

Gladewater Mirror

Find us on Facebook

"Your Hometown Newspaper Since 1928"



Thursday, July 28, 2022

Vol. 94, No. 30

1 Section, 6 pages

50¢

Wildfire risk remains high across state

As the nearly statewide drought shows no signs of abating, wildfire danger continues to spread across the state. The Chalk Mountain Fire in Somervell County and the 1148 Fire in Palo Pinto County caused local officials to urge residents to evacuate. Several lakefront homes were destroyed around Possum Kingdom Lake last week as a result of the 1148 Fire, which involved 457 acres and was about 50% contained as of Sunday, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

There were 16 active wildfires across the state, the largest being the Chalk Mountain Fire involving 6,705 acres. It was 10% contained as of Sunday. A total of 215 counties in Texas now have burn bans in place.

Since Friday, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to 38 new wildfires that burned approximately 1,458 acres. Suppression efforts continued on several carryover wildfires as well.

The fire environment, characterized by critically to extremely dry vegetation and critical fire weather, will support wildfire activity this week. There are currently 215 counties with burn bans.

Erin O'Connor, Program Specialist III (Lead PIO) Forest Resource Protection, said "we have approximately 1,400 firefighters mobilized by Texas A&M Forest Service to respond to wildfires. This includes 300 Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters, 150 Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) firefighters and 912 out of state firefighters. This is in addition to the more than 1,800 fire departments across Texas that are responding locally to wildfire incidents across the state."

For the record, the average annual pay for a Wildland Firefighter in Texas is \$27,415 a year. Just in case you need a simple salary calculator, that works out to be approximately \$13.18 an hour. This is the equivalent of only \$527/week or \$2,285/month.

Jennifer Balch, a wildfire ecologist at the University of Colorado in Boulder, has examined just how big a role people are playing in starting wildfires in the United States. Nationwide, humans are responsible for starting 84% of wildfires, according to a paper co-authored by Balch, published this past March in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. In California, the eastern United States, and the coastal Northwest, people are behind more than 90% of wildfires. And, by starting so many fires, humans are essentially lengthening the fire season, into times of the year when natural causes—such as lightning—don't play a major role.

Arson, equipment fires and burning debris are among the most common ways for fires to start in lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

While smoldering cigarettes are one of the most common triggers of human-caused wildfires, the amount of fires caused by cigarettes has decreased over the past several years.

A study conducted in 2014 investigated the decline of cigarette-caused wildfires and found that the number of fires declined by 90 percent since 1980.

The study cited cigarette designs as one of the main contributing factors to the decline in cigarette-sparked wildfires. Cigarettes are made to avoid sparking fires if they are not put out properly.



East Texas firefighters Chuck Weerts and Josh Bardwell have been fighting the wildfires in central and west Texas as Strike Team leaders. There are currently 16 active wildfires across the state.

GEDCO bringing Florida plaster company, jobs to Gladewater

By Jim Bardwell

After months of negotiations, the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation has successfully secured a new industry for Gladewater.

Imperial Industries, dba PMM Products, located in Boca Raton, Florida, will be opening its Southwest plant at 1032 E. Commerce Ave. in Gladewater in the coming months.

The company plans to invest about \$1M to the site in property and improvements with a minimum of 6 jobs and a 5-year commitment. In exchange, GEDCO is investing \$75,000 in the project.

"GEDCO is proud that PMM Products has chosen Gladewater to be the homebase of their operations in the Southwest," said GEDCO Executive Director Michelle Palmer. "The GEDCO board has impressed me with their drive to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. This has shown in their diligence to learn about the project, analyze the data and patiently negotiate to make the best investment. The focus of this project has always been what's good for Gladewater. I'm so proud of the integrity the GEDCO board exhibits in their efforts to grow our city. In partnering with PMM they are bringing in a manufacturer that is invested in Gladewater citizens and its community."

Premix-Marbletite (PMM) was established in 1955 and operates two manufacturing plants in Florida. They are the oldest manufacturer of stucco, plaster pool and roof tile adhesive products in the Southeastern United States. Its manufacturing facilities are located in Pompano Beach and Winter Springs, Florida; and now in Gladewater. These locations are geographically positioned to allow PMM to efficiently produce and serve a broad product mix to its customers throughout the United States.

PMM remains focused on developing and marketing products that provide the best value. Keeping advanced installation compliance practices in mind, we strive to produce maintenance free, user and environmentally friendly products.

To assist PMM and other local businesses in finding workers, GEDCO is teaming with Workforce Solutions East Texas to host a Gladewater Job Expo August 25 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Gladewater Former Student Building.

For more information on the job fair and to have your company participate call Khaleelah Waalee at 903-747-1333.

Gladewater council hires new city treasurer

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater City Council hired a new city treasurer at Thursday's monthly meeting and approved several special use permits for the retail sale of wine and beer.

Meghan Davis was hired to replace Juanita Fail, who recently resigned to take a similar position for a non-profit organization.

The public hearings held and requests granted included:

- 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.

A public hearing regarding the demolition of structures located at: 408 Sunset, 301 Dr. MLK Jr Dr, 1201 Nelwyn and 401 Paradise Hill. After reviewing photos of the dilapidated structures the council voted to pay for the homes to be torn down and the lots cleaned up. The owners, who

did not attend the public hearing will be billed for the expense and if they decline to reimburse the city then a lien will be placed on the property.

The council also granted 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.

A resolution changing the name of the Lee Public Library to the Lee - Bardwell Public Library was granted and the council awarded a contract for Bond Counsel services in connection with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) project, awarded a contract for Engineering services in connection with TWDB project and awarded a contract for Financial Advisory services in connection with TWDB project. All three projects are related to the city's ongoing water and sewer plant upgrades.

The council approved an agreement between the City of Gladewater and Gladewater Independent School District for the School Resource Officer Program, which calls for 2 on-campus officers. A third resource officer may be added, city officials said, adding the school pays the officers' salaries.

The council also approved a Gladewater Economic Development Corporation project which will bring a Florida plaster company to town.

Imperial Industries, dba PMM Products, located in Boca Raton, Florida, will be opening its US Southwest plant at 1032 E. Commerce Ave. in Gladewater in the coming months.

The company plans to invest about \$1M to the site in property and improvements with a minimum of 6 jobs and a 5-year commitment. In exchange, GEDCO is investing \$75,000 in the project.



Thanks to Gladewater interim city manager Charlie Smith the year-old water leak at Loop 485 and US 80 is now fixed. The city's former city manager told the *Mirror* TxDOT would not allow the city to fix the constant leak, because it is on a state highway. But after a call to TxDOT by Smith, city and TxDOT crews were fixing the leak Monday morning.

Photo by Christian Allen

Man's 8 life sentences upheld

By Phillip Williams

A state appeals court last Thursday upheld eight life sentences which an Upshur County jury assessed Thomas Alan Auld in 2021 after convicting him of eight counts of indecency with a child by contact.

Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd announced in a news release Friday that the Sixth Court of Appeals in Texarkana affirmed the convictions for Auld, 38, of Gilmer. Byrd's announcement came on the first anniversary of the verdict in 115th District Court in Gilmer.

The child, who was 12 when she testified at trial, "described abuse" Auld "committed against her when she was 10 and 11," Byrd wrote. "The defendant knew the victim and had access to her and time he was alone with her."

Auld had previously been sentenced to prison, so the prosecution "filed a motion to enhance punishment to a first degree felony level" (thus increasing the potential length of sentence), Byrd said.

Jurors assessed a life sentence on each count "due to the egregious facts of this case, plus the prior criminal history of the defendant," the district attorney added. Since 115th

District Judge Dean Fowler "ordered the first two counts to be stacked (meaning they are consecutive rather than concurrent), "this will ensure that this man will never leave prison," Byrd continued.

Auld was charged with committing the eight offenses between March 2019 and August 2019, the prosecutor said Monday. "The victim was very brave to face him at trial and describe in detail what she went through," Byrd had said in the press release.

James Grunden, chief deputy of the Upshur County Jail, said jail records show Auld was arrested in Tarrant County.

Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented Auld at trial, but Longview lawyer Gina Bunn filed the appeal, the prosecutor said. First Assistant District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace represented the state in the appeal although Byrd represented the prosecution at trial.

Byrd thanked jurors for their "hard work," the Upshur County Sheriff's Office and Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center for their involvement, and medical staff who testified.

OPINION/COMMENTARY

Let's talk Texan, Ya'll ...

My high school education for the most part was a bust (except for three years of an amazing and scary English teacher and the greatest home economics teacher in the history of the universe). I had a lot to overcome when I went to college. Let's just say that I am very fortunate that my college algebra teacher had mercy, deep compassionate 'D' is for diploma mercy.

Still, it is true that I have a good education. I have an Associate's degree in general education from Navarro College (Go Bulldogs!). I have a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a second major in English, and an honors thesis in the psych department from East Texas State University (that one was H-A-R-D times 10). And, I have a Master's in Science with a major in United States History and a minor in science from East Texas State with side trip classes at Stephen F. Austin University and UT Tyler.

Let me make something clear on this rabbit trail...I went to East Texas State University NOT Texas A&M at Commerce. Yep, ETSU is one of the universities that the Aggie System ate like a Great White Shark in its rivalry with the University of Texas. Even my beloved Navarro College in Corsicana now has a Texas A&M branch holding up its financial foundation.

It's true. Even universities and colleges have their price. They can be bought, but I can't. I refuse to bow to the Aggie altar. Now, I am a fan of the university at College Station. I am a fan of their down home attitude and generally conservative values, but I would feel the same way IF the Longhorns had spared my colleges, or Texas Tech had raided them.

If I could have been a professional college student I would have done it. Maybe I did in the end, after all, as a high school teacher I am qualified (by the state) to teach: history, economics, political science, geography, sociology, psychology, English, science, journalism and many derivatives thereof and did so for 35 years.

But let's get back to talkin' Texan. I sound like the Blackland Prairie is still stuck between my toes, with taffy in my mouth. I once had a sociology professor (Dr. Larry Clinton) who had one major assignment for the entire semester which was an

HOW TO SPEAK TEXAN



originally constructed research project over social mores that impacted culture. Sounds important, right?

Well, one kid wrote about graffiti on bathroom walls. (I wonder if his parents got their money's worth?) I wrote about the prejudice against the Dallas Cowboys by television sports commentators Howard Cosell and Frank Gifford, despite the charming color balance of Dandy Don Meredith, by doing a statistical analysis of their game reporting for the entire season.

When I got my paper back Dr. Clinton said, and I quote verbatim: "I had no idea you were this smart." (He judged me by my accent and my 'sweet' smile. With him that equaled empty noggin'.)

That comment lit a fire under me. I changed my major from sociology (good thing, how many sociologists do YOU know?) to history et al. Well, with that said, how many high school history teachers do you know that aren't, or at least weren't, coaches? Thereby the 'et al' of my teaching career.

My favorite professor was Joe Fred Cox. He talked like me. He could take a one syllable word and make it three. And "-ing" words were totally missing from his vocab. He was goin' and doin' and bein' just like me. He was a multi-thousand acre cotton farmer AND he was the least pretentious professor I ever had. Lordy, he could tell a story. I have reams of notes from my other history classes. Joe Fred's? Not many, not many at all. Listening to him was like watching a technicolor, panoramic John Wayne movie

So, let's talk Texan. I do, and you can with me.

Down home is good.

Down-to-earth is even better.

And everyone can relate to a good old boy or girl.

And, if they can't I don't know if I want to relate to them.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Walking billboards promote safety

If you happen to visit a high-traffic area in one of the state's larger cities, you might come across some folks wearing sandwich boards, such as one sees during tax season or mattress sales. The Texas Department of Transportation has adopted this marketing device to promote its "Be Safe. Drive Smart" pedestrian safety campaign this month.

Pedestrians account for one in five traffic fatalities in the state. Last year, 5,366 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred, with 841 people killed. TxDOT is using the highly visible sandwich boards to remind both drivers and pedestrians to follow the rules of the road and watch out for each other. The boards are being worn by members of TxDOT's street teams.

"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."

July 31 deadline for newborn enrollment in TTPF

The deadline to open a Texas Tuition Promise Fund college savings account for a child younger than 1 year old is July 31, according to the state comptroller's office. Participants can lock in 2021-2022 tuition and fee prices for their loved little ones at Texas public colleges and universities by establishing an account by then.

The comptroller's report states: "According to the 2020 edition of Sallie Mae's Higher Ambitions: How America Plans for Post-secondary Education, planners save two times more for college than non-planners. Planners are also more likely to start investing for college when their child is young, which is associated with less expected student loan debt."

Contributions to what are known as 529 plans, such as TTPF, are partially exempt from the federal gift tax. Up to \$16,000 annually (\$32,000 for married couples) can be given without triggering the gift tax.

Tree-killing beetle spreads to more counties

The invasive emerald ash bore has been confirmed in two additional counties this month, according to the forest service. The invasive wood-boring pest is now confirmed in 11 Texas counties, with the addition of Morris and Rusk counties. It has killed millions of trees across 35 states since its arrival in the United States 20 years ago.

"The pest is a major threat to urban, suburban and rural forests as it aggressively kills ash trees within two to three years after infestation," said Demian Gomez, with the forest service.

Counties where the emerald ash bore has been detected have their ash timber and lumber quarantined to prevent the spread of the pest. The beetle was first detected in Texas in 2016 in Harrison County. Since then, EAB has been confirmed in Bowie, Cass, Dallas, Denton, Marion, Morris, Rusk, Wise, Parker and Tarrant counties.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

We're #5

About this time last year, I referred to Texas falling to fourth in the CNBC rankings of top states for business as "eerily disturbing." That remark got more attention than I anticipated. My concern was only enhanced when the 2022 roster came out and Texas dropped further to fifth. North Carolina, Washington, Virginia, and Colorado all topped the Lone Star State. Although fifth certainly isn't catastrophic, it perpetuates a trend that needs to be reversed.

CNBC evaluates 85 areas within 10 broad categories. In most areas, Texas compares relatively well. Texas ranked second to Colorado (after topping the rankings for several years) in the most important category to the overall rank – Workforce. This measure includes the concentration of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) workers; educational attainment; talent attraction; net migration of educated workers; worker training programs; right to work laws; and productivity. Companies can't locate or expand in areas where they can't get essential workers; this measure is crucial indeed.

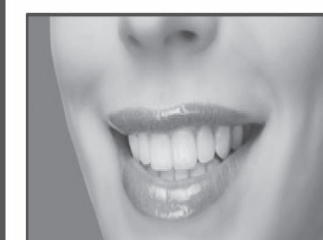
Texas also compared reasonably well in several other areas. In addition, the rankings rely on some methodology decisions that may skew the outcome to some extent (including strength of the economy).

The two rankings where Texas received a failing grade are Business Friendliness (a D) and Life, Health, and Inclusion (an F). Nothing else was less than a B-, which was the grade in both Education and Infrastructure, two areas where Texas must invest to prepare for the future. The state lost its coveted perennial top spot in Workforce, and will no doubt fall further in the absence of world-class learning opportunities.

Business Friendliness includes the regulatory framework, legal climate, and overall bureaucracy. CNBC also looked at "how hospitable states are toward emerging industries including cryptocurrency and cannabis." Surveys indicate that CEOs think Texas is an attractive location; thus, this segment of the ranking is less concerning than others.

More problematic is the bottom-of-the-barrel rank of 49th in Life, Health, and Inclusion. The big issues here are the high uninsured rate and the lack of inclusiveness in state laws. As CNBC puts it, "Combine an era of enhanced social consciousness with a growing worker shortage, and it explains why, now more than ever, companies are demanding that states offer a welcoming and inclusive environment for employees."

Although Texas has many advantages, the state needs to be more inclusive to successfully compete for many types of high-growth companies. Our firm has measured the potential effects of a variety of social policies (such as voting rights and gender identity). The benefits of being more inclusive are measurable and real, and, in the wake of the recent reproductive rights decision, are likely to become much more important in the future. Stay safe!



601 S. White Oak Road
White Oak, TX 75693
www.pannelldds.com
Open: Mon.-Thurs., 8-5
903-297-0712

John Keith Pannell, D.D.S.

Dentistry that will make you smile

- In office sedation
- Happy gas relaxation
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Implant Dentistry
- Snapon Dentures
- Emergency care welcomed
- New patients welcome
- Senior citizen discount
- Interest Free Financing with Credit Approval



ALCOHOL'S FALSE PROMISES

Proverbs 20:1 says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." Chapter 23: 29-33, 35 says: "Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who tarry long over wine, those who go to try mixed wine. Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, and your mind utter perverse things... When shall I awake? I will seek another drink." Isaiah 5: 11 says "Woe to them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them." End result: ADDICTION! Thus, when one comes under the influence of alcohol, judgment is impaired. The ability to make wise choices is diminished. One loses control and cannot calculate, reason, and weigh to the mind's full capability. People often do things while inebriated that they would be hesitant to do if they were alert and sober. Inhibitions are often cast aside and dangerous behavior often results, if not that which produces physical harm, certainly the even greater issue of spiritual harm. Fascinated by alcohol, one is promised pleasure and enjoyment, but it is, more often than not, a fatal fascination which in the end bites and stings. It may go down smoothly but it is like a snake, with its head back and fangs bared, ready to strike.

Alcohol's false promises are seen in the old country and western song "There Stands The Glass" by Webb Pierce:

"There stands the glass that will ease all my pain,
That will settle my brain, It's my first one today.
There stands the glass that will hide all my tears,
That will drown all my fears. Brother I'm on my way.
There stands the glass fill it up to the brim,
Till my troubles grow dim, It's my first one today."
My dear friend, better think on these things.

Dennis Abernathy-White Oak Church of Christ
P. O. Box 454-White Oak, TX 75693-903-845-6139-preachab@suddenlink.net

North & East Texas
Press Association



The Gladewater Mirror

News & Advertising Deadlines: Noon Monday

Office Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Telephone: 903-845-2235

Fax: 903-845-2237

Email: gladwatermirror@aol.com

Owners:

Jim & Suzanne Bardwell

Publisher/Editor: Jim Bardwell

Advertising: Darla Ferguson

Office Manager: Tiffany Harroff



POSTMASTER:

Send PS3579 to

The Gladewater Mirror
published weekly by
Bardwell Ink, LLC
211 N. Main Street
Gladewater, TX

Subscriptions are \$35/year in Gregg, Smith & Upshur counties and payable in advance.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

Runway closed

Just to let our citizens know and to share with any pilots - The Gladewater airport runway (14/32) will be shut down for a planned lighting project from July 25th thru August 14th. Runway 17/35 will remain open.



The presence of the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) has been confirmed in two additional Texas counties this month – Morris and Rusk. EAB is now confirmed in 11 Texas counties, five of those added just this year. EAB is an invasive wood-boring pest of ash trees that has killed millions of trees across the U.S. The beetle was first detected in Texas in 2016 in Harrison County. Since then, EAB has been confirmed in Bowie, Cass, Dallas, Denton, Marion, Morris, Rusk, Wise, Parker and Tarrant counties. If you find EAB on your property, please report to the EAB hotline at 1-866-322-4512.

Property fraud protection offered

Upshur County Clerk Terri Ross' office is teaming with a private organization to protect owners of property in the county against potential property fraud.

Property owners who contact the organization, Property Fraud Alert, will be notified whenever any legal document is filed in Ross' office at Gilmer with the owner's name on it, she said. There is no charge for signing up for and receiving the service, the county clerk added.

Literature from Ross' office explains that the service is intended to prevent someone illegally using someone else's property "for financial gain." This occurs when "someone records a fraudulent document at the Upshur County clerk's office, making it look like they own

Public input needed on transportation projects for state

AUSTIN – TxDOT is seeking public input on the draft 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), the state's 10-year transportation plan. The UTP guides the development of projects around Texas to improve safety, address congestion and connectivity, and preserve roadways for Texas drivers. In addition to highway projects, the UTP addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.

The public comment period for the draft 2023 UTP began Friday, July 8 and ends Monday, Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. (CST). Various methods to comment will be posted to the UTP Public Involvement webpage. The presentations and recordings for the previous public meeting and hearing will be available for viewing on the UTP Public Involvement webpage.

TxDOT works with its transportation partners to identify projects to be included in the UTP.



A crew from Texas Parks and Wildlife came and setup and installed grant-funded fish habitats at Lake Gladewater last week. Several lake board members and city staff members were also on site to help with the project which will be very beneficial to the lake and health of local fishing. TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division continually strives to make fishing better and more accessible for its customers. One great way to do both is through the addition of fish habitat structure. Partner organizations around the state have worked with TPWD to create and install these fish attractors. Habitat structures can act as miniature sanctuaries for all types of prey species, providing them with food sources and protective structure where there once was none. Predator species are then drawn to these sites to take advantage of the available prey. Well-placed habitat structure can benefit boat and shoreline anglers by attracting preferred game fishes to a particular location.



Storytime held Thursdays

Two books by Julie Gassman will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday, July 28.

"Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Library" and "Do Not Take Your Dragon to Dinner" will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. gatherings, said Kari Dunn, the library's children's coordinator.

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

Contactless consultations, installations and delivery available!

Don't let the stairs limit your mobility.

Discover the safe and affordable way to regain access to all of your home and allow you to use your stairs safely.



The Rave 2 stair lift is the ideal solution for anyone:

- ✔ Who struggles using the stairs
- ✔ That is worried about falling on the stairs
- ✔ Who wants to access *all* of their home

Call now to save on a Rave 2 stair lift!

1-877-559-0349

AmeriGlide
ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

KING PLUMBING

NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELS • SERVICE

RMP DENNIS KING

903-539-1716

M36233

Gas Lines, Water Heaters & Roto Rooter

BBB All Major Credit Cards Accepted



Call Dr. Barry Hail, Chiropractor

Don't Just Live With

Neck Pain ...

Headaches

Shoulder

& Lower

Back Pain ...



Affordable Cash Rates

903-725-4357

116 N. Mimosa, Gilmer (Rosewood, 7 miles west of Gilmer on Hwy 154)



HUGMAN - LAMMERS - HAWKINS
ARCHITECTURE. DESIGN. CONSTRUCTION.

903-757-7202

HLHDESIGNBUILD.COM

Your money shouldn't stop working when you do.



Dallas D Long
Financial Advisor
1420 N Main St Suite 101
Gladewater, TX 75647
903-845-6680

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
edwardjones.com

GET YOUR BUSINESS NOTICED HERE!

CALL 903-845-2235

JUST \$15/WEEK

FOR 13 WEEKS

Pickers will pay TOP DOLLAR for your unwanted vehicle!

PICKERS
Self-Service Auto Parts

Turn your Clunker into CASH!

903-297-4300

WELCOME TO PICKERS, PREVIOUSLY JOE BOYS U-PULL-IT

SM Tree Service, Stump Grinding & Lawn Care

No job is too small!!!
Tree service, hauling off trees, stump grinding, box blading, driveways, brush hogging, lawn care, weed eating and clean up

903-402-9647



Bud's DISCOUNT TIRES

Highway 80 East
Gladewater
845-5186

YOUR HOMETOWN TIRE STORE

BUD MAHAFFEY
Owner & Operator

HOURS
7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Black Dog Gallery

3619 FM 1844 - Longview

903-663-0936

All Major credit cards accepted.

SELL IT IN THE Classifieds

903-845-2235 - Ads@Gladewatermirror.com



City of Gladewater

PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before Planning & Zoning Commission of Gladewater, Texas Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas to consider a request for a variance to City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §5.05.120(B) – Connection to City System Required at AB 7 T ALLEN SUR TR 23-01, more commonly known as 1714 N. Main Street.

A second public hearing will be conducted by the Gladewater City Council on August 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend these public hearings or send written comments to City of Gladewater, Judy Van Houten, City Clerk PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

City of Gladewater

PUBLIC NOTICE DEMOLITION BIDS

The City of Gladewater is accepting SEALED BIDS for demolition of the structures and clearing of properties located at:

- LT 4 BLK 3 NORTON & OLSON, more commonly known as 408 Sunset
- LTS 11 THRU 17 BLK 5 MALLOCK ADDN & PT OF ALLEY, more commonly known as 301 Dr. MLK Jr Dr
- LT 21 BLK 8 SHEPPERD HILLS, more commonly known as 1201 Nelwyn
- ABS A175 GOODWIN, WILLIAM, TRACT 66 .32 ACRES & M/HOME, more commonly known as 401 Paradise Hill

Bidders may contact the Code Enforcement Department for details at 903-845-2011.

Bids should be submitted to: Al Harrison, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas 75647 on or before Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. At that time, the bid will be awarded. Insurance or bond required.

HUGE Divide & Conquer Estate Sale for Pat Dryden

Thurs., July 28 ~ 7:00-5:30 | Fri., July 29 ~ 8:00-5:30
Sat., July 30 ~ 8:00-2:00

6807 Hollytree Circle~ Tyler Texas 75703

Outside SSW Loop 323 & off S. Broadway turn west onto Grande and left onto Hollytree Dr. Pass the clubhouse and tennis courts; turn right onto Hollytree Circle.

This elegant 6500 sq. ft. Hollytree home will soon be on the market; the following contents (quality galore) are for sale: gorgeous marble top buffet; incredible wall sconces; plush sofa & matching chairs; exceptional linari selections; glass top/iron base coffee table; fab. rugs & runners; framed art; stunning king bed, dresser, & nightstand; vintg. drum table; Waterford crystal; full length mink coat; mink jacket; over 1000 pics. of jewelry; silverplate punch bowl, 28 cups, ladle, & underplate; other silverplate selections; large arrangements; 4 matching dining chairs; extra-large TV unit with bookshelves; vintg. Martha Washington side chair with ornate carving; pale green club chairs; Asian nesting tables; scalloped ottoman; Asian panels; glass top octagon din. table; 6 din. chairs; Duncan Phyfe style din. table, 6 chairs, & buffet; Damask sofa; 2 upholstered rust club chairs; lamps; decorative boxes; books including leather bound; cloisonne clock; antq. clock; antq. globe on a stand; antq. high chair; Staffordshire; large tapestry; over-sized chair & ottoman; luggage seat with tufted upholstery; contemporary gray dresser & nightstand; executive leather desk chair; gray metal round ottoman; orange upholstered Contemporary chair; acrylic chair; chrome side table; rattan chairs; black king bed; black storage cabinet; 2 black coffee tables; solid wood black bar cabinet w/ storage; hand-painted sofa table; pillar base/glass top entry table; fire screen; copper selections; barley twist stools; stemware; barware; Lenox "Westchester" gold-banded china; dishes from Prussia; H & K English dishes; Lenox "Weatherly" china; Churchill English china; blue & white selections; hand-painted items from Italy; Mexican pottery; dessert sets; stain glass lamp; Copenhagen plates; Nat. Amer. Storytellers; bedding; pillows, linens, napkins, placemats, etc.; closets and closets of clothes; purses, scarves, shoes; boots; many toiletries, make-up items, lotions, & perfumes; small Jay Strongwater frames; candles; vast selection of Christmas items & china; off. supplies; adjustable computer desk; sm. appliances, gadgets, & cookbooks; kitchen cookware; knives; cowboy boots & hats; deer mount; CD's; movies; electronics; radios; speakers; tools; car care products; multi-drawer tool cabinet; Coleman lantern; Igloos; patio furn.; night-time flood lights on a stand; Jazzy motorized scooter; soooooo much more!! Quality items!! Make this one a priority!!!

Pictures: DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com

To Advertise Your Business

Call Us At
903-845-2235

OUT OF DATE RECORDS TO BE DESTROYED

The Upshur County Shared Service Arrangement (UCSSA) which is comprised of the Big Sandy, Gilmer, Gladewater, Harmony, New Diana, Union Grove, and Union Hill Independent School Districts, proposes to destroy all out-of-date Special Education records contained in the eligibility folders of students who were dismissed from the program through July, 2014. Also included in this purging will be records of students who were tested and did not qualify for special education services as well as records of those who qualified but were not placed. These records are presently maintained in the UCSSA office located at 406 N Bledsoe Street, Gilmer, TX. 75644, and include referral information, educational, psychological, medical, admission review and dismissal committee minutes, individual educational plans, and classroom observation data. It is our responsibility to inform you that these records may be needed for social security benefits or other purposes and that it may be to your benefit to obtain them. Those who prefer that their records not be destroyed should send a written request to: Angie Hargett, Compliance Coordinator, Upshur County Shared Service Arrangement, 406 N Bledsoe, Gilmer, TX. 75644 before September 1, 2021. For additional information, call (903) 843-5575.

Read Local

Local company.
Local journalists.
Local stories.

25 ACRES & NEW 1,200 sf HUNTING COTTAGE SHELL

★★ Only \$239,900 ★★

Beautiful 25 to 100+ acre hunting & recreational tracts - perfect for wildlife spectators, hunters, & nature enthusiasts. Prime location in Brady, the heart of Texas. High speed internet!

Call (877) 333-7390 x31
www.RanchesAtBuckRidgeTexas.com

*Cottage Shell offer exclusive to Lone Star Land Partners customers only through builder selected by LSP. Price is for a completed, dried-in, 1,200 sf shell to be built on 25 acres at The Ranches at Buck Ridge. Shell price subject to change without notice. An EIR!

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN

TexSCAN Week of July 24-30, 2022

ACREAGE

Own your piece of Texas TODAY! Prices starting at \$650/acre. Trans Pecos region. Also the Hill Country (Edwards, Menard, Coke, Val Verde Counties - free ranging exotics), South Texas (Duval County - whitetail, hogs). Large acreage or small. 30 year fixed rate owner financing, only 5% down. Call toll free or email for individual prices and terms. www.ranchcenterpressltd.com, 800-876-9720.

DOGS, PETS OR LIVESTOCK

Use Happy Jack® Kennel Dip as an area spray to control lyme disease ticks, fleas, stable flies, & mosquitoes where they breed. At Tractor Supply® (www.happyjackinc.com).

REAL ESTATE

25 Acres & New 1,200 SF Hunting Cottage Shell, only \$239,900. Beautiful 25 to 100+ acre hunting & recreational tracts - perfect for wildlife spectators, hunters & nature enthusiasts. Prime location in Brady, the Heart of Texas. High-speed internet! Call 877-333-7390 x31, www.RanchesAtBuckRidgeTexas.com.

GENERATORS

Prepare for power outages today with a GENERAC home standby generator. \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote. Call now before the next power outage: 1-855-704-8579.

ADOPTION

California family has sunlit nursery awaiting newborn. Secure future, devoted grandparents, best education, gentle pet. Generous living expenses. Andrew/Erin 747-788-0260 or attorney 310-663-3467.

MEDICAL

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 866-747-9983.

AUCTIONS

101-Acre Commercial/Industrial Property - Aug. 30 - 3050 Hwy 16N, De Leon, TX (5 Miles North of Intersection - Hwy 6 & Hwy 16). ExxonMobil directs immediate sale. Low minimum bid: \$50,000. 1,367' frontage on Hwy 16. FineAndCompany.com, 312-278-0600.

WANTED

FREON WANTED: Certified buyer looking to buy R11, R12, and R500 and more. Call Joe at 312-625-5322.

GENERAC



Prepare for power outages today

WITH A HOME STANDBY GENERATOR

\$0 MONEY DOWN + LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Contact a Generac dealer for full terms and conditions

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE
CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE
(833) 306-8101

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* - A \$695 Value!

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network
221 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

Classified Marketplace

FREE! Sell your household items for free!
Total value of item must be \$300 or less. Free ads include 20 words or less and run 4 times. Does not include garage sales.





The GHS Class of 1977 gathered at the Red Rock Historical Association Building in Gladewater on Saturday, July 16 to celebrate their 45 th Reunion. The event was attended by 29 classmates and 15 guests for a night of eating, reminiscing, and laughing. Classmates came from Washington, California, Kentucky, and Oklahoma to attend the reunion. Reverend Melton Timmons welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer and blessing of the meal. The soul food menu was catered by Aunt Sandra’s Boudin & More in Gladewater. A friendly competition was played as games of “Name that Tune” and “1970’s Trivia” set 8 tables in rivalry for door prizes. An autographed football by Buffalo Bills’, Von Miller, was won by Cindy Wells Moore. Von is the son of classmate Vonnie Miller. A somber memorial of the class’s “Gone but not Forgotten” was acknowledged by Susan Davis McCool. Music was provided by Dr. Margo Bell. The friends vowed to meet again at their 50th Reunion when they will host the “All-School Class Reunion” at the Gladewater Former Students’ Building in September 2027.

WE COULD USE YOUR DONATIONS

Please Donate Water Now
Fire, Police, and Public Works

Now - Sept 30

#gladewaterwater

Drop off water at Fire Station or PD.

During this extreme heat the Fire, Police and Public Works are always in need of extra water on scene. Please consider dropping off a case or two of water as a donation. We all would really appreciate anything and everything donated. You can drop off your donations at Fire Station or PD Lobby - 511 S Tyler St - Gladewater.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 5-7

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state’s sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

“Most Texans won’t hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it’s never too early to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from book bags to ballpoint pens,” Hegar said. “With inflation driving prices higher on just about everything, this sales tax holiday provides Texas families some small relief managing the costs associated with kids heading back to the classroom. As the father of three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up.”

The Comptroller’s office

estimates that shoppers will save \$112 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller’s website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store

purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or,

- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas’ sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

SIU makes 11 arrests

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff’s Office arrested 11 persons on various charges in June, said Sheriff Larry Webb

Details, based on a report from sheriff’s Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows, and all suspects were taken to Upshur County Jail in Gilmer, Webb said:

Juan L. Ramirez, 45, of Gilmer, was arrested June 7 on felony charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and unlawful possession of a firearm by felon.

The unit was performing drug interdiction in the Rosewood area when it stopped Ramirez’s vehicle at the intersection of Texas 154 and Caribou Road. With drug-detecting K-9 dog Marco’s assistance, 4.5 grams of the drug and a firearm were seized.

Ryan Winderweede, 36, of Ore City, was arrested June 7 on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine).

The unit was investigating suspicious activity at the Diana game room on U.S. 259 when it stopped his vehicle at the intersection of Texas 154 and Sego Lily Road. With Marco’s help, 2.5 grams of methamphetamine were seized.

Candice D. Mochman, 36, of Quitman, was arrested June 9 on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of a dangerous drug (an unnamed illegal prescription medication.)

The SIU was performing drug interdiction in the Harmony area when it stopped Mochman’s vehicle at the intersection of Texas 154 and FM 1002. With Marco’s assistance, a small quantity of methamphetamine and the aforementioned prescription medication were seized.

Two persons were arrested June 13, one for being a fugitive from Smith County and the other on a related charge of hindering apprehension.

The unit was helping the Smith County Sheriff’s Office apprehend a fugitive in the 6000 block of FM 556 when officers found and arrested Jordyn D. Williams, 20, of Hawkins. He was wanted on an outstanding Smith County warrant for violating probation he was serving for felony possession of marijuana.

A 20-year-old Gilmer woman was also arrested on the Upshur County hindering apprehension charge, a misdemeanor.

Sabre N. Riggs, 42, of Ore City, was arrested June 14 on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) and an Upshur warrant for misdemeanor criminal trespass.

The unit located her in Dollar General’s parking lot in Ore City and, with Marco’s assistance, recovered a small quantity of methamphetamine from her vehicle.

Jacquelyn R. Green, 39, of Big Sandy, was arrested June 15 on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine.)

The unit was doing drug interdiction in the East Mountain area when it stopped her vehicle at the intersection of FM 1844 and Coulter Road and seized a small quantity of methamphetamine.

A man and woman were arrested on different charges June 26 at a residence near the intersection of Parkwood and Cedarwood in the Glenwood Acres area.

The SIU located Paul E. Hart, 35, of Gilmer, who was wanted on an outstanding Upshur County warrant charging him with felony theft. A 41-year-old Gilmer woman was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of hindering apprehension.

Another man and woman were arrested June 26 on different charges after the unit, working drug interdiction in the Pritchett community, stopped their vehicle at the intersection of FM 1404 and Shamburger Road.

David M. Dollahit, 38, of Longview, was charged with possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine). A 42-year-old Gladewater woman who was with him was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication.

With Marco’s assistance, 3.3 grams of methamphetamine were seized in the case.

Gladewater Oil Field Special

Entry fee \$20
 Registration 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.
 Show Time 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Awards at 12:30 p.m.

Food discount at Guadalupe’s
 For participants

August 13, 2022
 Downtown Gladewater
 near 101 E. Pacific Avenue
 (Hwy 271 & Pacific Ave)

- Classic Cars, Guadalupe’s Choice
- Classic Trucks Gladewater Chamber Choice
- Jeep Gladewater Mirror Choice
- Street Rod RGCS Choice
- Muscle People’s Choice
- Rat-Rods Club Award
- 1997-2022 Cars & Trucks Best of Show for each category +
- Military Best of Show overall
- Unfinished
- Motorcycle

For more information, call Ron 903-253-3213