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Clower, Langford stepping down at year's end

By Jim Bardwell

Gladewater ISD will be losing two members of its coaching and administration staffs at the end of this school year as GISD Athletic Director Scott Clower and Gladewater Middle School Principal and coach Chris Langford will be leaving.

Gladewater school board members were advised of Clower's retirement and Langford's resignation at Monday's school board meeting.

In other business, the school board approved a Certification of Unopposed Candidates and Order of Cancellation for the Gladewater ISD Board of Trustees Election of May 7, 2022, since none of the incumbents were opposed.

Langford presented the "Campus Spotlight" for Gladewater Middle School and reported mock testing scores were up with the 7th Graders performing at 70-percent, which Langford said was very good.

William Pearce was named the 2021-2022 PCAT Bus Driver of the Year and was recognized at the meeting for his dedication to his job and the kids who ride his bus.

The monthly financial report shows GISD was in good financial shape with \$13,673,049 in general operating revenue and \$11,102,996 in expenses thus far in the year. The school's debt service is at \$1,863,050 for revenue and \$81,742,837 in expenses, while current tax collections are standing at 82.44-percent - \$6,329,226 - and delinquent tax collections are at 17.06-percent - \$199,536.

GISD's total cash and investments stand at \$12,855,206.

The Board also approved the purchase and installation of a NEW 8-classroom modular building for Pre-K classrooms at Gladewater Primary in the amount of \$551,509.

The Board also approved the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar.



The Gladewater Bears Marching Band represented our hometown at Walt Disney World last week. Gladewater was the first of three bands to entertain the packed Main Street in the Magic Kingdom.

Photos by Chris Jones



GHS Bears relax behind the scenes in a staging area for the bands at the Magic Kingdom. L-R Jonatan Arreguin, Maddison Teague, Kimberly Vite, Katie Sisk, Antonio Menjivar and Brian Van Houten out front.

City inks deal with Marucci Elite on ballpark

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater City Council approved a deal at Thursday's monthly meeting to give Marucci Elite a 10-year contract to manage the city's ball field.

The agreement was hammered out to safeguard the Gladewater Union Grove Youth Baseball Association to ensure local ball clubs continue to get the use of the field, while Marucci Elite brings in tournament play and revenue.

Marucci Elite is run by Michael Holochuck and Jeff Casey. Holochuck is the head baseball coach at Jarvis Christian College and has been with Jarvis for 10 years.

Councilmembers Scott Owens, Rocky Hawkins and Kevin Clark helped negotiate the deal and said they were pleased with the contract and felt Marucci Elite was the best fit for the city.

Holochuck, who will be paying the city \$35,000 annually under the contract, said he has 15 youth teams and a total of 20+ teams overall including softball. He said tournaments create traffic, which allows improvements to be done to the fields/facility such as adding artificial turf to the fields in a few years.

In other business, the council held a public hearing on a request for dwelling size variance at 1395 Phillips Springs Road. The owner wanted to build a 1,000 square foot home, but the zoning calls for a minimum of 1,600 square feet. After much decision, the council denied the request, but offered to revisit it for 1,200 square feet like the a nearby tract.

The council also will:

- The city received a clean preliminary financial audit for fiscal year 2021.
- The city also approved hiring the professional engineering services of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., for \$98,750 to provide improvements to the water treatment plant.
- The city appointed Ricky Maddox to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Farrell Alexander to an alternate board member position.
- The city appointe Jamie Ballard to the Beautification Board to fill one vacancy.
- The city approved a Lake Board recommendation for installation of artificial fish habitats at Lake Gladewater. The habitats will be paid for by a \$183,000 grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife.
- The council also nominated John Ussery to fill an unexpired term on the Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Storms tear through Upshur County

By Phillip Williams

A tornado, possibly a F-2 tornado, ripped through parts of rural Upshur County late Monday, causing injuries, destroying numerous buildings, and triggering power outages, but no confirmed deaths as of late Tuesday morning.

The city of Gilmer, where the fire department's tornado siren sounded around 10:20 p.m., was struck by heavy rain, but apparently escaped harm despite the massive damage which occurred east of the city and near Ore City.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel said Tuesday morning he had "not yet been advised of (any) life-threatening injury at this point," nor how many individuals were injured, but that he knew of someone who had suffered a fractured bone. National Weather Service meteorologists found new damage south of Gilmer consistent with EF-2 damage with top winds at 130 mph.

The storm, which struck the county around 10:20 p.m., damaged dozens of

buildings, including homes that were "utterly destroyed," Hazel said. "It was strong enough to knock over well-built houses," he added.

Numerous trees were also felled, leading to cleanup by firefighters and the Upshur County Road and Bridge Department. On Tuesday morning, emergency agencies were re-visiting areas they searched the night before to ensure they didn't overlook anyone who might be injured, Hazel said. Upshur County Sheriff's officials reported "initial indications are that tornadic winds sustained a path from southwest Upshur County, west of Highway 271 to Northeast, north of Ore City. Specific damage includes (from southwest to northeast) the areas from FM 2685 and Evergreen Road, to Hwy 271 south of Bluebird Rd, then across Hwy 300 to Hwy 154 south of Gilmer. The track continued to north of Ore City where the area of Upshur Landing at Lake of the Pines took significant damage."

East Texas firefighters lending a hand on state blazes



Smith County Emergency Services District 2 firefighters John Moore and Josh Bardwell.

State, local and federal first responders have been increasingly busy with recent response efforts. Over the past seven days, firefighters responded to 178 wildfires that burned 108,493 acres across the state.

Smith County Emergency Services District 2 firefighters Josh Bardwell and John Moore are one of many TIFMAS strike teams that are prepositioned west of I-35 for the anticipated wildfire danger due to extended drought and dry frontal passage.

Strike Team 126 has been on the Eastland Complex Eastland Complex in Eastland and Brown counties which has been actively burning across the state. The more than 54,000-acre wildfire prompted evacuations, road closures and damaged 147 structures. Eastland County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Barbara Fenley died in the line of duty while assisting with evacuations.

On Sunday, three new wildfire ignitions in Eastland County were absorbed into the Eastland Complex for management purposes. The complex, now 30% contained as a whole, consists of seven wildfires: Kidd Fire, Eastland County (42,333 acres, 40% contained); Blowing Basin Fire, Eastland County (est. 241 acres, 50% contained); Cedar Mountain Fire, Eastland County (est. 250 acres, 10% contained); Oak Mott Fire, Brown County (4,031 acres, 75% contained); Wheat Field Fire, Eastland County (7,268 acres, 55% contained); Mangum Fire, Eastland County (est. 11 acres, 85% contained); and Walling Fire, Eastland County (383 acres, 100% contained).



OBITUARIES

SUETIE MARIE WOODS

Suetie Marie Woods died at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler on March 15 at the age of 93. Services were held Saturday, March 19 at 10am at Gladewater Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Croley Funeral Home.



ELVA MAE FINLEY

Elva Mae Finley, 84 of Gladewater, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on March 12, 2022. She left this earth to join Kenneth W. Finley, her husband of 66 years who passed away in 2011.



Elva was born in 1937 to John and Geneva Iwig in Alamogordo, New Mexico. It was there she met and married Kenneth Finley in 1955.

Elva was a Christian, a wonderful wife, a loving mother to four children, and a master home cook. She loved her family and dedicated her life to being at home with them. She was always busy; she cooked, sewed, loved gardening, music and

hosted many family events. Her love of family and the Lord was never doubted. She was tender hearted and loved to sit down and visit. She always had time for anyone who needed her, and she was so very loved by her family.

She will be sorely missed by her four children: Dianna East of Warrenton, Oregon; Kim Hamilton and her husband Mike of Huntsville; Darla Mitcham of Gladewater; and Kenneth Finley, Jr. and his wife Jeanie of Gladewater. Elva has (5) grandchildren, (2) step grandchildren, (14) great grandchildren and (2) great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday March 19th at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Gilmer.

VIVION EUGENE MITCHAM

Vivion Eugene Mitcham, 93, of Gladewater passed away on March 14, 2022. Vivion Eugene "Mitch" Mitcham was born on April 22, 1928 to Vivion and Blanche Mitcham in Sharp, Texas.

After Vivion graduated from Sharp High School in 1945, he went on to join the Merchant Marines and later the Army. Vivion was blessed with 3 sons; Ronald Eugene Mitcham, Randy Mitcham, and Mark Preston Mitcham. In 1963, Vivion met Margaret Elaine Stewart in Arlington. Vivion and Margaret married in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

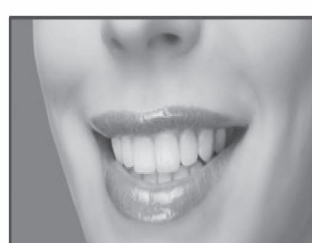
Professional history professions ranged from cotton farmer, marine, soldier, mechanic, painter, surveyor, contractor, home builder, developer, restaurateur, boutique owner, rancher, ostrich farmer, golf course owner and operator, as well as gold miner, and was an entrepreneur in every sense of the word. Vivion accepted the Lord as his savior on Easter Sunday in 1969, at the age of 41, and went on to be one of the most Godly men that many have ever known. He served as a deacon at North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, First Baptist Church, Gladewater and chairman of deacons at Friendship Baptist Church, Gladewater for several decades. He often could be seen around town, sporting a fedora, singing a tune and telling others about how God had blessed him. As hard as he worked, he enjoyed his hobbies, which included, golfing at renowned courses all over the world, mowing meticulous lines in his yard, and traveling with his bride of 56 years. In all his travels all over the world, he never found a burger he liked better than the ones made by his old buddy, Ronnie Maxey at Juicy's.

Vivion was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Elaine Mitcham, father, Vivion Mitcham, mother, Blanche Mitcham, sister, Doris Andrews and brother-in-law, James (JC) Andrews, brothers, JW and Odell Mitcham.

Vivion is survived by son, Mark Mitcham and wife Stacey of Gladewater, son, Ronald Mitcham of Kilgore and son Randy Mitcham of Irving, as well as 2 granddaughters, Kaylee Mitcham of Kilgore and Keatin "Kitty" Mitcham of Longview.

Visitation was held Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Croley Funeral Home, Gladewater. Graveside Services were held at Friendship Baptist Church, Gladewater on Thursday, March 17th.

Honorary Pallbearers are Dub Floyd, Alfredo "Jack" Jacaman, Larry Melton, Levi Jacaman, Brenton Robinson and Billy Eason.



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Upshur court oks bid on gasoline

By Phillip Williams

After delaying action on the matter for weeks, Upshur County Commissioners Court last week finally accepted the lowest bid submitted on gasoline and diesel fuel for the Road and Bridge Department.

The court voted 4-0, with one abstention, to accept the bid from its current provider, Indiana-based Petroleum Traders. It was about \$6,000 lower than the next lowest bid from Eagle Fuel and Oil.

County Road Administrator Andy Jordan had indicated in the past he preferred Eagle's bid due to concerns he had about Petroleum, and told the court Tuesday that certain factors would mean Eagle's bid "will come in cheaper" than its competitor. He told the court at its March 15 meeting in Gilmer, however, he was agreeable to accepting Petroleum's bid.

Petroleum received notice from the county that the court was considering taking another firm's bid, and County Judge Todd Tefteller said Petroleum replied by letter.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson abstained from the vote to avoid a conflict of interest due to the nature of his business. Tefteller and Commissioners Jay W. Miller, Gene Dolle and Mike Ashley approved awarding the bid.

In another matter, the court tabled letting Jordan's department buy and install an 8,000 gallon gas tank after he said he had not yet obtained two bids for that.

Commissioners also approved repairing and resurfacing portions of Buffalo Street that lie west of the Gilmer city limits.

In another matter, they approved letting the Credit Union of Texas hire and pay a commercial real estate appraiser to determine value of the vacant lot which the county owns on the north side of the courthouse square. It is beside the Roberts Building.

In other action, the court approved accepting donation of about 200 used railroad ties from Union Pacific Railroad to be used in constructing a rural shooting range for Sheriff Larry Webb's office.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel told the court the ties would block bullets from straying at the planned range, to be located at the county's pug mill site on Cottonwood Road in Pritchett community.

The court also accepted Mike Fennell's resignation from the board of Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1. Dolle said Fennell moved out of the county.

In addition, commissioners approved continuing to use Learn as the county library's internet provider after County Librarian Cynthia King said the firm would freeze its price for four years in exchange for a four-year renewal.

The court also approved a resolution to apply for a state grant for the county's "Family Violence Intervention Program Project."

In other business, commissioners:

--approved Gilmer Area Farmers Market's request to use the aforementioned vacant lot for certain dates in April through August.

--approved letting the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce use the courthouse lawn and vacant lot for an April 16 Easter egg hunt, the May 7 Cherokee Rose Festival and the May 21 "ARTWALK: Art on the Bricks" event.

--approved LiveGilmer.com's request to use the lawn for the "Risk It for the Brisket" contest this Friday and Saturday (see separate story.)

--accepted, for display in the courthouse, a county map donated by East Texans for Liberty. It shows the precinct boundaries for political parties' precinct chairmanships, county commissioners, and justices of the peace.

--voted 3-2, with Miller and Nicholson opposing, to use up to \$9,000 in federal grant funds for a new shed for the county maintenance department to store tools and equipment. Building maintenance supervisor Gene Crutsinger said the current shed was in "terrible" shape, but the two commissioners did not say why they opposed a new one.

--approved having a commercial real estate appraisal of the vacant lot, which Tefteller said the county may sell or lease. Credit Union of Texas will hire and pay the appraiser.

--approved paying up to \$9,000 for attorney fees and costs of court related to court-initiated guardianships.

--approved spending up to \$11,000 for costs of holding the May 7 election on proposed amendments to the state constitution.

--recognized some members of the "Upshur County 4-H Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Champion 4-H Meat Judging Team." Kaitlyn Slover, a county extension agent, displayed the team's trophy.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Storytime held each Thursday

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

"Curious George" by H.A. Rey, and "Grumpy Monkey" by Suzanne Lang, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn. A craft will follow each Storytime, Dunn added.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.) Although the events are free to the public, children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.youseemore.com/upshur.

Upshur Dems elect delegates

The Upshur County Democratic Convention viewed a video address by the party's gubernatorial nominee, Beto O'Rourke, and elected delegates to the party's state convention Saturday morning.

Six delegates attended the meeting at the Solid Rock House of Praise in Gilmer. Some of those elected as state delegates did not attend the county convention, and some delegates to Saturday's gathering declined election as state delegates.

Elected as delegates to the state convention, set July 14-16 in Dallas, were Alma Wells, Mary Rabb, Carlyn Short, Jurel White and Cheryl Beal Jackson. Winifred Jackson and Ben Dickerson of Diana are automatically voting "ex-officio" delegates to the convention due to their positions, Jackson as county chairman and Dickerson as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Delegates to the county convention included the chairman, Short, Rhonda Biggam, Debra K. Brinkley, Cheryl Jackson and Gilmer school board member Gloria King. Those who were not elected state delegates declined to be for various reasons, Winifred Jackson said Monday.

The convention also adopted a resolution opposing the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

In his address, O'Rourke assailed his Republican opponent, Gov. Greg Abbott, for supporting restricting abortion, allowing the carrying of firearms without a background check, and the "attack on teachers and other educators.

"We're going to prosecute the case against Greg Abbott" because of rising electric bills, letting billionaires make money as people froze, and "trying to defund our public schools" by using vouchers to send students to private schools, O'Rourke said.

The nominee additionally charged Texas has "tried harder than any other" state to suppress voting.

O'Rourke said he wanted to focus the state on "great jobs, world class schools and expanding Medicaid." In addition, he said his campaign has 55,000 volunteers, and that the election of 17 black judges in Harris County is "a taste of what is to come."

The resolution on the potential reservoir said opposition to it is based on the nation being "made secure by the preservation of our precious natural resources." It adds that the project, proposed to be established "on the main stem of the Sulphur River in Red River, Titus and Franklin Counties, would flood 66,000 acres of heritage farmland, hardwood forest and wetlands.

"Over half of the land to be taken is bottomland hardwood forest or other forested wetlands and upland forest," the resolution continued, adding "at least 80 percent of the water produced by the proposed reservoir would be piped to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex."

Jackson also announced the county's Democratic Party would hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday (March 28) at the same location as Saturday's convention, 613 Cass.

Camp takes students from pasture to plate

FORT WORTH – Summer camp just got beefed up. Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association announced it will host its first TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup July 25-29.

The event is open to students who have just completed their sophomore to senior years of high school and are interested in gaining in-depth beef industry knowledge.

TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup will include tours at cattle operations and beef packing plants, as well as the opportunity to speak with industry leaders.

Hughes Abell, a rancher from Austin and the association's president, said this is the first event of its kind from Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

"We are incredibly excited for this opportunity to support the next generation of cattle raisers," Abell said. "This intensive experience will benefit participants no matter which segment of the beef industry they choose to enter."

Applications are due April 15, 2022. For more information, or to apply, visit tscra.org/2022-tscra-cattle-raisers-roundup-july-25-29-2022.

Workforce Solutions to host Youth Opportunity Expo

Workforce Solutions East Texas is proud to partner with Region 7 Education Center to host its second Youth Expo, a job fair for teens age 16 and up who are looking for summer jobs, paid internships, or their next career!

This is a great opportunity to interact with employers interested in hiring the next generation of talent. It is also the perfect time for students to navigate the hiring experience and secure a job that will lead to a possible career.

This event will be held in person on April 7th at the Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore and virtually on April 8th. These events will be open for job seekers and employers across East Texas.

Ronald McDonald House Scholarship Program open

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas (RMHCNTX) announced the opening of applications for its Scholarship Program, which grants more than \$60,000 to 30 local high school seniors each year. Funded by North Texas McDonald's owner/operators and donations from the community, the annual scholarships recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement.

Applications are open online at rmhc.org/scholarships and must be submitted by April 1, 2022. All students can apply. To qualify for an RMHC Scholarship, students must:

- * be a high school senior
- * be younger than 21 years old
- * be eligible to attend a two- or four- year college or university with a full course of study
- * be a legal U.S. resident
- * live in the geographic areas of the RMHC of Greater North Texas Chapter
- * and submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline.

Gun show on tap

American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 will sponsor a gun show Saturday and Sunday at the Gilmer Civic Center.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The center is at 1218 U.S. 271 North, next to Walmart.

Admission is \$7 for adults (\$5 for military veterans with verifying identification.) Admission is free for children ages 12 and younger, but a parent must accompany them.

Legionnaire Andy Gibson said that the post, comprised of military veterans, will use proceeds for its operating expenses, and helping "other veterans in need."

Vendors wishing to sell at the show, or anyone seeking further information on it, should contact show manager Shirley Parnell at 903-440-1224.

Risk It for the Brisket coming

The Second Annual "Risk It for the Brisket" barbecue cook-off contest, sponsored by LiveGilmer.com, is set Friday and Saturday in downtown Gilmer.

Some 40 teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana had signed up as of last week to compete for cash prizes in the event, sanctioned by the Outlaw BBQ Association, said Live Gilmer spokeswoman Anna Conlan. Those interested in competing may contact her at 512-663-2308 to see if spots are still available.

Set up times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, with head cooks' meeting set for 4:30 p.m. at Gilmer Brewing Co. and tray pick-up scheduled at 5 p.m. Kid cook judging is set for 7 p.m. and jackpot judging for 8 p.m. Friday.

For more information, visit LiveGilmer.com, or email Conlan at anna@liveeasttexas.com.

Upshur GOP convention slated

The Republican Party of Upshur County will hold its county convention Saturday morning at the Lantana Activity Center near Gilmer.

The event, which county GOP secretary Carl Byers said will have limited space for the public to attend, is set for 10:30 a.m. at the site at 80 Lantana Road.

The convention will elect 22 delegates and 22 alternates to the state GOP convention, scheduled June 16-18 in Houston, said Byers, who will become county GOP chairman June 13 after defeating incumbent De'Borah Deaz in the party's March 1 primary. Deaz, who was not elected as a delegate to the county convention, will nonetheless be temporary chairman of it, said Byers.

Upshur Republicans elected 76 delegates and one alternate for the county convention at their March 12 precinct conventions, the party secretary said.

A person need not attend Saturday's convention to be elected as a delegate to the state convention if they voted in the party's March 1 primary, or take an "oath of affirmation" that they are a Republican, said Byers. They also cannot have participated in another political party's event this year, he added.

Also at Saturday's gathering, the delegates will consider approving several resolutions for presentation to the state convention's resolutions committee, said Byers.

New report shows hunting accidents in Texas at record low

AUSTIN - Hunting-related accidents in Texas are at an all-time low since Hunter Education became mandatory in 1988, according to the 2021 Texas Hunting Accident Report released by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

Of more than 49,000 certifications in 2021, Texas experienced only one fatality and 11 accidents statewide, according to the report.

"In 2021, three quarters of the incidents were what we call 'swinging on game outside of a safe zone of fire,'" said Steve Hall, the Hunter Education Coordinator for TPWD. "This is the most common mishap in Texas besides careless handling in and around vehicles. The cardinal rule of hunting and shooting safety is keeping the muzzle of a firearm always pointed in a safe direction."

This marks a significant decrease since 1988, when more than 18,000 Texans received their Hunter Education certification but reported 12 fatalities and 70 accidents throughout the state. As more Texans have taken to the field and obtained their Hunter Education certification, these numbers have greatly improved. Even prior to Hunter Education becoming mandatory in 1988, TPWD has offered hunter education courses since 1972, certifying nearly 1.5 million students. Today, Hunter Education is required for every hunter in Texas (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971. The minimum age for certification is nine years of age and certification is good for life.



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Police Activity Report

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April 15 deadline for filing property tax renditions

The Texas Comptroller's office reminds business owners that for many property types, April 15 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

A rendition is a list of the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of Jan. 1 each year. The appraisal district may use the information to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property, such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report, which indicates the property's condition on Jan. 1, 2022. Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners' final tax bills for 2022.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county

appraisal district offices statewide and can be downloaded at the Comptroller's property tax forms webpage.

For more information about property rendition, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 2) or visit the division's website.

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Tanner Gothard struck out 10 batters in the win for Gladewater.



Zach Polanco went 2 for 3 at the plate for Gladewater as the bats came alive in the bottom of the second for Gladewater scoring 9 runs. The Bears kept the Tigers of Daingerfield at bay for a 12-2 win. Tanner Gothard got the win for the Bears striking out ten batters while allowing two runs off of six hits. Although the Bears managed just four more hits than the Tigers, the Bears were more efficient running the bases stealing five.

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Game Warden Field Notes ...

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

How do you Solve a Problem Like Maria?

A landowner called Texas Game Wardens when a group of quail hunters requested assistance rescuing a dog that had fallen into an abandoned grain silo-turned well. The dog, Maria, had chased a wounded bird through thick brush when she disappeared from her owner's sight. After searching, the owner found the dog trapped 50 feet below. Two Game Wardens arrived on the scene with hundreds of feet of rope, a wire dog kennel and the know-how to build a pulley hoist system. Wardens baited the kennel with recently harvested quail and slowly lowered it down to Maria. With some encouragement from her owner, the dog was coerced to enter the kennel. Wardens carefully lifted her out of the well and into the loving arms of her owner. Upon inspection, she appeared unharmed and fully alert, with all four limbs fully functional. Emergency responders, the dog owner, several fellow quail hunters and the landowners' family were amazed how situation that unfolded. The owner transported Maria home and scheduled her for a follow-up with a veterinarian for precautionary measures.

Fortune Favors the Bald (Tire)

A local sheriff's office reached out to Texas Game Wardens about a stolen vehicle from New Mexico heading into Texas. A warden located the vehicle under an irrigation pivot. After backup arrived, the subject attempted to evade officers by driving through fields. When the driver lost the tread on a tire, he stopped the vehicle and was met by the warden and a local deputy. The subject, who was a suspect in a New Mexico murder case, was taken into custody for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading in a motor vehicle and multiple other offenses. Cases and investigations for both states are pending.

Stuck in the Middle with You

Val Verde County Game Wardens received information about a fishing boat that ran aground on the Rio Grande River. The area recently accumulated excess silt from the Amistad Dam. Combined with decreasing water levels on the river, the exposed silt became sticky and acted as quicksand. The two boaters were unharmed but unable to vacate the vehicle without sinking into the mud. One of the wardens moved to an overlook point and located the boat. The wardens confirmed there was no way to reach them through waterways or on land. A call was placed for a helicopter with hoist capability. A municipal helicopter reached the individuals, and the rescue was completed successfully. The boaters did not require medical attention.

Mama Mia

A landowner notified Henderson County game wardens about someone who shot a deer on their property from the road. The landowner received word that the suspected shooter was bragging about the act on social media. A quick search of social media revealed the suspect's mother posted about grinding up deer meat for chili. The wardens contacted the mother. She said her son shot a deer on their property, and she was processing it. The wardens interviewed the suspected shooter and he quickly confessed to shooting the deer on the caller's property from the road. It was further determined that the mother believed the deer was shot on their property and was very upset when she learned the truth.

Help! I Need Somebody!

A Karnes County Game Warden patrolling a local highway

came across a deer laying in the middle road. Realizing it could be a safety hazard, the warden turned around to remove the buck. After exiting his vehicle, he noticed someone walking near the front gate of a residence in the dark. The warden thought it could be the landowner coming out to ask about the deer. Upon further observation, he realized the man was stumbling. The man said he hit the deer with his motorcycle which was heavily damaged and was now laying in the bar ditch up ahead. The motorcyclist did not know how long he had been in the ditch. Thankfully, he wore a helmet. The warden notified dispatch and requested an ambulance over a possible broken hand. EMS and a sheriff's deputy arrived on the scene. The warden called the man's wife, informed her of what happened and that he was in the care of EMS.

Here's Your Sign

A Texas Game Warden received a call from a landowner concerned about road hunters driving near his property, shining a light and shooting guns. The warden met up with a deputy sheriff who had just intercepted the vehicle with three male subjects. In the bed of the truck, the warden found multiple loaded weapons, two dead jackrabbits, two dead raccoons and a piece of deer backstrap. After a roadside investigation, it was determined that the three subjects had spent the night driving around on the public roads, shooting animals and stop signs. Two adults were arrested for hunting from a vehicle and one juvenile was released pending charges. A total of seven firearms and two varmint game calls were seized for evidence. Additional charges are pending.

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Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #1 of Gregg County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 15th day of March, 2022

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Michelle Gilley
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