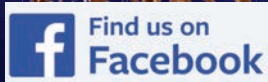


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Red Cross provides tips for managing extreme triple-digit temperatures

Triple-digit temperatures are forecast throughout the week for North and East Texas, with temperatures on Wednesday climbing to near-record levels, according to the National Weather Service. To help keep everyone safe during this latest heatwave, the American Red Cross is urging people to use caution and follow our heat safety tips.

Extreme heat is the most dangerous type of severe-weather event in the country. Annually, thousands of people suffer from heat related injuries including heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat strokes. Individuals should stay hydrated, adhere to weather and heat advisories, seek out cooling centers if necessary and make a plan to address heat-related emergencies.

"Given the ongoing extreme heat experienced in Texas, heat stress can occur quickly. While outdoors, people should drink plenty of water and take breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas," said Ariane Einecker, interim CEO, American Red Cross North Texas Region. "Heat waves may also cause power outages. If affected, residents should have a plan to go somewhere else with an air conditioner to avoid the elements until power is restored."

HEAT SAFETY TIPS

- Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- If you don't have air conditioning, seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

SYMPTOMS OF HEAT EMERGENCIES

Heat-related symptoms can include:

- Cool, moist, pale or flushed skin
- Heavy sweating
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness or loss of consciousness
- Weakness

WHAT TO DO

If you see someone suffering from heat stress, follow these steps:

- If losing consciousness or vomiting, immediately call 9-1-1
- Relocate to an air conditioned or shaded area
- Slowly drink cool water
- Apply ice or cold towels to head, neck, groin, wrists, ankles and underarms

DOWNLOAD RED CROSS APPS

The Red Cross app "Emergency" can help keep you and your loved ones safe by putting vital information in your hand. Download it at redcross.org/apps.



Hot and dry conditions across the state of Texas will create high wildfire potential through the weekend. Today, the fire environment will support an increased potential for large wildfires that are resistant to control to occur near Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, San Angelo and Abilene. Portions of East Texas may be susceptible to large wildfires for areas near Athens, Tyler, Longview, Palestine and Huntsville.

Beer/wine public hearing on tap

The Gladewater City Council will meet Thursday to conduct several public hearings – two of which pertain to the retail sale of wine and beer.

The public hearings include:

- A specific use permit request for Wine and Beer Retailer's off-premise Permit at 807 S. Tyler Street;
- A specific use permit request for Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Permit at 103 N. Main Street;
- A variance to City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §5.05.120(8) - Connection to City System Required at 1207-1209 Vesta;
- Public hearing regarding the demolition of structures located at: 408 Sunset, 301 Dr. MLK Jr Dr, 1201 Nelwyn and 401 Paradise Hill.

In other business the council is expected to:

- Review the city's Investment Report for quarter ending June 30, 2022
- Review a blanket permit request for the GHS Class of 1972 Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show to be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Consideration of a resolution changing the name of the Lee Public Library to the Lee - Bardwell Public Library
- Consideration of a resolution for nomination(s) to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool
- Consideration of Dedicatory Certificate and Resolution accepting the dedication of a utility easement along

the southern boundary of a tract of land at the corner of U.S. 80 and Loop 485 thus resolving legal issues regarding Gladewater Retail Partners, Ltd. V. City of Gladewater, et al., Cause Number 2022-419-B, 124th District Court, Gregg County

- Consideration of awarding contract for Bond Counsel services in connection with TWDB project
- Consideration of awarding contract for Engineering services in connection with TWDB project
- Consideration of awarding contract for Financial Advisory services in connection with TWDB project
- Consideration of Agreement between the City of Gladewater and Gladewater Independent School District for the School Resource Officer Program

The council is also scheduled meet with city department heads regarding 3rd quarter financials:

- a) City Hall/Finance
- b) Code Enforcement
- c) GEDCO
- d) Fire Department
- e) Library
- f) Municipal Court
- g) Police Department
- h) Public Works/Streets/Water /Wastewater

The council is also slated to meet in executive session to discuss hiring a city treasurer and review a Gladewater Economic Development Corporation project. Any action will be conducted in open session.



Progress is being made inside and outside the Lee-Bardwell Public Library, with a possible re-grand opening set for around September. Supply chain delays have caused the library project to take longer than expected, but it appears we are in the home stretch.

Friday morning a crew from East Texas Signs removed the old lettering on the building, which will provide space for the new name, which includes recognition to Suzanne Bardwell, who before being killed in a Jan. 7, 2022, car wreck worked tirelessly to save the library following the 2021 severe snowstorm. While the city had doubts as to the library's salvation following major roof and flooding damage, Suzanne saw the need for a place where everyone could come for free and learn and receive help. Suzanne raised over \$85,000 in grant monies to replaced damaged furnishing so insurance money and city funds could be used on structural concerns. She also obtained free expert design help from library professional at the University of North Texas, which helped create a modern library facility.

The new library will not only have paperback books but will be a multi-media center where citizens can make tele-help calls in private glass to their doctor or social security administration or Texas Employment Commission, as well as check out video and audio books. The new lettering - \$7,500 - has been paid for by the Bardwell Family, with no tax dollars going to the name change. The Bardwell Family is also buying and donating six laptops in Suzanne's name. Those laptops will join eight other desktop computers, which were previously donated by Suzanne and Jim Bardwell at the Gladewater Mirror Newspaper and the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Local attorneys seek to remove district clerk

By Phillip Williams

Three Gilmer attorneys filed a petition Monday requesting a court remove lame-duck Upshur County District Clerk Karen Bunn from office for "gross incompetence."

David Griffith, Matthew Patton and Brandon Winn, represented by fellow Gilmer lawyer Joe W.



BUNN

Newsom Jr., filed the lawsuit in 115th District Court at Gilmer.

Bunn, whose 3 1/2 years in office have been marked by controversy,

was defeated for re-election in the March 1 Republican primary by one of her former deputies, Nicole Hernandez. The embattled Bunn was not immediately available for comment Monday on the lawsuit. filed fewer than 5 1/2 months before her term expires Dec. 31.

Hernandez is unopposed to succeed her in the November general election.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs allege that "Throughout the majority of defendant's term of office, defendant failed or refused to be present in her office at the Upshur County Justice Center and neglected her duties as district clerk. Further, defendant delegated her duties to employees of the...office who were not properly trained and did not have the requisite knowledge to perform the tasks so delegated."

Bunn acknowledged some time ago that she missed about 10 months of work during her term after being injured in a fall in her office. She has said she has undergone multiple surgeries.

The suit charges she "has failed to perform her duties as required" and "to train employees. . . in a manner consistent with the employees being able to perform their duties in an acceptable manner."

"Within the past few months," the plaintiffs continue, "the Upshur County district clerk's gross incompetence has continued to degenerate." They charge she "has been unable" to perform numerous duties of her office.

They include "efficiently and effectively" processing filings, preparing basic citations, properly processing civil and criminal filings, timely processing attorney's fees vouchers for criminal cases and other certain cases, properly processing "criminal filings and warrant information," and properly processing invoices for court appointed attorneys on civil and child protective service cases."

The plaintiffs also charged Bunn "alleges to be a resident of Upshur County. . . although such residency is a question and mystery to plaintiffs, and one of many other complaints" they have against her. They cite a residence she purportedly owns in Longview, a city in Gregg County.

Besides criticizing Bunn herself, the lawsuit alleges her "office is in utter disarray." The document says the office "has been unable to adequately maintain a staff that is prepared to handle filings" and 115th District Court litigation filed in the county.

"Indeed, some of the most mundane and rudimentary tasks required are done in the most inefficient, negligent, and poorest level imaginable," the plaintiffs charge.

To support those claims, Griffith, Patton and Winn attached affidavits from a former deputy in the office, Helana Marie (Lana) Krall, and Assistant County Auditor Linda

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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.

Hat and Cattle ...

This is a politically incorrect column. So if you are easily offended just move on to Dr. Perryman's column or the puzzle page.

Last week while setting up my 'new' (refurbished) Mac AirBook I talked to two different Apple techies. One was in Florida and we spoke the same language. One was in Portland, Oregon and we al- most needed an interpreter.

Even though Portland didn't have Southern manners to smooth our way, he was one smart tech cookie who was highly entertained by my accent and word choice. As we worked our way through the previous computer setup and corrections I let slip my typical 'swear' word, "dad gum it". Apparently this was as good as a Will Ferrell movie for Portland boy. He guffawed. Then condescendingly asked, "what does THAT mean?" And that got us completely off the computer track and into a lesson in language and manners from this old Texas teacher to that cool young millennial with a superior attitude.

Here are a few of the phrases and more that I taught him so he could understand his southern and Texan callers. Most of the phrases are a regular part of my vocab when I am not trying to be profession- al or 'rise above my raisin'.

Here goes:

"Y'all". With the advent of urban culture popularity y'all has become a street staple throughout America. Finally, YOU ALL get it! Used to translate to "you guys". "ALL Y'ALL" means everybody.

"Dad Gum it". Texans can swear with the best (or worst) of them but for many of us this slang swear word evokes Southern Charm in lieu of crasser, more vulgar language.

"Fixin' to". You don't even need a subject when you're fixin' to do something' in Texas.

"Conniption fit". More than stress venting, more like the adult ver- sion of a 2-year old's temper tantrum. Often associated with comput- er problems.

"All hat and no cattle". Someone tryin' to appear to be somethin' they ain't. For some folks the phrase means just plain dumb.

Which brings me to my favorite inappropriate and sometimes in- accurate personal judgment: "dumber than a box of rocks". That is surely self-explanatory. Portland even wrote that one down to use in his call center. I would love to hear him use that phrase with his perfect no-accent pronunciation. Sure hope Portland doesn't "tear his britches" over it. "Sure enuff" means that's right!

"I reckon" means I guess, or yep I agree.

"Over yonder". Texas is uniquely qualified for 'over

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



yonder' us-

age because we are so dang big!

"Madder than an old wet hen". See a picture of my mother from when I was 16.

"More than you can shake a stick at" is a LOT.

"Might could"...could. (Don't try logic, it just IS.)

"Wouldn't trust him any farther than I can throw him".

Yep, every

single one of you just thought of someone you know.

"Howdy"...if you ain't an Aggie you might eliminate this one from your Texanese. Especially if you are a Longhorn or Red Raider or Lumberjack. Ditto for "Whoop".

"All git out"-that is a bunch of somethin' or in the extreme as in

"Ah wuz madder 'n awl git out when I spilt tea on my computer and fried it".

"Gonna" means somethin' someone is going to do.

"Jajeet?" Did you eat yet?

"Went to town on me". Let someone have it as in a verbal whol- loping.

This could go on forever after all, there is more Texas' slang than "Carter has pills".

With that said, let's tie up with the ultimate Texan/Southern phrase: "Bless your heart!"

This can mean everything from the designee really is "dumber than a box of rocks" to genuine sympathy, encouragement and support that never needs explaining in context to another Texan or Southerner.

Well, old Portland got the biggest kick out of his time with this old Texas' gal. And yep, I laid it on thick. Of course I invited him to come by the office if he ever makes it to Texas. We are nothing if not hospitable in the "Friendly State".

Bless Portland's heart, I bet he never caught on that I have a sec- ond teaching major in English and a graduate degree. Down home friendliness is just a part of most native Texans' humble charm. And, yes, you can take that 'humble' with a big ol' Texas' "grain of salt".

After all, a lot of us slow-talking Texans have the hat AND the cattle.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Wildfire danger continues to rise

As we cross the halfway point of July, wildfire danger continues to increase across the state. On Friday, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to 15 new wildfires that burned 651 acres. As of Sunday, there were eight active wildfires; the largest was the Nethery Road Fire in Kimble County, involving an estimated 3,500 acres. It has been 70% contained.

The forest service is taking to the air to augment fire suppression efforts on the ground. It has opened the Austin Airtanker Base at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The service has three dozen aircraft mobilized at 17 airports around the state for wildfire response. The Austin Airtanker Base will serve as a reload station for aircraft coming and going to wildfires. It is the only airport in the state set up for what is known as a Very Large Airtanker, or DC-10.

Forest service aircraft can get anywhere in Texas in under one hour. Since being placed in operation in early December, they have flown 4,641 hours and dumped 6.8 million gallons of water and retardant on Texas wildfires.

"This year, we have utilized aviation resources for response in areas experiencing significant wildfire activity," said Jared Karns, with the forest service. "These aircraft provide support to ground crews and assist in protecting homes as well as other critical infrastructure."

There are now 212 counties across the state with burn bans — 84% of the total number of Texas counties.

Fourth consecutive month with rain deficit

Unsurprisingly, June was warmer and drier for much of Texas, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of June, drought conditions covered 86% of the state, up 8 percentage points from May.

"That all adds up to the conclusion that Texas is in a significant drought, the worst since 2011, but not worse than 2011," Wentzel wrote.

The drought predictably is having an effect on the state's water supply reservoirs, which are at 75% of capacity, 10 percentage points below normal for this time of year, according to TWDB.

Six ways to save water in summer heat

TDWB is offering six tips on saving water in a state whose population is expected to increase from 29.5 million in 2021 to 51.1 million in 2070 — a 73% increase that will put a strain on water supplies. Water conservation is one of the major strategies recommended in the 2022 state water plan. Here are the tips:

- Water landscape in the early morning and at night when winds are calmer and temperatures lower.
- Design a water-wise landscape with native shrubs, trees and grasses. Native plants have adapted to a region's climate and conserve water more efficiently.
- Follow local watering restrictions. They're there for a reason: to make sure a community doesn't run out of water.
- Manage in-ground irrigation systems and check sprinkler heads. Avoid leaving systems on automatic settings that may come on when it isn't necessary — like during a thunderstorm.
- Consider installing a rainwater harvesting system. In general, for every inch of rain that falls on a 2,000-square-foot roof, about 1,000 gallons of water can be collected. Find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/mryburys>.
- Cover your pool or spa when not in use, since evaporation throughout the summer can add up to the equivalent of a pool's volume.

TxDOT approves \$146 million for statewide transit

Two grants totaling \$146 million have been announced by the Texas Department of Transportation to fund transit providers across the state, particularly in rural areas.

"This funding is critical to ensuring everyone in Texas, especially in rural areas, has access to where they need to go safely and reliably," TxDOT Transportation Commissioner Alvin New said.

Transit agencies can use the funds, which come from both federal and state coffers, to cover maintenance costs, buy new buses, build new facilities and expand services to more people, according to TxDOT. The funding is a 65% increase over last summer's funds, in large part due to federal funds from the infrastructure act passed last year.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Hot and Dry!

Virtually all of Texas is now abnormally dry. Comparisons to the bone-dry days of 2011 have begun, and it's not looking good. In fact, given the scope of the drought and the higher costs of inputs, agricultural losses across the state are likely to top 2011's record \$7.6 billion total.

Almost 87% of the state is in a "moderate drought" according to the US Drought Monitor, which is when dry-land crops are stunted, pastures deteriorate, and wildfires become more common. Worse, about 66% of Texas is in "severe drought," with 46% "extreme" and 16% in the worst category of "exceptional."

About 20.0 million people are currently affected by drought, and 227 counties have disaster designations. Thus far, it's the eighth driest year on record. Many cities have enacted water restrictions, and without beneficial rains they will intensify.

Although the statewide level of water in reservoirs is about 74%, most of those that are full are in the eastern half of the state. Many in west Texas are extremely low, and water levels in irrigation wells are dropping in many areas. Low water levels often diminish water quality as well.

There is never a good time for a drought, but the

timing in this instance is particularly troubling. From the perspective of agricultural producers, many have experienced additional losses from extreme cold in 2021 as well as recent hail and dust storms. In addition, everything needed to grow crops or livestock is more expensive than usual. From seed to fuel to hay to power for irrigation wells, farmers and ranchers have seen costs rise substantially. Although crop and other insurance can provide some relief, it only goes so far. Supply chain issues are further compounding the situation.

For the economy, a poor year brings yet another contributor to inflation. Texas is an important source of beef, cotton, milk, poultry, corn, eggs, sorghum, vegetables, wheat, and many other foods and products. As the drought intensifies, yields will drop, putting upward pressure on prices.

Looking ahead, there are expectations that the La Nina pattern, which is causing the southern US to be warm and dry, may linger through the winter. If that happens, this year's conditions will trend toward 2011, when virtually the entire state experienced the most extreme categories of drought. The economic consequences reach throughout the economy and are quite severe.

Cycles in the amount of rainfall have always been around, but this La Nina has proven particularly stubborn. Although no one wants to see the devastation of a hurricane, some less disruptive tropical moisture could be beneficial. A return of El Nino would also help.

Until then, stay safe and cool! Staying dry should not be a problem!



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DON'T FORGET GOD

Did you hear about the man who brushed his teeth twice a day, walked two miles every day, and had a physical examination twice a year, and stuck to a strict balanced diet, and took a multitude of vitamins? He also got at least eight hours of sleep every night. This man was planning to live to be a hundred, but he died long before that. He was, however, survived by eighteen specialists, four health institutes, and six gymnasiums.

That little tidbit was intended to be humorous, but what isn't humorous is the fact that many people seem to be doing everything right in life, except one thing—they are FORGETTING ABOUT GOD! I'm not playing down taking care of ourselves, but if you forget about God, and do everything else exactly right, you have made a mistake nothing else can make up for.

Paul said: "Exercise yourself toward godliness. Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise (godliness) is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next." (1 Tim. 4: 7-8). Paul uses the word "exercise" to show the comparison between physical and spiritual exercise or training. The verb in Greek is "gymnazo," and the noun "gymnasia," bringing to mind gymnastics and the gymnasium. Thus, the apostle is saying that while bodily exercise is of limited value, godliness is of value in every way. That is to say, the training or exercise of the body, while profitable in this life, is limited in its benefits to the physical man, and to time and duration, but exercise unto godliness i. e., the training or exercise of one's soul is beneficial both now, and prepares one for eternity. Thus, we must exercise a sense of proper proportion. Therefore, we all need to "gymnasticize" or "train" and "exercise" unto godliness! While the athlete is devoted to winning a trophy or championship, the Christian is devoted to winning an eternal crown. (1 Cor. 9: 24-27).

How terrible it will be for those who have spent their life on themselves, even if they live to be 110, but who have never obeyed God. When the last opportunity is gone, only separation from God lies ahead. (1 Tim. 1: 7-9). Don't let life's opportunities to seek God's salvation slip by. Think on these things.

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Commissioners give themselves \$5K raises

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court voted 4-1 Friday to raise almost all county elected officials' annual salaries--including the court members--by \$5,000.

All 20 countywide and precinct elected officials, except District Attorney Billy Byrd and 115th District Judge Dean Fowler, will receive the controversial raise. The state pays salaries of Fowler, whose office is elected by Upshur and Marion County voters, and Byrd.

County Judge Todd Tefteller recently proposed the raise on grounds that Upshur officials were paid less than officials in Texas counties of comparable size population. He joined Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller, Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley and Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle in voting for it.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson voted no. The raise is effective when the county's new fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

Besides the five court members, the 13 other officials who will receive the raise in the forthcoming new county budget include the sheriff, county clerk, district clerk, county treasurer, county tax assessor-collector, all four justices of the peace and all four constables.

During Friday's meeting, Sheriff Larry Webb noted to the court that he had requested a raise for his office's employees, but not himself. That came after Tefteller said Webb was the lowest-paid sheriff in 30 counties.

The court is also discussing a \$1,200 raise for county workers. Commissioners are currently paid about \$32,000 per fiscal year.

Tefteller opened Friday's discussion by saying "I'm real

determined" to get the salary hike. "We were lowest across the board" in elected officials' salaries among comparable counties, the judge argued.

Nicholson, however, countered that "you gotta take care of your county" and "I don't think it's fair" to increase the pay. "I knew what this job paid when I took it," he said, adding that if the court raised its own pay, it should give the same level of increase to the county workers. If the workers receive only \$1,200, so should the court, Nicholson argued.

Tefteller said county workers received a raise last year, but elected officials didn't. County Auditor Connie Williams added that she wished the county had the funds to give the workers a \$5,000 hike.

Dolle said court members have income other than their salaries, and that they act as a "manager"--a position that, in any private company, would pay more than the court's current salaries, he said.

"A normal citizen would have a hard time making a living" off the court's current salaries, Dolle argued. "Even though I've got a supplemented income, it's still tough. . .so I am a proponent of the \$5,000 raise."

He also said that if "you call one of the commissioners. . .they're gonna get back with you, and try to help you."

Ashley agreed, complaining that Upshur County officials' salaries are lower than 12 other comparably-sized counties, and "(we don't need) to be at the bottom of the barrel." Miller, meantime, said "I think five thousand's a bit high," but then voted for that amount.

A reporter in the audience asked at one point whether the court had viewed comments on the proposed raises on a

certain popular Facebook page (where the recommended increase drew a mixed response). Tefteller replied, "Todd Tefteller don't care" about social media.

"I'm losing \$500,000 a year (from his law practice) serving in this job," the judge said. He added that his private secretary, paid by himself and his sons (who are his law partners) worked on county business.

Tefteller went on to say he did not run for judge "for the money," and that the county saves \$500,000 annually because it has a county judge who is an attorney. If the judge were not a lawyer, he said, the county would spend that amount on a required county court-at-law.

"I'd like to ask all these people (who criticized the pay raise) if they'd like to work for nothing," said Tefteller, who added that he charges \$650 hourly in his private law practice because he is a "good" attorney.

Former Gilmer City Councilman Steve Dean expressed support for the pay hike, saying salaries "still won't be anywhere close to our (county's) peers" and that "it's not even sufficient to meet the increase in cost of living."

In other major news from Friday's meeting, the court approved extending the county outdoor burn ban through July 29, and heard Tefteller announce the state has tentatively approved a long-sought grant to the county of \$5.3 million to completely renovate the 85-year-old county courthouse.

The county must fund the rest of the \$14 million project if it accepts the grant, said Tefteller, who noted the courthouse would be shut down for three years while county offices are relocated.

Truman Smith reps visit Upshur court

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday heard an informational presentation from representatives of the Gladewater area Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center about its work.

The 120-bed center, for what are termed medically fragile children and adults, has a \$6 million annual payroll for 190 workers, and generates \$27,000 yearly in Upshur County taxes, said one of the three representatives, Tim Pelmann.

The center is financed primarily through Medicaid and private insurance. County Judge Todd Tefteller said he wanted citizens to see its economic impact.

The long-term care center currently has 91 residents, mostly newborns through age 19, the representatives told the court. Of the 91, 33% are on ventilators, 40 percent have tracheotomies and 92% are fed artificially, said Pelmann.

"We want to help you any way we can,"

said Tefteller, telling the trio that the home is "doing the Lord's work." He said the county needs "to keep business conditions favorable" to let the home operate.

The judge said he had visited it six weeks earlier and "I can't tell you how impressed I was" with what it does for children. He said the center's residents included "orphans down there found in a ditch or a garbage bag."

Home administrator Rhonda Rolan said the center's staff includes registered and licensed vocational nurses, respiratory therapists, speech pathologists, and a registered dietician. Some 51 of its residents attend Gladewater ISD classes either at the facility or on campus, Pelmann noted.

Another female representative of the center said it is the only long-term care facility in Texas of its kind, serving children who are either born with a medical issue or have one happen to them.

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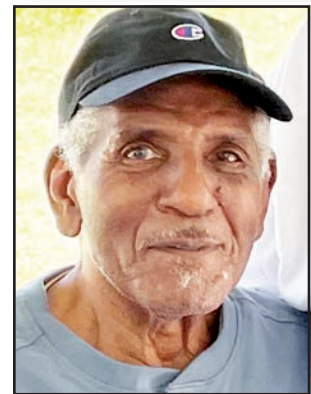
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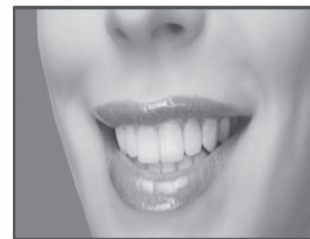


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Local attorneys seek to remove district clerk

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Sikes. The petition also says Bunn's office "has been profoundly delinquent in (doing required) reporting to the state" government on various matters, which would jeopardize grant funding to the county and "ultimately cost the Upshur County citizens thousands of dollars" if not corrected.

The document also charges that "on numerous occasions, court hearings have been disrupted" because case files are not updated, while certain information in court records is either erroneous or non-existent. "Attorneys from all over the East Texas area" have complained about errors Bunn's office made, and about "extreme" delays in retrieving processed case filings from the office, the suit adds.

The plaintiffs ask that the state assign an out-of-county judge to the case, that a jury trial be held, and that Bunn be suspended without pay from her \$31,000-a-year job "to protect the interests of the taxpayers. . . from further damage" at her hands. The petition also asks that the judge appoint someone to perform her duties.

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The petition of MARIA DE JESUS SIFUENTES, Plaintiff, was filed in the 307th District Court, Gregg County Courthouse in Longview, Texas on the 22nd day of June 2022, against JAIME ALVAREZ, Defendant, and said suit being numbered 2022-959-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MARIA DE JESUS SIFUENTES AND JAIME ALVAREZ

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LONGVIEW TX 75601
903-758-3205

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GHS Class of 1972 invite

The Gladewater Class of 1972 would like to extend an invitation to current and past GHS staff and teachers to attend the All School Reunion September 24, 2022.

The registration form can be found on The GFSA website Gladewater former-students.com.

\$10M gifted to UT Tyler School of Medicine

TYLER— The University of Texas at Tyler announced a \$10 million gift from The Robert M. Rogers Foundation to its School of Medicine to support mental and behavioral health education. In recognition of this gift, the university will name its department of psychiatry The Robert M. Rogers Department of Psychiatry.

“Transformational is the word that comes to mind when reflecting on this wonderful gift,” said UT Tyler President Kirk A. Calhoun, MD, FACP. “Medical schools thrive on transformational gifts that can have a real impact on our students, our community and our

state. This gift is an opportunity to impact the improvement of mental health across the Northeast Texas region, and The Rogers Foundation Department of Psychiatry is going to be something very special.”

A portion of the gift will be used to establish the Robert M. Rogers Scholarship and mental health curriculum in the School of Medicine. In addition, with the cross-disciplinary need for mental health education, the gift also supports faculty positions in the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy. This support comes on the heels of an anonymous gift of \$4 million earlier this year to support School of Medicine scholarships and faculty research.

The Rogers gift brings to fruition the hope expressed for years by Robyn Rogers, president of the foundation, and key community leaders to have a medical school to help address mental health issues in Tyler and East Texas.

“We hope we will have a lasting impact,” said Rogers.

“The board voted unanimously to provide this gift to help our region, and anywhere else it is needed, in the mental health area.”

“This donation allows the School of Medicine to teach mental health differently,” said Dr. Julie V. Philley, UT Tyler executive vice president for health affairs and vice provost. “It’s going to allow us to develop courses and curriculum that changes the next generation of physicians and health care professionals.”

“This gift is transformational for the School of Medicine,” said Dr. Brigham Willis, founding dean of the School of Medicine.

“One of our key endeavors is to improve behavioral health throughout the East Texas region. This gift allows us to have the educational, research and clinical resources throughout the region, and we can’t thank The Rogers Foundation enough.”

Interested in making a gift to UT Tyler, or the School of Medicine specifically, contact UT Tyler University Advancement at 903-566-7110 or visit uttyler.edu/give.



Pedestrian deaths in Texas increase 15% in 2021

TxDOT urges drivers to look out for pedestrians who account for 1 in 5 traffic fatalities in the Lone Star State

AUSTIN – As Texans enjoy summer activities outdoors, TxDOT’s “Be Safe. Drive Smart” campaign urges drivers and pedestrians to watch out for each other as pedestrian deaths continue to rise.

In 2021, 5,366 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred in Texas, and as a result 841 people were killed, a 15% increase in pedestrian fatalities over the previous year. Another 1,470 people were seriously injured.

“Only 1% of traffic crashes in Texas involve pedestrians, yet pedestrians account for 19% of all roadway deaths,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “That’s because pedestrians lack the protective equipment—airbags, seat belts and bumpers—common to vehicles. To keep our most vulnerable road users safe, we urge motorists to always be on the lookout for people walking. Pedestrians also

have the responsibility to be aware of their surroundings and follow the rules of the road.”

Crash reports from law enforcement indicate the leading factors of pedestrian-related traffic crashes include 1) pedestrians failing to yield the right of way to vehicles, 2) driver inattention, 3) motorists failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians, 4) failure to control speed, and 5) drivers and/or pedestrians being under the influence of alcohol.

The campaign includes TV, radio, billboards and digital advertising. In addition, “walking billboards” will deliver safety messages in the state’s major metro areas with a high volume of pedestrian traffic where it’s easy for drivers and people on foot to see them.

TxDOT offers these safety reminders to prevent a deadly encounter:

For drivers:

- Stop for pedestrians in

crosswalks.

- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.

- Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles.

- Pay attention and put your phone away, so you’re always prepared if pedestrians enter your path.

- Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions.

For people walking:

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before crossing.

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don’t assume drivers see you.

- Follow all traffic and crosswalk signals.

- Use the sidewalk. If there isn’t one, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

- When walking, put away electronic devices that take your eyes, ears off the road.

- Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

No free lunch this school year at GISD

By Jim Bardwell

Parents will need to dip into their pocket-books this year for their kids’ school lunch because no federal funds are available to provide free lunches as it did last year.

GISD school board members were advised of this change at Monday’s monthly board meeting.

School lunches will cost \$2.50 at Gay Avenue, \$2.75 at Weldon and \$3 at both the Middle School and High School.

School officials said they are hopeful to bring back free lunches for all campuses in 2023-24, but with no federal funding this year they were forced to charge.

In other business, the board welcomed TAP Executive Master Teacher and Chief Academic Officer Kim Dolese to the school staff. She will be responsible with working with GISD teachers to raise the bar to give students more learning opportunities. The new program is funded by the IMPACT grant through National Institute for Excellence (NIET) and will not cost GISD taxpayers anything. The program is funded for two years.

The Executive Master teacher’s function is a unique manner relative to the school level

leadership teams. Their main function is to work with the leadership team to implement the professional development aspect of the Teacher Advancement Program. The Executive Master Teacher works with the Master and Mentor teachers on implementation and evaluation of cluster meetings and individual growth of teachers. Additionally, the Executive Master Teacher will work with the leadership teams to analyze school data to create school and cluster plans. The Executive Master Teacher will also be responsible for maintaining communication from the state level to the individual schools as well as inform the schools of any changes that occur with the implementation of TAP. Finally, Executive Master Teacher will conduct regional and state level trainings to build capacity of the program at the school level.

In other business, the board chose not to make any changes to students’ backpack—keeping the clear and mesh bags in place. They also approved a 60-month lease for copier, fax and scanning equipment, service and supplies and approved a budget amendment for facility upgrades at the Primary and High School.

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