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Theives target tornado victims in Upshur Co.

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in solving the recent theft of appliances from the site of a rural home which was destroyed in the March 21 tornado.

The items were taken the evening or night of April 4, or early morning of April 5, off a flatbed trailer where the homeowners had placed them in the 3300 block of Texas 154 east of Gilmer, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

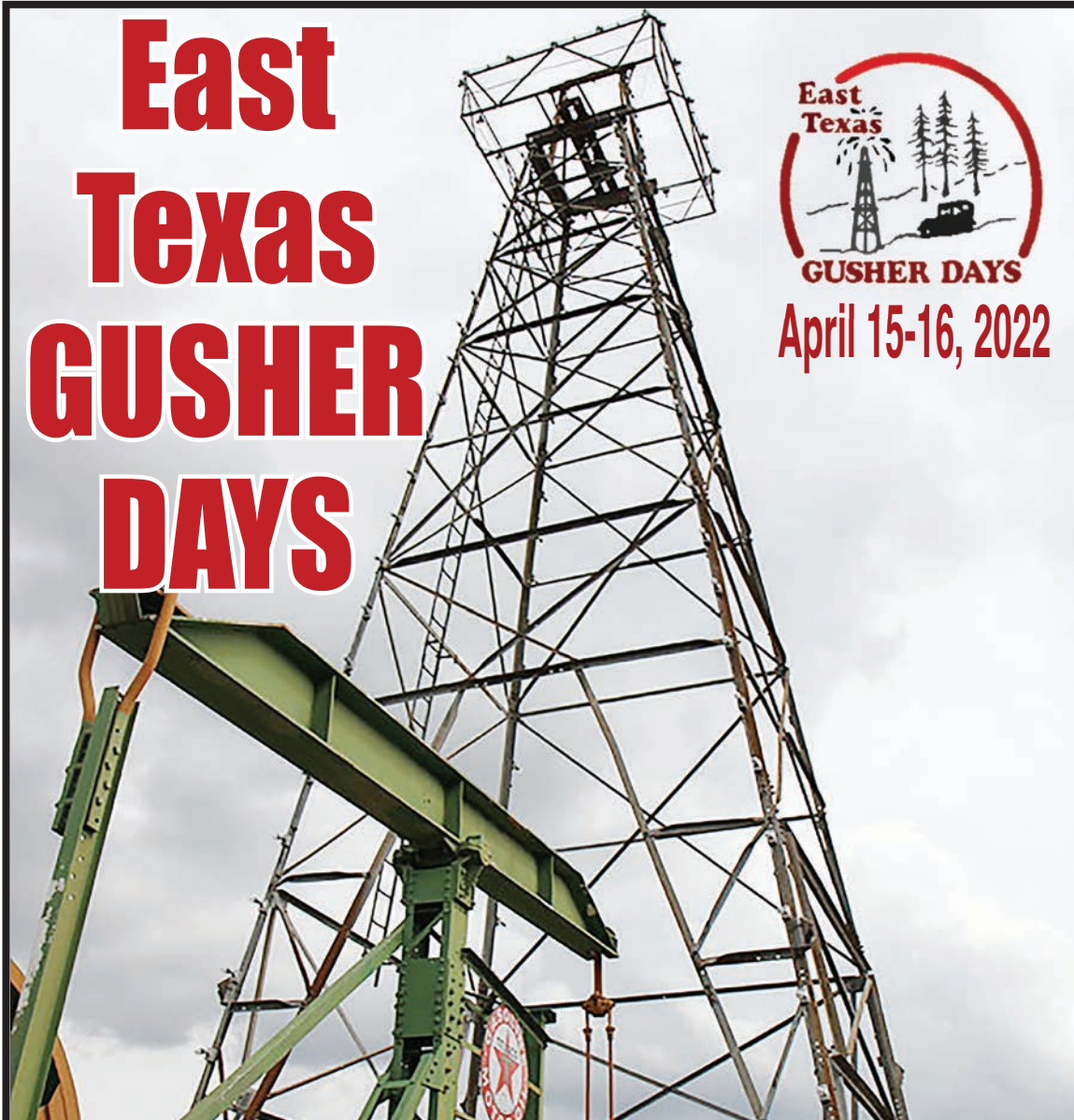
He said the goods, which had been salvaged from the home, included two refrigerators (one white, one stainless steel), a white freezer, stainless steel oven, a green Rheem air conditioning unit and a green Rheem water heater. "Unknown actors" committed the theft, he wrote in a April 6 news release.

The homeowners had loaded the items on the trailer as they are currently living in a hotel, Hazel added. On Monday, he said the trailer itself was not stolen, but that officers suspect the thieves used one or two trailers of their own since the amount of appliances would be a "pretty good haul for a pickup truck."

With numerous rural homes and other structures having been destroyed or damaged in the twister, Hazel wrote that Sheriff Larry Webb's office "has been extra patrolling the damaged locations since the storms, and intends to take full enforcement actions against anyone stealing from these victims."

Anyone with knowledge about the theft "or another storm-related theft" is asked to call the sheriff's office in Gilmer at 903-843-2541 or Crimestoppers at 903-843-3131, the chief deputy added.

East Texas GUSHER DAYS



Look inside for this year's East Texas Gusher Days Special Section

Its East Texas Gusher Days Time and fun is the main objective this Friday and Saturday in downtown Gladewater.

There will be dozens of crafts vendors, as well as food vendors on hand to please the shopper in you and satisfy your hunger. And there will be fun to be had for kids of all ages at the 2022 Gusher Days' Kids activities area which will include Gelly Ball, petting zoo (Friday only), Blow Up Inc. slide & bouncy houses, face painting, airbrush tattoos, caricature artist, and McDonalds will be out as well.

Plus, don't forget about the helicopter Easter egg drop at 2 p.m. on Friday for kids ages 1 - 10.

So make plans to join the family fun, downtown Gladewater on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th.



Disrupting power nets prison time

By Phillip Williams

A state judge sentenced a Gilmer man to 60 years in prison Monday after the defendant admitted disrupting power at an Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative substation by stealing copper wire, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Christopher Dean Robertson, 35, was sentenced by 115th District Judge Dean Fowler, Byrd said in a press release. Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented the defendant.

At the time of the incident last Sept. 1, the Upshur County Sheriff's Office and Upshur Rural said the attempted theft of equipment set off a flash fire, knocking out power to 2,000 homes for a time and causing about \$100,000 damage to the substation at the intersection of Bluebird and Venters Roads south of Gilmer.

Just before a jury was to be selected in the case, Robertson pled guilty on a plea bargain to burglary of a habitation and criminal mischief, receiving 50 years for that and an additional 10 years "enhanced" punishment for his prior criminal history, Byrd said.

When the incident occurred, sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel said sheriff's deputies were called to the scene at 7 a.m., and Upshur Rural spokeswoman Devin Skaggs said power was restored to most of the affected homes by mid-morning.

She also said whoever cut ground wire in an attempt to steal it was fortunate not to have been killed.

Hazel said someone was apparently trying to steal copper wiring, which he noted had recently increased in price, but apparently left hurriedly without taking anything.

Byrd meantime gave these details of the case in a news release:

Last Sept. 1, sheriff's deputies responded "to find copper ground wire cut, and two regulators burned with smoke still coming from them." Cigarettes and other items left behind helped officers develop Robertson as a suspect.

"Additionally, alert neighbors were able to provide a description of a suspicious vehicle at or near this power station. Ultimately, it was determined this defendant was responsible and a warrant was issued for his arrest."

After being taken into custody, Robertson "confessed to the crime and the fire that knocked the substation out of service.

"I want to commend our officers and especially Investigator Shane Guthrie, who put in many hours to find, arrest and see this defendant brought to justice. I further hope this sentence sends a message to anyone else thinking about committing a crime like this," Byrd added.



East Texas veteran firefighter Josh Bardwell was recently elected and sworn in as the West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department's new fire chief. He was sworn in by WMVFD secretary/treasurer Bracy Sweat. Bardwell has worked for the US Forest Service, Texas Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife and is a wildland firefighter. He currently works for Smith County ESD 2.

Photo by Jennifer Bardwell

Traffic deaths spike in highway work zones

The Texas Department of Transportation wants motorists to be aware of dangerous conditions in road construction zones after crashes in those zones killed 244 people last year.

The death toll is an increase of 33% over 2020 and is the highest in 40 years. The majority of those who died were drivers or their passengers, according to TxDOT.

"It's important for drivers to remember that driving conditions in work zones can be especially challenging because of extra congestion, slow-moving heavy equipment, temporary barriers and vehicles that make sudden stops," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said. "That's why it's

crucial for everyone to give driving their full attention and drive a safe speed in areas where construction and maintenance are underway."

Among the tips offered by the agency to cut accidents:

- Slow down and follow the posted speed limit.
- Pay attention, put down the phone and keep your mind on the road.
- Watch out for road crews and follow flaggers' instructions.
- Don't tailgate. Allow enough room to stop safely.
- Plan for extra time to reach your destination, since road construction can slow traffic.

Traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present.

Gladewater's sales tax revenue continues to increase - 11th month in-a-row

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$866.5 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 27.9 percent more than in April 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Gladewater continued to show an upswing in sales tax revenue, posting its 11th straight month in the black - up 16.74-percent over the previous year, \$92,278.42 compared to \$79,044.02. For the year, Gladewater is running ahead of 2020's totals by 15.25-percent. Payments year-to-date are \$413,532.44 for Gladewater.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$6,268.45	\$4,936.24	26.98%	\$26,888.87	\$22,460.21	19.71%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$3,285.46	\$3,845.86	-14.57%	\$18,131.28	\$14,164.21	28.00%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$92,278.42	\$79,044.02	16.74%	\$413,532.44	\$358,812.01	15.25%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$606,917.13	\$422,291.32	43.72%	\$2,844,490.06	\$2,196,337.54	29.51%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$18,874.90	\$16,876.62	11.84%	\$85,692.82	\$72,016.24	18.99%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$2,820,813.96	\$2,233,131.08	26.31%	\$13,940,564.22	\$11,295,935.52	23.41%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$829.65	\$1,049.76	-20.96%	\$5,347.58	\$5,149.18	3.85%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$99,128.16	\$71,277.20	39.07%	\$507,825.25	\$347,526.43	46.12%
County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$20,121.86	\$18,831.00	6.85%	\$97,347.80	\$84,295.81	15.48%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$2,437.97	\$2,890.75	-15.66%	\$13,845.62	\$15,100.69	-8.31%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$169,508.55	\$146,369.78	15.80%	\$806,028.21	\$684,538.88	17.74%
Upshur	Ore City	1.500%	\$17,029.22	\$16,175.07	5.28%	\$73,218.48	\$72,850.52	0.50%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$226.53	\$202.80	11.70%	\$1,719.66	\$1,470.40	16.95%



OPINION/COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Suzanne's weekly columns meant a lot to many people over the years and I have received many requests to rerun her columns. I miss them too. So here is the "Best of Suzanne Bardwell." I hope you enjoy them.

Fiddle dee dee!

I am brain-drained from being responsible for a regional press convention last week that ended Saturday afternoon. I am not sure I am even coherent at this point so I am going to take the easy way out and write about pet peeves. That's a subject everyone can identify with.

Here are just a few things that get under my skin and make me grind my teeth, mumble inappropriately under my breath or fantasize about smacking someone with a rolled up newspaper.

Considering my mental state at this point I want to emphasize that these are in no particular order.

1. Hypercritical folks. You know them. You probably don't enjoy being around them anymore than I do. Nothing seems to please them. Ever.

2. Tailgaters. I just want to slam on my brakes and yell "I have great insurance!"

3. Kids who swear. I don't mean those relatively minor colorful phrases that most teens prove their approaching adulthood by using, I'm talking the big, bad words that aren't acceptable anywhere at anytime. (Although I did slam my foot in the car door the other day and...let's just say I had to go to the Jordan and get washed!)

4. Litterbugs. Come on! This is like throwing trash in God's living room. Trash cans are handy. Use them.

5. People who abuse or neglect animals. Frankly, I don't have much mercy when it comes to folks who hurt animals or children. I know, I know. They were mistreated as children.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Most of us were in one way or another. Get over it and be a responsible adult!

6. TV commercials that are exponentially louder than the programs being watched. Some of them sound as if they are a 747 at takeoff. I think Congress ought to do something productive and stop this practice. It would be their biggest accomplishment in years.

7. Backstabbers! If you can't say it to someone's face or attach your name to it, shut up! If you feel strongly enough to take a stand publicly you show personal integrity regardless of the side of an issue you stand on. You have to respect that.

8. Which brings us to the folks who 'hate' the people they disagree with. What happened to the American ideal of freedom of thought and speech? The ideal of respecting opposing points of view. Get a grip folks, life goes on.

9. Cars with stereos so cranked up that the glass in our office vibrates. I want to have a flyer for hearing aids to offer them when they drive by. They are going to need them. I guarantee it.

10. Clutter! And, I live in the middle of it because I don't have the time to simplify, organize and discard. It is one of the things I like least about me.

11. Lack of sleep and what it does to my brain. I promise to do better next week.

As Scarlett O'Hara said, "Fiddle dee dee! Tomorrow is another day."

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.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Wildfire risk continues with dry conditions

The risk of more wildfires continues this week with much of the state under drought conditions.

"Critical fire weather includes above-normal temperatures, increased wind speeds and low relative humidity levels," according to a Texas A&M Forest Service news release. Wildfires that start under these conditions may be difficult to control, the agency said. The risk is nearly statewide, as virtually all of the state remains under drought conditions.

During the first week of April, the forest service and local fire departments responded to 117 wildfires that burned 23,560 acres.

Texas history instruction expanded

The State Board of Education decided last week to expand instruction in Texas history to six grade levels, meaning students in those grades will have their knowledge of the state's history tested on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills exam.

For decades, Texas history has been taught in fourth and seventh grades. Now it will also be taught in kindergarten through second grade, and sixth and eighth grades.

"With this significant increase, students will study Texas and the people and events that define it in most grade levels prior to high school," according to an SBOE news release.

The board will consider proposed revisions to the social studies aspect of TEKS at the June meeting to include Texas history content. Final revisions are scheduled for November.

Please don't touch the wildlife

With the balmy weather of a Texas spring, more folks are enjoying the outdoors. Experts at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urge people who encounter wildlife to avoid lending a helping hand.

Often, the young offspring of wild animals can be mistaken as having been abandoned. Many of these human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can be detrimental to wildlife.

Newborn fawns, for example, are often left for hours at a time by the doe as she forages for food. "During that time, people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn, thinking it has been abandoned by its mother and needs help. This is rarely the case," according to TPWD.

TPWD experts advise folks to leave all young animals alone unless obviously injured. Spend some time observing from a distance to determine if the animal truly is injured, since the mother may not return if humans are close by.

The same principle applies to young birds. "If the bird's eyes are open, it has feathers and is hopping around, mom and dad are likely nearby. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days," according to TPWD.

If a wild animal is sick or injured, people are encouraged to contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator, which can be found on the TPWD Wildlife Division website: tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/rehab/.

COVID-19 cases rise while deaths, hospitalizations decline

The number of new Texas cases of COVID-19 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University jumped by more than 100% in the past week to 46,375, though deaths dropped to 252 during the same time period.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas have dropped to 875 patients, the lowest level in months. The highly contagious subvariant of Omicron, dubbed BA.2, has become the dominant version worldwide and is accounting for the majority of new cases.

Like the original omicron variant, this strain is more transmissible but generally has less-severe symptoms, according to health experts. The best protection continues to be getting vaccinated and getting a booster if already vaccinated, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

DSHS says unvaccinated Texans are eight times more likely to test positive for COVID-19 and 42 times more likely to die of a COVID-19 associated illness.

As of Sunday, 17,479 million Texans — or nearly 60% of the state's population — were fully vaccinated, with 6.6 million getting a booster dose.

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Bardwell wins first place in column, editorial writing

Suzanne Bardwell, co-owner of the *Gladewater Mirror*, *Lindale News & Times*, and *White Oak Independent* won first place in column writing and editorial writing at Saturday's North & East Texas Press Association awards ceremony.

The columns that won were by Suzanne and Suzanne and husband Jim collaborated on the editorials.

"I was so very proud that Suzanne's talent for column writing was honored by her peers," said Jim of his wife Suzanne, who was killed in a car wreck three months ago.

The column that won was entitled - "...when my name is called," and spoke of the importance of community journalism and said "Despite what you may have been led to believe, a free press is absolutely necessary for a healthy democracy. The press is one of the first things that autocrats from the left and the right attack and discredit so that their

message is the only one heard. Have you considered the importance of hearing and reading perspectives and opinions different from your own? Democracies survive and thrive when different sides of the political aisle have to work together to compromise."

Suzanne's column concluded with her profoundly stating: *"Some day my name and Jim's will be read from the NETPA memorial list as well. When that time comes I pray that what we have left behind for you is a legacy that has made a difference. But I also pray that our newspapers continue to cover and tell the stories that readers NEED to know and not just what they want to know. There is a difference and that difference is what will make this little corner of the world a better place."*

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Trade

Since the beginnings of people living in social groups millennia ago, goods have been exchanged in some form. Through imports and exports, consumer choice improves, prices are reduced, business opportunities escalate, and economies grow. The essential



mathematics explaining the process were worked out in the early 1800s. Pandemic-induced supply chain snarls have illustrated the interconnectedness of the contemporary world and just how much consumers rely on a steady stream of imports.

Trade is necessary for the efficient functioning of the economy. Most products that are exported from the United States have been manufactured or processed

domestically, creating opportunities for companies that make, market, transport, process, create, or otherwise participate in the production chain as well as their employees. Ripple effects enhance the benefits. For goods that are imported, there are downstream impacts for inputs to manufacturing processes, and even finished goods lead to logistics, retail sales, and other activity.

Overall volumes of US imports dipped during the worst of COVID-19 but have rebounded. The total value of imports was \$2.8 trillion in 2021. Of that amount, consumer goods were \$766.7 billion, capital goods (which is a range of products from semiconductors and computers to telecommunications equip-

ment to aircraft) were \$762.8 billion, and industrial supplies (which includes petroleum) were \$649.4 billion. The rest included automobiles; foods, feeds, and beverages; and many other goods. Exports in 2021 totaled almost \$1.8 trillion, with the largest categories being industrial supplies (\$635.5 billion), capital goods (\$519.6 billion), and consumer goods (\$222.1 billion).

About three-fourths of all trade is with our top 15 trading partners. Exports to Canada were \$307.6 billion, with Mexico second (\$276.5 billion). Next were China (\$151.1 billion), Japan (\$75.0 billion), and then South Korea, Germany, and the UK. The highest import values were from China (\$506.4 billion), Mexico (\$384.7 billion), Canada (\$357.2 billion), and Germany (\$135.2 billion), followed by Japan, Vietnam, and South Korea.

Amazingly, about 20% of all US exports leave for foreign markets from Texas. Major products include petroleum (crude oil as well as refined products and, increasingly, liquefied natural gas); electronic processors and computer equipment; aircraft, engines, and parts; and chemicals. Top markets are Mexico, Canada, China, South Korea, Brazil, Japan, Netherlands, and the UK.

As US companies sell into global markets, they increase volumes and revenues as well as employment opportunities. Imports include not only consumer products but also inputs to the production of other goods. Trade enhances quality of life and growth potential. The logistics jam and related delays have caused disruptions to this multi-trillion-dollar flow. However, the data indicate that the volumes are trending decidedly upward, and the issues which have plagued international commerce are being resolved. This outcome is both excellent and essential. Stay safe!



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HOW DO YOU APPROACH THE BIBLE?

It has been said that more people praise the Bible than read the Bible, and more people read the Bible than believe the Bible, and more people believe the Bible than understand the Bible, and more people understand the Bible than obey the Bible. Unfortunately, that really does describe a lot of people. In a world where the Word of God is accessible to the majority of the population, many people never read the Bible. Others may read it, but blindly ignore its evidences of inspiration. Then there are those who acknowledge that the Bible is God's Word, but their preconceptions and prejudices prevent them from understanding it. And finally, there are many people who understand much of what God commands of us in the Scriptures, but they do not obey it.

One reason this is so sad is the fact that God gave us the Scriptures to save us, and those who disbelieve or disobey God's Word will not be saved! James 1: 21 admonishes us to "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." But merely having a copy of the Bible somewhere in your home, or even displaying the Bible in a prominent place, will not bring salvation. God's Word must be received by faith, and embraced by obedience.

Jesus Himself spoke of the consequences of rejecting His message in the Scriptures. In John 12: 48 He said: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him. The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." To refuse Jesus' Word is to reject Him! Even though many teach that one may "believe in Christ" and yet refuse to do what He says, to all such, Jesus says: "when you refuse to accept My teaching you refuse, in so doing, to accept Me, and My Word which you refuse will be that which will condemn you at the Judgment!" Thus, the message which proclaims life to the believer is the message which proclaims judgment to the disobedient!

Friend, please be careful that you are not like those who have the Bible, but will not read it, or like those who read the Bible, but will not believe it, or like those who believe it, but will not understand it, or like those who understand it, but will not obey it. Think on these things.

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Upshur court to ponder renovations

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court will consider two major actions Thursday—a resolution supporting its application for a state grant to renovate the county courthouse, and granting a surface lease on more than 17,000 acres of county-owned “school land” in West Texas.

Those are among 18 items on the agenda, counting such matters as the invocation and adjournment, for the 10 a.m. public meeting on the third floor of the courthouse in Gilmer. The court normally meets on the 15th of the month, unless that day falls on a weekend or holiday, but is meeting one day early this time because Good Friday is a county holiday.

The court has long eyed a potential grant from the Texas Historical Commission to help restore the 85-year-old courthouse largely to its original appearance.

As for the lease, the court

tabled four bids on that at its last meeting. The county plans to award a five-year lease on the acreage in Baylor and Throckmorton Counties to raise revenue which partly is distributed annually among the nine school districts lying partly or wholly in Upshur County.

In other business Thursday, the court is scheduled to consider approving a plan for remediating damage from the March 21 tornado which struck rural areas of the county.

Commissioners will also hold a closed session to consider personnel matters and security issues. The next agenda item is to reconvene in open session and consider taking action as a result of the closed session.

Also Thursday, the court will consider:

- appointing a member to the Upshur County Emergency Services District Board No. 1 to replace Mike

Fennell, who resigned.

- approving the county investment policy.
- appointing members of the county’s Sick Leave Pool Board.
- modifying an agreement with the U.S. Marshals Service for housing the service’s prisoners in county jail.
- closing the county library on all days it is used as an election polling place.
- authorizing various groups to use the courthouse square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28 to create “Child Abuse Awareness.” They include the county’s Child Protective Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, the Upshur County Child Welfare Board, Bikers Against Child Abuse and the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce.
- approving using the parking lot at the county Information Technology building (formerly the Gilmer

National Bank motor bank) for the Juneteenth Car and Tractor Show June 18.

● authorizing using that parking lot for the Coffee and Cars Car Club’s car show May 7. (The show is normally on the square on the first Saturday monthly, but the Cherokee Rose Festival will occupy that space that day.)

● approving signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to award Kari Dunn, children’s coordinator of the Upshur County Library, a training position at Family Place Training online.

● admitting less than .3 of a mile of Allen Road to the county road inventory.

● approving a number of largely-routine items which are subgrouped under one item on the agenda. They range from paying bills and approving the payroll to considering applications for using county roads and rights-of-way.

OBITUARY

ELOISE CARTER BECKWORTH DAVIDSON

Eloise Carter Beckworth Davidson, 97, passed away on April 5, 2022 in Fort Worth, in the company of her family, her caregivers, and friends.

Funeral: 2 p.m. Friday, April 15, at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 1000 Penn St., Fort Worth. Interment:



12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in Rose Hill Cemetery, 2400 South Donnybrook Ave. Tyler. Visitation: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Greenwood Chapel.

Mrs. Davidson was born on August 23, 1924 in Dallas to Mattye Palmer Carter and Barney Carter. She moved to Fort Worth in 2000 from her home

in Gladewater to be near her daughter, Linda, and her grandchildren. She resided on Harlanwood Drive until 2015 when she moved to Trinity Terrace. She was a resident in Trinity Terrace for the remainder of her life.

Eloise’s early life was spent in Ranger where her father, Barney Carter, began his career in the early days of the Texas oil business. Eloise was the second of three daughters. Her older sister was the late Talmadge Weatherby of Kerrville. Her younger sister, Carolyn Nell, died at age 3 in 1929. Eloise recalled many happy times in Ranger living with her parents and sisters and her beloved “aunties”.

The family followed the oil business to Tyler in the early 1930s and Eloise made her home in Smith and Upshur counties until she came to Fort Worth in 2000. She attended summer camp as a proud “Tejas” at Camp Waldemar in Hunt and she was a boarding student at The Hockaday School in Dallas before returning to Tyler High School, graduating in the 1939 Senior Class. She enjoyed many lifetime friendships from these experiences.

A whirlwind ensued both for the world and for Eloise in the coming years. Following high school in Tyler, and on the cusp of World War II, Mr. and Mrs. Carter sent Eloise to the National Park School in Washington, D.C. There she met the love of her life, a young Congressman from East Texas named Lindley Beckworth. The couple married in 1942 in Tyler, and they enjoyed an abbreviated honeymoon in Galveston before returning to Washington and government service until the mid-1960s.

Eloise and Lindley were married for 42 years until his death in 1984. Their lives took place between the Beckworth family farm at Route 2, Gladewater, and their Washington home on 29th Street. These residences combined with several-year stays in Scarsdale, New York and a legislative session in Austin, where Mr. Beckworth served as a judge on the U.S. Customs Court in Manhattan and in the Texas Senate.

Together, the Beckworths were privileged to live among cherished family and friends at home in Texas and to represent their home district in Congress. Eloise was equally at home in both settings, and she made lasting friends all along the way. She often was described with great affection as warm, charming, vivacious, and most of all, fun.

During their 42-year marriage, Eloise and Lindley had five children, Gary, Carter, Mary, Linda and John Beckworth. She is predeceased by Gary, Carter, and Mary, and she is survived today by Gary’s wife, Martha Beckworth, Carter’s wife, Bettie Beckworth, Mary’s husband, Mike Peck, Linda Beckworth, John Beckworth, and his wife, Laura.

Following Mr. Beckworth’s death in 1984, Eloise married her longtime family friend, Bernard Davidson. The couple enjoyed nine happy years together in Gladewater until Mr. Davidson passed away in 1994.

Eloise enjoyed many associations, including the Woman’s Club of Fort Worth and Colonial Country Club; and in Gladewater, the Three Arts Club and her bridge and supper clubs. She was an avid gardener, tennis player, and Hereford cattle rancher. Many of her most cherished times took place at the Barney Carter Ranch in Palo Pinto County. She stewarded the ranch after her father’s death. The ranch and Eloise have been synonymous during its 90-year history, and they shaped and defined each other and the larger family since 1932.

Honorary pallbearers are Eloise’s grandchildren and their spouses. They are Melissa Rabalais and her husband Robert Rabalais, Dr. Allison Readinger and her husband Dr. Robert Readinger, Carter Mercer Beckworth and his wife Sharon Beckworth, Bryan Beckworth and his wife Katherine Beckworth, Doug Wiley and his wife Kristen Wiley, Barney Wiley and his wife Holly Wiley, Eloise Williams and her husband Chris Williams, Will Beckworth and his wife Whitney Beckworth, Carter Beckworth and his wife Jillian Beckworth, and John Pettus Beckworth and his fiancé Alison Purinai.

Eloise is survived by son John Beckworth; daughter Linda Beckworth; great-grandchildren, Garrison and Mary Martha Rabalais, Caroline and Thomas Readinger, Mattye and James Beckworth, Elizabeth and Harris Beckworth, Carley, Cameron, Ansley, and Brooks Wiley, Harper, Hill, Holland, and Hunt Wiley, Lindley Williams, and Mary Mercer Beckworth.

We remember our mother, friend, and “Nanny” as a shining example of the Greatest Generation—true, selfless, humble, and inspiring. She embodied early Texas at its finest; each day offered endless opportunities. She was unfailingly optimistic, kind to a fault, respectful to all people, a stranger to none, and a neighbor and friend to all. We were blessed beyond measure to know her and she will be with us always.

The extended Beckworth family wishes to express its deep appreciation to Eloise’s caregivers, Ms. Sally Quinonez and Ms. Anita Graham, who brought to her loving care and companionship every day of her later life, to Tracy and Fabiana Bell, to Bobby, Pat, and Buster Mitchell, Gloria Baylor, and to the dedicated and professional staffs of Benevolent Hearts Caregivers and Trinity Terrace.

Police Activity Report

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4/3/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20221930	3:21	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20221933	5:56	111 WOOD WOOD ST	20221933
	FALSE 9-1-1	20221933	7:16	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221934	7:47	120 N LEE LEE ST	120 N LEE LEE ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20221936	8:15	308 N CENTER CENTER ST	308 N CENTER CENTER ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20221936	10:26	N RODOO RODOO DR	N RODOO RODOO DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221937	11:11	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20221938	12:14	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221939	17:21	800 E LAKE DR E LAKE DR	800 E LAKE DR E LAKE DR
	FIRE DEPT	20221941	20:25	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 SCOTT SCOTT
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20221942	21:11	2104 E BROADWAY AVE E BROADWAY AVE	2104 E BROADWAY AVE E BROADWAY AVE
4/4/22	EMS	20221943	0:54	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221944	3:05	400 N POST POST ST	400 N POST POST ST
	10-50 MINOR	20221945	6:23	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1382 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	ALARM/OTHER	20221946	7:18	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20221947	7:51	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20221948	8:22	RODOO GROUND	2002 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20221949	9:08	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	20221951	9:17	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MCNEY MCNEY ST
	EMS	20221952	10:16	1211 NELSON NELSON AVE	1211 NELSON NELSON AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221953	13:47	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1141 SOUTH LAKE SOUTH LAKE DR
	EMS	20221956	15:14	HUGMAN-RENT CLINIC	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	HARBASSMENT	20221956	15:24	248 E CENTER CENTER ST	248 E CENTER CENTER ST
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20221957	16:30	1004 LAKE SHORE LAKE SHORE DR	1004 LAKE SHORE LAKE SHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221958	16:57	207 PINEWOOD PINEWOOD ST	207 PINEWOOD PINEWOOD ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20221958	16:58	HWY 158 HWY 158	1211 CHESTNUT CHESTNUT AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221959	16:59	1505 FLORENCE FLORENCE ST	1505 FLORENCE FLORENCE ST
	10-50 MINOR	20221961	17:44	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20221962	18:26	S HWY 271 HWY 271	8 HWY 271 HWY 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221963	18:51	800 N CHESTNUT CHESTNUT AVE	800 N CHESTNUT CHESTNUT AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221964	19:40	207 N FERRY FERRY ST	207 N FERRY FERRY ST
	ABANDONED 911	20221966	19:47	27 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST	27 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221968	21:43	1507 ALICE ALICE	1507 ALICE ALICE
	ALARM/OTHER	20221967	22:22	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
4/5/22	EMS	20221968	0:20	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221969	0:17	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	20221970	1:42	200 BRIGGS BRIGGS AVE	200 BRIGGS BRIGGS AVE
	EMS	20221971	6:05	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20221972	9:08	JOE WILLIAMS	408 W PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	10-50 MINOR	20221974	13:56	JOE WILLIAMS	419 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20221976	15:08	901 TENERY TENERY	901 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	20221976	15:16	9807 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD	9807 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD
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	ASSIST	20221978	17:34	700 E GLADE GLADE	700 E GLADE GLADE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20221980	20:43	HOST CRANE SERVICES	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221986	7:18	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20221988	10:08	N MAIN N MAIN	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20221988	11:50	606 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE	606 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	EMS	20221988	13:03	506 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE	506 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20221988	14:15	2103 OAK RIDGE OAK RIDGE	2103 OAK RIDGE OAK RIDGE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221989	15:42	GAY GAY	GAY GAY
	10-50 MAJOR	20221992	15:33	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20221993	17:40	800 S LOOP 486 S LOOP 486	800 S LOOP 486 S LOOP 486
	EMS	20221994	19:08	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20221995	21:23	901 BRAYWOOD BRAYWOOD DR	901 BRAYWOOD BRAYWOOD DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20221996	22:04	200 S FERRY FERRY ST	200 S FERRY FERRY ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20221998	1:40	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20221999	1:40	600 MELBA MELBA ST	600 MELBA MELBA ST
	ABANDONED 911	20221999	11:30	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	120 W GAY GAY AVE
	ASSIST	20221999	14:04	HWY 135 HWY 135	HWY 135 HWY 135
	ALARM/OTHER	20221999	14:23	SUDDEN LINK COMMUNICATIONS	807 NE LOOP 486 LOOP 486
	ASSIST	20221999	15:16	10414 RY WHALEY	10414 RY WHALEY
	THEFT	20221999	16:57	613 POST POST ST	613 POST POST ST
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221999	18:21	2818 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR	2818 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221999	20:55	2818 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR	2818 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221999	22:20	518 N FERRY FERRY	518 N FERRY FERRY
	10-50 MINOR	20221999	22:54	N FERRY FERRY ST	N FERRY FERRY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221999	22:54	CASH STORE	811 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
4/8/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20221816	1:37	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1000 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MAJOR	20221817	4:45	800 S TYLER TYLER	800 S TYLER TYLER
	ASSIST	20221818	7:18	S EDWARDS EDWARDS ST	S EDWARDS EDWARDS ST
	EMS	20221820	8:23	10444 S HWY 271 HWY 271	10444 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	THEFT	20221821	8:15	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1000 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	CRIM MISC	20221825	11:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20221824	11:48	MELBA MELBA ST	MELBA MELBA ST
	ASSIST	20221825	14:01	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	BURDIE	20221826	14:04	801 E SHEPARD E SHEPARD DR	801 E SHEPARD E SHEPARD DR
	THEFT	20221827	15:01	1304 E SHEPARD E SHEPARD	1304 E SHEPARD E SHEPARD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221828	16:03	8 TYLER S TYLER	8 TYLER S TYLER
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20221829	16:13	W BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	W BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20221830	16:58	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221831	16:23	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221833	17:22	1204 N LYNN N LYNN	1204 N LYNN N LYNN
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	20221840	23:21	506 MELBA MELBA ST	506 MELBA MELBA ST
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20221845	1:52	500 W GREGG GREGG	500 W GREGG GREGG
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221843	2:44	1100 E SHEPARD SHEPARD DR	1100 E SHEPARD SHEPARD DR
	FIRE DEPT	20221844	7:22	509 S MAIN MAIN ST	509 S MAIN MAIN ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221845	7:29	TRI-W GLOBAL	1032 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20221846	9:39	311 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST	311 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	10-50 MAJOR	20221847	9:45	W UPSHUR UPSHUR	W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20221848	10:55	304 E MARY MARY AVE	304 E MARY MARY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20221848	11:08	1206 N RODOO RODOO ST	1206 N RODOO RODOO ST
	10-50 MINOR	20221851	11:33	10441 CR 369 CR 369	10441 CR 369 CR 369
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	10-50 MINOR	20221852	14:53	MIKE'S MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	CRIM TRAFFPASS	20221852	16:50	512 N FERRY N FERRY	512 N FERRY N FERRY
	THEFT	20221854	18:56	300 MELBA MELBA ST	300 MELBA MELBA ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20221857	22:36	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
4/10/22	ABANDONED 911	20221858	4:02	1030 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE	1030 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ASSIST	20221859	0:03	S HWY 271 HWY 271	S HWY 271 HWY 271
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	ASSIST	20221861	1:06	S HWY 271 HWY 271	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Class of 1977 hosting 45th Reunion

The GHS Class of 1977 is hosting its 45th reunion on July 16th from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Red Rock Historical Association Building located at 2629 Rodeo St. in Gladewater. This reunion is reaching out to ALL classmates of this group, whether you actually graduated from GHS or not. Maybe you only went through middle school with us, "Come on down!"

The event will include visiting, a buffet style dinner, 70's music and dancing. The meal will consist of a variety of soul food dishes catered by "Aunt Sandra's Boudian & More" in Gladewater. Dress is casual. The charge is \$10 a person and you can bring a date if you would like. Please send check to Dr. Margo Bell at P.O. Box 562, Gladewater, TX 75647.

KC Theatre will present The Complete Works of Shakespeare April 28 to May 1

Kilgore College Theatre will present The Complete Works of William Shakespeare ABRIDGED by Daniel Singer, Adam Long and Jess Winfield.

The production is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

General admission tickets are \$7 for KC students with student ID and \$10 for adults. Discounted ticket-pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

The play is not intended for a young audience due to some adult humor. The box office will open one hour prior to each performance. Purchase tickets online at www.kilgore.edu/drama or by phone at (903) 983-8126.

For more information, email the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu.

Upshur County Wide Cleanup set

A "County Wide Cleanup" for Upshur Countians to dump certain items at the county-owned pug mill in Pritchett community is scheduled Saturday, April 30, announced Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Ashley.

The event, free of charge to county residents on Cottonwood Road, is set from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is only for households, not businesses, and only while dumpster space is available.

Residents are limited to one trip for a truck or trailer combination, or two trips per car or sport utility vehicle. Anyone wishing to dump must also show a voter registration card or vehicle registration to prove they reside in Upshur County.

For more information, call (903) 680-8157 or Ashley (903) 738-5143.

AgriLife Extension resources to help producers navigate disease outbreaks

Texas livestock producers will soon have new resources to help them navigate challenges associated with mass animal losses that can occur during outbreaks of chronic disease or highly pathogenic viruses like avian and swine flu.

Chicken inside a commercial farm. The U.S. poultry industry is in the midst of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza that has resulted in the loss of more than 12 million birds so far. This grant project will help producers navigate the various regulatory and disposal challenges during outbreaks in livestock.

A \$147,719 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program will fund a two-year project designed to create educational materials and resources to help producers correctly dispose of animal carcasses.

Specifically, the project will develop animal mortality management training and outreach materials for producers of dairy, beef, swine and poultry animal feeding operations in Texas. The project seeks to address the information gap between local, state and federal public health agencies and producers for preparing and disposing of contaminated animal carcasses in an outbreak.

Storytime, Easter egg hunt set

The Upshur County Library in Gilmer will have only one "Storytime" reading for children Thursday (April 14) before holding a craft and an Easter egg hunt.

"Storytime" is usually held at both 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., but the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn, said the facility will close at noon for the Easter holiday.

To be read at 10 a.m. are "How to Track an Easter Bunny" by Sue Fliess and "Pete the Cat--Big Easter Adventure" by Kimberly and James Dean.

The activities are free, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154).

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

Managed lands deer program enrollment is now open for 2022-23 Season

AUSTIN – Enrollment in the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) is now open for the 2022-23 hunting season. Open enrollment for the MLDP Conservation Option runs from April 2 through June 15 this year while the Harvest Option opens May 1 and runs through Sept. 1. Fees are charged for each enrollment option. Enrollments and fee payments can all be made through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Land Management Assistance online system. Payments can be made by credit card only.

Enrollment fees for each MLDP option are as follows:

Conservation Option:

Standalone Property: \$300 for the first management unit, \$30 for each additional management unit

Aggregate Site: \$300

Wildlife Management Cooperative member: \$30 per management unit

Harvest Option:

Standalone Property: \$30 per management unit

Aggregate Site: \$30

The Land Management Assistance online system will require landowners hoping to enroll to create an account and draw a property boundary. An email address is required for the landowner and any designated agents the landowner may assign to the account.

MLDP is a program intended to foster and support sound management and stewardship of native wildlife and wildlife habitats on private lands in Texas. Deer harvest is an important aspect of habitat management and conservation. Landowners enrolled in either the MLDP Harvest Option or Conservation Option can take advantage of extended season lengths and property-specific customized harvest opportunities.

The Harvest Option is an automated, "do-it-yourself" option for MLDP participation that provides landowners with a deer harvest recommendation, tag issuance and general guidance about wildlife and wildlife habitat management. Participation in the Harvest Option does not require habitat management practices, deer population data or the participant to work directly with a TPWD wildlife biologist.

The Conservation Option offers program participants the opportunity to work with a TPWD biologist to receive customized, ranch-specific habitat and deer harvest recommendations and MLDP tag issuance for white-tailed deer and/or mule deer. This option does require the reporting of certain types of deer data as well as completion of specific habitat management practices each year to participate and remain in the program.

MLDP participation is completely voluntary. Once enrolled, program participants must meet MLDP requirements for the full year of enrollment.



April is State Parks Month at Whole Earth Provision Co.

AUSTIN—For the 11th year, Whole Earth Provision Co. will celebrate April is Texas State Park Month by hosting a fund drive supporting Texas State Parks. The Texas-based travel, adventure and nature store will give all funds gathered at its seven Texas store locations to help finance day-to-day operational expenses, including enhanced visitor programs, park trail maps and facilities maintenance.

"For the past two years, our Texas State Parks have been more important than ever to the people of Texas," said Jack Jones, founder of Whole Earth Provision Co. "They've offered us an escape from the confines of our homes to refresh our spirits in the beauty of the natural world. We hope you'll join with us in supporting our State Parks."

Throughout the month, customers visiting locations in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio will have the option to donate to Texas State Parks at check-out counters. Whole Earth Provision Co. has donated more than \$255,000 to Texas State Parks in the last ten years.

For every \$10 or more donated, customers will receive a \$5 Texas State Parks gift card, good for fees or purchases at any state park. For a \$20 donation, customers may choose one of three styles of Whole Earth 50th Anniversary Nalgene water bottle, while supplies last. And this year, for a \$50 donation or more, customers will receive a Nomadix Texas State flag towel celebrating April is Texas State Parks Month, a Whole Earth 50th Anniversary Nalgene bottle, and a \$5 Texas State Parks gift card. Supplies for the towel are limited, so don't wait! Donations in any amount are welcome.

Additionally, state park rangers will be in Whole Earth stores from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 24 to answer questions about the various activities people can enjoy in state parks, including swimming, hiking, fishing, nature walks, caving, paddling, stargazing and mountain biking.

"I am so thankful for the ongoing partnership between Texas State Parks and Whole Earth Provision Company," says Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "Not only does Whole Earth help raise awareness of the Texas State Park system, but their efforts result in real benefits that impact visitors directly and enriches their park experience. For over a decade Whole Earth has helped us fulfill our mission of connecting Texans with the outdoors."

Most urbanites are closer to a state park than they might imagine. There are 12 state parks within an hour's drive of Austin, nine within an hour's drive of San Antonio, eight within a 60-minute drive of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and seven parks an hour or less from Houston. Mild weather and blooming wildflowers make spring the ideal time to visit any one of these parks.

Find more information about visiting state parks on the Texas State Parks website.

Whole Earth is a family owned, homegrown Texas original with seven stores in four cities: Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio as well as an online store, WholeEarthProvision.com. For over 50 years, Whole Earth has been outfitting adventurers, travelers, nature lovers, families, backyard loungers and active urbanites with high quality travel and casual clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, books, gifts, gadgets and gear for everyday living and adventures near and far, from Kerrville to Kilimanjaro.

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Gladewater's Karlee Moses swings at a pitch versus Sabine. Moses would RBI the go ahead run later in the game.

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Gladewater pitcher Tanner Gothard (7) looks on as third baseman Austin Verner attempts to make a play on Sabine's base runner Zach Donovan (10).

Photo by Chris Jones

Bears fall to Cardinals, Lions pound Mustangs

By Chris Jones

Gladewater faltered late to fall 1-7 to Sabine last week. Down 1-2 after six innings, the game unravelled for the Bears as the Cardinals pulled away with five runs in the top of the seventh. Sabine struck first in the top of the second when Zach Donovan's single brought Matt Huey home from third. Huey would reach home again in the fourth on a single by Brentlee Roberts. Gladewater got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Caden Elrod scored from third on a sacrifice from X'Zavier Woods. The Cardinals added four runs in the top of the seventh with no outs. Tanner Gothard got the loss for Gladewater surrendering four runs and striking out seven. Gladewater reliever Austin Verner gave up two more runs before reliever Kelton Cates managed the first out of the inning when Sabine's Carter Patterson grounded to Kates to first baseman Verner. Jace Burns scored the seventh run for Sabine on a wild pitch before Cates got Roberts to ground out for the third out. Ben Alvarez led off in the bottom of the seventh with a single for the Bears. The rally was dashed before it developed as Burns picked off Alvarez at first before retiring the next two batters to end

the game. Burns gets the win for Sabine with eight strikeouts with six runs.

Lady Lions top Overton

The Union Grove Lady Lions jump out to 8-0 lead and hold off Overton 17-13 win. The Lady Mustangs showed life in the high scoring affair putting their first four runs on the board in the bottom of the third. Both teams exchanged two runs apiece in the fourth before blanking each other in the fifth. Union Grove took a 17-7 lead into the bottom of the seventh. Overton attempted to rally with six runs in the bottom of the inning before Union Grove's Jose Suarez threw a grounder to third across to first baseman Paige Parman for the game's final out. The Lady Lions are enjoying a nine game winning streak.

Lady Lions top Overton

Karlee Moses' base hit in the bottom of the sixth lifts the Gladewater Lady Bears over Sabine 3-2. After each team surrendered two runs in the first, the bats for both teams fell quiet. With two outs in the bottom of the sixth, Brianna Willson reached first for the Lady Bears with a ground ball to Sabine's right fielder Amelia Miller. Aminah

Gordon checked in as a courtesy runner for Willson, stealing second on the next pitch. Down 0-2 in the count, Moses hit a line drive to left field. Gordon outran the throw to home from Sabine's Abbi Abercrombie to score what would be the winning run. Moses advanced to second on the throw. Avery Glarborg got the win for the Lady Bears earning nine strikeouts while giving up four hits. Callie Sparks took the loss for the Lady Cardinals with five strikeouts, five hits. Moses led the Lady Bears with two hits including the game winning RBI. With a fly ball single in the first inning, Sparks earned two RBI's for Sabine.

Lions nail Overton, 12-2

Overton grabbed a 2-0 lead before the Union Grove Lions stormed back for a 12-2 win. Hunter Cannon threw the ball 24 times for 15 strikes and two strikeouts, giving up two runs to earn the win. Cole Barkley led the Lions going 2 for 2 at bat scoring twice. Union Grove's lead off batter Carter Smith led with three runs making it to base being hit by a pitch, a walk, and an error. Union Grove has won two in a row having previously getting past Leverett's Chapel 8-5. Jacob Griffin earned the win for the Lions with ten strikeouts and only four hits.



Gladewater's Zach Polanco waits on the ball as Sabine's Colt Sparks disappears in a cloud of dust after beating the throw to home plate.

Photo by Chris Jones



Sabine's Karsyn Watson catches Gladewater's Brianna Willson attempting to reach third base.

Photo by Chris Jones

Texas Girls Coaches Association State Softball Poll April 11, 2022 Class 2A

1. Crawford 17-2
2. Stamford 16-3
3. Floydada 22-2-1
4. Ganado 19-4
5. Lovelady 19-4-2
6. Como-Pickton 22-3
7. Italy 23-3-1
8. Latexo 20-3-1
9. Thorndale 17-6
10. Hamlin 16-3
11. Weimar 19-6
12. Deweyville 16-5
13. Normangee 18-6
14. Shiner 21-4
15. Falls City 10-0
16. Charlotte 13-4-1
17. **Beckville 14-7**
18. Ozona 7-1
19. Graford 12-3
20. Chireno 11-3
21. Trenton 10-3
22. D'Hanis 15-6
23. Bloomburg 14-5
24. Refugio 15-5
25. Kerens 18-6-1
25. **Union Grove 11-6-1**
25. Kaufer 10-6-2

Class 3A

1. Mathis 24-0
2. **West Rusk 24-0**
3. Diboll 21-2
4. Hallettsville 21-3
5. Bishop 25-3-1
6. Franklin 22-2
7. Hughes Springs 19-2-1
8. East Bernard 18-4
9. Coahoma 19-4-1
10. Holliday 22-2
11. Grandview 20-2
12. Llano 14-4
13. Kountze 23-4-1
14. Polt 19-4
15. Blanco 17-4-2

16. Hooks 17-2
17. Brock 17-5
18. **Troup 19-6**
19. Idalou 15-5
20. Pattonville Prairiland 12-3-2
21. Merkel 12-0
22. Blooming Grove 19-4
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24. Clyde 17-4
25. Teague 12-3
25. Tolar 15-4
25. Woodville 20-6-2

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3. London - 16-7 (8-0)
4. Diboll - 23-1 (5-0)
5. Shallowater -20-1 (5-0)
6. Jim Ned - 17-1 (9-0)
7. Marion - 17-0 (7-0)
8. Franklin - 16-2 (8-0)
9. Lorena - 15-3 (7-0)
10. Yoakum - 17-2 (9-0)

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Class 2A

1. Shiner - 18-0 (7-0)
2. Bosqueville - 17-3 (8-0)
3. Anson - 15-1 (5-0)
4. New Home - 17-2 (7-0)
5. Centerville - 16-3 (8-0)
6. Valley Mills - 14-1 (9-1)
7. New Deal - 12-3 (8-0)
8. Thorndale - 15-5 (7-0)
9. Collinsville - 17-4 (8-0)
10. Beckville - 11-2 (10-0)

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Arrests made on drug-related charges

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested nine suspects, mostly on drug-related charges, in March, Sheriff Larry Webb said last Thursday.

All were arrested in vehicle traffic stops and taken to the county jail in Gilmer, said Webb, who gave these details of the cases based on a report he received from sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley:

Lonnie Jim Green, 47, of Pittsburg, was charged with three offenses, including misdemeanor resisting arrest, when the unit stopped him March 1 at Daddy T's convenience store in Bettie community. Green, who struggled briefly with deputies, was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance—at least one, but less than four grams—of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

The unit was working drug interdiction in the Bear Road area when it stopped Green at the store at the intersection of U.S. 271 and FM 2088. The SIU's K-9 dog, Marco, helped discover the drugs in the vehicle, at which time Green resisted arrest.

The same day, a 61-year-old Gilmer man was arrested when officers stopped him and discovered he had an outstanding Upshur County warrant charging him with misdemeanor assault.

The unit was performing drug interdiction in the Glenwood Acres area when it stopped the man at the intersection of FM 3358 (old Texas 300) and Green Hills Road.

Jessica Dawn Polk, 41, of Gilmer, was arrested March 3 on a charge of possession of controlled substance—at least one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

The SIU was investigating suspicious activity at the Lucky 7 game room on U.S. 271 in the West Mountain area when it stopped Polk at the intersection of Pheasant and Bob-O-link Roads. Methamphetamine was seized from the vehicle.

Two persons were arrested March 14 on unrelated charges when the unit stopped the vehicle they occupied at the intersection of U.S. 259 and Texas 154 in Diana.

The driver, Phillip Andrew Dodson, 57, of Diana, was charged with possession of controlled substance—at least one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine when the drug was seized from the vehicle. He was also found to have an outstanding Harrison County warrant charging him with felony possession of controlled substance.

His passenger, Britney Ann Reeves, 30, of Diana, was arrested on an outstanding Upshur County warrant charging her with felony possession of a controlled substance.

The unit was probing suspicious activity at the Diana game room on 259 when it stopped the couple.



One Vehicle Rollover Accident

Around 5 a.m. on April 8 a driver of an 18-wheeler headed northbound lost control and laid the truck on its side during a turn on to Loop 485. The driver was taken by EMS with unknown injuries. The cleanup of the truck, trailer contents (wood chips), and fuel disrupted traffic.

Photos by Chris Jones



TPWD asks for public input on Roadrunner License Plate

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) asks Texans to weigh in on their favorite designs for a new conservation license plate to support wildlife viewing and nature tourism programs. Voters have until April 21 to complete a short online survey, where they will be able to choose between three images proposed for the Greater Roadrunner license plate. Survey results will help the agency decide which of three photographic designs should be featured on the new specialty plate.

The plate designs are intended to appeal to those who love birds, enjoy watching wildlife or simply have fond memories of this iconic bird, said Shelly Plante, Nature Tourism Manager for TPWD.

"The Greater Roadrunner is a striking, charismatic bird that can be found everywhere in Texas," Plante said. "People in Texas love roadrunners and tend to remember when they are lucky enough to see them in person, making these birds the perfect subject for our new conservation license plate."

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