COVID-19 cases down; but ICU beds nearly full

While the number of new CO-VID-19 cases in Texas during the past week dropped to 295,501 — a decrease of more than 130,000—the state's intensive care unit beds are approaching capacity once again. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University also reported 1,212 deaths, up nearly 25% from the previous week.

The drop in new cases has health officials hopeful the omicron variant has peaked. Hospitalizations in Texas of lab-confirmed cases of CO-VID-19 dropped slightly to 12,760, with only 317 available ICU beds in the entire state, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"The vast majority of the people who are critically ill are either unvaccinated or have significant comorbidities," Dr. James Mc-Carthy, chief physician executive at Memorial Hermann, told the Houston Chronicle. "We are not seeing middle-aged, healthy, vaccinated individuals in the ICU like we did in the previous wave."

A total of 16.896 million Texans are fully vaccinated, according to DSHS, which is 58% of the state's population. An additional 5.85 million Texans have received a booster



Jack Foltyn, world renowned entertainer, is making his first live performance in over two years in his very own theatre - Jacksons Theatre (formerly the Gladewater Opry) - located in downtown Gladewater.

The show will be on Valentines weekend, February 11 and 12 at 7 p.m and then on Sunday February 13 2 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the lobby open with champagne and refreshments.

"I am excited, nervous and I have not had butterflies like this in a long time!" Flotyn said.

"When your starting a venture like this performing in a show is one thing but most importantly you want your audience to have the Jackson experience from the lights, sound, bathrooms, seats, lobby - I just want everything to be perfect."

"We have a band and back up singers that are local and we look to blow people away and have fun and put Gladewater on the map with top rate entertainment.

"So I'm doubling down on me and my belief that the vision for the theatre is tourism, tourism, tourism." Bring your date and come out to Jackson's. The in-

No local early voting in city election

naugural opening concert will feature Foltyn as he portrays the "King" like no one else can. With hits like Can't help Falling in Love, Give me the Right,

(936) 661-7658.



Kiss Me Quick and many others packed into what is being described as an electrifying 2-hour show. It is general seating, but you can call once you

have purchased seats and reserve your seating. Call

Gladewater's Cub Scouts Pack 196 will host its Pinewood Derby Feb. 26. It will be held at the Gladewater Former Students Building, located at 2509 Hendricks St. Car check-in is from 9-11 a.m.

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and the race starts at noon. Anyone can enter a car to race during the outlaw race. For information contact Carla Bigler at 903-746-2661.

Election worker training schedule announced

Next week's training schedule for Upshur County election workers in the respective March 1 Democratic and Republican party primaries has been announced by county Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson.

The training, to be held at the Upshur County Courthouse on the downtown Gilmer square, is required to work in either primary due to major changes in state election law, Jackson said.

She said County Election Administrator Lory Harle will conduct the two-hour sessions, assisted by her deputy, Kami Whitworth, Jackson and county Republican Party Chairman De'Borah Deaz.

Each session will involve workers from a particular group of voting boxes. The dates, times and polling sites are:

9 a.m. Tuesday--Indian Rock,

East Mountain and Glenwood 1 p.m. Tuesday--Ashland Masonic Lodge, Assembly of God in Gilmer and Walnut Creek Baptist

Church 9 a.m. Wednesday--Ore City, Frontier Cowboy Church and Enon 1 p.m. Wednesday--Big Sandy,

Pritchett and Simpsonville 9 a.m. Thursday--Gladewater

and Oak Hill Baptist Church

1 p.m. Thursday--Rosewood and **Upshur County Library**

Early in-person voting begins at Harle's office on the courthouse's third floor Feb. 14, and will be held there most days through Feb. 25.

For more information on the training, contact Jackson at 903-

Candidate packets, including the application, are available in the



The Texas Legislature adopted two joint resolutions in the Second and Third Special Sessions. As a result, there will be a statewide constitutional amendment election held on May 7, 2022, the same time as Gladewater's municipal election.

Early voting is set for April 25-May 3 for both state and local election. However, if you want to vote early you will have to drive to Longview or Gilmer. And that includes the city election.

Gladewater City Clerk Judy Van-Houten explained that since the City of Gladewater is tagging along with the counties (Upshur and Gregg) on the May 7 election and using the county's early voting set up, no local polling location will be available in Gladewater.

She said the city council agreed to this at its January meeting.

While this appears to be an economical move and would save taxpayer dollars, it could create a hardship on older and handicapped voters and could be considered disenfranchising voters.

So why can't Upshur County provide an early voting location in Gladewater and simply charge Gladewater for the city's part of the expense?

VanHousten said Gregg County is willing to do just that.

VanHouten said she has chosen to not have Gregg County set up a Gladewater early voting location because "it wouldn't be fair" to the city voters living in Upshur County.

If there are no contested races, the council will cancel the election, leaving this early voting issue moot. But if there is a challenged race the election will be conducted and the issue of no local early voting location comes into play.

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller said "We don't have the ability to have early voting in more than one location. (I'm) talking about equipment (and) manpower" and it's partly "financial."

He added that "we don't have early voting" in other parts of the county, and that it had always been held in one location during his three years as county judge. "We don't do that in Ore City or Big Sandy," he said, and also noted that Gladewater voters can cast their ballots in their



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city on election day. Tefteller said City Manager Ricky Tow or "someone with the city" would need to approach the county commissioners court if they want to try to change the early voting

arrangement in the future "Nobody's really approached me about it before," the judge said, adding he was willing to talk about it after this election.

Meanwhile, filing continues through Feb. 18 for the city and school elections held Saturday,



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Mayor JD Shipp, Place 1, has chosen not to seek re-election and Place 3 Councilman Scott Owens has tossed his hat into the mayor's race. As of Tuesday he had drawn no opponent.

And Brandy Flanagan, Place 4, has

signed up to run for a third. Place 5, an unexpired term previously held by councilman Dennis Robertson, who resigned Dec. 31, 2021 due he and his wife moving to Longview, is open as is Owens' Place 3 seat.

VanHouten said no one had picked

up a packet as of Monday.

Gladewater City Clerk's office the first week of January. For more information call 903-845-2196 Extension: 4. Gladewater City Council mem-

bers are elected at large, by position number, and serve two year terms, with no term limits. Positions 1, 2 and 3 are elected in even-numbered years, with the mayor designated as position number 1. Positions 4, 5, 6 & 7 are elected in odd-numbered years. By virtue of the City Charter, the Mayor and City Council members are compensated \$100 per year for their services.

Filing also continues for the Gladewater ISD's three expired board terms The terms of three members of the seven-person school board expire this year including those of Place 1 Trustee Ross Morgan, Place 2 Trustee Ricky Blackmon and Place 3 Trustee Garth Cockrell.

Cockrell is the longest-serving trustee on the board. He was first elected in 1988 and has serve 11 terms in office. Blackmon was first elected in 2007 and has served five terms. Morgan is completing his first term on the school board.



The shelves at Manna House are full of food items to help those in need. But donations are always needed, so please drop off your extra non-perishable food items at the Manna House, located next to City Hall, or at the Gladewater Mirror, located at 211 N. Main Street.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Storytime set for Feb. 3 in Gilmer

Two books will be read to young children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions Thursday (Feb. 3) in Gilmer.

"Ground Hug Day" by Anne Marie Pace, and "A Crankenstein Valentine" by Samantha Berger, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions.

A craft will follow each Storytime, said Kari Dunn, children's coordinator for the library located at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154.)

While the events are free, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the library at 903-843-5001 or visit www.youseemore.com/upshur.

Gohmert stumps

U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert is scheduled to bring his campaign for Texas attorney general to the Gilmer area Saturday.

Gohmert, one of four candidates for the Republican nomination, will appear at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church on Texas 154 west of Gilmer at noon.



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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Back to School?

As with every other aspect of life, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the decision process of high school graduates as they weigh work-or-school choices. May 2020 was the worst of the downturn, with millions of jobs disappear-



ing overnight. Simultaneously, most colleges had shifted at least partially to online classes. Family financial strains due to COVID-19 disruptions were also prevalent. It was something of a perfect storm.

During the fall of 2020, almost 63% of 2020 high school graduates ages 16 to 24 were enrolled in colleges or universities, down from 66% the prior year according to data maintained by the US Bureau

of Labor Statistics (2021 statistics are not yet available). A drop of this magnitude in a single year is unprecedented.

Rates of college attendance vary by gender and race/ethnicity. For high school graduates ages 16 to 24, the college enrollment rate for young women was over 66% compared to 59% for young men. The college enrollment rate of Asians was highest at 83%, with Whites at about 63%, Blacks at 57%, and Hispanics at 56%.

Education opens doors to better paying positions as well as a lower probability of being jobless. As of December 2021, the overall US unemployment rate for those over 16 was 3.9%, with 3.3% for those 25 and older. Higher levels of educational attainment were linked to lower incidence of joblessness, with unemployment of 5.2% among persons over 25 without a high school diploma, compared to 4.6% for high school graduates, 3.6% for those with some college or an associate degree, and 2.1% for people with at least a bachelor's degree.

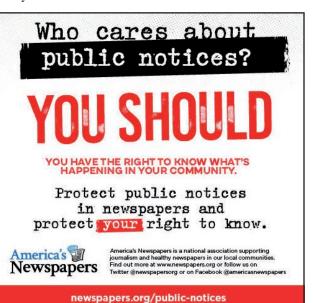
The fact that COVID-19 caused a notable decline in attendance is going to impact both potential students and the workforce for quite a while. Some of them doubtless matriculated a year later and enrolled last fall, but it is unlikely that all ground was regained (particularly given attendance data).

During economic downturns, there is typically an increased incentive to enroll in higher education or stay in school due to less competition from the job market (and hence lower opportunity costs). With the pandemic, however, the opposite occurred. Moreover, recent patterns indicate fairly strong growth in wages for young people, including those with just a high school education. Inflation has eroded much of these gains, but nonetheless labor shortages (some of which are long term) are increasing both the numbers of jobs available and the amounts they pay.

Even so, the long-term underlying correlation between additional education and higher lifetime earnings and lower likelihood of unemployment across decades remains alive and well. Let's hope for all of our sakes that this phenomenon abates along with COVID-19 in the near future.

Stay safe!





Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Two proposed amendments on May ballot

Voters who go to the polls for municipal and school board elections on May 7 will also be asked to decide on two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Deputy Secretary of State Joe Esparza drew the ballot order

last week for the two proposed amendments, both dealing with property taxes. The first proposition on May's ballot would authorize the Legislature to cut the property tax limit for the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents "to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year."

According to Ballotpedia.org, the measure would result in a reduction in revenue of \$467.5 million in the first two years it is implemented. The measure passed unanimously in both chambers during the second special session.

The second proposed amendment would increase the homestead exemption for school district property taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000. That measure, approved by the Legislature in October in another special session, also passed unanimously.

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, the author of the amendment, said, "People see the need for property tax relief, and Texans are going to cry out for that continuously. This is a great way to bring that home to all of the taxpayers of Texas."

State signs deal with Tokyo

The state hopes to see expanded growth from Tokyo-based small and medium-sized businesses after signing a cooperative agreement with the Tokyo metropolitan government. The governor's office of Economic Development and Tourism organized 18 local economic development partners across the state to provide resources to Tokyo businesses interested in expanding in Texas.

"Tokyo and Texas may be half a world apart, but we are closing that gap by facilitating more investment and economic development between our two regions," Gov. Greg Abbott said. "I look forward to our continued work together as we create a more robust partnership and a more prosperous economic future."

The Texas community partners include cities and economic development corporations from throughout the state. More than 400 Japanese companies have operations in Texas. Japan was the state's sixth-largest export destination in 2020, with more than \$9.8 billion in exported goods, including organic chemicals, industrial machinery, aircraft and spacecraft, fuel and oil.

Deadline extended for Uri reimbursement for schools

The deadline for public school districts and charter schools to seek reimbursement from the state for damages caused last year by Winter Storm Uri has been extended to Feb. 24, the Texas Education Agency announced. Any district located in an area declared a disaster after last February's storm can apply for assistance for costs not covered by insurance or federal disaster relief.

Schools can receive reimbursement for uninsured damages to facilities, vehicles and computers.

TEA has posted two webinars explaining the program on YouTube, which can be found at https://tinyurl.com/y76tev3j

Panel to examine Rolling Pines wildfire

An independent panel has been formed to review the circumstances and causes of a recent prescribed burn at Bastrop State Park that got out of control and burned more than 800 acres. It forced about 250 families to temporarily evacuate, although no structures were damaged. The panel was ordered through the Texas A&M Forest Service and includes wildland fire experts from state forestry agencies in Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma and South Carolina. Prescribed burns at Bastrop and Buescher state parks have been suspended until the review is complete and recommendations are evaluated.

"We fully support this independent review and will continue working every day to earn the public's trust for the continued safe and effective use of prescribed fire," said Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Prescribed burns are a carefully calculated risk but are essential in managing many of our habitats, landscapes and private and public lands across Texas, including the iconic Lost Pines Forest at Bastrop."

"As a land management tool, prescribed fires are important and help minimize the threat and severity of major wildfires by reducing the amount of existing and dormant vegetation. If left unchecked, the excess of leaves and plants would fuel a minor situation into a major wildfire," according to the department's news release.

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RELIGIOUS QUACKS OR THE GREAT PHYSICIAN?

Someone once cleverly observed that "Spiritual sickness cannot be cured by religious quacks." A Quack is defined as "A person who pretends to have knowledge or skill in a particular field; charlatan; fraud." We've all heard of medical quacks, who not only give sick people false hope with their worthless cures, but they often rip them off financially as well. Well, there are also plenty of "religious quacks," and they also give people false hope and usually rip them off financially as too. They certainly are worthless when it comes to permanently helping someone who is spiritually sick.

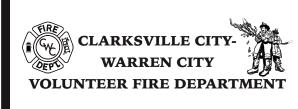
These charlatans run the gamut with their far-out pronouncements. Some claim to be channels of information from 25,000-year-old alien earth visitors, or something akin to that. Some claim to have learned the secrets of the ages from some Buddhist or Hindu source. Then there are the mediums for dead spirits, and those claiming to see the future in the stars, and last but not least are the healing crystals and the psychic healings of the New Age charlatans. But whatever name they go by, whatever tale they tell, whatever claims they make, whether they are honestly self-deluded or maliciously deceptive, these people are quacks!

Dear friend, there is only one Great Physician for the spiritual ills of mankind, and that is Jesus Christ. If you are conscious of an emptiness inside you, if you know something is wrong with your life, you need to turn for help to the only One who can help you. His remedy and help is found in the Bible, and if you desire, you can open His Word and you will find the cure that can heal your soul, giving you the fullness and wholeness that comes only from the Great Physician. Wholeness and spiritual health, comes in submitting our lives to the leading of the One who has made us, and who therefore knows how we best function. "Wholeness" comes through "holiness" before God, and not through the "fool's gold" of some quack! Don't let a charlatan, or some quack, posing as a prophet and healer, pretending to have a mythical message, pull you away from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the only Savior there will ever be. (Jn. 4: 24; Matt. 11: 28-30). Please think on these things.

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E-Board President Richard "Dickey" Roger and Fire Chief Colton Tullis for the Clarksville City -Warren City Volunteer Fire Department presented Marjorie Barrow's son David & Kenneth Barrow and family with a plaque on Friday, January 28, 2022. Honoring Marjorie Barrow for her dedicated service as a founder of the CWC VFD and her 21 years 2000-2021 on the E-Board for the Clarksville City -Warren City Volunteer Fire Department.



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- 4. Male organ
- 5. Two-toed sloth
- 6. Making dirty
- 7. Article
- 8. Oil company
- 9. Emits coherent radiation 10. Amounts of time
- 13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Forbidden by law 15. Drains away
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- 35. Famed genie
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- 38. Atomic #56
- 40. Silk garment
- 41. They deliver the mail
- 42. Equally
- 44. Check
- 45. Light-colored breed of hound
- 46. Drug that soothes
- 47. Railroads
- 48. Most slick
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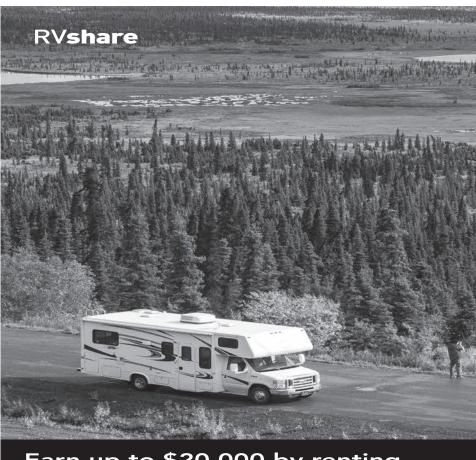
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Last week Sierra Blankenship represented the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo at Dickies Arena for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Red Cross offers ways to stay safe during cold temps

Winter weather poses unique challenges to people faced with bitter cold, snow and ice. The American Red Cross has steps you should take to stay safe if you are in the path of winter storms.

"Cold weather is impacting our area," said Keith Rhodes, Regional Executive of the American Red Cross of North Texas. "Whether trying to keep your home warm or having to be outside in the coldest hours, you can follow these steps to keep your home and family safe."

HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY

It's that time of year when many people resort to space heaters and other sources to keep their homes warm. To reduce the risk of heating related fires, the Red Cross recommends these steps (More home fire safety information available here):

* All heaters need space. Keep children, pets and things that can burn (paper, matches, bedding, furniture, clothing, carpets, and rugs) at least three feet away from heating equipment.

- * If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and nonflammable surface (such as ceramic tile floor), not on rugs, carpets or near bedding or drapes. Plug power cords directly into outlets - never into an extension cord.
- * Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended and use a glass or metal fire screen to keep fire and embers in the
- * Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
- * Turn off portable space heaters every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

WATER PIPE SAFETY

- * Protect pipes from freezing by taking the following
- * Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines
- * Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

Texas Comptroller Observes National Unclaimed Property Day

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar joined other unclaimed property administrators to celebrate the second annual national Unclaimed Property Day Feb. 1.

"I am proud to have returned nearly \$2 billion dollars to Texans since becoming Comptroller, and we are continually looking for new ways to return even more," Hegar said. "I am proud to have given back more money than any other Texas Comptroller since the Unclaimed Property program was launched in 1962. This effort is part of my continued commitment to focus on customer service and provide taxpayers with transparent and accountable government. The money belongs to the people of Texas, and I encourage everyone to visit ClaimItTexas.org to see if the state is holding some of their unclaimed property."

According to officials with the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA), nearly 33 million people in the United States have unclaimed property. Unclaimed property includes things such as forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe-deposit box contents. Businesses generally turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been considered dormant for one to five years.

The Comptroller's office has returned more than \$3 billion in unclaimed property to rightful owners since Texas' unclaimed property program began in 1962. The state is currently holding more than \$7 billion in cash and other valuables through the program.

There is generally no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means there's no time limit for owners to file a claim — they can do so at any time.

For more information about the unclaimed property program, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, ClaimItTexas.org, or call 800-321-2274 (CASH). Texans are also encouraged to check MissingMoney.com or FindMyFunds.com to search for property that may belong to them in other states.

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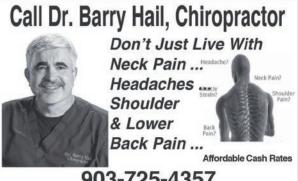
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Pests, weeds, beaver control among continuing education topics

By Susan Himes Susan.Himes@ag.tamu.ed

The Pineywoods Continuing Education Conference will be held Feb. 11 in Gilmer. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service event will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative, 1200 W. Tyler St.

The cost is \$35, payable at the door. The conference is limited to the first 60 registrants. Lunch is provided courtesy of Legacy Ag Credit.

Preregister by Feb. 4 by calling the AgriLife Extension county offices in Harrison, 903-935-8413; Cass, 903-756-5391; Upshur, 903-843-4019; Gregg, 903-236-8429; or Marion, 903-665-2421. Onsite check-in for registered participants will begin at 8 a.m.

"The counties presenting this annual program have worked diligently to provide participants with relevant and current information on key topics that affect beef cattle and forage production," said Shaniqua Davis, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Gregg County. "This conference also allows agricultural license holders an opportunity to obtain continuing education units."

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are available: three general, one laws and regulations, and one integrated pest management.

Topics and speakers

Experts will cover a wide range of pest management,



Aquatic weed identification is among the topics at the Pineywoods Continuing Education Conference Feb. 11.

Texas A&M AgriLife photo

pest control and pesticide topics. The conference topics and speakers include:

- Beaver Control for Landowners, Penny Wilkerson, Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist, Queen City.
- Integrated Pest Management for Livestock Operations, Michael Hampton, Central Life Sciences regional sales manager, Winnsboro.
- Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Mark Matocha, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural and environmental safety specialist, Bryan-College Station.
- Aquatic Weed Identification and Chemical Control, Brittany Chesser, Ph.D., aquatic vegetation management specialist, Bryan-College Station.
- Handling and Disposing of Agricultural Chemicals,

OBITUARY

JERRY A. HENDRIX

Jerry A Hendrix, 87, passed away on January 29, 2022 in Longview. Mr. Hendrix was born July 12, 1934 in Dallas, and was the son of Lyle and Blanche Hendrix of Gladewater.



Mr. Hendrix was a 1952 graduate of Gladewater High School. He received his B.A. from Texas A&M University at Commerce, his M.A from the University of Oklahoma, and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He held teaching positions at Westmar College, Le Mars, Iowa and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. From 1965 through 2002 he

was Professor of Communication at American University in Washington, D.C. He was author of several articles and two college textbooks in the field of Communication.

Viewing will be at Croley Funeral Home Gladewater, Texas at one o'clock in the afternoon, Tuesday, February 2, 2022; a graveside service will be held at Rosedale Cemetery in Gladewater starting at two o'clock in the afternoon, Tuesday, February 2, 2022.



Tri-County rep speaks to seniors

By Phillip Williams

A representative of Tri-County Community Action Agency explained the charitable organization's work Friday in an address to the Gilmer Area Senior Center Inc.

Beth Eubanks-Allen, case manager for Upshur, Harrison and Panola Counties, said Tri-County provides certain low-income citizens with assistance ranging from paying utility bills and temporarily paying for child care to preparing income tax returns. It operates in multiple area counties.

"I'm assisting the elderly, the disabled, and families with little kids (under age five)," she explained. "I attempt to help people change their lives for the better" because "I want to help people."

The utility payments are offered since Social Security payments don't always increase, Eubanks-Allen explained. Her entity also provides lap blankets for senior citizens, she noted.

helps guide families to where the agency also provides

government help is available with child care costs, but her organization can pay such expenses for 1-2 weeks, she

added. Eubanks also gave some case examples of persons she has assisted.

She helped a single mother, now in nursing school to become a licensed vocational nurse, by arranging to pay her electric bill for six months and putting her on a budget. (Eubanks-Allen explained her group can either help pay a bill or provide a gasoline card.)

"Some of the services that I do are not textbook, either," she added. Since she once worked for a construction company, Eubanks-Allen noted, she repaired a water pipe for a woman who couldn't afford a plumber, and also replaced someone's back door.

Besides its other work, Tri-County sponsored allowing the public to bring items for teachers, who "buy a lot of things out of their own In addition, Tri-County pocket" (for students), and school clothes.

Eubanks-Allen additionally told the senior citizens "I've got a passion for the homeless" as "we do have some here" in East Texas, and that her agency provided 15 sleeping bags for them.

She also noted it provides holiday food, and that its homeless outreach and Christmas toys are funded solely by private donations, although the agency receives a combination of local, federal and state government funding.

In addition, the speaker said, Tri-County works or partners with other organizations, such as Greater East Texas Community Action. That group helps weatherize houses through window caulking, insulation, installing doors and windows, etc., Eubanks-Allen said.

Tri-County also partners with the Open Door Pregnancy Center, a veterans' caregiver center, the food bank in downtown Gilmer. and The Clothes Closet in Gilmer, which provides lowcost used clothing



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Clue: State of being well



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Candidate's forum set for Monday in Gilmer

By Phillip Williams

The Cherokee Rose Republican Women will host another "Meet the Candidates Forum" Monday for contestants in the March 1 GOP primary.

The event, at which complimentary food will be served, is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Lantana Activity Center, located at 80 Lantana Road just off U.S. 271 north of Gilmer. It is open to Upshur Countians who will "consider voting Republican," said club President Cynthia Ridgeway.

All candidates in the only two contested races for county public office, three of the four candidates for the District 1 Congressional seat, and one of the two contestants for the District 5 Texas House of Representatives seat have confirmed they will appear, said Ridgeway.

Members of the audience who wish to ask questions after a candidate makes an opening statement must identify themselves and limit the question to one minute, she said. Queries should deal with the candidate's qualifications, views of the Republican party platform and goals for the office he/she seeks, Ridgeway added.

Candidates who spoke at the club's prior Jan. 17 forum will be limited to three minutes for their opening statement, while those who did not speak then will be allotted five minutes. (This limit does not apply to time afterward for questions and answers.)

Scheduled to appear are District Clerk Karen Bunn, seeking re-election, and her opponent, Nicole Hernandez; Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch and her opponent, Ashleigh Duncan.

The Congressional candidates set to speak are Joe Mc-Daniel, A.D. Atholi and John Porro. Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran, also seeking the seat in the House of Representatives, was already scheduled to appear at another event Monday, but spoke to the club's prior forum and in Gilmer Dec. 22.

State Rep. Cole Hefner, seeking re-election in the newlyredrawn District 5, has confirmed he will appear. His opponent, Dewey Collier, had not confirmed as of Monday

Jennifer Alden is scheduled to speak for District 5 U.S. Rep. Lance Gooden, whose newly-reconfigured Congressional district includes part of Upshur County and who is unopposed for re-election in the primary.

Unopposed candidates for Upshur County offices in the primary can also briefly address the gathering, said Ridgeway.

The food includes lasagna, accompaniments, dessert, coffee and water. Attendees are requested to wear casual business attire. For more information call 903-736-9615.



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Owen McCown, 6-1, 170, Sr., QB, Rusk, 262-388 passing for 3,366yards, 36-TD's, 88-carries for 377yards, 11-TD's.

Dual Threat QB

Jace Burns, 6-1, 200, Sr., QB, Sabine, 185-carries for 1,643-yards, 26-TD's, 102-222 passing for 1,569-yards, 13-TD's. 3-Year Starter.

Running Backs

Taber Childs, 6-2, 210, Sr., RB, Harleton, 212-carries for 1,609-yards, 21-TD's, 15-catches for 176-yards,

Bryson Donnell, 5-11, 205, Sr., RB, Tyler Legacy, 142-carries for 868yards, 15-TD's, 35-catches for 412yards, 3-TD's.

DeAnthony Gatson, 6-0, 220, Sr., RB, Newton, 207-carries for 1,554-yards, 19-TD's, 3-Year Starter, Beaumont Super Gold RB.

Winky Williams, 6-3, 180, Soph., RB, DeKalb, 196-carries for 1,875-yards, 22-TD's, 5-2XP, 17-Pancake Blocks and Cut Blocks. District Offensive

D'Corian Wright, Jr., RB, Daingerfield, 189-carries for 1,678-yards, 19-TD's, 10-catches for 175-yards, 1-TD.

Athlete/Utility

Aeryn Hampton, Soph., ATH, Daingerfield, 22-carries for 303-yards, 6-TD's, 44-catches for 1,029-yards (23.4), 12-TD's, 12-33 passing for 124-yards, 1-TD, District Utility Player of the Year.

Tight End/H-Back/Fullback

Tyler Bryan, 5-11, 165, Sr., TE, Beckville, 12-catches for 221-yards, 3-TD's, Graded 87% and 83-Pancakes.

Wide Receivers

Evan Alford, 6-4, 175, Sr., WR, Lindale, 66-catches for 972-yards,

Christopher Evans, Jr., WR. Center, 73-catches for 1,011-yards, 10-TD's, 2-2 passing for 28-yards, 1-TD.

Devin McCuin, 6-0, 175, Jr., WR, Jacksonville, 63-catches (school record) for 890-yards. 9-TD's in 8-Games. 1st-Team AD, 2020 District Newcomer of the Year.

Ilonzo 'Deuce' McGregor, 5-10, 160, Jr., WR, Chapel Hill, 53-catches for 1,003-yards, 9-TD's, 4-5 passing for 168-yards, 3-TD's, 3-carries for 46-yards.

Montrell Wade, 6-1, 175, Jr., WR, Tyler High, 39-catches for 808-yards, 13-TD's, 3-carries for 27-yards. 2-Year

Offensive Tackles

Will Braswell, 6-3, 245, Sr., OT, Van, Graded-92%, 1-Sack Allowed out of 229 pass attempts, 25-pancakes, anchored OL for a team that averaged 450-yards/46.2-points per game.

Brayden Clinton, Sr., OT, Gilmer, Graded-91%, 55-Pancakes.

Zach Shipp, OT, Gladewater, Graded-92% for offense that rushed for 3,391-yards and passed for 1,137-yards. District Offensive Line

Offensive Guards

Zack Carlisle, 6-3, 225, Sr., OG, Carthage, Graded 92-%, 35-Knockdowns, 1st-Team AD.

Lance Robertson, 6-0, 260, Sr., LG, 18-Pancakes, Malakoff. 37-Knockdowns, Graded-96%, 1st Team AD. District Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Center

Trey Mazratian, 5-11, 250, Jr., C, Lindale, Graded-92%, 53-Knockdowns, 31-Pancakes for offense that averaged 40.4-points and 451-yards per game.

Third Team Defense

Defensive Ends

Alex Chavez, Sr., DE, Kilgore, 45-Tackles, 8-TFL, 7-Sacks. District Defensive Lineman of the Year

Jordan Renaud, 6-4, 255, Sr., DE, Tyler Legacy, 66-Tackles (41-Solo), 8-TFL, 2-Sacks, 1-CF, 13-QBP 3-PBU, 1-Interception, 1-Blocked Punt, 1-Blocked Field Goal.

Pass Rush Specialist

Zvkerrian Tatum, 5-11, 195, Sr., DE, Carthage, 56-Tackles, 16-TFL, 16-QBP, 8-Sacks, 8-QB Hits, 1-Interception for TD.

Kadarius Taye, 6-2, 245, Sr., DE, Tyler High, 48-Tackles, 12-TFL, 12-Sacks, 1-CF, 2-FR, 1-Blocked Punt, 4-Blocked FG's. 3-Year Starter

Defensive Tackles

K.D. Erskine, 6-2, 240, Sr., DT, Van, 63-T, 20-TFL, 8-Sacks, 2-CF, 1-Def TD, 18-QBP.

Victor Shaw, 6-4, 265, Jr., DT, Pleasant Grove, 69-Tackles, 9-TFL, 3-Sacks, 2-CF. District Defensive Lineman of

Linebackers

Christian Bates, 6-1, 230, Sr., ILB, Pittsburg, 116-Tackles, 6-TFL, 2-Inteceptions, 2-CF, 6-PBU, 2-FR.

Zay Cartwright, 5-11, 190, Jr., ILB, Shelbyville, 117-Tackles, 3-CF, 1-FR, 1-Interception, 9-Sacks.

Braden Courtney, 5-9 1/2, 195, Sr., ILB, Timpson, 108-Tackles, 2-Sacks, 19-TFL, 1-CF, 8-QBP, 1-Interception.

Trey Stevenson, 5-11, 170, Jr., ILB, Waskom, 153-Tackles, 28-TFL, 8-Sacks.

Cornerbacks

Cayden Fortson, 6-0, 178, Jr., CB, Sabine, 62-Tackles, 6-Interceptions, 2-TD's, 4-PBU, 1-CF, 2-TFL, 3-Year Starter.

Corey Rider, Sr., CB, Kilgore, 37-Tackles, 8-PBU, 2-Interceptions.

Nickel Defensive Back

Zachaun Williams, 6-1, 180, Soph., CB, Tyler High, 38-Tackles, 3-TFL, 5-Interceptions, 19-PBU, 2-Blocked FG's. 2-Year Starter

Dime Defensive Back

Rick Carlton, 5-11, 160, Jr., CB, Chester, 94-Tackles, 15-PBU, 8-Interceptions, 9-CF, 1-Defenisve TD, 3-Blocked Kicks.

Jacoby Watts, 6-0, 168, Sr., SS, Diboll, 96-Tackles, 13-TFL, 1-Sack, 7-PBU, 4-Interceptions. 3-FR. 1-Defensive TD. 1st-Team AD.

Safeties



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

To Discuss State Financial Accountability Rating

GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gladewater Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, on Monday, February 14, 2022, in the Gladewater Administration Building 200 E. Broadway, Gladewater, TX, 75647

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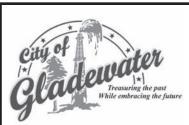
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Please submit three (3) hard copies and an electronic version of your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for the proposed services via email to:

> Judy Van Houten, City Clerk 519 E. Broadway Ave. Gladewater, TX 75647 jvanhouten@cityofgladewater.com

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, February 14, 2022, to be considered. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.







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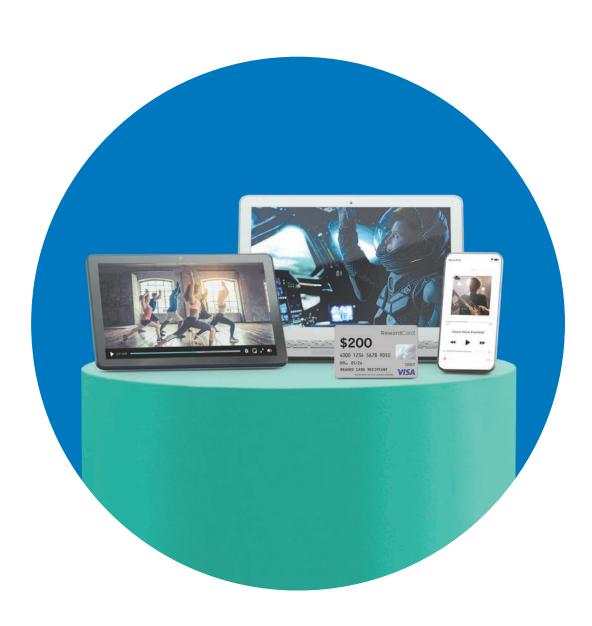
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