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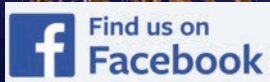
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Commissioners to set county tax rate Sept. 15

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Wednesday of last week scheduled a Sept. 15 public hearing on approving a potential increase in the county's tax revenue.

The court, which held a public hearing on the county's proposed budget, also voted to approve the tax rate and budget Sept. 15. Commissioners are scheduled to decide the same day whether to accept a state grant which would pay less than half the multi-million dollar cost of largely restoring the county courthouse to its original 1937 appearance.

Although the court is considering lowering the property tax rate from the current 61.5 cents per \$100 valuation to 59.9 cents, the Upshur County Appraisal District raised taxable valuations enough that the county is projected to take in more revenue than last year.

That means that although the tax rate itself might be reduced, at least some property owners might pay more than they did last year. The proposed revenue increase, however, isn't large enough under state law to allow a public election on approving it.

During last week's budget hearing, County Auditor Connie Williams said the proposed total \$19.8 million budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year is \$1.7 million higher than the current fiscal year's, partly due to inflation. The new budget contains proposed pay raises of \$5,000 for almost all elected officials and a \$2,000 raise for all county employees.

"The salary increases are sorely, sorely needed for the employees," said Williams, an appointed official whose own salary is set by 115th District Judge Dean Fowler. As for the elected officials' proposed pay hikes, she said adjacent Wood County is "very similar" to Upshur, and that nearly all Wood elected officials average \$20,000 higher annual salaries than Upshur.

Williams also said the additional tax revenue which the county is projected to receive from the heightened valuations would go not only for the raises, but for either the potential courthouse restoration project or improving roads.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller, who voted at an earlier meeting for the \$5,000 raises for himself and other elected officials, acknowledged he had said beforehand he thought that amount was a "little bit high. But I didn't want to hold it up" for the other 17 elected officials who would receive it, he added. (Only District Attorney Billy Byrd and Fowler, who are paid by the state, would not receive the raise. Fowler's judgeship is elected by not only Upshur, but Marion County voters.)

County Judge Todd Tefstler, who originally proposed the \$5,000 raise on the grounds that other comparable counties pay higher salaries, said at Thursday's meeting that the elected officials' combined new salaries would be less than 1/10 of 1% of the total new budget.

Defending the proposed pay raise for county workers, Tefstler said their current salaries are "not a living wage."

Williams meantime said the proposed budget contained no major reductions from the current fiscal year's, but "we saved money where we could in some areas."

Also last Thursday, the court continued to discuss the Texas Historical Commission's approval of a \$5.2 million grant for the potential courthouse project, which Tefstler noted has been projected to cost \$12.8 million to about \$14 million. The court indicated it had received favorable feedback to the project, which Williams said would prevent additional funding for road and bridge work.

HOMEcoming 2022



Congratulations Sumeet Mattu - 2022 Union Grove High School Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming court consisted of: Junior duchess Faith Woodall, Sophomore duchess Meredith Morgan, Freshman duchess Natalie Woodard, and Senior queen candidates Gracie Winn, Chloe Staley, Sumeet Mattu, and Mackenzie Arden. This year's Prince and Princess were Case Orms and Scarlett Edwards.
Photo by Chris Jones

Lions clinch homecoming victory

By Kimber Smith

Skydiver-delivery of the game ball. Flag-carrying motorcyclists' accompaniment to the band's "Star-Spangled Banner". The crowning of golden queen Sumeet Mattu.

The entire community turned out to see the Lions defeat Cumby's Trojans with flair in Friday's homecoming game. Even Union Grove's stadium namesake, oldest living alum, and former teacher, coach, and school board member Glyn Johnston made an appearance at the game.

But at the end of the fourth quarter, the scoreboard read 12-12, and Cumby won the first-possession flip.

However, the Trojans failed to score on their possession, and when the Lions took their chance, Jaden Chavers made

it to the endzone. Union Grove won the night 18-12, and the celebration continued with a post-game fireworks show.

Chavers scored all three touchdowns and rushed a total of 174 yards for the night. Jace Roberts led the defense with 10 tackles, two interceptions, two caused-fumbles, and four pass deflections, and Kayden Day scored four sacks and two tackles, Carter Cooper added six tackles and one pass deflection, and Brayden Pirtle and Aric Warnick pitched in four tackles apiece.

Next week, the Lions will face Cushing's Bearkats at J.F. Whitaker Stadium.



Gladewater's Austin Verner makes a flying tackle on Tiger QB Braden Bennett in Friday's loss in Mount Vernon. The Bears travel to Spring Hill this Friday.
Photo by Jim Bardwell

Bears hope to rebound in Spring Hill

By Tyler Sutton

Some night's its just not your night and that was certainly the case Friday night for the Gladewater Bears as they were outmatched in every way by the Mount Vernon Tigers 62-7 at Don Meredith Field in Mount Vernon. The Tigers offense came quickly and often as they scored on their first three possessions and in an instant they were up 21-0 in the 1st quarter as Mount Vernon's Braden Bennett tossed two touchdown passes early in the opening quarter, one to Jaden Horton and one to Boogie Mitchell. The Tigers capped off the first quarter scoring with a 5 yard Dawson Witherspoon TD run.

Things did not get much better for the Bears as Mount Vernon exploded for a 27 point quarter started when running back McKenzie McGill ran it un touched up the middle for a 5 yard TD run to give the Tigers a 28-0 lead early in the 2nd quarter. After the first of four Bears turnovers, it gave Mount Vernon the ball with a short field an they took advantage of it as Bennett found Mitchell again this time for 43 yards for his second touchdown catch of the night and it gave the Tigers a commanding 35-0 lead.

Mount Vernon quickly forced another Gladewater turnover and took advantage again as Bennett found Mitchell for a third time in the half for a 30 yard TD pass to give the Tigers a 41-0 lead. Mount Vernon forced yet another turnover as Lineback Cade Monroe picked off a Wilson pass that set the Tigers up at the Bears 2 yard line. Mount Vernon capped off the 1st half scoring as McGill walked in from 2 yards out to give the Tigers a 48-0 lead at halftime.

The Bears got the ball to start the 2nd half but quickly

as Quarterback Bryson Wilson fumbled the snap and turned the ball over at their own 24 yard line leading the Tigers to a quick short field touchdown as McGill found the endzone again, this time an 8 yard run to Mount Vernon a 55-0 lead early in the 3rd quarter. Bears QB Bryson Wilson then threw an interception as Mount Vernon's Brylon Bolin picked off his pass and set up the Tigers once again in great field position and McGill ran it in for his 3rd touchdown of the night, this a 8 yarder to give Mount Vernon a 62-0 lead.

The Bears finally got on the board late in the 4th quarter as after a deep 56 yard pass to Fernando Coronado, Kyron Wilson brought in a 28 yard TD pass to make it a 62-7 game and that was how it ended. It was a rough night on offense for the Bears as they only had 184 yards of total offense. QB Bryson Woods was 5-14 for 110 yards and had 2 interceptions. Davaunte Powers lead the way on the ground with 27 yards on 8 carries. Kollin Lewis had 3 catches for 54 yards

"Some nights you just don't have it" said Bears Head Coach Jonny Louvier. "I thought we had a very good gameplan tonight and they just outplayed us in every aspect of the game. We will regroup and try and beat Spring Hill next week."

The Bears hit the road for their second of three straight road games as they make the short trip to Spring Hill on Sept. 9. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.. Spring Hill lost last week to Center 63-6.

Community CALENDAR

Arts & Crafts Fest on tap

Gladewater will host one of the largest September outdoor artistic events and festivals in East Texas Sept. 17-18 on the Broadway School Grounds, located at 200 E Broadway Ave.

Since 1973, arts, woodcrafts, handcrafts, ceramics, dolls, needlework, jewelry, clothing, homemade goodies from local non-profit organization and much more have been on display and available to buy. Sponsored by the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, the event runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday and features handcrafted items - only, and that's what makes it so special.

For more information go to: www.gladewaterartsandcrafts.com or call (903) 845-5501.

Gregg County Fair begins

The 2022 Gregg County Fair, sponsored by the Longview Jaycees, begins Friday, Sept. 9 and runs through Sept. 17 at the Longview Fairgrounds and Exhibit Building.

Carnival rides, great fair food and games await at this annual family fun event. Gate admission is \$6, free for children 3-years-old and younger, senior citizens, military with proper identification. Arm-bands \$35 Sept. 9-11 and 16-17, \$30 Sept. 12-15. For for information go to www.greggcountyfair.com or call (903) 753-4478.

Education Foundation fundraiser Oct. 1

The Education Foundation Gladewater (EFG) is pleased to announce its 2022 Grants for Teachers Fundraiser Event, Giddy Up & Give 2022 will be held Oct. 1 at the Tempest Golf Club.

It will once again be a fun night of fundraising with dinner, music, and a live and silent auction.

The EFG's mission is to support innovation and creativity in the classroom by funding educational grants submitted by faculty and staff of Gladewater ISD. The teachers of our district strive to add innovative and engaging curriculum to their classrooms, but budget constraints at times limit those possibilities.

By supporting Giddy Up & Give 2022, you can provide a much needed contribution to make those innovative ideas a dream come true for our teachers.

There are several ways to support this effort - sponsor a table, purchase individual tickets, or, donate an auction item.

Look inside this week's newspaper for more details.

Cemetery meeting set

The Morris Cemetery Association annual meeting is set for 7 p.m. next Thursday (Sept. 15) at the Watts RV Park clubhouse.

The clubhouse is at 2212 Chinaberry Road, off south Texas 155 in the Pritchett community area.

For more information, contact Watts at 903-841-0329.

County-wide cleanup

The Upshur County government will hold a free "County-Wide Cleanup" for county residents to dump certain items at the county-owned rural pug mill Saturday, Oct. 8, announced Precinct 3 County Commissioner Michael Ashley.

The event, at 1426 Cottonwood Road in Pritchett community, 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 per truck or trailer combination, or two trips per car or sport utility vehicle. You must show a voter registration card or vehicle registration to prove residency.



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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.

Form 50-876

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.739089 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Gladewater.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.739089	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.642679	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.739091	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Gladewater from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Gladewater may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Gladewater is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 13, 2022 at 6:00pm at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Gladewater is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Gladewater City Council of City of Gladewater at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: Mayor Scott E. Owens, Mayor Pro-tem Elijah Anderson, Michael Webber, Teddy Sorrells, Rocky Hawkins, Kevin Clark

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Brandy Flanagan

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Form 50-876

The 88th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Gladewater last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Gladewater this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.751562	\$0.739089	-1.66%
Average homestead taxable value	\$121,939	\$136,303	11.77%
Tax on average homestead	\$916.44	\$1007.40	9.93%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,430,613	\$2,798,665	15.14%



The Best of Suzanne Bardwell

May we never forget ...

Just a few weeks ago our son Josh, our only child, was leading helibase attacks on three major wildfires out West. He is waiting now for his second assignment. In November he will travel with a national group of firefighting volunteers who will go to Kenya on a fire mission to train firefighters who have little training and less equipment.

How this all started has deep roots in East Texas, in American tragedy, and in the character of our son and many more young people like him. Josh was a junior volunteer firefighter in high school. He enjoyed helping out our neighbors and he learned a great deal.

As a senior he was the Photo Editor for my high school journalism program. He won his fair share of state and national awards including being named to the ILPC All State Journalism Staff. On 9/11 in 2001, as I was teaching a class full of eager young minds, Josh ran from my staffroom into my classroom shouting that a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center Towers in New York. Every morning Josh watched the news as he worked on his photos. That day, he broke the news to White Oak High School.

Within minutes we were all watching the scars of American history being slashed into a generation's consciousness. It impacted many of them profoundly, including our precious son.

At Christmas a cousin was on a business trip to New York. She stopped an NYC firefighter, thanked him and told him eloquently about the impact their courage and sacrifice was having on young people all across this nation, including, specifically Josh. Whatever she said touched this man who had survived so much that he reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver coin with an angel stamped on it. He turned to our cousin and said, "This angel was in my pocket that day. My Angel protected me. Give it to the kid in Texas to watch over him to do the same."

My child who had a journalism scholarship to TCU and a promised CNN Republican Presidential Convention internship chose instead to go to Stephen F. Austin University and become a Forester with a wild land firefighting specialization. He has fought fire all over America from mountains to marshland. I am often asked how I handle the danger he is in when he is on assignment. I pray...a lot. I also know that he has an angel watching over him wherever he goes, whatever he does.

A hero is an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances. We need to remember that. We all have the capacity to be heroic whether it is in the stairwell of a collapsing building, in a combat zone, on a medical frontline during a pandemic, in a raging wildfire, or on the streets of our hometown. We all need an Angel in our pocket and we all need to honor and pray for those who serve us. More importantly, we all need to seek ways we can serve and to do it with humility and gratitude.

This 9/11 I continue to pray for the families who lost so much on that day whether it was at the Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, or on a plane flown by terrorists and filled with everyday heroes. Many on 9/11 in 2001 gave their all and we honor their sacrifice and that of their families. We honor those who have fought in lands not their own for decades. We honor those who live a life of service and most humbly remember those who sacrificed all in that service.

"Greater love has no man than this..." John 15:13a May we never forget.



THE FOOLISHNESS OF ATHEISM # 2

"The fool has said in his heart, there is no God" (Ps. 14: 1) "Wisdom is too lofty for a fool" (Prov. 24: 7). Romans 1: 21-22 supplies the reason for the conclusion of the aforementioned verses. "Because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were they thankful, but became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools." Ron Reagan and his unabashed atheist friends accepts life, and breathes the air God provides, basks in the sunlight, benefits from the rain, eats the food He makes possible, and takes pleasure in His fruitful seasons, but they never take the time to say: "Thank You God!" What is the result of such foolishness? Without God this world does not add up, or make sense. The great questions of the ages: "Where did we come from?" "Why are we here?" and "Where are we going?" go unanswered. When God is taken out of the picture, one loses his standard, or reference point, from which to work.

When one ignores God "he becomes foolish (futile) in his speculations (thoughts), and his foolish heart is darkened." In other words, his reasoning is without reason! Today's English Version says their thoughts became "complete nonsense." The word translated "foolish" means: "without discernment; void of understanding." The Revised Standard Version has "senseless," and the Contemporary English Version has "stupid." Thus, when atheists reject God and His truth, their hearts become foolish, undiscerning, senseless, and stupid i. e., they become "FOOLS! The term "fools" has nothing to do with education or intelligence, it has all to do with attempting to explain this world, and the things in the world, apart from God, and His revelation. Thus, when a man rejects God, he, instead of being a "wise" man, becomes an "ignorant" man. Therefore, one may be an EDUCATED FOOL!

Ron Reagan may not fear God, and he may smile and say he is not afraid of burning in hell, but the inspired Luke said: "Fear Him who...has power to cast into hell; yes I say to you, hear Him!" (Lk. 12: 4). Former President Reagan did not share his son's views on religion, once noting: "Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience." Think on these things.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Gladewater Class of 1972 recently hosted car show downtown to help fund its upcoming class reunion. Those helping out included: Cindy Byrd, Tippy Floyd, Dan Lowry, Raymond Johnson, Vabbie Fortson, Richard Berry, Mike Merritt, George Brackeen and Leon Word.

Courtesy Photo

Manna House needs

The local Manna House provides free food to those needing assistance.

Sometimes Manna House needs help - such as canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter and mac-n-cheese. Also needed is cranberry sauce and cake mix for the upcoming holidays.

If you are grocery shopping, consider picking up a few extra items for Manna House, so they can keep helping others.

Drop off the non-perishable items at 519 E Broadway Ave. or the Gladewater Mirror

at 211 N. Main. Got questions, call (903) 845-3128.

Enroll in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund before Nov. 1

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds families that enrollment in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition plan, began Sept. 1 and runs through Feb. 28, 2023.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund offers parents and loved ones the chance to prepay a child's future higher education at Texas public colleges and

universities at today's prices, excluding medical and dental institutions. The \$25 application fee to enroll in the plan will be waived for September and October enrollments (must be postmarked by Oct. 31, 2022).

"With inflation putting stress on the family pocketbook, now is the perfect time to think about a Texas Tuition Promise Fund account, which gives families an additional tool to help plan for their children's future education," Hegar said. "Planning today is a good way to put your child on a path to a college education. And, we offer three different payment plans and three tuition types to fit your budget."

Participants in the plan purchase "tuition units" that can be used later toward undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions. Prices are based on 2022-23 academic year costs for the state's public colleges and universities.

For more information about this prepaid college tuition plan, including Texas residency requirements, how the plan's Transfer Value can be used at medical and dental institutions, private and out-of-state colleges and universities, career schools and registered apprenticeship programs, go to TuitionPromise.org or call 800-445-GRAD (4723), option 5.

Memory course set

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Gilmer is planning a six-lesson course to help older adults "identify ways to improve memory."

The "Master of Memory" six-lesson series is scheduled from 1 p.m to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Gilmer Area Senior Center at 206 Silver Alley. For more information call at 903-680-8128 or email: Julie.york@ag.tamu.edu

Storytime on tap

Two books by Jane O'Connor will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday, Sept. 1.



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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Services ...

Despite the importance of its energy, food, and fiber, the Texas economy is increasingly services oriented. This outcome is not surprising given the sophisticated nature of the state's industrial base; it's a pattern common to every highly developed economy. Let's examine past and expected future trends.



You can basically think of private-sector activity as falling into two big buckets – goods-producing and services-producing industries. Goods-producing sectors include manufacturing, construction, agriculture, and mining (which encompasses oil and gas extraction). Services is everything else.

Twenty years ago, services comprised approximately 63% of employment and almost 55% of real gross product (RGP) in Texas. In 2021, we estimate that it had grown to 69% of employment and about 60% of RGP. Twenty years from now, our projections indicate that it will be nearly 73% of employment and still about 60% of RGP.

The reason that the services share of RGP is lower than for employment is simply because it is possible to create a lot of output in some goods-producing industries with relatively few workers. In an automated manufacturing facility, for example, a few people can monitor equipment producing many products. Similarly, a relatively small number of employees can maintain massively valuable oil and gas production once a well is completed. By contrast, many jobs in services firms are person-to-person in nature, while others don't lend themselves to automation. My late friend and great economist William Baumol once noted that it would be exceedingly difficult for two people to play a string quartet.

The services sector includes a diverse set of industries. Professional and business services involve fields such as, among others, accounting and law firms, engineering and consulting companies, and advertising agencies. Health care is included, as is the entire wholesale and retail trade segment. Education, transportation, amusements and recreation, hospitality, restaurants, and financial services are also significant components.

Some of the fastest growth has been experienced in transportation and warehousing, where employment is up almost 62% over the past 20 years. Several categories of financial services have also expanded by 60% or more, including insurance carriers. Professional and business services, education, waste management and remediation, ambulatory health care, and social assistance have also seen strong gains.

Looking ahead, we are projecting that the fastest pace of expansion will occur in social assistance and waste management and remediation, though the professional and business services category will generate the largest number of net new positions.

Over time, the jobs will continue to be created at a more rapid pace in services-producing industries. The composition of occupations will certainly change as the economy evolves and technology alters the character and skills requirements of every job, but the overall pattern is well established. Stay safe!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00, September 19, 2022 in 200 E Broadway Ave, Gladewater, Texas 75647. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.977100/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.308496/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value** of all property	\$857,138,341	\$1,000,841,916
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$8,780,049	\$11,844,275
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$552,431,270	\$631,520,052
Total taxable value**** of new property****	\$8,406,465	\$10,510,464

*All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.
**Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
*** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
**** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$1,754,358

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.083400	\$0.366300	\$1.449700	\$4,925	\$7,594
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.909159	\$0.308496	\$1.217655	\$4,816	\$8,135
Proposed Rate	\$0.977100	\$0.308496	\$1.285596	\$5,096	\$8,572

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$120,218	\$139,199
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$71,174	\$71,359
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.449700	\$1.285596
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,031.81	\$917.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$114.42

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.285596. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.285596.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$9,285,048
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$2,865,234

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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Lady Bears beat Gary, West Rusk

By Tyler Sutton

Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball had a good week as they went 4-2 and improved their record to 10-11 on the season.

They picked up victories over Gary and West Rusk in tournament play. A 2-0 win over Gary followed up by 2-1 win over West Rusk. Their final game in this non

district tournament with a 2-0 loss to Mineola.

The Lady Bears continued action the following Saturday with a 2-0 win over Jefferson.

Gladewater finished the week with 3-1 loss to West Rusk but followed that up with a 3-1 win on Friday night over Ore City.

The Lady Bears will be back in action on Tuesday, September 6th with a match-up with Chapel Hill at home followed by another home game on Friday, September 9th with a contest with Shelbyville.

The Shelbyville game starts at 6:30.

Union Grove Lady Lions claim win

By Kimber Smith

Union Grove's Lady Lions faced West Rusk Friday in a back-and-forth match before the homecoming football game. The Raiders won the four-set match 25-19, 19-25, 25-23, and 25-11.

Union Grove's Analeice Jones scored two aces, 10 kills, one assist, and 10 digs, and Allison Yohn earned nine kills, 10 digs, one assist, and one block. Setter Brady Colby picked up five kills, eight digs and an ace in addition to her 27 assists, and libero Daytona Vaughn added nine digs and scored an ace for the Lady Lions.

Sarah Prince earned seven kills, one assist, and a block; Taylor Campbell, who played sick to help her team, scored six kills, four digs, an ace, and a block; Gracie Lawrence picked up seven digs; and Hannah Coulter earned four kills and three digs.

Although the Lady Lions didn't win the night, the team has steadily improved in the preseason as they learn to work together and continue to gain speed, intuition, and adaptability. Readers should not be fooled by their record.

Consistent serving and strength on the net, especially from seniors Jones and Yohn and rising-star sophomores Prince and Campbell, could make the girls formidable opponents in their district and possibly one of the best teams UG has seen in recent years.



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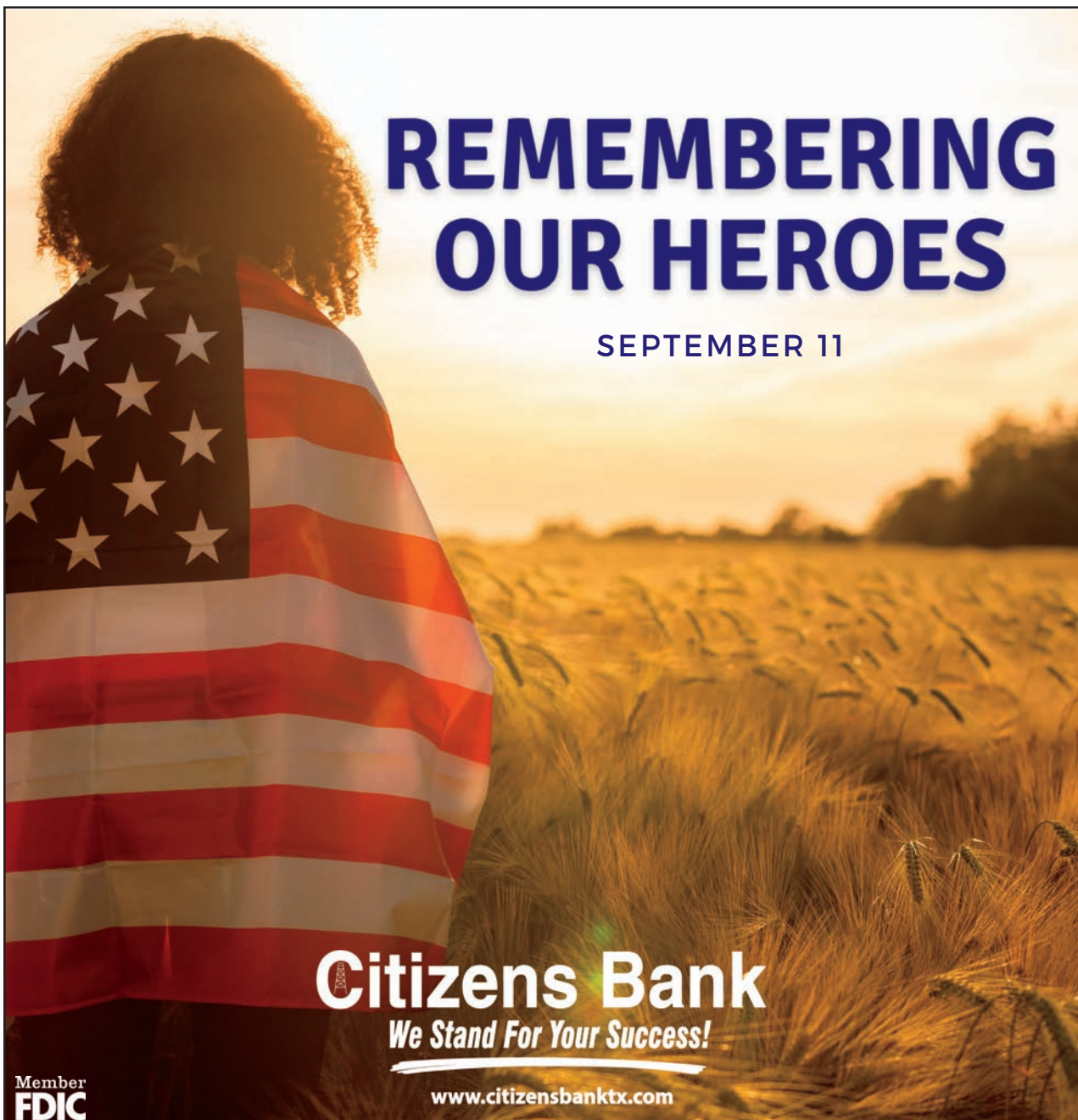


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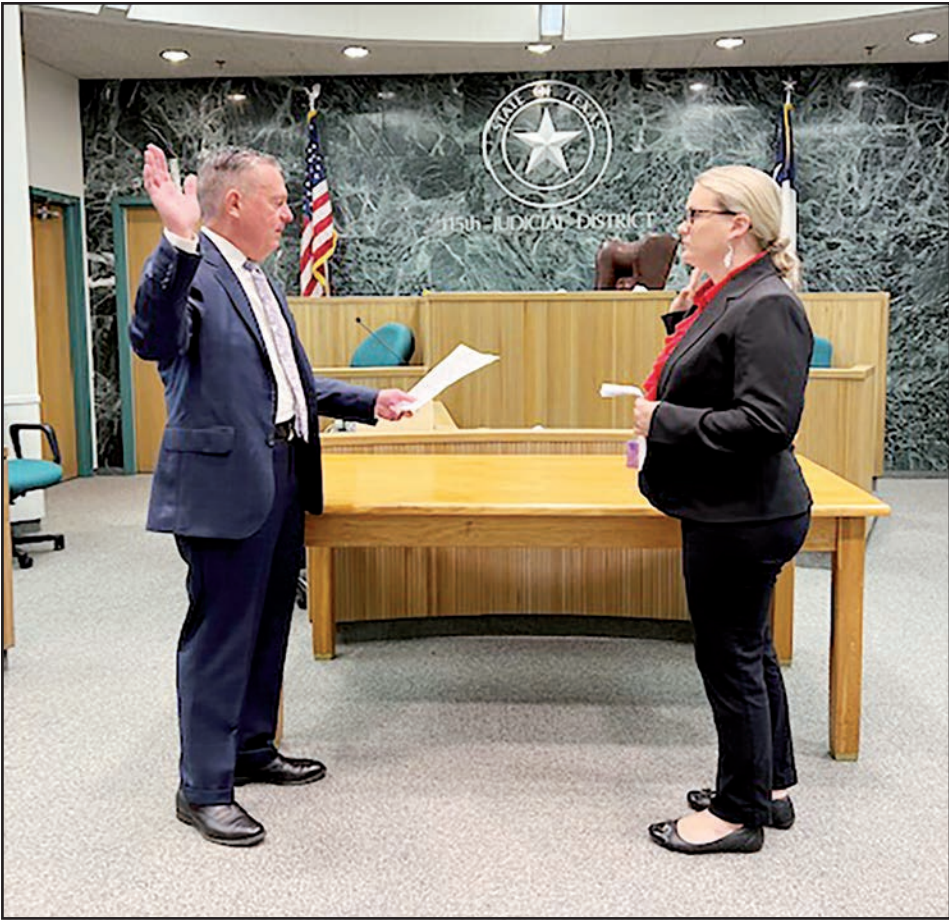


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Photo courtesy of Shelli Smith

Bunn out, new clerk sworn in

By Phillip Williams

A visiting state judge in Gilmer last Thursday suspended lame-duck Upshur County District Clerk Karen Bunn with pay for the four months remaining on her term, and named Nicole Hernandez as "interim" clerk effective immediately to finish out Bunn's term.

Three Gilmer attorneys had filed a petition July 18 to remove Bunn from office on the grounds of "gross incompetence." Visiting Judge Jack Carter said she, the attorneys, and the county had agreed to what was technically a temporary suspension with pay--(which actually, in effect, permanently removed her from office)--and that further hearings on the matter were unlikely.

Bunn lost her bid for reelection to a second term in the March 1 Republican primary to her former deputy, Hernandez, who is unopposed in the November general election and was scheduled to assume the office Jan. 1. 115th District Judge Dean Fowler swore in Hernandez, who said she hadn't expected to take office so quickly, just minutes after Thursday's hearing in his courtroom concluded.

The attorneys who petitioned to remove Bunn--David Griffith, Matthew Patton and Brandon Winn--were represented at the hearing by fellow Gilmer lawyer Joe Newsom. Among other charges, they alleged that Bunn, who was injured in an on-the-job March 12, 2019 fall, had missed a vast amount of time at work, hadn't trained her deputies properly, and that her office wasn't functioning correctly.

At the time, Bunn, who represented herself without an attorney at last week's hearing, said many of the petition's allegations were untrue, and that the attorneys were unaware she had never been medically released to return to work after her accident. She has said in the past that she missed 10 months of work at one point, and has undergone multiple surgeries, but still was working some despite not being released to.

District Attorney Billy Byrd called five witnesses (Bunn called none) in attempting to show specific reasons for Bunn's suspension, and told Carter it was the judge's decision whether she be suspended; if so, whether she be paid; and who would replace her. The judge said at the hearing's conclusion that all parties to the legal action, including Bunn, had signed an agreement to suspend and pay her.

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Bill Stoudt



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RIDES, GAMES & good times galore

Get your fill of the fun this Fall at the fair!

Gregg County Fair
Sept. 9th-17th

1123 Jaycee Drive, Longview
(903) 753-4478
www.greggcountyfair.com

TICKETS \$6
CHILDREN 3 & UNDER FREE

Try Your Luck or Get a Rush!
Play it your way with games of chance, games of skill, arcade games and loads of super-cool prizes. Plus, hop the many exciting rides for adults and kids, including the crazy coaster and jumbo Ferris wheel.

Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream and Pizza, Oh My!
With more than 25 foodvendors offering everything from tasty finger foods to overstuffed burgers and oversized desserts, there's something amazing for every craving.

MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT SEPT. 15TH

COUPONS DAILY ARMBANDS DAILY

SENIOR CITIZENS AND POLICE, FIRE & MILITARY ADMITTED FREE EACH DAY OF THE FAIR (with ID or Badge)

- Event Calendar**
DON'T MISS THE EMERSON FARMS PETTING ZOO AND PIG RACES EVERY NIGHT
- Sept. 9**
EXHIBITS AND CARNIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC
KIM DONNETT BAND ON T-MOBILE STAGE
 - Sept. 10**
DARBY WARREN BAND ON T-MOBILE STAGE & SPENCER THE JUGGLER
 - Sept. 11**
ARMBAND MEGA 99.3 FIESTA DAY MUSIC ON T MOBILE STAGE
 - Sept. 12**
SENIOR CITIZENS FREE PROBABLE CAUSE ON T-MOBILE STAGE
 - Sept. 13**
TANNER WELBORN ON T-MOBILE STAGE
 - Sept. 14**
USUAL SUSPECTS BAND ON T-MOBILE STAGE
 - Sept. 15**
MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT
 - Sept. 16**
JOSH DAVIS - ELVIS TRIBUTE ON STAGE
 - Sept. 17**
4 -7:30 KELLY MOORE MINISTRY BAND
DEL RIO BAND & SPENCER THE JUGGLER

See you at the fair!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
MONDAY - THURSDAY, SEPT 12-15 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.



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