. GISD students will be able to see a medical provider in the school nurses's office via video chat and receive treatment for strep throat, flu, COVID-19, conjunctivitis, stomach upset, headache and many other common ailments. The district requests that parents learn more about the program and register their children at www.goodsidehealth.com/register. This is a voluntary program and parents will be contact prior to any Telehealth visits.

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CALL DATE	CALL DISC	CFSE	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
12/27/21	EMS	202107181	1:27		5052 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM RD
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202107182	2:36		303 S COOPER COOPER
	ABANDONED 911	202107183	2:58	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2695 FM 2695
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202107194	4:00		96 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	202107195	4:14		516 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202107198	8:29	MIKE'S MINI MART	1524 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202107199	14:12		707 W PACIFIC W PACIFIC
	EMS	202107199	14:40	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	600 S LOOP-485 LOOP 485
	EMS	202107170	15:16		313 N LEE N LEE
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	202107171	16:30	TOPS LIQUOR STORE	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ACCIDENT/FATALITY	202107172	16:43		1329 PERRIN PERRIN
	EMS	202107173	17:15	BENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MANAGEMENT	202107174	18:14		47 N HOWARD N HOWARD
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	202107175	19:37		501 AMES AMES ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202107176	20:52	HENDRICKS HENDRICKS ST	
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	202107177	22:38	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
12/28/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202107178	2:13	BLUPER ST OP ECKON	801 N MAIN MAIN E
	EMS	202107179	2:48		311 S MILL MILL ST
	ABANDONED 911	202107180	4:48		804 S TYLER TYLER
	EMS	202107181	7:48		1035 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ESCORT	202107182	10:01	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	ESCORT	202107183	14:08		N MAIN N MAIN
	MANAGEMENT	202107184	14:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202107185	14:43		1035 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	EMS	202107186	15:16		1876 FM 2695 FM 2695
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107187	15:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107188	16:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/MOTHER	202107189	17:30	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	202107190	17:43	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ABANDONED 911	202107204	21:24	867 SUGAR PINE SUGAR PINE	
	EMS	202107205	14:24	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	202107201	14:41		103 N DEAN DEAN
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202107202	16:10	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202107210	12:13	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	202107204	19:18		1403 PERRIN PERRIN ST
	ALARM/MOTHER	202107205	19:34	TOBACCO JUNCTION	1400 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202107206	20:38		GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY RD
12/30/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202107207	0:50		GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107208	0:55		300 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107210	4:25	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202107211	4:32	DOMINOS	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107212	5:01		1307 RODEO RODEO ST
	EMS	202107213	10:34		1035 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ASSIST	202107215	12:13		33 MADISON MADISON
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202107216	14:17		409 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202107217	15:08	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202107218	15:18	CVS PHARMACY	1482 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	HARRASSMENT	202107219	16:30		412 W PACIFIC W PACIFIC
	10-50 MINOR	202107220	18:11		271 271
	FIRE DEPT	202107221	22:33	BENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
12/31/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202107222	0:22	CEFCO #79	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202107224	8:08		3087 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	ALARM/MOTHER	202107225	8:46	CITIZENS BANK	678 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ESCORT	202107226	8:52	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	ABANDONED 911	202107227	12:33	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	715 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202107228	12:57		515 W GAY W GAY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202107229	13:48		1300 E MARY MARY AVE
	UNATTENDED DEATH	202107230	13:52		321 SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107232	15:46	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	202107233	16:04	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202107234	17:52	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
1/1/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20220001	0:02		ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220002	0:04		200 EMPIRE EMPIRE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220003	0:19		203 EMPIRE EMPIRE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220004	0:24		313 EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220007	4:08		400 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220008	7:26		401 W MARSHALL W MARSHALL
	ABANDONED 911	20220009	8:05		525 MELBA MELBA AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220010	10:27		394 FAGGETT FAGGETT RD
	FIRE DEPT	20220011	13:23		307 TENNEY TENNEY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20220012	14:30	HARMONY LIVING CENTER (TENNEY HOUSE)	N LEE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220013	15:11		N LEE DR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20220014	16:02	GREENWAY VILLAGE	GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	20220015	17:19	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2695 FM 2695
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20220016	17:58	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20220017	18:32		21 GARDEN GARDEN LN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220018	19:01		1107 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220019	19:16		1497 80 HWY 80
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20220020	21:00	CLAUDE LEE RESIDENCE (JERRI RIVERS)	801 E ALLISON ALLISON ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220022	22:45		VESTA VESTA AVE
	10-50 MAJOR	20220023	23:15		WALTER DERRICK WALTER DERRICK
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220024	23:19		516 NORTH NORTH
1/2/22	ALARM/MOTHER	20220025	0:04	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20220028	0:14	TEJAS CAFE	1414 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220027	2:20	RES-MOR APARTMENTS	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20220029	7:22		1500 VESTA VESTA AVE
	EMS	20220029	9:47		704 S MILL MILL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220033	10:57	AUSTIN BANK	1626 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20220031	11:09		8 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	ESCORT	20220032	14:50	ROBIDAILE CEMETERY	E ARMSTRONG ARMSTRONG RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220033	14:41		606 TENNEY TENNEY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220034	14:52		311 N LEE DR
1/3/22	ALARM/MOTHER	20220043	3:22		1800 SANDERS SANDERS
	ASSIST	20220044	3:30		605 GARY GARY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220045	4:08		816 W PACIFIC PACIFIC
	ALARM/MOTHER	20220046	5:47		1800 SANDERS SANDERS
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220047	7:51		1800 SANDERS SANDERS ST

Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
1/1/22	1/1/22	4:42	GILLIAM, SHARVAE LASHAY	B	F	RAN RED LIGHT	200 N MAIN
	1/1/22	4:42	GILLIAM, SHARVAE LASHAY	B	F	NO DRIVERS LICENSE	200 N MAIN
	1/1/22	4:42	GILLIAM, SHARVAE LASHAY	B	F	FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE/FICTITIOUS INFO	200 N MAIN

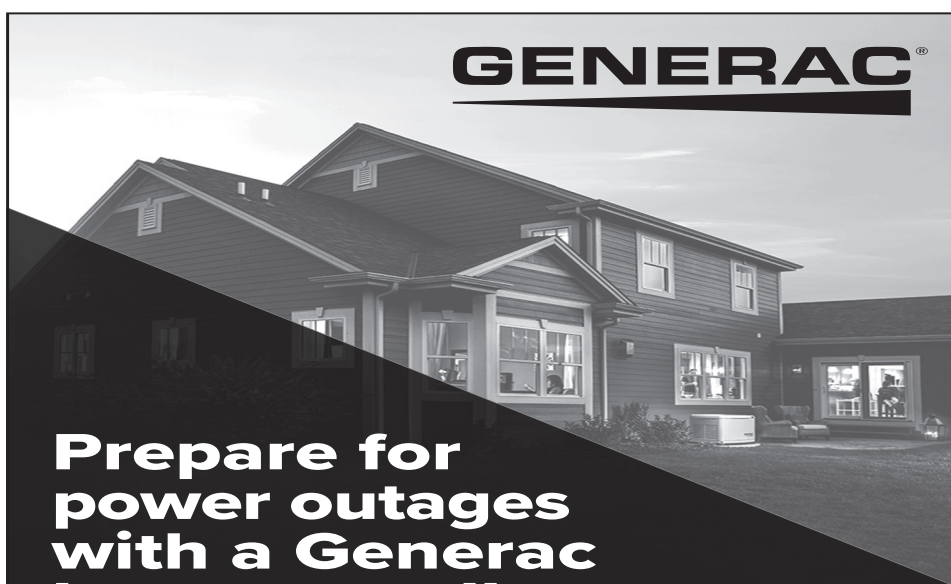
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UGHS' Littlejohn gets Lions' share of wins

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boy's semi-finals where they lost by just four points giving him the experience of the UIL State Tournament as both a player and a coach. For the past seven seasons, Littlejohn has been the head girls basketball coach at Union Grove. He admits he asked for the girls job for the opportunity to coach his own girls. The Lady Lions have advanced to at least the Area round of the playoffs seven years in a row beginning the season prior to Littlejohn taking the helm.

"I took a good basketball culture and was able to build on it," Littlejohn said. Good is an understatement. The Lady Lions reached the regional quarterfinals in that first season under Littlejohn in the 2015-16 season going 30-5 with the most wins in a season in school history. The Lady Lions have reached the regional quarterfinals six times, in 2003, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 and 2021 all with Littlejohn with the exception of 2003.

With over 170 of his 400+ wins coming at Union Grove, a 174-50 record as of this writing it is safe to say the Lady Lions have bought into his coaching style. That style includes the coach's foundational concept.

"You, individually don't make the team," Littlejohn said. "Coaches are responsible for the floor, players are responsible for the ceiling."

Littlejohn's winning style of coaching isn't limited to basketball. The Lady Lions cross country team have earned seven district

championships in a row under his tutelage, including back-to-back regional championships.

Previously the girls of Union Grove had never made a state appearance in the school's history. With all of the back-to-back regional champ runners expected to return next year, the 2022 season looks promising. Littlejohn also helped the boy's cross country team advance to state in 2019, a first since 2004. The boys were a last place team when Littlejohn came to Union Grove. Littlejohn has high praise for Union Grove ISD.

"We are not micro-managed, but we are micro supported," he said.

According to the successful Littlejohn, he is allowed the freedom to coach his way, but when he needs help, everyone from the superintendent down is willing to pitch in. He feels that has helped him be as successful as he has been coaching. Getting that 400th win as a head basketball coach, Littlejohn says he is thankful to the both current and former players that bought into his program, as well as the coaching staff, his wife Corie and his family for their sacrifices to support him wholeheartedly, and for God's many blessings.

"My family and I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Union Grove Independent School District and its athletic program," Littlejohn said.

Littlejohn is assisted by Coach Jill Winn.

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- 1/6, Thursday
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- 1/7, Friday
Lady Soccer@Tatum Tourney
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- 1/8, Saturday
Bear Soccer@Sabine Invitational
Lady Soccer@Tatum Tourney
Choir Area Auditions
- 1/9, Sunday
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- 1/10, Monday
GISD Board Meeting
- 1/11, Tuesday
5 p.m. Lady Bear BB@WO
- 1/13, Thursday
5 p.m. GMS B BB@OreCity
- 1/14, Friday
5 p.m. G BB vs. Ore City-H
GMS B BB@Ore City
7 p.m. Bear Soccer vs. Waskom
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Memorial Services for Jeanetta Rose Stewart, 56, of Gladewater, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 8, 2022, at McWhorter Funeral Home.



Jeanetta was born November 1, 1965, in Galion, Ohio, to Van Edward Mollett and Vassa Lou Johnson and passed from this life, December 20, 2021. She was a loving, devoted mother and mamaw to her children and grandchildren.

Those left to cherish her memory are her boyfriend, Rik Ramirez; daughter, Brittany Stewart and her boyfriend, Beau Hicks; son, Michael Stewart and his wife, Brandy Stewart; sisters, Barbara Perdue, Brenda Hodges, Ruby Lewis, and Tina High; and her grandchildren, Christian Ramirez, Madden Ramirez, and Mason Hicks.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Van Mollett and Vassa High.

Please visit Jeanetta's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.



MISS TIFFANI TANT

Funeral services for Tiffani Tant, 18, of Gladewater, were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 2, 2022, in the Chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Brother Baily Harris officiating. Interment followed at Rosedale Cemetery.



Tiffani was born November 14, 2003, in Quitman, to Scott Barrett and Deana Lynn Compton Tant and passed to her Heavenly home December 27, 2021.

Tiffani was a 12th grade student at White Oak High School. She served as the vice-president of White Oak FFA. Tiffani was a member of the White Oak Roughneck Band where she played the flute and recently marched in the UIL state military marching contest, placing 1st and winning state.

Those left to cherish her memory are her parents, Scott and Lynn Tant; brother, Matthew Tant; grandparents, Chuck and Mary Ann Tant, Jimmie Compton and Parris Sheila, Deana and Cliff Graham; favorite uncle and aunt, Ryan and Amber Tant; great grandparents, Paula Smith, Ollie Pack, Debra Tant, Mike and Joy Bowden, and Velma Hancock; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers are SeaAirra McTyre, Tucker Braley, Barrett

Williams, Levi Wright, Corbyn Fryant, and Alex Tevebaugh. Memorial donations may be made to Tiffani Tant Funeral and Scholarship Fund, Texas Bank & Trust. Please visit Tiffani's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.



CHRISTOPHER JONATHAN WEAVER

Christopher Jonathan Weaver, age 46 of Emory, passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, in Greenville. Christopher, known as CJ to all who knew and loved him, was born on May 23, 1975, to Dean Henry Weaver and Arietta Eleanor Weaver at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. CJ grew up in and graduated from Gladewater High School, and Kilgore College. He was a police officer who loved music, and of course, The Dallas Cowboys!



He is survived by his loving Mother, Arietta "Miss Sue" Weaver, his Sister and Brother-in-law, Tammy and Steve Parker, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

CJ is preceded in death by his Paternal Grandparents Charles Weaver and Arlene Weaver. His Maternal Grandparents Roy Eugene Marks and Adolfine Marie Steinbrenner Marks. His father, Dean Henry Weaver, and his Brother Dean Henry "Boo" Weaver Jr.

The family received friends at CJ's Celebration of Life service, held Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 5 p.m. at the BlueBryd Room in Gladewater. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making donations to your favorite charity.

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Ava Wightman races around a QC defender. Photo by Chris Jones



Colton Cowan goes up for the score against Edgewood. The Lions fell to the Bulldogs 57-62. Photo by Chris Jones

Bears beat Harmony, 61-51

Gladewater's Kollin Lewis exploded for 27 points for the second game-in-a-row and the Bears made it two wins in a row. Gladewater dispatched Harmony 61-51 on the 28th of Dec. to close out the year on a high note. Tyrone Maddox added 15 to the tally while Keilan James had 9. DJ Allen scored 4 and Micheal Lewis, Zavion Woods, and Tristen Linwood each had 2. 2021 may have come to an end, but the season continues as the Bears begin district play against New Diana on Jan 4th.

Lady Bears cruise by Pewitt

Three Gladewater Lady Bears scored in double digits as Gladewater knocked off Paul Pewitt 68-40 to take 3rd in the Hawkins Tournament.

JaKiyah Bell led in scoring with 15 points while adding 11reb, 4asst, 4stls, and 2blk. Kyla Lincoln jumped on the scoreboard with 12pts along with 3reb, a steal and an assist while Kiyona Parker had 10pts, 4reb, 4asst, 2stls, and a block. Alexis Boyd helped the Lady Bears improve to 16-4 with 9pts, 7reb, 4blks, 3stls, and an asst. Gladewater went 2-1 in the tournament besting Spring Hill 76-41 to start things off before falling to Lindale 46-53. Bell finished the tournament with a notable 74 points.

Lady Lions on a roll

The Union Grove Lady Lions head into 2022 and into district play with wins over Spring Hill and Queen City to close out 2021. Gracie Stanford led the way against the Lady Panthers with 9 points while Gracie Winn, Sumeet Mattu, and Macey Roberts scored 8 apiece on New Years Eve. Others scoring for the Grove were Ava Wightman 4, Brady Colby 3, Bailey Clowers 2, Taylor Campbell 2, and Kyler Littlejohn 2. Three days prior Union Grove stifled a late rally by the Lady Bulldogs to hold a 43-39 win. Winn topped the scoring with 11. Wightman added 7 followed by Clowers and Roberts who each had 5. Finishing off the scoring with 3 apiece were Campbell and Mattu.



Gracie Winn battles for the ball in the win against Queen City. Photo by Chris Jones



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Upshur indictments handed down

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 stance (methamphetamine) on Feb. 13, 2020, \$10,000
 Tiffany Renee Mashburn, 35, of Gilmer, driving while intoxicated; subsequent offense--repeat offender on July 26, 2020, \$5,000
 Longview resident Christopher Dean Robertson, who turned 35 Dec. 22, burglary of habitation--enhanced on Sept. 24. He remained in county jail on other charges. ("Enhanced means the de-

fendant has a prior criminal record, and could therefore face a harsher sentence if convicted of the new charge.)
 Coy Earl Pickett, 34, of Gilmer, tampering with oil and gas wells and associated equipment on Aug. 30. He remained in county jail under \$25,000 bond.
 James Clifton Green, 34, of Gilmer, tampering with oil and gas wells and associated equipment on Aug. 30, \$25,000 bond

Jeffery Louis Wilson, 35, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (heroin) on June 7. Bond was set at \$5,000, but he remained in county jail on other charges.
 Austin Lee Hord, 43, of Gilmer, burglary of habitation--enhanced on Jan. 21. Bond was set at \$2,500, but he also remained in county jail on other charges.
 Payton Cole Wisdom, 25, of Gilmer, assault/family violence--occlusion with previous conviction on Oct. 23. He remained jailed under \$50,000 bond.

Manna House family food boxes

Manna House community food ministry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the southwest corner of Gladewater City Hall on Broadway. Families needing food assistance may apply for family food boxes. Canned and boxed food items may also be dropped off during this time or at the Gladewater Mirror at 211 Main Street during business hours. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647. The Clothes Closet is located directly behind Manna House and is open during the same time as the food ministry. Children's through adult sized clothing and shoes are available at no cost.

Identity of anyone charged in the sealed indictments was not released since no arrest had been made in those cases, Byrd said. They included one each for forgery against elderly individual, burglary of habitation, credit card abuse, assault of a pregnant woman and aggravated perjury.

Coronavirus in the U.S.: Where cases are growing and declining

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 that people who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 are most likely to spread the virus during the two days before they develop symptoms and up to three days after. "We do know the vast majority of viral transmission happens in those first five days, somewhere in the 85 to 90 percent range," Walensky said at a White House briefing on Wednesday. "So if

a person can isolate for the first five days, they absolutely should."
 Concerns about Omicron are spurring more people to get vaccine shots, including boosters. About one million people received a shot each day for the past week, bringing the number of fully vaccinated Americans to 62 percent. That still leaves some 40 million Americans who are eligible for a vaccine but

have not yet received a shot. "The risk of severe disease from any circulating variant, including Omicron, is much, much higher for the unvaccinated," Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said on December 29. "And so, adults and children who are eligible: Get vaccinated. And vaccinated people: Get boosted when eligible."

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