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City council hosting two public hearings

The Gladewater City Council will conduct two public hearings at Thursday's 6 p.m. monthly meeting at City Hall.

The first public hearing concerns a request to rezone 19.85 acres of land located at 1395 Phillips Springs Road from Single Family 1 to Single Family 2. The request was tabled at last month's meeting – not because the council was opposed to the request, but because the square footage of the house to be built there didn't fit the required amount as others in the area. The request as altered and is being resubmitted for consideration.

The second public hearing will involve a specific use permit request for the sale of beer and wine for on-premise consumption at 124 S. Main Street.

In other business the council will review the city's investment report for quarter ending March 31, 2022, consider the ratification of Investment Policy, and conduct an annual review of personnel policy handbook for city employees.

The council is also expected to go into executive session to hear the city attorney's report on Gladewater Retail Partners, Ltd. v. City of Gladewater, et al., Cause Number 2022-419-B, 124th District Court, Gregg County. This concerns a waterline issue. The council will take whatever action required in open session.

The council also is scheduled to discuss "how best to honor the legacy of work of Suzanne Bardwell through the newly remodeled Lee Public Library." Bardwell is credited with helping save the Lee Library after it sustained major damage from the 2021 Winter Storm. She not only mounted a campaign to resurrect the library, but also secured \$80,000 in grants to pay for part of the renovations.

The council will also discuss a resolution "R-22-05" to suspend the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources, Corp., to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program, for 45 days, and authorize the City's continued participation in a coalition of cities known as the "Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities"

The council will also conduct its review with city department heads regarding the 2nd quarter of the budget. The council will hear from representatives from City Hall/Finance, Code Enforcement, GEDCO, Fire Department, Library, Municipal Court, Police Department, and Public Works/Streets/Water/Wastewater.

In addition, the council is expected to hold board appointments/reappointments for the followed boards: Airport, Beautification, Board of Adjustments, GEDCO, Lake, Planning & Zoning.



Gusher Days another big success



And....that's a wrap for another successful East Texas Gusher Days celebration in Downtown Gladewater.

The annual event brought thousands of visitors to town to shop, eat, play, cook chili, and just have a great Easter weekend.

And who could forget the sight of 10,000 plastic Easter Eggs falling from a helicopter flying above the Broadway School playground.

The band Noonday Band completed the entire event on Saturday night, while the Darren Morris Band kicked it off on Friday with a performance that filled the red brick streets with dancers and music lovers.

From the Arts and Crafts to the food, Gusher Days had something for everyone this year.

This year's car show, which featured over 50 entries, winners included:

- * PEOPLE'S CHOICE: 1965 Ford Mustang Sarah McKinney - Mineola, Texas
- * JUDGES CHOICE: 1951 Chevy Police Car Gladewater P.D.
- * BEST OF SHOW: 1956 Chevy Nomad Steve Cox - Lindale, TX
- * BEST OF SHOW MOTORCYCLE: Harley Low Rider Jack Endsley - Longview, Texas

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Commissioners approve school land lease

By Phillip Williams

Despite some controversy over which of four companies submitted the highest bid, Upshur County Commissioners Court last Thursday unanimously approved keeping Calthan Cattle Co. of Seymour as the surface lessee on county-owned "school land" in West Texas.

The top three bids were close together, and representatives of those firms addressed the court in Gilmer, but after it voted, County Judge Todd Tefeller told the audience Rob Stewart of Calthan is "the devil that we know, and we've been real happy with him."

On Monday, Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle said Calthan's bid was actually the third highest on the more than 17,700 acres in Baylor and Throckmorton Counties, but the court considered other factors in making its decision.

Some revenue from the five-year lease is distributed yearly among the nine school districts lying partly or wholly in Upshur County. Each district's share is contingent on how many students it has residing in the county.

Calthan has held the lease the last 10 years, and although the firm's total monetary bid this time appeared lower than two other companies', Stewart cited other factors in arguing for renewal.

Calthan successfully proposed annually paying a total of \$22.29 per acre--\$18.29 plus \$4 for land management. Young Land and Cattle Company of

Seymour had bid a annual total of \$23.22 per acre--\$20.12 plus \$3.10 for land management. (Young also bid, for only one tract, \$21.62 per acre plus \$3.10 for land management. In last week's Mirror, the figures for one tract as opposed to two were inadvertently reversed).

Cooper Ranches LLC of Fort Worth bid a total of \$23.10 per acre--\$21.10, and \$2 for land management. The other bidder, Goldsmith Cattle Company of Baird, bid a total of \$20.50 per acre, \$3.25 of which was for land management, but also offered "carbon credits" which it could potentially sublease.

Commissioners had tabled awarding the lease March 31, when one court member, Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson, was absent as he was cleaning up debris from the March 21 rural tornado.

Wesley Cooper, representing Cooper Ranches LLC, has family in Throckmorton County and told commissioners Thursday his firm ranches across the road from part of the Upshur-owned property. (Cooper was the only bidder without a representative at the March 31 meeting, having sent a letter instead). At last week's meeting, Tefeller initially said Cooper's total bid was the highest, but acknowledged "I stand corrected" when Bob Young of the Young firm argued his bid was instead.

Stewart then told commissioners that the top three bids "are all very close," but that he had spent \$500,000 in the last decade on improving the acreage,

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Dr. Hood is again offering scholarships to GHS grads

Dr. John Hood, '85 Gladewater High School alumni, and his wife Sally, have graciously agreed to endow scholarships for all members of the Class of 2022.

Over the last four years The Hood Family Foundation Scholarship Fund has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to deserving Gladewater students. The scholarship is \$500 and is earned simply by attending college.

The application link can be found on the GHS home page. Deadline for completed applications is April 29.

"I strongly believe that talent is everywhere but opportunity isn't," Dr. Hood said in a previous interview with the *Gladewater Mirror*. "There are special people graduating from GHS, Sally and I wanted to help make sure they get the opportunity to get out into the world and see what they can become."

Dr. Hood is recognized as a hero on a lot of levels. And not just to the GHS grads, but also to patients who have been impacted by the development of pharmaceutical drugs that address their diseases. Dr. Hood's journey from Gladewater where he grew up working in construction, at the local water system and hauling hay instilled a strong work ethic which he attributes as a defining role in his success. He also credits his teachers who became mentors as well.

"In middle school Mr. Keller saw something in me that others didn't," Dr. Hood said. "I really appreciated him then and I still do now. At that time in my life, most of the teachers were supportive and did a great job as mentors."

What makes Dr. John Hood heroic in the eyes of many in the medical profession and cancer patients whose lives have been saved by his innovative work, was his fight to get a particular drug license for Fedratinib approved that was successful in treating patients with blood cancers in medical trials. Hood was one of the key developers of the innovative drug.

Dr. Hood quit his job to form a new company investing \$250,000 of his own money to seed it. In an article by the San Diego Union-Tribune published on Oct. 28, 2019 Dr. Hood's comment in a professional newsletter is quoted which sums up the innovator's motivation. "There's nothing more rewarding than knowing that the endpoint of your work is going to save lives."

And Hood's work has definitely done that.

According to biotech reporters Bradley J. Fikes and John Wilkens "only about five to 10 percent of drugs entering clinical testing make it to the finish line."

"He's become a rock star in biotech circles, asked to share the boom-to-bust-to boom story of Fedratinib. In his speeches, his presentations, his interviews, he tries to dissuade anyone from calling him a hero" the San Diego reporters wrote.

Whether by cancer patients whose lives have been saved by a drug John Hood helped develop and fought to get on the market, or Gladewater families affected by his foundation's generosity in awarding scholarships, Dr. John Hood has become just that, a hero.





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.

...second chances & rock crushing

What are you doing, thinking about this past week which led up to Easter? I am covered up in work, in worry, in stress, and I just flat out don't feel well. Just putting that last sentence in black and white makes me feel guilty. So, add that to the pile of rocks I am sitting under. Many of those rocks I put in my own pile by not saying "no", by not stopping when I need to, by overcommitment, by worrying about things I can not change.

Here's the thing about Easter, it is about coming out from under the rocks that are holding us down. It is about glorying in the light of a Love so bright it changed the course of mankind. A love that we are called to live and to share.

One of the things I love most about Easter is the story of Peter's denial of Christ. Sounds strange doesn't it? But that story, about the disciple who walked so closely with Jesus and then denies Him three times gives me great hope. That hope comes in handy when climbing out from under heavy loads. You see, I call this story, "The Doctrine of the Second Chance".

The one who failed Jesus personally and publicly, ends up being the Rock upon which the church was built. And Jesus prophesied both the denial and the building. After encountering his resurrected Lord, Peter becomes courageous, strong, resilient and willing to lay his life down for his Savior. In between those two events, Peter covered in hiding only to crawl out from his dark place when forgiven by the man and Savior he most adamantly denied.

We are now living in a world of anger, hurt, fear, meanness, insecurity and loss. So was Peter. And Peter didn't crawl out from under his pile of rocks, he exploded out of

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



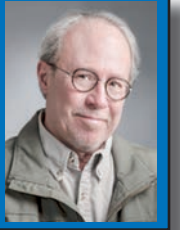
them to spread the Gospel of Love. With that story in mind, and Easter just behind us, maybe I need to seek inspiration to stop and count my blessings instead of my rocks.

Easter was more joyful than Christmas at our house when I was growing up. After church Mom would host our extended family with mounds of food, picnic tables and Easter egg hunts. As we grew older and another generation was added we brought badminton nets, kites for kids of all ages, and lots of bubbles. Those memories still make me smile. There was a lot of love lived in that yard every Easter until the last few years. One of the things I am most thankful for is that those memories didn't remain in that yard, in the past. Those memories feed my soul and light my way. It was through my Mom and Dad, Aunt and Grandparents, that I saw love light the way from beneath pile upon pile of rocks. Some years, my family's rock pile looked more like an avalanche. But one of the most important things I learned from my family's faith is that where there is light, and where there is love, there is always a way out. That 'out' may not be the answer you were seeking, but it is always there. And just like the bubbles and kites, the burdens will lift, often in surprising ways.

May the blessings of Easter, even the surprising ones, be abundant in each of your homes. And friends and neighbors, if you are breaking under a mountain of rocks, look up, look out and find the light...feel the love...and know that there are second chances. One other thing, I think the light of Love is the best rock crusher around. We just have to connect to its Source.

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Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abbott halts border truck inspections

Gov. Greg Abbott halted the state's aggressive truck inspection at all Texas border crossings after days of bipartisan criticism over the extended delays of goods entering the United States.

According to the San Antonio Express-News and other media outlets, for more than a week Abbott had troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety stop all commercial trucks passing through Texas ports for safety inspections, leading to waits of up to eight hours. Normally it takes less than 30 minutes for trucks to cross the border.

Abbott announced on Friday the inspections would end after he signed deals with the governors of the four Mexican states that border Texas to provide better security in an attempt to slow illegal immigration into Texas. He was criticized by the Texas Trucking Association and fellow Republicans, including Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

"I understand the concern that businesses have about trying to move products across the border, but I also know the anger Texans face and have that's caused by Joe Biden not securing the border," Abbott said Friday.

Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who faces the governor in November, slammed Abbott, calling the inspections a "publicity stunt."

"This was completely unnecessary and did absolutely nothing to improve the security and safety of El Paso, of Laredo, of Pharr, or anyone of our border communities of the state of Texas or of the United States of America," O'Rourke said.

Meanwhile, at least five busloads of migrants were sent to Washington, D.C. at Abbott's behest. Those migrants had already been processed and released by the Department of Homeland Security and volunteered to make the trip to the nation's capital.

Drought conditions cover most of state

A drier and cooler March for much of the state has expanded drought conditions, which now cover 88% of the state, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. The drought is most severe in the Panhandle, High Plains and South Texas. Few counties have escaped the dry conditions.

The drought is expected to expand and intensify over the next few months, according to the latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service. Thanks to a Pacific Ocean weather cycle called La Niña, drought is predicted for almost the entire state by the end of June, according to Wentzel.

Warning against fraudulent online bank

Consumers are urged to be aware of a fraudulent website claiming to offer online banking services. The website claims to belong to Palm Springs Bank or PalmSpring Bank, according to the Texas Department of Banking. The fake bank's website does not indicate a physical address but does list a post office box in Fort Worth as a mailing address.

"The website is not associated with any known bank. No bank doing business under the name Palm Springs Bank or PalmSpring Bank has been authorized to provide banking services in Texas, nor is any bank by either name supervised by the Department, the FDIC, or the Federal Reserve," the news release said.

Anyone with information about the purported bank or its website should contact the Department's Consumer Assistance Activities at consumer.complaints@dob.texas.gov or call 877-276-5554.

First West Nile case of year reported

A Dallas County resident has been diagnosed with West Nile virus—the first reported case of the year, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

West Nile virus is transmitted through bites from infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people who are exposed develop symptoms such as headache, fever, muscle and joint aches. In rare cases, less than 1%, more serious symptoms can occur, including death.

DSHS officials suggest wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, applying insect repellent and removing standing water and "not give mosquitoes a biting chance."

There were 112 cases of West Nile disease in Texas last year that resulted in 14 deaths.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Texas

The past two years have been difficult, but the path forward is encouraging! Many parts of Texas have now reached or exceeded pre-pandemic employment levels, and unless a new and dangerous variant emerges, we may finally be able



to put the worst of COVID-19 behind us. In fact, Texas is now more than 200,000 jobs ahead of its pre-pandemic peak. Supply-chain issues, worker shortages, and other challenges are likely to linger over the coming months, slowing the rate of expansion to some extent in the short term. Nevertheless, the outlook for the state remains highly favorable, and the momentum is palpable.

Technology-oriented industries and advanced manufacturing are key sources of future expansion. Large, high profile locations and expansions in the state are setting the stage for continued development of related and support industries. In fact, as I discussed in a recent column, Texas recently won the Governor's Cup (awarded by Site Selection magazine to the state with the largest number of major corporate locations or expansions) for the tenth time in a row. Emerging industries complement expansion in the state's long-time cornerstone sectors, enhancing future performance.

The Texas economy is quite diverse and becoming more so all the time, but energy remains a major driver of activ-

ity, and the outlook for the sector is a critical determinant of future overall performance. Despite uncertainties in the market, it is apparent that oil and gas will remain essential to future energy dynamics for decades and the industry will grow, although the pattern is likely to be uneven (as always). Recent events are stimulating an impressive ramp up at present.

On balance, I expect that we will work through the challenges and see notable expansion over the next few years (and beyond). Our most recent forecast for the Texas economy indicates growth in real gross product at a 3.95% compound annual pace, leading to an increase of approximately \$348.26 billion over the next five years, thus approaching \$2 trillion. An estimated 1.4 million net new jobs are projected for the Texas economy by 2026, representing a 2.11% annual rate of growth over the period.

Prior to the pandemic, Texas was among the fastest-growing states in the nation. Although the economy suffered a notable setback, the lost ground has been more than regained and the outlook remains positive. There are challenges to be sure, but there are also myriad competitive advantages that have served the state well for decades (including, among others, favorable cost environment, location, available workforce, diverse industrial mix, regulatory climate, and world-class development programs). These forces will remain dominant in the coming years. In short, Texas is likely to remain among the world's strongest economies for the foreseeable future.

Stay safe!

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and that "improvements to the property are key." He said value is determined by hunting and "the number of cattle you can run.

"If you don't keep improving it, that rate is gonna go down," warned Stewart, whose bid for land management was more than the other bidders'.

He also said he had removed six-foot tall cactus from the property with herbicides, and cleaned out tanks, but "all of the interior fences are bad." In addition, Stewart said Calthan's overall bid was higher than the one it offered when awarded the lease before. (At the March 31 meeting, he said it was 21% higher).

He told the commissioners they needed to decide whether "you want 15 grand more a year, or do you want a bigger pot later."

Young countered he was willing to spend \$3.10 per acre yearly to "keep improving your ranch," and "I'll spend more money than I'm required."

He also said his bid would make \$31,000 more annually available to schools than a competing bidder's.

Without comment, the court then voted 5-0 to renew the lease with Calthan. Commissioners Mike Ashley and Jay W. Miller joined the other two commissioners and Tefeller.

After Stewart then told the court his next move would be starting work on fences, Tefeller made the remark about him being "the devil we know." The judge had made the same comment at the March 31 meeting, calling it "the elephant in the room" at the time.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD?

Would you like to know more about God? Would you like to experience greater spiritual growth in your life? If you could gain deeper insight into the answers to life's profoundest questions, would you seek them? Would you like to be able to live a better and more fulfilling life? Those possibilities do not interest some people, but there is good news for wise people who really do aspire to such knowledge, growth, and maturity. Not only can those goals be attained, but the means is close at hand: it's your Bible—God's Word!

Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? While atheists grope through life without the real answers to those questions, those who understand that the Bible is God's revelation have those answers at their fingertips. The same is true respecting a deeper knowledge about God, and strength, and guidance to live better lives. Space prevents elaboration, but millions upon millions of men and women have found blessings in the Holy Scriptures which they would not trade for great wealth. Their lives have become meaningful. They can really cope with life. Even death can be faced without fear and dread.

It must be understood, however, that a mere acknowledgement of the Bible's power does not confer knowledge, guidance, and strength. God's Word must really become part of our lives. We must not only know what the Bible IS, we must also know what the Bible SAYS! It must be an object of study and meditation, and guidance. (Psa. 119: 97). It is a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path." (Psa. 119: 105). It is by the "entrance of God's word that we receive light and get understanding." (Psa. 119: 130).

One of our continuing ambitions should be to really learn God's Word. It can be done. It should be done. I can assure you that if you set yourself to that task the rewards are tremendous. Think on these things.

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Intense storms last week brought a lot of destruction around East Texas with residents across several counties left to clean up debris and salvage their belongings. In Gladewater, the damage wasn't as extensive when compared to areas in Smith County where several accounts of downed wires, large trees, and twisted telephone poles were reported around the Azalea district, but the residential area of Primrose Lane was left in shambles following destructive winds.

According to reports, Todd Lockwood received the call shortly before midnight that his stepfather needed help right away. "He was actually right here in this front room when the tree fell over."

In that front room, a couch less than two feet away is where his stepfather Joe sat as a tree underneath the mobile home became uprooted, lifting the property into the air. "It fell over and buckled the house" said Lockwood.

Besides being shaken up, Lockwood said his stepfather is doing fine but the costs will be extensive. "All he's got is his social security", explained Lockwood. "Hopefully we're going to set up some kind of fund to help him out."

With neighboring properties untouched, another mobile home being used for storage was left roofless, with part of it thrown into the adjacent yard.



Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
4/10/22	ABANDONED 911	20221658	4/10/22		1010 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ASSIST	20221659	0:03		S HWY 271 HWY 271
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20221660	0:53		1211 N RODEO RODEO ST
	ASSIST	20221661	1:06		S HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20221662	9:37	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	20221663	9:44	3D PLASTICS/QUANTUM PLASTICS	1095 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	EMS	20221664	9:59	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221665	10:10		400 N MAIN MAIN ST.
	EMS	20221666	10:13	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221667	11:14		8346 US 271 N US 271 N
	FIRE DEPT	20221668	12:00		18304 CR 3131 CR 3131
	FALSE 9-1-1	20221669	13:20		520 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20221670	14:26		312 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20221673	21:17		E LAKE DR E LAKE DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20221674	22:20	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	EMS	20221677	8:59		401 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	ESCORT	20221678	9:27	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	ASSIST	20221679	9:36		S MAIN S MAIN
	CRIM TRESPASS	20221680	11:41		2899 N POINT PLEASANT N POINT PLEASANT
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221681	14:11	HUGMAN-KENT CLINIC	307 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20221682	14:15		801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	THEFT	20221683	16:16		219 W GAY W GAY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20221685	16:51		902 E LAKE DR E LAKE DR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20221687	17:30		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20221688	18:46		208 ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	THEFT	20221694	19:34	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20221692	21:51	CHURCH OF CHRIST	101 MCNEESE MCNEESE ST
	ABANDONED 911	20221693	23:01		
	ABANDONED 911	20221694	23:06		
	ABANDONED 911	20221695	23:16		1515 MUSTANG MUSTANG DR
4/12/22	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20221696	4/12/22	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20221697	2:19	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 LEE LEE ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221698	7:36		404 JEANNETTE JEANNETTE AVE
	EMS	20221699	11:13		707 N HOLLY HOLLY ST
	INJURY TO CHLD	20221700	15:31	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	190 W GAY GAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20221701	16:38		136 N COTTON COTTON
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20221702	18:22		605 TENERY TENERY ST
	EMS	20221703	20:06	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	10-50 MAJOR	20221704	20:34		DANIEL DANIEL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221705	20:37		894 COACH COCKSEY COACH COCKSEY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20221706	20:37	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20221707	20:38	MCKAIG CHEVROLET	1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20221708	20:45	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221709	20:53		SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP RD
	EMS	20221710	20:59	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20221713	21:26		519 W MARSHALL MARSHALL ST
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	ASSIST	20221715	21:41	RODEO GROUNDS	2902 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
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	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20221720	0:23		17221 COUNTY LINE COUNTY LINE RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20221721	1:21		DANIELS DANIELS
	EMS	20221722	2:36		295 N MILDRED MILDRED
	EMS	20221723	3:56		210 HURLEY HURLEY AVE
	EMS	20221724	5:05		2312 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	EMS	20221725	5:58	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ASSIST	20221726	8:09		1618 N LYNN N LYNN
	ASSIST	20221727	8:27		901 VESTA VESTA AVE
	ASSIST	20221728	9:44	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ASSIST	20221729	11:57	AMERICAN REAL ESTATE	1400 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20221730	13:04		2025 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
	EMS	20221731	13:40	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	ASSIST	20221732	14:18	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20221733	15:27		2007 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20221734	16:16	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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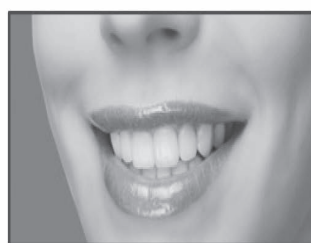
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Class of 1977 hosting 45th Reunion

The GHS Class of 1977 is hosting its 45th reunion on July 16th from 6 - 10 p.m. 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.

Water donations needed

Clarksville City - Warren City Volunteer Fire Department is seeking donations of water to help keep their firefighters' bodies hydrated during calls. If you can donate water, feel free to drop it by their station or call 903-844-9992 and they will come pick it up! Thank you in advance for helping out!

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.

Rusk, Upshur producers may be eligible for Emergency Conservation Assistance

Tornados caused damage in March to areas of the Counties. If you've suffered severe damage, you may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA)

For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would:

- * be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use
- * is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- * affect the productive capacity of the farmland
- * impair or endanger the land

If you qualify for ECP assistance, you may receive cost-



A reported 400 families received free food Tuesday morning through the East Texas Food Bank's monthly distribution held at the Gladewater rodeo grounds.

share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. Eligible socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers can receive up to 90 percent of the eligible cost of restoration. No one is eligible for more than \$500,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence.

If you've suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from 4-18-2022 to 5-20-2022.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all the following are met:

- * an application for cost-share assistance has been filed
- * the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area
- * the Agency responsible for technical assistance has made a needs determination, which may include acres of debris and feet of fence required for rehabilitation

For more information about ECP, contact the Smith-Upshur-Gregg County USDA Service Center at 903-561-2050 / Cherokee-Rusk USDA Service Center at 903-683-4234, or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Storytime is on Thursdays in Gilmer

Two books will be read to youngsters at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (April 21.)

"One Earth" by Eileen Spinelli, and "My Friend Earth" by Patricia MacLachlan, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. readings.

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

While the events are free, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the library at 903-843-5001 or visit www.youseemore.com/upshur.

COVID Vaccine Clinic Moves to NET Health's Main Immunizations Clinic

NET Health's Immunizations Clinic is located within the middle set of doors at 815 North Broadway Avenue, next to the Tyler Municipal Court.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.; on Wednesdays, the clinic remains open until 6 p.m.

Booster Doses of Pfizer and Moderna

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed booster doses for anyone age 12 years and older to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 5 months after their second dose, as well as secondary booster doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for anyone age 50 and above who received their first booster dose at least 4 months ago.



ETCOG Board Executive Committee members congratulated the Operations team at its April 7, 2022, meeting.

ETCOG awarded for excellence in financial reporting for 21 year

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to ETCOG for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

An impartial panel has judged the report to meet the program's high standards, which include demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. It is awarded to the East Texas Council of Governments Operations Division, which includes: David Cleveland, Executive Director; Wendi Horst, Operations Director; and Operations team members Katelyn Andrews, Rhonda Barber, Gini Blackwell, Sloane Bodle, Christy Fowler, Christy Green, Noweka Harvey, Rita Hitt, Kelly Horn, Patricia Hudspeth, Elizabeth Jones, DeAnn Jordan, Glenda Lamothe, Michaela Marotta, Staci Reynolds, and Kim Zimmerman.

"Twenty-one consecutive years receiving this recognition from an independent source is an outstanding achievement," said ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland. "It is also reflective of ETCOG's commitment to financial accountability. I am so proud of our entire Operations Team for their relentless pursuit of excellence!"

"We are very honored to receive this award," said Director of Operations Wendi Horst. "It recognizes the standards our leaders expect from ETCOG on a national level and is a great tribute to the dedication and hard work of our team."

ETCOG's 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report can be viewed at www.etcog.org/financials.

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Lions swat Hornets, 17-0

The Union Grove Lions pounced early on the Hornets of New Summerfield in route to an 17-0 rout last Friday.

Lion's pitcher Tyler Barkley retired the Hornet batters quickly in the top of the first. Union Grove's lead-off batter Carter Smith got things rolling on offense walking to first on a 3-2 pitch. Carter would be the first Lion to score, reaching home from third off a hard hit grounder to center field from Hunter Cannon.

The Grove would score seven more before the Hornets managed to get off the field. Barkley gets the win for Union Grove, garnering four strikeouts and no hits over two innings. Smith, Cannon, and Rylan Roberts accounted for nine of the Lion's twelve RBI's with three apiece. The Union Grove lineup managed 17 hits without a single strikeout in the shortened three inning game. The win comes on the heels of a 6-3 loss to the 19 AA district leading Beckville Bearcats. The Lions jumped out to a 3-0 lead over the Bearcats over two innings before Beckville clawed their way back into the game to take a one run advantage in the bottom of the fifth. Cannon takes the loss giving up ten hits while getting eight strikeouts.



Jax Daniels (23) of Union Grove slides to score against New Summerfield.

Photo by Chris Jones



The Union Grove Lady Lions are District Champions!! Congratulations- Area Bound!

UG tracksters off to Area Meet

By Kimber Smith

Eighteen girls and 10 boys will represent Union Grove in the area meet April 20 at Beckville after placing in the top four at their 21AA district meet April 11-12.

The Lady Lions won the meet with a 57-point lead over second-place team Big Sandy. Gracie Stanford, Sophie Pyle, and Jenna Scott took first, second, and third in the 3200m run. In the 1600m run, Stanford again won gold, Pyle finished in third, and Scott fourth. Gracie Winn won the 800m run, followed by teammates Sumeet Mattu in third and Analeice Jones in fourth. Jones also placed sixth in the 400m run.

The 4x200m team of Keira Taylor, Sarah Prince, Kayla Pullen, and Ava Wightman won silver, and both the 4x100m relay team of Rylee Aiken, Samantha Coleman, Wightman, and Pullen and 4x400m team of Taylor, Winn, Prince, and Taylor Campbell won bronze. Campbell also placed third in the 300m hurdles with Coleman in fifth. Pullen and Wightman also earned second and fourth in the 200m run, and Aiken and Kenia Velazquez placed fifth and sixth in the 100m dash.

In field events, Brady Colby placed fourth and Addison Smith fifth in the shot put, and Sumeet Mattu placed second and Smith fourth in discus. Campbell placed first in the high jump and fourth in triple jump, where Scott and Aiken tied for sixth. Taylor placed fifth in the high jump. In long jump, Pullen placed second and Wightman fourth, and in pole vault, Bailey Clowers finished in third, Gracie Lawrence fourth, and Courtney Vigneau fifth.

UG's varsity boys took third place behind Beckville and Hawkins. Aubrey Woodard won the 400m run, followed by Sabetay Fernandez in fourth. Fernandez also earned a silver medal in the 800m run, and Woodard earned silver in both the triple jump and long jump, as well as bronze in the 200m run. The boys' 4x400m relay team of Woodard, Fernandez, Isaiah O'Neal and Judson George placed second, and both the 4x100m team of George, Colton Cowan, Jacob Griffin and O'Neal and the 4x200m team of Cowan, Jaden Chavers, Griffin and O'Neal both placed fourth. Cowan also placed fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump, and Blake Moore placed fourth in the discus. Trevor Moore and Lane Turner placed second and third in the pole vault.

Brendon Fuller placed fifth in the 3200m run. Josh Baker placed sixth in the shot put, and Griffin placed sixth in the discus.

The JV Lions placed third behind Carlisle and Hawkins. The boys' 4x400m relay team of Jesse Fulmer, Tanner Pirtle, Gary Dacus, and Jace Roberts won gold. Roberts also won the triple jump and long jump, placed third in the 400m run and placed fifth in the 100m dash. Dacus won the high jump, placed fourth in long jump and placed third in the 200m run, followed by teammate Alston Mullins in fifth. Gavin Boutin won the pole vault. In the 110 hurdles, Fulmer placed second and Pirtle third, and, in the 300m hurdles, Pirtle placed second and Fulmer fourth. Dacus

Jacob Humphreys placed fifth in the shot put, and Cade Sullivan won the discus throw where Morgan Mayhan finished in sixth.



Union Groves' Jolea Robertson gets tags a Hawkins runner for the out.

Photo by Chris Jones



Laney Ledbetter pitches the ball for Union Grove.

Photo by Chris Jones

Lady Lions blast Lady Dawgs

The Union Grove Lady Lions bounce back from their first district loss with a 22-0 dismantling of the Lady Dawgs of Union Hill.

Laney Ledbetter struck out all three batters she faced before Union Grove's offense went to work, scoring 18 runs in the bottom of the first. Ledbetter led the Lady Lions with five RBI's followed by Jose Suarez with four, including a double in the first that brought in lead off hitter Jolea Robertson for the first Grove run.

Union Grove managed 14 hits against Union Hill while Ledbetter and relief Pitcher Katelyn Vaughn held UH to no hits. The victory begins a new winning streak for Union Grove after suffering a harsh 14-3 loss in Hawkins. UG had the Lady Hawks within closing distance before getting derailed in the bottom of the fifth in which they gave up nine runs before the game was called.

Ledbetter took the loss giving up fourteen hits to a team Union Grove blanked 8-0 earlier in the season. The Lady Lions remain in the driver's seat for 19 AA with two games to play in the regular season.

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Lady Bears earn 11-4 win

The Gladewater Lady Bears pulled away in the bottom of the fourth to take an 11-4 victory over the Lady Eagles of New Diana.

Avery Glarborg pitched a full game giving up four runs off six hits. Despite New Diana closing a 5-0 deficit to just one run in the top of the fourth, Gladewater didn't panic and answered with six runs in the bottom of the same inning. Katelyn Moses accounted for four of the inning's runs hitting a Grand Slam on a 0-0 pitch with one out.

With the win the Lady Bears win streak improves to three with one regular season game remaining. Gladewater put 11 runs up on Daingerfield as well earlier in the week. In that game, Gladewater scored in six out of the seven innings played surrendering just one run from the Lady Tigers.

Glarborg earned the win against Daingerfield with eight strikeouts.

White Oak boys, girls dominate District meet

By Richard Burks

The White Oak girls team took the lead on day one with 97 points in the 3200 meter run and the field events and never looked back.

The girls team had 17 new PR's over the 2 days. To review the point totals at the meet: Ore City 24, Hughes Springs 32, New Diana 59.5, Gladewater 83, Daingerfield 115.5, Sabine 119, White Oak 185. This was the 6th consecutive District Title for the Ladyneck Track team. They also won the Derrick Relays, Hawk Relays, Troup Relays, Harmony Relays, Atkins Relays.

The Ladyneck field event participants gave a steady performance with Emma Nix and Bella Baker both advancing to the Area meet in the Discus. Nix threw 92'04" for a silver medal. Triple Jumper Anna Iske and Addison Clinkscales placed second and third. Isk placed second by clearing the 5'00" bar.

Senior Lexi Baker has won the District Title again. This year she is trying to make her 3rd consecutive trip to Austin. Johanna Pennington is just behind Baker with a 3rd place finish to round out the field events. Baker, Clinkscales, and Pennington joined the freshman Addison Milligan in the 4x100 meter relay. Together they finished third to advance.

Sophomore Alyssa Jones had one of the stronger performances of the day by running a new PR (personal record) in the 800 at 2:26. And her first gold medal of 3 on the night. Aubrey Saccoccio led the way in the 100 meter hurdles in first place at 16.75. Pennington broke the 13 second mark for a personal best and a trip to Area next week.

Lexi Baker and Pennington joined up with Aubrey Saccoccio in the 4x200 relay for 4th to advance. Three girls ran for PR's in the 400 but only Alyssa Jones advanced with a 61 second time and her second gold medal. The powerhouse event for the girls was the 300 meter hurdles. They maxed out with 24 points by finishing 1,2,3. Each of them ran for a PR. Saccoccio finished first with a 50.40. Emma Teague was second with a time of 50.76. She was followed by Anna Iske in 3rd at 52.15. The 4x400 meter relay ran a new best by 4 seconds. They knocked their time down to a 4:16, finishing 11 seconds ahead of the next team.

For the Roughneck team, at the conclusion of the first day had 96 points, 5 gold medals, 3 silvers, 6 bronze. After only 7 events.

Senior Brian Williams won gold in the High Jump and the Long Jump. Holden Hodges has been a really good addition since the end of basketball. He won the meet with a PR of 120'00". Colton Frears won the first meet of his career. Friddell and Fryant both finished 3rd in the triple jump and 5'00". Noah Carter, Rylan Friddell, Jesse Pratt, and Rylie Redden finished 3rd in the 4x100 relay.

Again in the 300 hurdles White Oak went 1,2,3 for 24 points. Mitchell Carter for first, Alex Robinson 2nd, and Mason Barlow 3rd. Friddell was also first in the 200.



Great job UG FFA! Congratulations!! STATE BOUND!

Sales Tax Holiday for Emergency Supplies set for April 23-25

As we enter severe weather season, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 25.

"Whether it's fires, freezing temperatures or tornadoes, severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save more than \$1.5 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- * household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75;
- * hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300; and
- * portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation item being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation item can be purchased tax-free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a rescue ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Several over-the-counter self-care items, such as antibacterial hand sanitizer, soap, spray and wipes, are always exempt from sales tax if they are labeled with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.

- Purchases that do not qualify include:
- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
 - camping stoves and camping supplies;
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2022's Top Chili Cooks at East Texas Gusher Days

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In the annual CASI-sanctioned chili cooking competition, Bobby Childer of

Lone Oak took the top prize, with David Trice of Hallsville coming in second and Richard Wallace of Jacksonville placing third.
Kelly Walker's Soccaroo Chili won the Showmanship Award, with Dave Trice's Dr. Dave's Voodoo Stew winning second. Mack Walker placed third.



It was all smiles after the Bownie Bowl Lick-Off

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Its playoff time for the Lady Bear Softball Team with a Best 2 of 3 coming up against West Rusk at the Whitehouse High School Softball Field. The first game is Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m., with the second game set for Saturday, April 30, at 7 p.m.. A third game - if necessary - will be played immediately follows Game 2. Good luck Lady Bears!



The University of Texas at Tyler Patriot Classic raised \$311,000 this year to benefit the university's scholarship program. UT Tyler awarded 29 Patriot Classic scholarships to deserving students. The Patriot Classic consists of the Southside Bank Patriot Million Dollar Hole-in-One Contest and the BMW of Tyler Patriot Golf Classic. (l to r) Amy Lively, UT Tyler university advancement senior director; Dr. Archie Tucker, UT Tyler senior vice president of university advancement; Les Campbell, Patriot Golf Classic chair; Kirk A. Calhoun, UT Tyler president; Jeff Austin III, Patriot Golf Classic chair-elect; and Cory Bowler, Hole-in-One chair.

TxDOT urges drivers to pay attention amid 17% increase in traffic deaths involving distracted Texas driving

A family's quiet Sunday in the park turned tragic when a driver, distracted while talking on her cell phone, struck two-year-old Allie White in a parking lot, killing her. The toddler became one of more than a thousand Texas lives lost due to distracted driving in the past few years, and it's part of a disturbing trend that continued last year.

Distracted driving deaths increased 17% in 2021 compared to 2020, claiming the lives of 431 people and seriously injuring another 2,934. In light of these grim statistics, TxDOT is conducting its annual Talk. Text. Crash. campaign during National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April to urge Texans to keep their heads up, put their phones down and just drive.

The number of motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Atlanta District in 2021 that involved distracted driving (distraction, driver inattention or cell phone use) totaled 1,093. These crashes resulted in 17 deaths and 58 serious injuries.

In Texarkana in 2021, there were 139 traffic crashes that involved distracted driving, resulting in 6 serious injuries.

"Distracted driving crashes are 100% preventable, and we're urging everyone to just drive whenever they're behind the wheel," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Texans are killed each year simply because someone was distracted by their phone, radio, navigation system, eating or drinking, or even by others in the car. When your focus isn't on driving, you're putting yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road at risk."

Distracted driving is not only dangerous, it's a crime. Since September 1, 2017, it has been illegal to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas, and violators can face a fine of up to \$200.

TxDOT offers these tips to prevent distracted driving that can lead to a ticket or preventable crash:

Always give driving your full attention; remember that any distraction is dangerous.

Pull off the road entirely and come to a complete stop before you talk on your phone or text.

Put your phone away, turn it off, or use an app or your phone settings to block texts and calls while driving.

Tell friends, family and coworkers you won't respond to texts or calls while driving.

As part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, TxDOT is conducting Talk. Text. Crash. outreach events around the state that feature an immersive TV wall with a touch-free driving simulator to give participants a real-life sense of how distractions affect driving. There will also be tips and facts that'll help remind everyone to give driving their full attention.

Event schedule:

Austin, April 21 – El Paso, April 23 – Houston, April 24 – Arlington, April 30 – McAllen

TxDOT is also relaunching its web-based augmented reality game "Dart Those Distractions" to reinforce the importance of paying attention behind the wheel.

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