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## COVID-19 cases drop sharply

Perhaps the peak has passed in the latest wave of COVID-19 cases in Texas, spurred by the omicron variant. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 198,757 new cases in the past week, down nearly 100,000 from the previous week. New deaths totaled 1,395, up 15% from the previous week. The total number of deaths in the state since the pandemic began about two years ago stands at 80,662.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 10,657 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals, down 16.5% from the previous week. DSHS reported 16.987 million Texans have been fully vaccinated, which is 58.2% of the state's population. An additional 5.98 million Texans have received a booster dose.



## Pinewood derby slated

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. 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.

## Volunteers, food, money still needed

Manna House and the Clothes Closet are open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning next to Gladewater City Hall.

At a recent board meeting, it was noted that support from more local churches is needed at Manna House and the Clothes Closet, from monetary contributions and food to volunteers to help hand out the collected food and clothing items.

Financial donations can be sent to P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, TX 75647 and food can be dropped off at the Manna House location or at the Gladewater Mirror office at 211 N. Main Street.

## Best, worst cities for football fans

With Super Bowl LVI just days away, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its Super Bowl LVI By The Numbers infographic together with its report on 2022's Best & Worst Cities for Football Fans, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary.

To determine the best places for loving on America's favorite sport, WalletHub compared more than 240 U.S. cities with at least one college or professional football team based on 21 key metrics. The data set ranges from the number of NFL and college football teams to stadium capacity to fan engagement.

1. Pittsburgh, PA	236. Columbia, SC
2. Dallas, TX	237. Louisville, KY
3. Green Bay, WI	238. Lawrence, KS
4. Boston, MA	239. Davidson, NC
5. Los Angeles, CA	240. New Britain, CT
6. New York, NY	241. Stephenville, TX
7. Miami, FL	242. Ithaca, NY
8. New Orleans, LA	243. Providence, RI
9. Cincinnati, OH	244. Valparaiso, IN
10. Indianapolis, IN	245. St. George, UT

# Snowmageddon anniversary

The Winter Outbreak that occurred on Valentine's Week 2021 brought not only snow, sleet, and freezing rain to Texas, but also extreme cold temperatures that lasted for several days. This was one of the most impactful winter events in recent history that brought multiday road closures, power outages, loss of heat, broken pipes, and other societal impacts for the region. While the damage is still being assessed, this will likely go down as the first billion dollar disaster of 2021 globally, and potentially the most costly weather disaster for the state of Texas in history, surpassing even Hurricane Harvey from 2017.

It all began Wednesday, February 10th when a cold front moved through the area bringing the first surge of cold air into the region. With this cold air in place, lingering precipitation the following day fell as sleet and freezing rain across the northwestern counties. The first Winter Weather Advisory of this prolonged winter event was issued in the morning hours of Thursday, February 11th as area roads began to become hazardous from the icy precipitation. This Advisory would end up spreading from Texas county to Texas county after sunset that

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## A look back and what we learned

Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp was at the frontlines of Snowmageddon from the start to the finish. He helped coordinate relief efforts between local and state agencies, kept the citizens informed of the situation with daily updates, and like others worked all the water and food hand-out locations, as well as blanket giveaways.

As we take a look back at the Storm of the Century, we asked Mayor Shipp for his insight.



MAYOR SHIPP

### What were Gladewater's major issues during Snowmageddon?

As the freezing temperatures and the threat of precipitation approached, I believe we all feared loss of electricity as the major issue that would be encountered. We would all remain at home and endure the storm. Those lucky enough to have a generator would have them whirring in the background allowing a more tolerable passage of the storm. We had no idea that water would be the issue we encountered.

When winter weather drops below freezing for consecutive days or nights, it's not unusual for a homeowner to open a

sink tap on exterior walls to protect their lines from freezing. What happens when temperatures drop below zero? All or most homeowners open the tap of a sink or sinks within their home. If approximately 3000 water service customers open 2 or more faucets in their homes with a stream diameter of 1/8"-1/4" each, you have a cumulative pipe diameter ranging from 10-20". It doesn't take long to drain a water tower in this scenario. However, this is something we learned later in the storm as we searched for massive leaks around town that were never found.

The water plant was ramped up during the storm in an attempt to keep up with demand. Unfortunately, lines feeding chemicals for the treatment process kept freezing during the storm. As a result, particulates that should be dropping out prior to hitting filters remained. Filters clogged and the treatment process shutdown to back flush filters. Treatment began again but we couldn't keep up with the demand given the impact the freezing temperatures had on the chemical feed lines. We had to find those leaks.

City staff continually searched for the massive break or breaks that surely were there creating this demand. We did

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Gladewater firefighters worked a one-story residential structure fire just west of city limits off Highway 80 Saturday. Upon arrival crews saw there was smoke and flame showing and immediately started fire attack. Gladewater had mutual aid support from Clarksville/Warren City, White Oak, Big Sandy, and Sabine Fire Departments. No one was reported to be inside.



## Mobile home damaged by fire

By Phillip Williams

Fire during freezing weather Friday morning damaged part of a mobile home on Texas 154 just west of Gilmer, said Fire Chief Jerry Taylor.

He said firefighters did not get the names of the home's occupants, who were in the process at the scene of contacting the American Red Cross to find housing.

Taylor said the blaze, reported at 8:52 a.m., damaged a bedroom and the attic above it, but that the trailer could be salvaged with repairs.

The chief said a man who resided there built a fire in the corner fireplace of a bedroom, and Taylor speculated the blaze went into the attic because the trailer's roof had been replaced with a metal roof, but the smokestack was not replaced.

The man discovered the blaze and called the fire department, Taylor said. Nobody was injured.

## Gilmer woman killed in wreck

By Phillip Williams

A 49-year-old Gilmer woman was killed and a Gilmer man was injured in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 271 outside Gilmer on Tuesday afternoon of last week, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Verna L. Harris was pronounced dead at 6:59 p.m. at UT Health East Texas hospital in Tyler by Smith County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger, the DPS said.

Brendan R. Durkin, 53, was transported to that hospital in stable condition, Dark said.

She said preliminary investigation indicated Durkin was northbound in a 2005 Chevrolet Astro sport utility vehicle directly behind Harris, who slowed her 2003 Nissan Frontier pickup to turn left into a private drive on the highway's west side. The preliminary investigation indicated Durkin "failed to control its (the Astro's) speed" and struck the pickup, Dark added.

Durkin was wearing a seat belt, but Harris was not, the spokeswoman said. The 5:34 p.m. accident occurred in clear weather on a dry roadway about 1.7 miles south of Gilmer, Dark said. DPS Trooper James Payne investigated.

# OPINION/COMMENTARY



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### The Right Move ...

With inflation spiking and job openings far outnumbering unemployed persons, it is little surprise that the Federal Reserve is signaling a change in the game plan. By clearly communicating the thought process and the likely approach, the potential for disruptive surprises has been reduced.



The most recent statement from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) notes that indicators of economic activity and employment have continued to strengthen, sectors most adversely affected by the pandemic have markedly improved, and job gains have been solid. The recent Omicron-driven increase in COVID-19 cases was also noted. In fact, the release observed that the “path of the economy continues to depend on the course of the virus.” No kidding?!

The FOMC noted that supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic and the subsequent reopening have contributed to elevated inflation. Given levels well over the 2% target and the strength of the labor market, the Committee indicated that it likely will soon be appropriate to raise the target range for the federal funds rate. In addition, the monthly pace of asset purchases will be reduced and ended in early March, meaning that the FOMC is slowing and then

stopping this channel of injecting liquidity into the system (when the Fed buys bonds, it injects new money into the economy).

In addition, the Federal Reserve will be slowing purchases of mortgage-backed securities and is setting the stage for reducing its multi-trillion-dollar holdings of such assets. When the Fed stops buying these securities in volume (as it did early in the pandemic to stabilize things), the natural outcome is an increase in mortgage rates. While the bump is small so far, it will modestly increase the cost of buying a house.

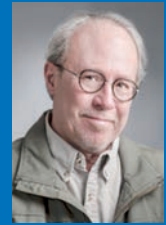
On balance, the Fed sees that inflation is a problem and that the labor market is tight. At the same time, there are risks to the economy such as new variants. The target range for the federal funds rate was therefore maintained, and purchases and holdings of securities will continue (though some will be winding down). Going forward, policy will be driven by a wide range of information including public health, labor market conditions, inflation pressure expectations, supply chain status, and financial and international developments.

It's clearly time for some of the expansive monetary policy initiatives needed to keep the economy functional during the pandemic to come to a carefully planned conclusion. Some analysts are complaining that it is too little, too late, while financial markets always seem to want low interest rates. To all of those critics on both sides, I would say “chill.” This is the right move for the moment, and there's always the ability to adjust as conditions warrant.

Stay safe!

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## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Early primary voting starts on Valentine's Day

Early voting in the March 1 primary begins on Feb. 14 and runs through Feb. 25. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Feb. 18.

There are seven statewide seats on the ballot: governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, comptroller and one seat on the railroad commission. Winners in the Republican and Democratic primaries will face off in the Nov. 8 general election.

GOP incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott faces seven primary opponents, while five candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination, with the best-known being Beto O'Rourke, a former candidate for U.S. Senate and the presidency.

In addition, congressional and state legislative races will be on the ballot, as well as county positions. Readers can find out who is on the ballot where they are registered to vote on the Texas secretary of state's website: [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov).

### Board awards \$26.2 million in higher ed grants

A total of 60 Texas higher education institutions will share \$26.2 million in grants awarded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The grants will help Texans gain higher-paying jobs by earning postsecondary credentials to be made available through two programs: the Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant and the Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program.

The Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant provides emergency financial support to students whose education was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as displaced workers seeking training to return to the workforce and students who dropped out of higher education prior to the pandemic but are looking to return.

The Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program allows institutions to create or expand short-term, industry-recognized postsecondary credentials that incorporate skills and knowledge required by high-demand careers that stem from digital skills, data analytics, and front-line healthcare programs, according to the THECB news release.

“To remain competitive, we must lead the nation at producing credentials of value that meet the needs of our fast-growing economy,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. “We need to emphasize the importance of credentials that are affordable, attainable, and bring value to the lives of all Texans.

### Quagga mussels detected in Texas reservoir

Invasive quagga mussels have been detected in a Texas reservoir for the first time, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The discovery was made at the International Amistad Reservoir along the Texas-Mexico border near Del Rio.

Quagga mussels are closely related to the zebra mussels that have invaded nearly three dozen Texas lakes since first being introduced in Texas in 2009 at Lake Texoma.

“This detection of invasive quagga mussels is a very unfortunate first for Texas,” said Monica McGarrrity, TPWD senior scientist for aquatic invasive species. “Quagga mussels can inhabit greater depths and are also able to settle on soft substrates like mud or sand in addition to hard surfaces like rock or infrastructure—unlike zebra mussels—meaning they can colonize more of the lake.”

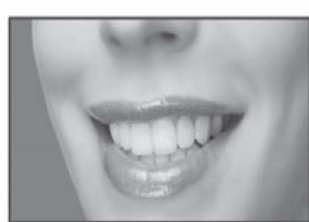
Quagga mussels are found in the Great Lakes region and some western states, according to TPWD. Like the zebra mussel, the quagga mussel is often unknowingly introduced by contaminated boats. Boaters are urged to clean, drain and dry their boats to prevent the spread of the mussels.

### Unclaimed property webinars planned

The Texas Comptroller's office is holding a series of free training webinars for holders of unclaimed property, such as general businesses, city, county and state government agencies, financial institutions, oil and gas companies and cooperatives.

Topics to be discussed include an overview of unclaimed property rules, state requirements for reporting such property, and which reports to use. The schedule of webinars, which last two hours, can be found online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8fpdpc>.

Anyone who wants to see whether they are owed money can go to [claimtexas.org](http://claimtexas.org).



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## THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

God's Old Testament prophets spoke numerous times about the coming of a Messiah. But for many centuries the Messiah did not come. Years, decades, then centuries passed, and the promise of a coming Messiah went unfulfilled.

We don't know if any of the Jewish people ever doubted the Messiah was coming because He didn't come quickly, but if they did, they made a terrible mistake, because, although God's promises about the first coming of Christ were not fulfilled for hundreds of years, yet the promises were certain, and eventually Christ did come.

In a similar way the promises of the second coming of Christ are also sure and certain. In the New Testament we are told over and over that Christ will come again—and He will! However, the

Scriptures also tell us that because those promises are not quickly fulfilled, some people will disbelieve the promises of Christ's second coming. In 2 Pet. 3: 2-4 the apostle Peter wrote Christians, and said: “Be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’” God knew some people would disbelieve His promises about the second coming of Christ, and so, the fact that many today disbelieve it should not surprise us. There will always be skeptics and doubters who will ridicule, and mock God's promise that the world is moving to a conclusion appointed by the Lord. And why not? For the non-believer, human life, and the material world are all some sort of cosmic accident, which has no design or plan. As far as they are concerned, as Paul said, people may as well “eat, and drink, for tomorrow they die.” (1 Cor. 15: 32).

Just as surely as Christ, according to the Old Testament promises, came the first time, so He will come again according to the New Testament promises. The last days will be culminated by a last day, “the day of the Lord” (3: 10), when time will end. You can depend on it! Think on these things.

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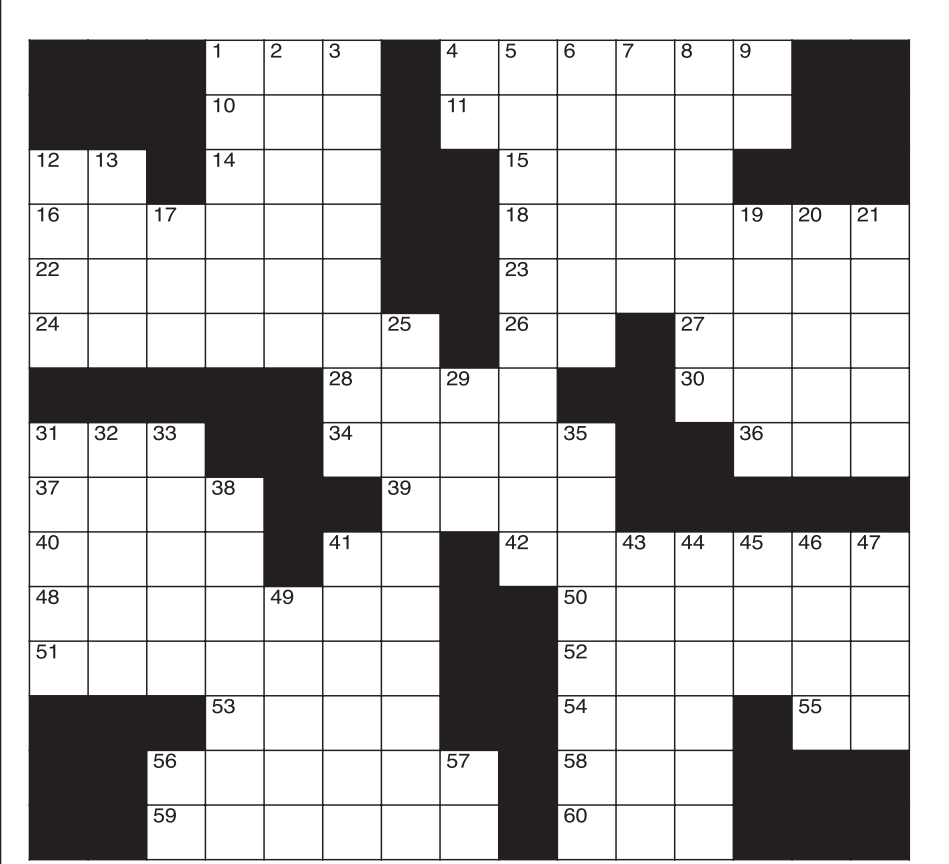
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The Gladewater Middle School Bears completed the 2021-2022 Basketball Season as Winners. The 8th grade Bears finished 6-2 in District (outscored opponents 276-187). The 8th Grade Bears were led by Elijah Anthony, Luke Brown, Mason Budro, Carsin Cooper, Jakobe Crosby, Jeremiah Flanagan, Kaidin Harris, Kayson Harris, Grafton Morgan, Christopher Reed, Kyle Santos, Keith Taylor, Drue Watson, and Brayson Woods.



The Gladewater Middle School Bears completed the 2021-2022 Basketball Season as Winners. The 7th grade Bears finished 5-3 District (outscored opponents 256-210) as well as a Second Place Win at the Spring Hill Invitational Tournament. The Bears were led by Caleb Balcorta, Travante Hanson, Achilles Hess, Christian Jackson, Damarion Johnson, Amario Minter, Dion Patton, Mariano Olvera Perez, Lucas Vasquez, Trayvion Watts, Matthew Westbrook, and Terrell Willis. Thank you to GMS Coaches Curtis Armstrong, Jeff Hodges, Chase Manley, 7th/8th grade Manager Aubry Floyd, and Athletic Director Scott Clower.

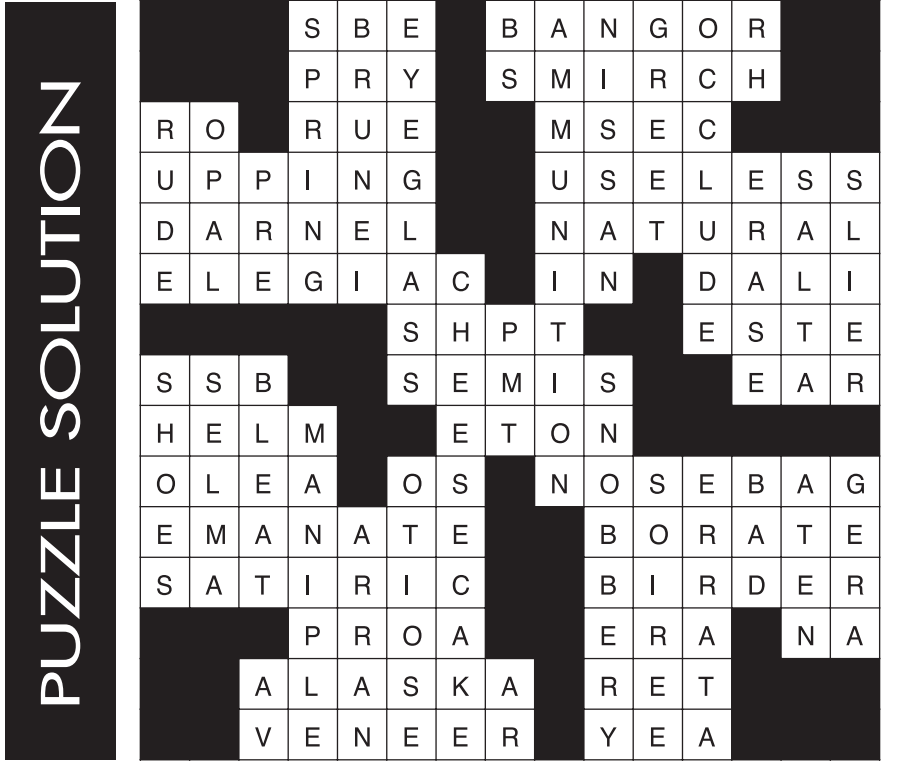


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point east of due south
4. City in Maine
10. Inquire too closely
11. Make dirty
12. Small Greek island
14. Bitterly regret
15. Millisecond
16. \_\_\_ the ante
18. Without value
22. Eurasian ryegrass
23. Authentic
24. Having a mournful quality
26. Not out
27. Salvador \_\_\_, Spanish artist
28. Cargo (abbr.)
30. This (Spanish)
31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
34. Slang for trucks with trailers
36. Helps you hear
37. Steer a boat
39. British School
40. Genus of olive
41. Computer term (abbr.)
42. Horse gear
48. Give off
50. A type of salt
51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
52. One who watches birds
53. Sailboat
54. A major division of geological time
55. Sodium
56. American state
58. Soak in water
59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
60. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One of the four seasons
2. Its sultan is famous
3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
4. College degree
5. Soldiers need it
6. Japanese car manufacturer
7. A way to address
8. Obstruct
9. Atomic number 45
12. Ill-mannered
13. Opaque gem
17. Indicates before
19. Remove
20. Populous Argentine city
21. More cunning
25. Rich dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Footwear
32. Famed Alabama city
33. Sheep's cry
35. Arrogance
38. Clerical vestment
41. Serving no practical purpose
43. An evening party
44. Print errors
45. Not good
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. Industrial German city
49. Scottish island
56. Early multimedia
57. Atomic number 18



Police Activity Report

A large table with columns: CALL DATE, CALL DESC, CENSE, CALL TIME, BUSINESS NAME, ADDRESS. It lists numerous police incidents including suspicious persons, alarms, animal control, and traffic accidents.

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I believe in Border Control. I believe in our small businesses being able to grow and prosper, not the big corporates taking our livelihood. I believe in term limits. I want to work closely with our Elderly and our veterans so they may contact me with any concerns and try to be apart of a solution.

I feel I can bridge the gap in between with the younger upcoming republicans. I'm just a normal country girl that wants to make a change for the community. I don't claim to have all the answers. But I will be involved and fighting for the solutions.



Thank y'all and God bless ! Pd for by Ashleigh Duncan

# SPORTS



## 2022-24 OFFICIAL DISTRICT ALIGNMENT FOOTBALL CONFERENCE 3A DIVISION 1

Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4	
<b>District 1</b> Brownfield Denver City Kermit Lamesa Slaton	<b>District 3</b> Bowie Breckenridge Clyde Iowa Park Tuscola Jim Ned Vernon	<b>District 5</b> Bonham Commerce Mineola Mount Vernon Pottsboro Rains Winnboro	<b>District 7</b> Dallas A+ Dallas Gateway Charter Academy Dallas Life Oak Cliff Dallas Madison Grandview Inspired Vision Academy Dallas	<b>District 9</b> Coldspring-Oakhurst Crockett Diboll Huntington Palestine Westwood Shepherd Woodville	<b>District 11</b> Cameron Yoe Franklin Little River Academy Lorena McGregor Rockdale Troy	<b>District 13</b> Blanco Ingram Moore Llano Luling Marion San Antonio Cole Universal City Randolph	<b>District 15</b> Aransas Pass Corpus Christi London Edna Goliat Mathis Palacios Vanderbilt Industrial Lyford Progreso Rio Hondo San Diego Santa Gertrudis Acad



## 2022-23 OFFICIAL DISTRICT ALIGNMENT VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCE 3A

Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4	
<b>District 1</b> Amarillo River Road Bushland Dalhart Dimmitt Frisco Huntington Idolow Littlefield Shallowater Tulia	<b>District 5</b> Austin IDEA Montopolis Blanco Brady Comfort Flores Ingram Moore Llano Luling Palacios Vanderbilt Industrial Lyford Progreso Rio Hondo San Diego Santa Gertrudis Acad	<b>District 9</b> Arlington Trinity Cedar Hill Newman Dallas A+ Dallas Gateway Charter Academy Dallas Life Oak Cliff Dallas Madison Duncanville Village Tech Inspired Vision Academy De Kalb New Boston Omaha Pevitt Palmer Redwater Scurry-Rosser Dangierfield Diana New Diana Gladewater Gladewater Sabine Hughes Springs White Oak Wichita Falls City View	<b>District 13</b> Big Sandy Harmony Cifton Grandview Hill Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill Mount Vernon Quilman Winona	<b>District 17</b> Diboll Hemphill Huntington Nacogdoches Central Higgins Newton Woodville	<b>District 21</b> Alta Cushing Dowson Hubbard Marlin Nixson Smiley SA Great Hearts Monte Vista N San Antonio Cole Universal City Randolph Jourdanton Karnes City Patterson South San Antonio West Alamo	<b>District 25</b> Altair Rice Columbus Edna El Maton Tidehaven Hallettsville Palacios Vanderbilt Industrial Yoakum	<b>District 29</b> Acorn Pass George West Goliat Mathis Odem Taft



## 2022-23 OFFICIAL DISTRICT ALIGNMENT BASKETBALL CONFERENCE 3A

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## 2022-23 OFFICIAL DISTRICT ALIGNMENT BASKETBALL CONFERENCE 2A

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<b>District 1</b> Amarillo Highland Park Memphis Sanford-Fritch Stinnett West Texas Vega	<b>District 5</b> Junction Miles Nocona Poolville Rio Vista	<b>District 9</b> Alford Chico Itasca Rio Vista Harts Bluff ECHS	<b>District 13</b> Alford Chico Itasca Rio Vista Harts Bluff ECHS	<b>District 17</b> Bosqueville Bruceville-Eddy Chilton Crawford Moody Valley Mills Waco Meyer	<b>District 21</b> Alto Cuyaga Frankston Kerens Malakoff Cross Roads	<b>District 25</b> Burton Milano Mumford Snook Somerville	<b>District 29</b> Falls City Johnson City LBJ SA Lee Academy San Antonio Stacey Stockdale



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**Nellie Turner celebrated her 80th birthday at the First Baptist Church on Feb. 5 in the McKaig Hall. Daughters, Rhonda Turner Smith and Trecia Turner hosted the party.**  
Photo by Karen White



**Gladewater Bears DJ Allen - future TCU Horned Frog - and JaKiyah Bell - future Kilgore College Ranger - signed their respective letters of intent at a ceremony held at GHS last week.**  
Photo by Chris Jones

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Lady Bears clinch loop title

The Gladewater Lady Bears clinched back-to-back District Championships on Senior Night roughing up the Lady Necks 81-40. JaKiyah Bell erupted for 43 points as well as 10 rebounds, 8 steals, and a block.

White Oak struggled under the pressure as Gladewater committed to a full court press throughout the first half, taking a 47-12 lead to the locker room. Other Lady Bears keeping the scorekeeper busy included MaKayla Police 10, Kyla Lincoln 9, Kiyah Parker 7, as well as Alexis Boyd, and Kamryn Floyd.

### Bears fall to Roughnecks

The Gladewater Bears came up short with a 49-78 loss to White Oak. Recent TCU football commit DJ Allen led the Bears with 14 points while teammate Kollin Lewis hit for 13. Gladewater ends a five game winning streak with the loss. Keilan James added 7 to the scoring, Michael Lewis and Zavion Woods each had 6, and Tyrone Maddox had 3.

### Beckville beats Lions

Beckville jumped ahead early to drop Union Grove 80-68. The Lions started cold in a game postponed a day from wintery weather scoring only 6 points. The Grove got things going, outscoring the Bearcats 36-24 over the next two periods, entering the 4th only down by 8. Beckville rebounded in the 4th to stifle the Lions rally. Aubrey Woodard and Cooper Vestal scored 15 apiece, with Woodard also grabbing 13 rebounds. Jaxon Daniels led the Lions with 17 points. Hunter Cannon led in the assist column with 6 while also scoring 7 points and getting 7 rebounds. Colton Cowan

also put 7 points on the board for Union Grove while Trevor Moore scoring 5 and Harlee Kirbis 2. The loss ends a four game winning streak for UG including a 82-49 win over Overton on Feb 1. Vestal scorched the Mustangs for 30 points. Eight Lions scored against Overton including Cowan 12, Kirbis 9, Woodard 8 (and 10 rebounds), Daniels 8, Cannon 8, Moore 5, Josh Baker 2.

### Lady Bearcats slip by UG

The Lady Bearcats surge ahead in the third to edge Union Grove 37-35. Gracie Stanford led the Lady Lions scoring 11. Macey Roberts followed up with 9 points and 13 rebounds. Ava Wightman added 8 points followed by Taylor Campbell with 7. Despite the loss, the Grove have gone for the 8th straight season with 20 or more wins and have qualified for the playoffs 9 years in a row.

The 20th win came after the Lady Lions took down Overton 30-25 last Tuesday. Campbell led that charge with 12 points with Gracie Winn scoring 7.

### Lady Cards defeat H. Springs

Claudia Simmons scored 17 to help lead the Lady Cardinals past Hughes Springs 43-17. Seniors Maddie Furrh and Ally Gresham score 9 and 6 respectively on Senior Night. Other Lady Cards padding the score were Ashlynn Davis with 7, Ella Roberts 4, Addy Gresham 1, and Ashleigh McCormack 1. Sabine sits 21-8 (9-2) with only White Oak left to play in the regular season.



**Teya Grooms takes a shot for Gladewater against the Lady Necks.**  
Photo by Chris Jones

### Garden Club to meet

The Gladewater Garden Club will meet Monday, Feb. 28, at 1-2 p.m. at T.W. Lee Gardens of Gladewater, located at 21600 CR 3103, Gladewater.

The program will be "To Enjoy The Dafodils Drive thru Garden," with Diane Richardson-Chairman, assisted by Judy Banner and Anne Hatfield, serving as hostesses.

Attendees are reminded to bring a plant or tool to exchange for the next meeting and bring a friend.

### Ranger Band member earns seat in TCCBDA All-State Band

Kilgore College Ranger Band tuba player, Kade Johnston, has earned a seat in the Texas Community College Band Directors Association (TCCBDA) All-State Band.

Johnston, of Gladewater, will represent KC in the All-State Band as he travels this week with KC's Director of Bands, Derrick Logozzo, to San Antonio for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) annual conference.

"This is truly an accomplishment for Kade," Logozzo said. "Musicians showcased at the TMEA Clinic/Convention are the best of the best in the state of Texas."

Johnston will attend clinics and perform with the All-State Band at the end of the conference on Saturday.

Logozzo will also attend clinics and host a recruiting booth for KC Ranger Band and the KC Music Department.

### KC Theatre will present

#### Ada & the Engine Feb. 24-27

Kilgore College Theatre will present "Ada & the Engine" by Lauren Gunderson 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 24-26, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

General admission tickets are \$10 and \$7 for KC students with student ID.

Discounted ticket-pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

The play is rated PG so parents are encouraged to attend with children younger than 13 years old.

The box office will open one hour prior to each performance. Face coverings are encouraged.

Purchase tickets online at [www.kilgore.edu/drama](http://www.kilgore.edu/drama) or by phone at (903) 983-8126.

For more information, email the KC Theatre Box Office at [boxoffice@kilgore.edu](mailto:boxoffice@kilgore.edu).

The play is produced by special arrange-

ment with Dramatist Play Services.

### DPS reminds CDL applicants about entry level driver training

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding applicants for a commercial driver license (CDL) or certain endorsements that the Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements begin Feb. 7, 2022. Recent inclement weather has closed some driver license offices; however, the federal requirement has not been delayed as a result of these closures.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) oversees the ELDT regulations, which are designed to improve highway safety by ensuring entry level drivers of commercial motor vehicles complete minimum federal training requirements before being permitted to take certain CDL tests.

Anyone who is either applying for a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time, upgrading an existing CDL to a Class A or B, or obtaining a school bus (S), passenger (P) or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time must meet ELDT requirements. Each state must electronically verify that an applicant completed the required training and certification process before administering a CDL skills test or prior to the knowledge test for an 'H' endorsement.

Commercial driving schools can become an approved ELDT provider by registering with FMCSA through its Training Provider Registry (TPR).

For more information about how the federal program works, how to become a certified Training Registry Provider and what schools are registered to provide ELDT training, visit the TPR site.

Customers wishing to obtain or upgrade to a CDL will need to book an appointment. To schedule an appointment or check availability, visit the online appointment scheduler. You must make an appointment online. Upon arrival at the driver license office, customers can check-in at the kiosk inside or from their mobile device. A reminder, customers can only check-in up to 30 minutes prior to their appointment time.

The department reminds customers who have existing appointments, but will not be able to keep them, to please cancel as soon as they are able. While the department is working to serve as many customers as possible, people not showing up for their appointments continues to be a major obstacle.

## Judge Rhonda Welch Seeks Re-Election

I am Rhonda Truitt Welch, a Conservative Republican, who is seeking re-election for the office of Justice of the Peace-Precinct 3 in Upshur County. I am a lifetime resident of Upshur County, and it has been a privilege and an honor to serve my constituents. I have upheld the oath of this office for more than 15 years, and I am once again asking for your support!

The role of Justice of the Peace is not a simple one. In my court, I preside over small claims/debt claims cases, as well as, Class C misdemeanor cases. Since my first swearing-in in 2007, the amount of money I am able to award in civil cases has grown from \$5,000 then to \$20,000 now. I hear eviction cases, issue warrants, and collect fines and fees. Along with these more serious aspects of my duties, a highlight of my job is to perform marriage ceremonies. It is refreshing to witness firsthand the joining of a couple as they begin their life together. Along those lines, I recently celebrated my own wedding anniversary of 45 years to my wonderful husband, Charles!

My fellow Justices and I have a great working relationship! We all spend one week per month doing an on-call rotation that encompasses the entire county-not just our respective precincts. While on-call, our primary obligations are jail magistration/bail settings and death calls. As of this writing, I have, unfortunately, signed 348 death certificates. This is the hardest part of my job, and professionalism is of utmost importance in these circumstances. I am always empathetic to those who have lost a loved one, especially since often I know the deceased and/or their families personally.

I am the right candidate for this position. The amount of knowledge I have brought to and acquired during my tenure in this office is extensive! In addition to keeping up with legislature updates, I also receive annual training at the Texas Justice Court Training Center. I am a member of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas (JPCA), the Texas Association of Counties, and was recently endorsed by East Texans for Liberty (ET4L). I am an active member of my community, and I am proud to be a Gilmerite-just like my parents, Betty and Eligah (Dub) Truitt, before me! My dad and Vernon Nobles, both WWII veterans, were instrumental in securing the WWII cannon that can be seen on the courthouse lawn today!

I have been blessed to have had the best clerks work with me in my office. My current clerk, Christie Craver, and I work with game wardens, sheriff's deputies, city police, and state troopers to uphold the law and maintain order.

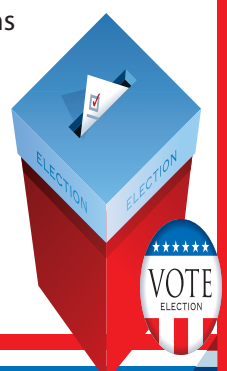
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Thank you!

**Rhonda Truitt Welch**

**Upshur County Justice of the Peace Precinct 3**



## Snowmageddon anniversary

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evening and continued through Friday morning due to lingering precipitation. While this first taste of winter precipitation was impacting the region, a stronger Arctic cold front was progressing through the country and was expected to reach Texas late Sunday.

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On Friday, February 12th, a Winter Storm Watch was issued for Sunday in anticipation for the potential snow, sleet, and freezing rain that this Arctic front would bring. A Winter Storm Warning ended up getting issued on Saturday, February 13th as sleet and freezing rain formed ahead of the approaching cold front.

As expected, the strong Arctic cold front passed through Texas on Sunday (Valentine's Day). It served as the turning point from a significant winter storm the preceded the front to the historic winter event that would eventually unfold.

On Sunday, every square inch of Texas was in a Winter Storm Warning. Snow, sleet, and freezing rain began to encroach into Southeast Texas Sunday afternoon, and then increased in coverage and intensity overnight Sunday night into Monday. Thunder snow was reported in some parts of Texas Sunday evening, and then thunder sleet occurred along Texas' coastline Sunday night.

Roads began to become impassable Sunday evening due to ice and snow and some would not become safe until Friday. Temperatures crashed down Sunday night behind the cold front with much of Texas getting down into the teens or single digits with wind chills down into the single digits or even below zero.

Because of these conditions, a Hard Freeze Warning and a Wind Chill Warning were issued. A combination of the icy conditions and extreme cold temperatures caused widespread power outages across much of Texas - outages that would last for the next several days. In East Texas, which is not on the same power grid as most of the state, most residents were saved from power outages.

The wintry precipitation continued through Monday morning with storm total snow/sleet accumulations being around trace along the coast, around an inch near the Houston Metro, and up to three to six inches up across the north. The extreme cold temperatures not just persisted through Tuesday morning, but dipped down even colder and produced the coldest morning of the event. The City of Houston went down to 13°F, Galveston down to 20°F, and College Station bottomed out at just 5°F.

Unfortunately, the week wasn't done yet. Another winter storm was anticipated to bring significant freezing rain Tuesday night requiring an additional Winter Storm Warning. This new ice accumulation, combined with any refreezing of previous moisture, continued the hazardous road conditions Tuesday evening through the day on Wednesday. Conditions did not improve Wednesday night as lingering precipitation brought snow and sleet to the northern half of the region that lasted through midday Thursday. While the wintry precipitation wound down Thursday evening, the dangerously cold temperatures and hazardous road conditions continued. It wasn't until 9 a.m. Saturday morning that the last Hard Freeze Warning would expire for this event.

There was a total of 8 days, 23 hours, and 23 minutes of winter highlights between the first Winter Weather Advisory issued on Thursday, February 11th at 9:37am to when the last Hard Freeze Warning expired at 9am on Saturday, February 20th.

The winter outbreak in February 2021 will be on the minds of every Texan for a very long time.



Gladewater Rotarian Leon Word received his Paul Harris Fellow certificate at a recent meeting. Word was honored for his role in saving the life of Gregg County JP Tim Bryan. The judge was the guest speaker at a Rotary Club meeting a year ago and collapsed just before the meeting began. Word jumped into action and performed CPR until EMS crews could arrive.

Photo by Darla Ferguson



Gregg County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, & Gladewater City Judge Tim Bryan was the guest speaker at last week's Gladewater Chamber/Gladewater EDC Business Breakfast. The judge spoke on "being aware" of your surroundings, whether it be in church, your business or coming and going to work. He said people need to be prepared for anything that might arise today for their own safety as well as for the safety of employees and customers.

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# A look back and what we learned

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find some lines broken but they were few and not of a diameter to explain the demand. The towers emptied and we were without water. The plant couldn't keep up with the demand to allow the towers to fill.

As news coverage of the impacts of the storm on East Texas communities was shared, we found we were not the only community to be without water. Cities both big and small encountered this. Tyler and Palestine are two of the larger communities that endured this same issue.

With the news of other communities battling empty water towers along with no discovery of significant water breaks in town, we came to the realization that the cumulative effect of citizens' faucets open was the leak we had been searching for day and night. We requested citizens to turn their faucets off to allow the towers to fill. Most complied and water levels were allowed to slowly increase within the towers. Water service was slow to return to various areas of the town as some lines had become air locked. Fire hydrants were opened to allow air to escape and water service to return.

It was a horrible occurrence for our community but we were not the only community to endure water loss in Texas. This lends itself to having both cities and engineering firms to build and share knowledge of this

occurrence with one another. We are working with the engineering firm, Schaumberg and Polk, Inc. (SPI) to improve our chemical feed location and processes to better manage the impact that temperature and demand has on our water treatment plant. However, we may also need to discuss water management with citizens during extreme cold weather events. A strategy may need to be developed in which we ask citizens to keep faucets off during certain times of the day or night to allow the water towers to recover from the usage.

## How would you rate the city's performance during this unprecedented situation?

We had never experienced a weather event like Snowmageddon. With the great frigid unknown on the horizon, you prepare for what you do know happens in freezing temperatures. The extreme nature of the event took us to new understandings of how to prepare and respond.

I feel the city responded well given the circumstances. We had staff at city hall answering the phones, on the roads to help motorists, repairing leaks, active at the plant, and assisting with water bottle distribution. These staffers worked very long and very cold hours for our community. They all helped where they could despite their designated role found on a typical sunny day. It was a team event

that every citizen would be proud of had they seen all of our staff functioning to serve them during Snowmageddon.

## How would you rate the cooperation between local, county, state and federal agencies as you dealt with Snowmageddon?

While there was involvement at the state and federal levels to help all communities in Texas, we dealt primarily with Gregg County. Gregg County Emergency Management services organized water bottle pallet pickups for their communities without water. We were able to receive many pallets of bottled water to provide to our citizens as a result.

We are blessed to have the neighbor we have in the City of White Oak. White Oak offered their help in providing transportation of the first load of pallets as well as unloading them. White Oak also offered to send public works staff over to help with leak repairs. We did not require this help as we didn't encounter the number of leaks we were anticipating. However, White Oak made it clear that they were on standby to help out Gladewater. It was and is still very much appreciated.

## What did you learn from Snowmageddon?

We learned that we do need a coordinated citizen response for water and food distribution. This was pointed out by Councilperson Brandy Flanagan. A coordinated effort through our



local churches would allow for formation of a volunteer network to serve this purpose. Unfortunately, this weather event has coincided with COVID hampering the ability to host a large meeting. However, Councilperson Flanagan has said that several church leaders in our community have been contacted and are willing to help in this endeavor.

## What surprised you most during this multi-day survival effort?

I was disappointed by the sheer volume of negativity found on social media during this event. We love our freedom of speech and social media has allowed for unprecedented reach of our speech. Anyone from anywhere can comment as they so choose. The messages are inclusive of almost any response imagined.

During the multi-day event, city updates were met with almost 100% negative feedback. Updates were qualified as inadequate, untimely and withholding information as well question-

ing city staff capabilities and management of the event. These comments were from citizens and, due to reach, non-citizens. Of course, no social media post is complete without trolls. Those purposely intending to obscure the message.

People were working 10-12 hours or longer on behalf of the citizens. This includes not only city staff, the city manager, the newspaper editor, the mayor, and councilmembers but also volunteers. The prior mentioned would be those responsible for getting the message out. We would get in late, put our heads together and then I would compose the message. It is unfortunate that with all the comments provided during those messages that very few offered to volunteer or ask what they could do to help. Very few of the comments said thank you to city staff for their efforts. Remember, city staff are members of social media as well. They along with those volunteers read these comments. As miserable as we all were, those on the frontlines

deserved to be lifted up and encouraged during the multi-day event. Needless to say, I'm not a fan of social media and the negative impact it can have through the thoughtless comments found from those not even offering to help. Thankfully, our community is blessed with far more citizens willing to lend a helping hand and they did just that during the storm. Perhaps, that's why there weren't more positive comments, those that care about their community were too busy helping.

## What else would you like to comment on from your experience during Snowmageddon?

We are fortunate to have many wonderful people, businesses and churches in Gladewater which helped throughout this multi-day event. We also had businesses and churches outside of our community lend a helping hand. We are running the Thank You ad run in 2021 to showcase our appreciation once more for all those that helped our community through Snowmageddon.

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