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Contested races develop in Upshur GOP

By Phillip Williams

Three contested races for precinct chairmanships on the Upshur County Republican Party's executive committee developed just before Saturday's filing deadline for the May 24 election, said county GOP Chairman De' Borah Deaz.

Deanna Leslie filed to run against Precinct 6 incumbent Jackie Oliver, while Mary Anne Farrow filed to run against Precinct 10 incumbent John Melvin Dodd, and Sherry Breedlove filed to challenge Bridget Fowler for the Precinct 9 seat being vacated by Pam Dean, said Deaz.

In addition, Precinct 13 incumbent Stacy McMahan filed Saturday to seek re-election without opposition, said Deaz. She also said she rejected Precinct 18 incumbent David Royer's application to run because he forgot to have it notarized.

That leaves no candidates for Royer's seat, nor the Precinct 5 seat vacated months ago by Blanton Dawson's death. The three contested races for the 19-seat committee, however, mark the first time in recent memory that so many seats have been contested.

On the Democratic side, only two unopposed incumbents, Thelma Carlyn Short in Precinct 2 and Vernell Jeffery in Precinct 7, filed to run in the party's May 24 election, said county Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson.

Due to redistricting, the precinct chairs will be elected not in the March 1 primary, but during the parties' respective runoff elections. Unopposed candidates' names will not even appear on the ballot as they will be automatically elected.

The parties' respective county chairman elections, however, will appear on the March 1 ballot. Deaz is opposed for re-election to a second term by party secretary Carl Byers, while Jackson escaped opposition for re-election.

Madison Barrett is unopposed for the Precinct 17 chairmanship held by Byers.

Unopposed GOP incumbents who filed, and their precinct numbers, include Lanette Crittenden, 1; Jesse Loffler, 2; Lew Miller, 3; Deborah Hodge, 4; Tom Williams, 7; Charlie Pelezo, 8; Brenda Kelsey Beal, 11; Mickey Denton, 12; Judy Dodson Crowder, 14; Carolyn Wade, 15; John Ussery, 16; and Madaline Barber, 20. (There is no Precinct 19 seat as that precinct was merged with another one.)



Photo by Chris Jones

Lady Bears Bi-District Champs

Three Lady Bears scored in double figures helping Gladewater trounce Troup 62-28 in the Bi-District Championship.

JaKiyah Bell, who recently signed to play at Kilgore College, led the Bears with 17 points, 14 rebounds, 8 steals, and 5 assists. Alexis Boyd got hot hitting for 12 points, 13 rebounds, 2 assists, as well as 4 blocks. Kyla Lincoln scored 10 against the Lady Tigers. Other contributors to Gladewater's win include Kiyona Parker with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals and MaKayla Police who added 6 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Ebony Pipkin and Kamryn Floyd rounded out the scoring for the Gladewater with 5 and 4 points respectively. The Lady Bears move on to the Area round of the play-offs

where they will square off with the Lady Bears of DeKalb. The match-up will take place at Pittsburg High School on Thursday, February 17. Tip-off is at 7:30.

Union Grove fell 12-41 to Woden in bi-district action and in Sabine, Jefferson rallied in the 4th to edge the Lady Cardinals 52-47. Claudia Simmons scored 16 points in the Bi-District Championship to lead Sabine. Senior Maddie Furrh put 12 points on the board in her final game for the Lady Cards. Also scoring for Sabine were Ashlynn Davis with 9, Eliza Roper 3, and Addy Gresham 2. Senior Ally Gresham added 5 points in her final performance for Sabine. The Lady Cardinals finish the season at 22-9.

Man gets 50-year sentence

By Phillip Williams

A judge in Gilmer sentenced Jonathan Davis Gilliam of Gladewater to 50 years in prison on Tuesday of last week after the defendant pleaded guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a Gladewater woman, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Gilliam, 41, was sentenced by 115th District Judge Dean Fowler, said Byrd. The defendant had been to prison twice and was on parole when the Jan. 31, 2021 assault on Sherri Perkins occurred in her home, the prosecutor added.

In a press release, Byrd said "the defendant, while unprovoked, took a three-pound sledgehammer and struck the victim (who he knew) in the back of the head from behind, causing her to fall to the floor." Gilliam then "bent down and hit her again" before fleeing the residence with the hammer while Perkins' husband called 911, the prosecutor wrote.

Gladewater police later found and arrested the defendant, while Perkins was life-flighted to a Tyler hospital, Byrd added. Although she recovered, she is "still not herself following this attack" (mentally or physically) and "witnesses at the scene believed she had died that night," the district attorney wrote.

Gilliam, who had been sentenced in Upshur County to prison in January 2020 on a methamphetamine charge, had been recently released on parole before the assault, Byrd added.

The assault case brought against him was "enhanced" due to his prior criminal record, meaning he could receive a harsher sentence for the offense. He must serve half the 50-year term "day for day" before becoming eligible for parole, Byrd wrote.

Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented the defendant.



White Oak ISD honored Suzanne Bardwell, co-owner of the Gladewater Mirror, White Oak Independent and Lindale News & Times, last week with the dedication of the "Suzanne B. Bardwell Wing" at White Oak High School. The wing houses the journalism department where Suzanne spent 20 years teaching generations of students not only about writing, but also about life. Jim, Josh and Jennifer Bardwell were joined at the dedication by WOISD Superintendent Brian Gray, WOISD Assistant Superintendent Mitzi Neely and White Oak High School Principal Donna Jennings, along with a host of students and White Oak ISD educators. Suzanne was killed Jan. 7 in a car accident. Photo by Mike Peery

Comptroller distributes \$1.2 billion in sales tax revenue

Gladewater remains in the black for 9th-straight month

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.22 billion in local sales tax allocations for February, 16.4 percent more than in February 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2021 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$8,499.31	\$7,533.84	12.81%	\$15,050.55	\$12,232.19	23.04%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$5,432.34	\$3,669.64	48.03%	\$10,092.32	\$6,540.65	54.30%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$114,125.71	\$112,778.17	1.19%	\$219,373.41	\$195,329.11	12.30%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$884,603.66	\$763,534.36	15.85%	\$1,567,258.30	\$1,227,735.81	27.65%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$25,325.83	\$21,619.95	17.14%	\$45,707.32	\$37,344.88	22.39%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$4,498,936.23	\$3,926,820.59	14.56%	\$8,010,086.26	\$6,543,295.98	22.41%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$1,848.76	\$1,688.45	9.49%	\$3,141.19	\$2,830.88	10.96%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$187,930.06	\$108,154.98	73.75%	\$299,418.80	\$191,426.22	56.41%
County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$32,951.41	\$27,544.38	19.63%	\$54,162.09	\$45,727.14	18.44%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$5,407.62	\$5,017.94	7.76%	\$8,667.79	\$8,912.81	-2.74%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$234,497.35	\$211,015.93	11.12%	\$437,673.16	\$375,285.22	16.62%
Upshur	Ore City	1.500%	\$21,520.92	\$21,218.28	1.42%	\$39,386.34	\$38,672.54	1.84%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$608.93	\$934.95	-34.87%	\$1,129.67	\$1,267.60	-10.88%



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 outlay 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 the at the Manna House location or at the Gladewater Mirror office at 211 N. Main Street.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

\$30 Trillion!

The US national debt now tops \$30,000,000,000,000. It's a whopping number which far exceeds gross domestic product (as it has for almost a decade). While it isn't a cause for panic, it's also not to be ignored.



A common question is - "who are the creditors?". Some of the money is simply the government owing itself (such as the Social Security Trust) and some results from promises by politicians which could change over time. Federal Reserve Banks and private domestic investors also hold a large segment. Together, these shares are about 70% of the total. The remainder is held by foreign governments, banks, and investors. The governments of China and Japan each hold over \$1 trillion, with many countries holding hundreds of millions.

As long as investors are confident of repayment, they will keep buying US treasuries. New debt retires old debt, and the cycle continues. The global standard for safe investments has long been US treasuries, and demand for them will persist and likely grow in an increasingly uncertain world (unless, of course, the games that Congress plays with the ceiling become more serious).

These are the ample reasons not to overreact. We owe ourselves to a large extent, and it's a common practice for

foreign governments and investors to hold each other's debt. Nonetheless, it needs to be systematically addressed.

One concern is how rapidly the debt has accelerated. Federal debt reached \$1 trillion in the early 1980s after two centuries, and it wasn't until the Great Recession that it exceeded \$10 trillion. Only nine years later, it topped \$20 trillion. Just five years after that, we're at \$30 trillion. The pandemic caused a spike, much of which was essential to keep families, small businesses, and major industries viable. The crimson ink during the prior 11 years of prosperity is another matter entirely.

Debt requires interest payments. With ultra-low rates, this is somewhat manageable, but the cost will escalate as rates increase. Much of the debt is short term in nature; thus, new bonds with higher rates will quickly be required. These additional outlays limit flexibility to meet legitimate governmental priorities, such as national defense, infrastructure development, and public health and safety. Another issue is "crowding out," as savings dollars are diverted away from banks and other private entities which relend the money in a productive way, thus driving prosperity and innovation.

A more sustainable fiscal strategy requires two exceedingly rare things in Washington - bipartisanship (as it necessitates changes in both spending and taxes) and a vision beyond the next election (as the most viable approaches are multi-generational). Need I say more?! It's not an immediate crisis, but it needs to be rationally attacked sooner rather than later.

Stay safe!

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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Mail-in ballot applications rejected at high rate
Mail-in ballot applications for the March 1 primary are being rejected by almost 40% — largely because of a missing ID number, which is now required after a new voting bill passed the Legislature last year.

The Houston Chronicle reported that nearly four in 10 Harris County mail ballot applications had been rejected as of last week. Early voting began Feb. 14, and the deadline for mail ballot requests is Feb. 18.

Other counties across Texas also reported high rejection rates, including Travis, Williamson, Hays and Bastrop counties, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Those seeking to vote by mail must include a driver's license number, a state ID number, or in some cases the last four digits of their Social Security number. If what the applicant provides doesn't match the applicant's individual voter registration information, the application must be rejected.

Texas has one of the strictest vote-by-mail requirements in the country. Registered voters are eligible to vote by mail if they are 65 years or older; sick or disabled; out of the county on election day and during the early voting period; expected to give birth within three weeks before or after election day; or confined in jail but otherwise eligible.

Early voting continues through Feb. 25.

Drought conditions improve slightly

The latest drought map for the state shows a slight improvement as of Feb. 1, with 84% of the state experiencing some level of drought, down three percentage points from the previous month. Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, said there were some improvements in the last month, mainly in East Texas. Additional rainfall in early February, mainly in East Texas and Central Texas, should improve conditions by the next report in March.

Wide swaths of the Panhandle and the Great Plains are experiencing the worst drought conditions.

Texas top exporting state for 20th year

Data released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau showed Texas as the top exporting state in the nation for the 20th consecutive year. The state exported \$375.3 billion in goods last year, more than California and New York combined. The state also led the nation in tech exports for the ninth year in a row.

"Made in Texas is a powerful global brand, and the Lone Star State continues to dominate the nation in exports, thanks to our unrivaled and productive workforce, robust infrastructure and welcoming business environment," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

Funding available for clean school bus program

An estimated \$13 million in grant funding is available under the Texas Clean School Bus Program to replace or retrofit school buses to reduce exposure to their diesel exhaust. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is accepting applications from school districts statewide.

Grants are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Districts can be reimbursed for all of the costs to retrofit buses, or 80% of the costs to replace older buses with newer, cleaner models, according to TCEQ.

Only buses used daily are eligible. While the deadline is in October, funding typically runs out when enough applications are received. More information can be found at www.terpgrants.org.

Power generators under scrutiny

During early February's winter storm, the state's electrical grid withstood increased demand, with few outages reported. Regulators are crediting increased inspections by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas during December.

The Dallas Morning News reports ERCOT inspected 324 generators and transmission systems in December; the Public Utility Commission handed down \$7.5 million in fines for companies not filing weatherization plans by the deadline.

"We've been working for the last year to make sure that this grid is more reliable than it ever has been in the past — and it is," interim ERCOT CEO Brad Jones said a few days before snow and sleet hit.

In addition to increased inspections, legislation passed last regular session required power generators to winterize their plants. Additionally, alternate fuel sources are required if natural gas isn't available. While this year's storm wasn't nearly as severe as Winter Storm Uri in 2021, thus far the grid has stood up to increased demand.



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PARENTS, WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN?

A public service TV ad showed an angry father with drug paraphernalia demanding his teenage son tell him who taught him how to use drugs. Finally, the sullen son turned to his father and curtly said: "You taught me how to use those things." The short ad ends with an off-camera voice saying "Parents who use drugs have children who use drugs." It is not always true that parents who use drugs have children who use drugs. However, it is often true, that parents who use drugs have children who use drugs. The influence self-indulgent parents exert upon their children, more often than not, is so strong that most children follow in their steps.

It is interesting how people can see what a detrimental influence drug-taking parents can be on their children, while, at the same time, being blind to the similar influence other sinful practices also have on children. For example, let us modify what we are talking about. "Parents who view pornography have children who view pornography." "Parents who lie have children who lie." "Parents who use vulgar language and blaspheme God have children who do the same." "Parents who drink alcohol have children who drink alcohol." "Parents who neglect God and His Word have children who neglect God and His Word." Do you get the point? What is true of drug addiction is also true of many other wrong and hurtful practices.

I read a little poem that went something like this: "A careful man I want to be, a little fellow follows me. I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way." It is important for parents, and grandparents (since I am one) to realize what a strong influence we exert on children, and to live so that strong influence is a good influence. Someone wrote: "Young people set their watches, for right time or wrong, by the watches of their parents." Think on these things.

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OBITUARIES

JUDY CAROL NICKS

Mrs. Judy Carol (Proper) Nicks, age 78 of Gladewater, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022 in Longview. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Croley Funeral Home of Gladewater.



JOHN DANA WATSON

John Watson, 63, passed away on February 12, 2022 in Longview. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 10:00 am at Abundant Life Church in Gladewater. A visitation will take place Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. Interment to follow the services at Mt. Pisgah cemetery.



By Phillip Williams

Texas Minority Coalition president Stanley Cofer condemned the teaching of critical race theory in schools in an address to the Republican Women of Upshur County last Thursday, charging it is “reverse racism” in which “I (a black man) become the oppressor (and) you (whites) become the oppressed.”

Cofer and A.D. Atholi, one of four candidates for the GOP nomination for District 1 U.S. representative, spoke to the women’s group at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church outside Gilmer. Cofer charged that those

favoring the theory were trying to divide the nation, alleged their action was all political, and said CRT creates a “victim mentality” as “we got race baiters” saying “the white man (has) got his foot on your neck.”

“I’m here to say let’s join hands together,” Cofer told his predominantly white audience. “I don’t want you to feel guilty” for what happened to blacks 50, 80, or 400 years ago, he added, saying American Indians and even blacks themselves owned slaves..

He asserted that longtime black activists Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson “want us to stay at each other’s throats” because “it packs their pockets.” So “Don’t bring me no garbage (saying that) I’m worse off than in the 50s and 60s” (when controversial “Jim Crow” laws were used to limit African-Americans’ rights.)

In addition, the pastor of the New Life Worship Cen-

ter in Tyler said political left wingers are “sharing their narrative” of CRT, aimed at “keeping us (blacks and whites) fighting one another.”

The theory “doesn’t tell the true story of history,” Cofer said. It is alleged that all whites oppressed African-Americans, but there were “good white abolitionists that gave up their lives” fighting slavery.

Slavery “is the result of sin,” but while blacks were “brought here (to America) as slaves, it was all in the plans of God” and the Republican Party was founded to “get rid of” the practice, Cofer said.

Cofer complained that “we don’t hear” success

stories about Republicans helping blacks. Instead, “all you see on TV (about African-Americans) is Antifa (a controversial political movement) and (black people’s) pants hanging down.”

He cited notable black Americans’ “success stories,” including Dr. Mildred Jefferson, the first black woman to graduate with a degree in surgery from Harvard, scientist George Washington Carver, educator Booker T. Washington and neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, who served in President Trump’s cabinet.

Cofer also noted that Congress’ first black member was a Republican, and that it was Republican presidents who sent troops to Little Rock to racially integrate the schools (in 1957), signed legislation making Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday a national holiday (in the 1980s), and made February the official month for Black History Month (in the 1970s.)

Early primary voting begins

By Phillip Williams

Some 173 early votes had been cast as of late Monday afternoon for the March 1 party primaries in Upshur County--167 Republican and six Democrat, said county Election Administrator Lory Harle.

Early voting continues at her office on the Upshur County Courthouse’s second floor in Gilmer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday of next week. (No voting will be held Monday since it is Presidents’ Day, a federal holiday, Harle said).

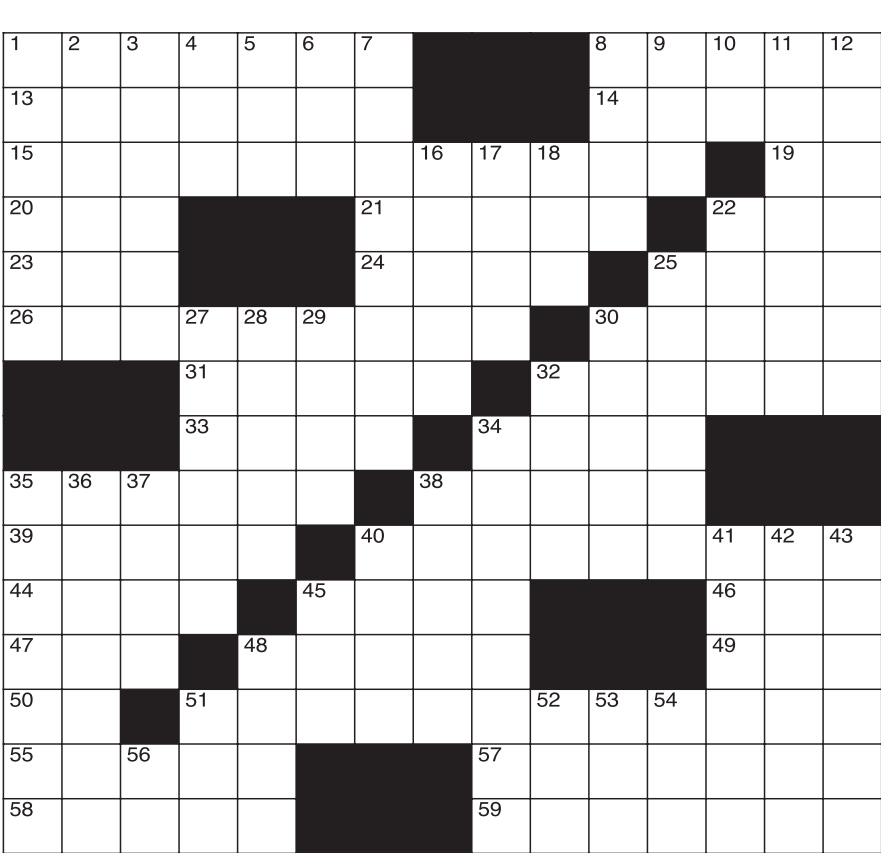
She said she would describe the turnout on Monday as “moderate, probably.”

The Republican ballot has only two contested races for county public office, and also

a contest for county GOP chairman. No Democrats are seeking county office and county Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson is unopposed for re-election.

In the GOP primary, incumbent Karen Bunn opposes Nicole Hernandez in the race for district clerk, while Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch faces challenger Ashleigh Duncan in Welch’s bid for re-election.

GOP Chairman De’Borah Deaz is opposed for re-election by party secretary Carl Byers, who said Monday the county’s GOP executive committee, including Deaz, on Saturday voted to condemn “a slanderously fabricated news article” about him. Byers declined to give details.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ___ de Mornay, actress
- 8. Surrenders
- 13. Omission
- 14. The white poplar
- 15. They become butterflies
- 19. Used to chop
- 20. Select
- 21. Volcanic craters
- 22. Consumer price index
- 23. Utilize
- 24. “True Blood” actress Paquin
- 25. Got up
- 26. Sank in
- 30. Retail
- 31. Giants
- 32. Most bald
- 33. Changes color
- 34. Unit of loudness
- 35. Undresses
- 38. Fathers
- 39. Learned skill
- 40. Remove qualification
- 44. Covered with frost
- 45. Speak up
- 46. Nowhere to be found
- 47. Part of surgery (abbr.)
- 48. Type of wrap
- 49. Church seating
- 50. Mathematical figure
- 51. College football conference
- 55. Turkish officer title
- 57. Organized body of knowledge
- 58. Smooth and glossy
- 59. Left

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Get back
- 2. Pass or go by
- 3. Having a sharp taste
- 4. Midway between east and southeast
- 5. Cairo Regional Airport
- 6. Peace officer
- 7. Brings to life
- 8. Automotive vehicles
- 9. One point south of due east
- 10. Football position
- 11. Goes by
- 12. Most attractive
- 16. Road divisions
- 17. Not the sea
- 18. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cabbage
- 25. Least frequent
- 27. Change slightly
- 28. A country in NE Africa
- 29. Metric units of measure
- 30. More coherent
- 32. Make uninteresting
- 34. Nausea
- 35. Institution of Oceanography
- 36. Of little value
- 37. Hindu model of the ideal man
- 38. Biblical exclamation
- 40. You throw it at a board
- 41. Be about to happen
- 42. Brutal
- 43. Opened one’s mouth widely
- 45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 48. Saturate
- 51. The woman
- 52. Someone who is highly skilled
- 53. A way to launch an attack on
- 54. Where golfers begin
- 56. Atomic number 58

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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. This will be my only full time job so I can ensure the sub courthouse will be open during business hours and be fully operational. I will work with our local law enforcement and be available when called upon to address any situation that occurs, and help them in emergency situations. I will work with our commissioners to address the concerns within our precinct. My goal is to bring fairness and compassion to our justice system for all. I want to be a positive change for our Precinct. I have a heart for the younger generation and the senior citizens.

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. I would appreciate your consideration when voting at the polls on March 1st.

Thank y'all and God bless !

Pd for by Ashleigh Duncan

6 easy steps to successfully planting a tree

Late fall through early spring is the perfect time to plant tree seedlings in Texas! This is because the cooler temperatures allow trees much needed time for root development and acclimation to their new environment without the added stress of the hot Texas sun.

When planting a tree, it is important to remember: Right Tree, Right Place! This means that you should always consider the mature size of your tree and its

needs before planting it. You want your tree to have plenty of room for the canopy and roots to grow - you never want it too close to a house or under power lines.

To successfully plant a tree, follow these 6 easy steps:

1. Dig a hole that is at least 2 times wider than the diameter of the root ball but not so deep that the tree's root flare (where the trunk flares out to the roots) is below soil grade.

2. Remove tree from container and work the roots to ensure separation. If roots are curled in the shape of the container, ensure that you break them up and try to straighten them out a bit.

3. Place tree into hole, ensuring that the root flare is slightly above the natural grade.

4. Gently fill the hole with the same soil that came out of the hole. Do not add soil amendments. While you want to remove air pockets,

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The East Texas Food Bank (ETFB) will offer monthly fresh produce distributions in Upshur County on the third Tuesday of each month, from 10 a.m.-noon, beginning March 15, at the Gladewater Rodeo Grounds on Highway 80.

Meat will also be offered at this first distribution.

"Upshur County has a great need for food assistance as 20% of the residents are food insecure including 29% of children," said Dennis Cullinane, CEO of the East Texas Food Bank. "Studies show a direct link to good nutrition and health outcomes so the ability to offer more vegetables and fruits will greatly benefit the residents."

The East Texas Food Bank currently has three partner agencies that operate food pan-

tries in Diana, Gilmer and Ore City, serving 1,500 households. There are also special programs to help seniors with a monthly box of food and children receive backpacks of food through their school. To find out more information about the different programs in Upshur County visit our website at EastTexasfoodbank.org and click on Find Food.

The drive-through distribution is open to anyone needing food and there are no ID requirements.

About the East Texas Food Bank

Established in 1988, the East Texas Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief nonprofit in East Texas covering 26 counties. ETFB provides over 25 million meals each year to 200 partner agencies and feeding programs. Our mission is to fight hunger and feed hope in East Texas. For more information, visit EastTexasfoodbank.org

Online East Texas Pasture Management Program set Feb. 18

The 2022 East Texas pasture management program will take place online Feb. 18.

The virtual East Texas Pasture Management program will run from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Feb. 18. The event will be held on the Zoom meeting platform.

The cost for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service event is \$35. Participants must preregister by 4 p.m. on Feb. 17 at <https://tx.ag/ETxPastureMgmt> or by calling AgriLife Events at 979-845-2604.

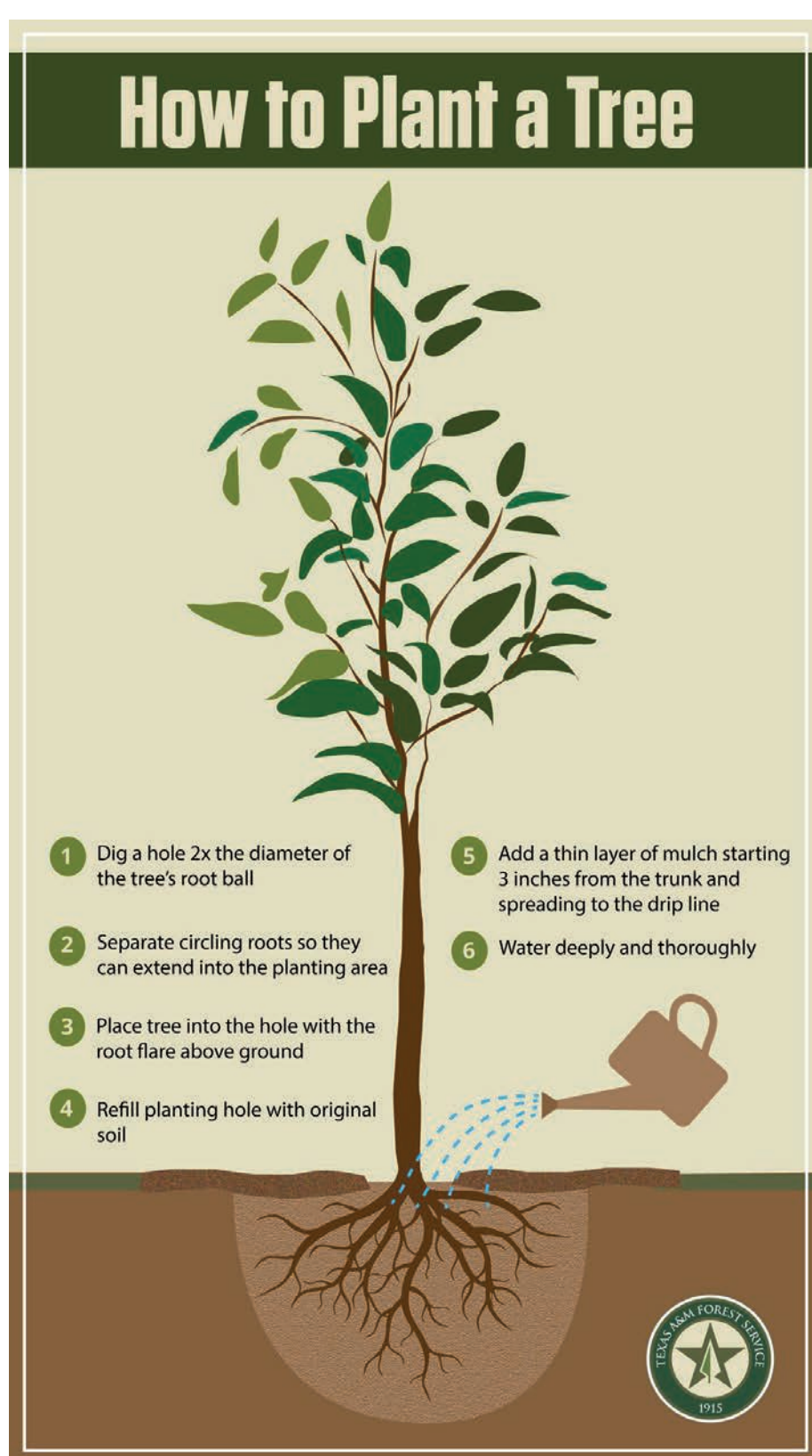
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Agriculture continuing education units are available for pesticide applicators — three general, one laws and regulations, and one integrated pest management.

"Herbicides for weed management can be both safe and cost-effective if used appropriately," said Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton. "There are two important steps in using herbicides. The first is to correctly identify the problem plant. The second is to follow the label directions."

Pasture management speakers, topics

Speakers include Corriher-Olson; Jason Banta, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton; Mark Matocha, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state agriculture and environmental safety specialist, Bryan-College Station; Shelbie Powell, education and outreach coordinator, Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention and Education, University of Texas at Tyler; and John Jennings, Ph.D., University of Arkansas Extension forage specialist.



do not pack down the soil tightly as this can damage fine roots.

5. Mulch around the tree at least out to the drip line. Mulch only needs to be 2-3 inches deep and should not touch the trunk.

6. Water the tree deeply and thoroughly. This will help settle the soil uniformly around the roots as

well as reduce transplant shock. Water regularly for the first two years but make sure not to over water. A newly planted tree requires 6-8 gallons of water per diameter inch of trunk every week total. This includes precipitation and added water. An infrequent soak is better than light frequent watering.

Always try to protect young trees from animals and lawn equipment such as weed eaters because these can easily wound and kill your tree. It is typically better not to fertilize your tree within the first year as too much nitrogen can burn roots therefore growth and delaying growth and establishment.

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The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce welcomed Chad's Hotwings, Fish and Burgers into the Chamber Family with a formal ribbon cutting held Saturday morning at its 809 E Broadway location. Chamber members joined Chad and Karen Brown at their customer appreciation and grand opening.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DISCR	OFFER	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
2/6/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20220098	2:02	407 N HOWARD HOWARD	407 N HOWARD HOWARD
	ABANDONED 911	20220095	2:16	400 N LEE LEE ST	400 N LEE LEE ST
	EMS	20220098	6:16	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2665 FM 2665
	EMS	20220098	9:37	843 SANDERS SANDERS ST	843 SANDERS SANDERS ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20220094	10:42	2628 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	2628 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20220091	11:01	85 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS ST	85 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS ST
	EMS	20220092	11:20	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220093	11:23	1300 S TYLER TYLER	1300 S TYLER TYLER
	10-50 MINOR	20220094	11:48	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20220095	11:57	124 N LEE LEE ST	124 N LEE LEE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220098	12:20	610 NORTH NORTH ST	610 NORTH NORTH ST
	FALSE 9-1-1	20220097	12:38		
	ABANDONED 911	20220098	12:55	414 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND RD	414 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND RD
	ASSIST	20220098	13:51	1915 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD	1915 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	SUBSPOICIOUS NOISE	20220093	13:58	100 MELBAVY MELBAVY AVE	100 MELBAVY MELBAVY AVE
	EMS	20220091	14:26	131 N LEE LEE DR	131 N LEE LEE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20220092	14:29	217 S FERRY FERRY ST	217 S FERRY FERRY ST
	FAMILY CONTRACT	20220093	14:38	458 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	458 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220094	16:51	210 WOOD WOOD ST	210 WOOD WOOD ST
	MISSING PERSON	20220095	17:17	109 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE	109 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220094	17:31	4716 E HWY 80 HWY 80	4716 E HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	20220097	18:08	100 N LEE LEE ST	100 N LEE LEE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20220098	18:23	S LOOP 485 LOOP 485	S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	ABANDONED 911	20220099	18:23	750 N WHITE OAK WHITE OAK RD	750 N WHITE OAK WHITE OAK RD
	EMS	20220110	18:41	W UPSHUR UPSHUR	W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	20220111	20:13	213 MAHOGANY MAHOGANY RD	213 MAHOGANY MAHOGANY RD
	FIRE DEPT	20220112	21:08	100 N LEE LEE ST	100 N LEE LEE ST
2/7/22	EMS	20220113	0:07	2403 W GAY GAY AVE	2403 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20220114	3:05	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20220115	4:40	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20220116	4:26	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220117	5:43	S HWY 271 HWY 271	S HWY 271 HWY 271
	MISSING PERSON	20220118	5:56	1600 N RODEO RODEO ST	1600 N RODEO RODEO ST
	EMS	20220119	7:22	1515 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD	1515 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	10-50 MINOR	20220120	8:16	1400 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	1400 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20220121	12:45	344 N LEE N LEE	344 N LEE N LEE
	SUBSPOICIOUS PERSON	20220122	12:46	604 MAPLE MAPLE ST	604 MAPLE MAPLE ST
	EMS	20220123	12:58	24 DARY DARY	24 DARY DARY
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "0"	20220124	14:51	2201 W GAY GAY AVE	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20220125	16:28	HWY 80 HWY 80	HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220126	17:28	31 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE	31 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220127	17:54	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	THEFT	20220128	18:30	1032 RAY RAY	1032 RAY RAY
	ABANDONED 911	20220129	19:37	1008 GAY GAY DR	1008 GAY GAY DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220130	20:43	106 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA DR	106 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA DR
2/8/22	10-50 MAJOR	20220131	7:53	EAST LAKE EAST LAKE	EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	20220132	8:20	416 BIRCH BLADE BLADE	416 BIRCH BLADE BLADE
	THEFT	20220133	8:56	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
	ABANDONED 911	20220134	10:39	512 CLINTON CLINTON	512 CLINTON CLINTON
	ASSIST	20220135	12:56	CEFCO #79	CEFCO #79
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220136	19:28	1040 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	1040 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20220138	17:07	60 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES	60 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	ALARM/OTHER	20220139	17:57	LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD	LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD
	SUBSPOICIOUS PERSON	20220140	20:31	100 S PINE PINE ST	100 S PINE PINE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220141	20:58	1404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	1404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220142	21:58	502 S MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE	502 S MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	EMS	20220143	22:10	512 S TYLER TYLER	512 S TYLER TYLER
2/9/22	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220144	0:57	46 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST	46 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST
	BLIND/LIV/HABITATION	20220145	0:57	416 BIRCH BLADE BLADE	416 BIRCH BLADE BLADE
	EMS	20220146	2:42	21 GARDEN GARDEN LN	21 GARDEN GARDEN LN
	ABANDONED 911	20220147	5:10	505 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR	505 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220148	6:38	38 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE ST	38 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220149	6:56	111 S TYLER TYLER RD	111 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20220150	8:22	520 W GAY W GAY	520 W GAY W GAY
	TERROR THREAT	20220151	8:56	802 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD	802 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD
	ALARM/OTHER	20220152	13:05	CHAD'S HOTWINGS, FISH, AND BURGERS	CHAD'S HOTWINGS, FISH, AND BURGERS
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20220153	13:10	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20220154	13:37	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
	THEFT	20220155	14:37	FLAMING BRUSH CAR WASH	FLAMING BRUSH CAR WASH
	FIRE DEPT	20220156	15:00	SENTINEL GARDENS	SENTINEL GARDENS
	FIRE DEPT	20220157	15:08	300 MONEY MONEY ST	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	10-50 MINOR	20220158	15:28	PVEATT PVEATT DR	PVEATT PVEATT DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220159	16:38	100 S PINE PINE ST	100 S PINE PINE ST
	HARRASSMENT	20220160	17:10	46 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST	46 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220161	18:03	HWY 80 HWY 80	HWY 80 HWY 80
	ASSIST	20220162	18:03	124 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE	124 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUBSPOICIOUS NOISE	20220163	19:22	N RODEO RODEO DR	N RODEO RODEO DR
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20220164	19:54	85 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS ST	85 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS ST
	FALSE 9-1-1	20220165	21:11		
	SUBSPOICIOUS PERSON	20220166	21:16	JO WILLIAMS	JO WILLIAMS
	EMS	20220167	21:17	RES-MOR APARTMENTS	RES-MOR APARTMENTS
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220168	21:29	1404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	1404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220169	0:04	YAZZI JEWELS	YAZZI JEWELS
2/10/22	SUBSPOICIOUS PERSON	20220170	0:21	TEXAS AUTO DETAILING AND REPAIR	TEXAS AUTO DETAILING AND REPAIR
	EMS	20220171	0:21	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL
	FIRE DEPT	20220172	6:00	CR 3107 CR 3107	CR 3107 CR 3107
	10-50 MINOR	20220174	13:24	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20220175	18:21	202 W GAY W GAY	202 W GAY W GAY
	ALARM/OTHER	20220176	14:34	ANYTIME FITNESS	ANYTIME FITNESS
	ASSIST	20220177	14:57	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
	EMS	20220178	15:18	271 WRECKER	271 WRECKER
	FIRE DEPT	20220179	16:08	HWY 271 HWY 271	HWY 271 HWY 271
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220180	16:30	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR
	ALARM/OTHER	20220181	16:46	CHURCH OF NAZARENE	CHURCH OF NAZARENE
	HARRASSMENT	20220182	17:28		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220183	18:01		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220184	18:11	RODIO GROUNDS	RODIO GROUNDS
	EMS	20220185	18:55	1452 ST UPSHUR UPSHUR	1452 ST UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220186	20:03	3601 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST	3601 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	SUBSPOICIOUS VEHICLE	20220187	23:18	LAKE GLADEWATER	LAKE GLADEWATER
	EMS	20220188	23:25	1902 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR	1902 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	20220189	23:30	J.O. WILLIAMS, FORD	J.O. WILLIAMS, FORD
2/11/22	FIRE DEPT	20220190	5:28	801 N GARY GARY	801 N GARY GARY
	ASSIST	20220191	7:24	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
	EMS	20220192	12:38	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER
	EMS	20220194	14:27	1620 E SHEPPARD E SHEPPARD DR	1620 E SHEPPARD E SHEPPARD DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220195	15:46	SUNSET SUNSET AVE	SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20220196	16:46	2008 W GAY GAY AVE	2008 W GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20220197	17:52		
	EMS	20220198	17:54	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220199	18:23	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220200	19:39	517 S FERRY FERRY ST	517 S FERRY FERRY ST
	ABANDONED 911	20220201	19:41	3028 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE	3028 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	20220202	19:48	300 MONEY MONEY ST	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20220203	21:09	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
	ASSIST	20220204	21:41	693 HICKORY HICKORY RD	693 HICKORY HICKORY RD
	ABANDONED 911	20220205	22:59	303 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE	303 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20220206	23:01	693 HICKORY HICKORY RD	693 HICKORY HICKORY RD
2/12/22	ABANDONED 911	20220208	0:14	ALLSTATE COATINGS	ALLSTATE COATINGS
	SUBSPOICIOUS PERSON	20220209	1:10	2040 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW	2040 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
	EMS	20220210	2:10	1000 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	1000 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20220211	6:37	ACE HARDWARE	ACE HARDWARE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220212	11:56	2400 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW	2400 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220213	13:35	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
	EMS	20220215	16:40	1108 N RODEO N RODEO	1108 N RODEO N RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220216	17:04	2204 PINNACREST PINNACREST ST	2204 PINNACREST PINNACREST ST
	ALARM/OTHER ERROR	20220217	21:41	401 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	401 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20220218	22:38	W UPSHUR W UPSHUR	W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
2/13/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20220220	23:46	1300 E MARY MARY AVE	1300 E MARY MARY AVE
	SUBSPOICIOUS VEHICLE	20220221	0:22	910 POST POST ST	910 POST POST ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220222	1:43	1210 E MARY MARY AVE	1210 E MARY MARY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20220223	5:20	603 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE	603 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	SUBSPOICIOUS PERSON	20220224	5:28	3021 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE	3021 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220226	8:05	MICHAEL CRUCE MICHAEL CRUCE	MICHAEL CRUCE MICHAEL CRUCE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20220227	8:46	2400 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW	2400 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20220228	10:22	W GAY GAY AVE	W GAY GAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20220229	13:28	HWY 80 HWY 80	HWY 80 HWY 80
	ABANDONED 911	20220230	14:22	100 N LEE LEE ST	100 N LEE LEE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220231	16:13	2816 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR	2816 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220232	16:48	1211 N SHELL N SHELL	1211 N SHELL N SHELL
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20220233	17:22		

Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
2/9/22	2/9/22	1:11	WALLACE, STEPHEN LONGINO	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	46 JULIAWOOD
	2/9/22	1:11	WALLACE, STEPHEN LONGINO	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	46 JULIAWOOD



The Gregg County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a copper theft that occurred on River Road on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Investigators are asking help identifying the suspect in the attached photograph. Should you have information regarding the identity of this person, please contact Investigator Chris Lee at The Gregg County Sheriff's Office, 903-236-8400 or you can submit your information to Crime stoppers 903-236-STOP.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

Storytime held Thursday

Two books will be read to young children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday (Feb. 17.)

"How to Hide a Lion" by Helen Stephens, and "Lion, Lion" by Miriam Busch, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:1

Gladewater Bears named to TSWA All-State Class 3A Football squad

BRYAN – Mount Vernon quarterback Braden Bennett and Lorena defensive lineman Joe Gutshall were the players of the year on the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 3A all-state football team.

Bennett threw for 3,789 yards with 41 touchdowns and nine interceptions along with 549 yards rushing and five scores in leading 14-1 Mount Vernon to the Division I semifinals. Gutshall had 31 tackles for loss and 29 quarterback pressures in leading Lorena to the Division I state title.

FIRST TEAM Offense

Guards – Russell Stegall, Franklin, 6-1, 195, sr.; Lane Dophied, Gunter, 6-1, 195, sr.

Tackles – Landon Clearley, Brock, 6-3, 225, sr.; Clay Fant, Waskom, 6-3, 220, sr. Center – Elijah Turley, Lorena, 6-1, 280, sr.

Wide receivers – Caydon Coffman, Mount Vernon, 5-11, 175, sr.; Elijah Potts, Brock, 6-0, 175, sr.

Tight end – Nathan Jones, Brock, 6-5, 240, sr.

Quarterback – Braden Bennett, Mount Vernon, 5-9, 165, jr.

Running backs – Kutter Wilson, Brock, 5-11, 190, sr.; Xavier Wishert, Jim Ned, 6-1, 195, sr.; Ernest Davila, Poteet, 5-8, 165, sr.

Fullback – Bobby Washington, Franklin, 5-8, 180, sr.

All-purpose – Isaiah Rodriguez, Bishop, 5-9, 161, sr.

Place-kicker – Marlon Gavarrete, Lago Vista, 5-10, 150, jr.

Defense

Linemen – Baxter Bankston, Lorena, 5-11, 175, sr.; Joe Gutshall, Lorena, 6-4, 280, jr.; Kady Mathews, Brock, 6-3, 230, sr.; (tie) Taber Childs, Harleton, 6-2, 215, sr.; Payton Yandle, DeKalb, 5-11, 210, sr.

Linebackers – Cason Foster, Holliday, 6-0, 190, sr.; Sterling Gartin, Whitesboro, 5-10, 175, jr.; JJ Diaz, Lubbock Roosevelt, 5-10, 205, sr.; Price Pruett, Hallettsville, 5-11, 175, sr.

Secondary – Aeryn Hampton, Daingerfield, 5-11, 185, soph.; Bryson Washington, Franklin, 6-0, 195, jr.; Jackson Richardson, Tatum, 6-4, 175, sr.; (tie) Bo Baker, Bells, 6-0, 175, sr.; Warrick Thompson, Karnes City, 6-2, 185, sr.

Punter – Cooper McClure, Atlanta, sr.

Utility – **D.J. Allen, Gladewater, 6-0, 192, sr.**

Kick returner – Hector Gaza III, San Diego, 5-9, 170, jr.

Offensive player of the year – Bennett, Mount Vernon

Defensive player of the year – Gutshall, Lorena

Coach of the year – Mark Fannin, Franklin

SECOND TEAM Offense

Guards – Gatlyn Cooper, Jim Ned, 6-0, 270, sr.; (tie) Ethan Lott, Newton, 6-5, 285, jr.; Ezequiel Vasquez, Waskom, 6-1, 293, sr.

Tackles – Brad Baker, Lubbock Roosevelt, 6-1, 220, sr.; (tie) Mason Peacock, Gunter, 6-3, 210, jr. Cash Fuller, West, 6-2, 275, jr.

Center – Caleb Bayer, Grandview, 6-2, 250, sr.

Wide receivers – Aydon Cox, Pilot Point, 6-3, 197, sr.; Joshua Muncrief, Edna, 6-6, 185, jr.

Tight end – Braden Smith, Franklin, 6-4, 240, soph.

Quarterback – (tie) Tyler Moody, Brock, 5-9, 165, jr.; Jess Hoel, Abernathy, 5-11, 175, sr.

Running backs – Malcolm Murphy, Franklin, 5-10, 175, sr.; Makenzie McGill, Mount Vernon, 5-10, 185, jr.; (tie) Rhett Hanson, Lorena, 6-0, 105, sr.; Dawson Pendergrass, Mineola, 6-3, 212, jr.

Fullback – Landon Corbitt, Anahuac, 5-11, 185, jr.

All-purpose – Ethan Sloan, Gunter, 5-9, 160, jr.

Place-kicker – Blake Bundy, Academy, 6-0, 175, sr.

Defense

Linemen – Torami Dixon, West Rusk, 6-4, 240, sr.; Ladante Johnson, Daingerfield, 6-2, 215, sr.; Jeremiah Gums, Diboll, 5-10, 290, sr.; (tie) Braden Hurt, Groesbeck, 6-4, 220, jr.; Collyn Foster, Newton, 6-1, 215, sr.

Linebackers – Trey Stevenson, Waskom, 5-11, 170, jr.; Leighton Foster, Newton, 6-1, 195, jr.; Bryce Jackson, Lago Vista, 5-10, 140, sr.; (tie) Jaxx Johnson, Holliday, 5-11, 180, jr.; Haze Tomascik, Franklin, 6-1, 170, sr.

Secondary – Cayden Fortson, Sabine, 6-0, 165, jr.; Cooper Wade, Gunter, 6-0, 155, sr.; Zay Thomas, Waskom, 5-8, 135, sr.; Malcolm Murphy, Franklin, 5-10, 175, sr.

Punter – Alex Scheuer, Harmony, 6-2, 190, sr.

Utility – (tie) Bryan Chavira, Friona, 5-7, 145, sr.

Kick returner – Zay Thomas, Waskom, 5-8, 135, sr.

THIRD TEAM Offense

Guards – Connor Fitzgerald, Jim Ned, 6-3, 265, sr.; John Samuel Hermes, Hallettsville, 6-1, 245, sr.

Tackles – DJ Powell, Brady, 6-6, 255, sr.; (tie) Bryce Marshall, CC London, 6-4, 290, sr.; Oscar Ramirez, Columbus, 6-2, 225, jr.

Center – Matthew Acosta, Odem, 5-9, 265, jr.

Wide receivers – C.J. Gilbert, Daingerfield, 6-3, 190, jr.; Kendall Williams, Tatum, 5-9, 170, sr.

Tight end – Austin Dominguez, Odem, 6-0, 190, sr.

Quarterback – (tie) Hudson Graham, Gunter, 6-2, 185, sr.; Chris Teten, Dublin, 6-0, 190, jr.

Running backs – James Johnson, Diboll, 6-0, 200, sr.; DeAnthony Gatson, Newton, 6-0, 220, sr.; (tie) Reed Michna, Lorena, 6-1, 205, sr.; Nate Gensler, Lubbock Roosevelt, 5-10, 195, jr.

Fullback – Tesean Hamilton, Waskom, 5-10, 190, jr.

All-purpose – Jaeden Fangman, Poth, 5-10, 165, sr.

Place-kicker – (tie) Adrian Diaz, Mount Vernon, 5-7, 175, sr.; Juan Gonzalez, Malakoff, 5-7, 155, jr.

Defense

Linemen – Cullen Fite, Tatum, 6-2, 285, jr. Tyjae Chambers, Littlefield, sr.; Drennon Fite III, Tatum, 6-5, 220, sr.; Jaden Anderson, West, 6-4, 240, sr.

Linebackers – Dee Lewis, Daingerfield, 6-2, 215, sr.; Joseph Pendleton, West, 6-1, 210, sr.; Coy Anderson, Mineola, 5-9, 160, sr.; Trevor Fuller, Poth, 5-11, 175, sr.

Secondary – Andrew Brittain, Lorena, 6-0, 175, sr.; Zach Phipps, Diboll, 6-2, 175, jr.; Pierre Hunter, Dallas Madison, 6-1, 180, sr.; Easton Paxton, West, 5-9, 145, soph.

Punter – Ayden Colbert, Huntington, 6-0, 150, sr.

Utility – JaVarion Williams, Corrigan-Camden, 5-8, 170, jr.

Kick returner – (tie) Bo Baker, Bells, 6-0, 175, sr.; Malcolm Murphy, Franklin, 5-10, 175, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION Offense

Guards – Osvaldo Avendano, West Rusk, 6-0, 245, jr.; Thomas Bearden, Bishop, 6-0, 271, sr.; Mason Davis, Rogers, 5-10, 228, sr.; Lance Lopez, Orange Grove, sr.; Hunter Mangum, Columbus, 6-3, 245, jr.; Lance Robertson, Malakoff, 6-0, 260, sr.; Corbin Throgmorton, Canadian, 6-1, 275, jr.; Pablo Vega, San Diego, 5-10, 290, soph.

Tackles – Anthony Abarca, Friona, 6-2, 250, sr.; Rowan Brown, Callisburg, 6-3, 268, sr.; Canyon Massengale, Whitney, 6-4, 275, jr.; Haydon Richardson, Coldspring, 6-1, 315, sr.; Bradly Roman, Early, 6-1, 250, sr.; **Zach Shipp, Gladewater, 5-10, sr.**

Gage Stanaland, Jim Ned, 6-4, 250, jr.

Centers – Raul Blanco, Poteet, 6-3, 235, sr.; Mason Hill, Wichita Falls City View, 6-2, 280, jr.; Cutter Millenbine, Idalou, 6-2, 218, sr.; Laynce Welch, Waskom, 6-0, 295, jr.; Tate Upchurch, Amarillo River Road, 6-5, 305, sr.

Wide receivers – Baron Brown, Henrietta, 6-4, 175, sr.; Kason English, Grandview 5-10, 185, jr.; Hector Gaza III, San Diego, 5-9, 170, jr.; Ethan Helton, Lago Vista, 5-10, 165, jr.; Jake Hermes, Whitesboro, 6-5, 195, sr.; Luke Houston, Abernathy, 6-4, 180, sr.; Cooper Hubble, Dublin, 6-1, 170, sr.; Christian Ramirez, Dublin, 5-9, 195, sr.; Geremiah Smith, West Rusk, 5-11, 165, jr.; Luke Tapp, Jourdan, 5-8, 170, sr.;

Jordan Woods, Columbus, 5-9, 155, jr.

Tight ends – Brennen Davis, Muleshoe, 6-2, 205, sr.; Riley Hall, Idalou, 6-3, 170, sr.

Quarterbacks – D.J. Brown, Leonard, 5-9, 190, sr.; Hunter Dawson, Odem, 6-3, 185, jr.; Matthew Davis, Vanderbilt Industrial, 5-11, 185, sr.; Mac Harper, Whitesboro, 6-3, 180, jr.; Kendrick Malone, Tatum, 6-0, 185, sr.; Andon Mata, West Rusk, 6-3, 175, jr.; Zane Meinen, West, 6-1, 165, jr.; Dallas Novick, East Bernard, 6-0, 195, sr.; Garrett Peacock, Whitney, 6-1, 195, sr.; Alex Trevino, Lubbock Roosevelt, 5-9, 200, sr.

Running backs – Duce Hart, Malakoff, 5-9, 170, sr.; Zeke Jones, Brady, 6-0, 175, soph.; Logan Parsons, Lago Vista, 5-9, 170, sr.; Kevin Pierce, Troup, 6-3, 180, jr.; Winky Williams, DeKalb, 6-3, 185, soph.; D'Corian Wright, Daingerfield, jr.

Fullbacks – Brock Baker, Bells, 5-6, 155, jr.; Isaiah Briones, San Angelo Grape Creek, 6-0, 210, sr.; **G'braylon Polley, Gladewater, 5-6, 200, soph.**; Dylan Tijerina, Odem, 5-10, 225, sr.

All purpose – Jud Beard, Eastland, 5-9, 165, sr.; Joseph Council, Goliad, 6-1, 195, jr.; Kadron Morris, East Chambers, 5-9, 150, sr.; Wyatt Wolf, West, 5-10, 175, sr.

Place-kickers – Ayden Colbert, Huntington, 6-0, 150, sr.; Emiliano Hernandez, Canadian, 6-0, 175, soph.; Mark Phillips, Idalou, 6-0, 135, sr.; Christian Sanchez, Anahuac, 6-0, 180, sr.

Defense – Linemen – Tre Beam, Early, 5-8, 160, sr.; Alex Bowman, Dallas Madison, 6-3, 255, sr.; Jacob Charles, Corpus Christi London, 5-10, 200, sr.; Jayden Johnson, Harleton, 6-2, 252, soph.; Jacob Lopez, Dublin, 6-2, 210, sr.; Slade Parnell, East Chambers, 6-1, 240, sr.; Eli Pizana, Odem, 5-11, 240, sr.; Jaqwon Reed, Edna, 6-1, 285, sr.; Jaden Rodriguez, San Diego, 6-0, 190, sr.; Otis Santellana, Edna, 6-2, 330, jr.; Koda Scott, Lubbock Roosevelt, 5-11, 190, sr.; LeQuenetin Searcy, Daingerfield, sr.; Daegan Stevens, Columbus, 6-3, 250, soph.; Antjuan Weaver, Newton, 6-2, 190, sr.; Xaiden Valdez, Mathis, 5-9, 260, jr.

Linebackers – Ashton Bennett, Gunter, 5-10, 185, jr.; Kady Burke, Corrigan-Camden, 5-7, 180, jr.; Brennan Davis, Muleshoe, 6-2, 205, sr.; Jourdain Durham, Wichita Falls City View, 5-11, 210, sr.; Jimmie Harper, West Rusk, 6-0, 215, jr.; Parker Jones, Holliday, 6-0, 180, jr.; Javier Parra, Dublin, 5-10, 185, sr.; Jason Quintanilla, Amarillo River Road, 6-0, 185, sr.; Noah Ramirez, Odem, 5-10, 190, sr.; Van Ring, Harleton, 5-10, 180, sr.; DK Rose, Malakoff, 5-8, 190, sr.; Rolan Smith, Amarillo River Road, 5-10, 188, sr.; Fabian Salomon, Cameron, 5-9, 173, sr.; Zachary Studley, Malakoff, 6-0, 185, jr.; Eddie Wittenberger, Stanton, 5-9, 165, sr.

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Utility – Marcus Martinez, Odem, 5-9, 175, sr.; Torran Naglestad, Whitesboro, 5-8, 165, sr.; Colton Simpson, Callisburg, 6-0, 187, jr.

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JaKiyah Bell has been a dominating force for the Lady Bears this season. Bell scored 17 points against Troup. Bell will join the Lady Rangers basketball squad at Kilgore College next year.

Photo by Chris Jones



Union Grove senior Jessica Hobbs squats 350lbs at the Harmony meet Feb. 7, a 30lb gain from last month's meet and new personal best.

Photo by Daytona Vaughn

UG Girls hoist silver at Harmony meet

Story by Kimber Smith

Union Grove's girls' powerlifting team finished in second place at their Harmony meet Feb. 7.

Addi Smith won first place in the 148lb weight class, with a total weight lifted of 620 lbs., and Jessica Hobbs won first in the 198 class with 830 total pounds. Katy King earned second place in the 165 weight class, with a total of 660lbs., Daytona Vaughn took second in the 181 group with 655lbs., and Lainey Ledbetter finished second in the 198 class with 755lbs.

Savanna Clark took in third in the 181 class with 610lbs. The girls compete again Feb. 17 at Pine Tree.

The boys' team previously competed at Harmony on Jan. 20 and will compete again at the same site Feb. 14.

On the 20th, Reed Cooper (11) won the 242lb. division with 1090lbs., and Tyler Rodgers (12) won first in the 220lb. weight class with 1055lbs. followed by Tommy Branscom (9) in second with 845lbs. Davy Branscom (11) won the 181 class with 1145lbs, and Jacob Griffin (9) followed in third with 915lbs.

Four more boys brought home silver in their divisions: Lane Turner (10) in the 123lb. class with 660lbs., Isaiah O'Neal (10) in the 132 class with 755lbs., Carter

Smith (12) in the 148 class with 855lbs., and Vincent Miller (12) in the 165lb. class with 1045 total pounds.

Mason Byers (10) took third in the 165lb. division with 775lbs. and Josh Joyner (12) third in the 198lb. class with 885lbs.

The boys will also lift at Maud Feb. 24.



Union Grove freshman Savanna Clark squats 260lbs at the Harmony meet Feb. 7 to earn third place in her weight class.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER - AGENT

Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 ("Gcesd No. 2") is requesting qualifications information ("RFQ") for construction manager - agent services related to the construction of a new fire station on a site located at 4589 FM 1252 West, Kilgore, TX 75662 (the "Project"). Responding firms should be familiar with the requirements of Chapter 2269 of the Texas Government Code regarding the construction manager - agent project delivery method and all other requirements for contracting with a governmental entity. The complete RFQ is available upon request from Chief Richard Sisk at the email and address below. Responses to this RFQ should be submitted by one (1) electronic copy via email to Chief Richard Sisk at rsisk@greggcountyesd2.com and six (6) hard copies via first-class mail or hand-delivery to Chief Richard Sisk, Sabine Volunteer Fire Department Station Two, 4589 FM 1252 West, Kilgore, TX 75662. Please identify the electronic and hard-copy submission as "Construction Manager - Agent Response to RFQ".

Responses to this RFQ, both electronic and hardcopy, may be submitted starting on Monday, March 7, 2022. The deadline for all responses to this RFQ, both electronic and hardcopy, is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022. The Board of Commissioners will review the responses to this RFQ and select the most qualified firm for the Project. The Board of Commissioners will then attempt to reach a satisfactory agreement with the most qualified firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the Board of Commissioners will attempt to reach a satisfactory agreement with the next most qualified firm. This process will repeat until the Board of Commissioners reaches an agreement with a firm. Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all responses to RFQ, to postpone selection of the most qualified firm, and expressly reserves the right to not award a contract related to this RFQ to any firm. Please direct all questions about this RFQ and project scope to Chief Richard Sisk in writing at rsisk@greggcountyesd2.com.

Project Description: The project is the construction of a new Fire Station in Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2, including the possible incorporation of an existing building on the site. The following are preliminary requirements for the project, which are subject to change as the design process progresses: 3 drive thru bays, 2 back-in bays, 6 bunk rooms, a training area, meeting area, command staff offices, kitchen, dining, day room, various storage rooms for bunker gear and medical records, a dispatch communications center for two dispatchers that will include bunk room and facilities, and a rated storm shelter. The project is estimated to be 12,000 - 13,000 sq. ft.

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