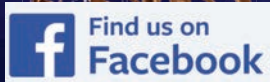


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Upshur SIU deputies make multiple arrests

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested seven individuals on various charges in October, Sheriff Larry Webb said Monday.

Details of the cases, based on a report from sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows, said the sheriff, adding that all involved traffic stops and that all suspects were taken to the county jail in Gilmer.

A 35-year-old Gilmer woman was arrested Oct. 3 for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance (Xanax).

The unit was working drug interdiction in the Gladewater area when it stopped her at the intersection of U.S. 80 and FM 2685, resulting in seizing less than 28 grams of Xanax.

A man and woman were arrested on drug charges the same day when the unit stopped them at the intersection of FM 726 and Bob-O-Link Road.

Bobby Green Jr., 58, of Gladewater, was charged with possession of a controlled substance--at least one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

Wanda Coleman, 56, of Gilmer, was charged with possession of controlled substance--more than four, but less than 200, grams of methamphetamine.

The unit was investigating suspicious activity at the Lucky 7 game room on U.S. 271 in the West Mountain area when it stopped the couple. With the help of K-9 drug-detecting dog Marco, the SIU seized about 10 grams of methamphetamine.

Deletta Diane Parrish, 53, of Bonham, was arrested Oct. 10 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

The unit was again probing suspicious activity at the Lucky 7 when it stopped Parrish at the intersection of 271 and Eagle Road. With Marco's assistance, the SIU seized a quantity of methamphetamine.

Anna Marie Thomas, 48, of Gilmer, was arrested Oct. 18 on a charge of possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

The unit was performing drug interdiction in the Union Grove area when it stopped her at the intersection of 271 and North Point Pleasant Road. With Marco's aid, the SIU seized a quantity of methamphetamine.

In a case where a suspect fled on foot after the unit stopped his vehicle, a 21-year-old Longview man was arrested Oct. 22 on three misdemeanor charges.

The SIU was assisting Gilmer police when the unit observed a suspicious vehicle at the intersection of Taylor and Davis Streets. The fleeing driver was located and arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, evading arrest, and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

(Webb noted that carrying a handgun while committing certain offenses is a crime under Texas law).

Adolfo Lopez Sorlozano, 43, of Gilmer, was arrested Oct. 25 on charges of felony possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine--and misdemeanor unlawful carrying of a weapon.

The SIU was investigating suspicious activity at the Country Store game room on Texas 155 in Pritchett community when it stopped Sorlozano at the intersection of the highway and Holly Road. Methamphetamine and a firearm were seized.



Old high school to find new life, investment group to buy building

By Jim Bardwell

The former Gladewater High School, which has been standing vacant for several years with no plans to fill the hallways with the hustle and bustle of students, will soon find new life breathed into it.

XElements Developers, an investment group from Dallas specializing in commercial properties, submitted the high bid of two submitted last week to purchase the 90-year-old structure.

The bids will be formally voted on at the Gladewater ISD's Nov. 21 board meeting.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Sedic Clark said last Friday at the bid opening that he was very happy with the high bid and would be pleased to submit the offer to the school board.

Many alumni of the old GHS building have voiced concern for the structure's future over the years, but none chose to step forward and buy the old school when it previously came up for sale.

The school district has been trying to find a buyer for many years. Current board members of the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation along with Gladewater Mayor Scott Owens showed the historic school building to the investment group while they were exploring other investment possibilities in Gladewater and they were impressed by the architecture.

"GEDCO is delighted to be working with a team of people dedicated to the preservation of this beloved Gladewater landmark. They have taken our city's motto of "Treasuring the past, while embracing the future" and run with it," said Michelle Palmer GEDCO executive director.

The winning bid not only will resurrect an iconic

structure in Gladewater, but it will also place the land and building back on the tax rolls.

"XElements Developers are excited and grateful to be part of the Gladewater community and GEDCO. We appreciate the partnership and look forward to converting the school into a business center that would serve the community while preserving the heritage and the history of the school," said Shujahat Bashir.

The old high school, located at 700 Melba Avenue, was originally built in the early thirties. It served as the junior and senior High School for grades seven thru 12.

When a new high school was built, the old Neo-Egyptian Architectural-style high school became the middle school. It most recently was used as a learning facility for area students with disciplinary issues.

The school has a rich history, even touched Rock-N-Roll greatness when on April 30, 1955, Elvis Presley performed in the school gymnasium. Six teams of tickets sellers were dispatched by the club on April 12 to canvass the area. During the weeks before this show, the Louisiana Hayride heavily promoted it and there were requests from all over the south and Southwest for tickets. The weekend of the show, there was not a vacant hotel or motel room in Gladewater.

By show time, approximately 3,000 country music fans were jammed into the 2,500 seats as the Gladewater High Gymnasium, and everything that would be used to fan the air was brought into service. To protect the basketball floor, a combination covering of paper and canvas was laid down. Admission was \$1.00 for adults and 50-cents for children.

Bears bounced from playoffs by Pottsboro Cardinals, 33-14

By Tyler Sutton

On a chilly night in Paris, the Gladewater Bears saw their 2022 season come to a end in the opening round of the playoffs 33-14 to the Pottsboro Cardinals at Tigers stadium in Paris

The Bears won the toss and chose to receive and got going on offense quickly as they were able to get into Cardinals territory but a fourth down attempt was no good and they turned the ball over on downs on their opening drive.

The Cardinals quickly took advantage as QB Halen Flanagan found WR Jude Bentley on a 3rd down to get into Bears territory and one play later Flanagan found WR Cameron Sanders for a 38 yard touchdown pass to give the Cardinals a 6-0 lead early in the 1st quarter as the PAT was no good.

Gladewater quickly answered back and had a nice drive going as QB Kyron Wilson (who was back under center after missing the regular season finale vs White Oak with a injury) found Tyrone Maddox and Kollin Lewis for big gains but his final pass of the drive was intercepted at Pottsboro 10 yard line by the Cardinals Cohen Rekeita and returned all the way back to the Gladewater 20 yard line. Pottsboro took no time finding the endzone as Flanagan found WR Jade Bentley for a 19 yard TD pass and a 13-0 Cardinals lead after the 1st quarter.

Gladewater got the momentum back to begin the 2nd quarter after they forced a Pottsboro missed field goal and got big runs of 30 yards from DeVaunte Powers then 14 yards by G'Brandon Polley. Powers then finished off the drive with a 5 yard TD run to cut the Cardinals lead down to 13-7 midway through the 2nd quarter.

But Pottsboro quickly answered back after recovering a Gladewater onside kick and using a short field found the endzone again as RB Major McBride found the endzone for a 20-7 Cardinals lead at the half. The Bears once again attempted an onside kick to begin the 3rd quarter but the ball went out of bounds and gave the Cardinals the ball at their own 45 yard line. Flanagan found Saunders for a 25 yard gain to set up Pottsboro at the Gladewater 5 yard line and one play later McBride found Saunders on a halfback pass for a 5 yard TD and a 26-7 Pottsboro lead as the extra point was once again no good. Gladewater got into Pottsboro territory but could not convert on 4th down and turned the ball over on downs.

The Cardinals put the game away late in the 3rd quarter as Flanagan took it in from 3 yards out to give the Cardinals a commanding 33-7 lead to end the 3rd quarter. Gladewater found the endzone one last time on the season midway through the 4th quarter when Wilson lofted a beautiful 53 yard TD pass to Maddox to cut the Cardinals lead to 33-14.

Pottsboro would then turn the ball over on downs twice as they ran out the clock to end the game.

The Bears finish the 2022 season with a 3-8 record but made the playoffs for the fifth straight season.

It's the 2nd time in those 5 years their season has been ended by Pottsboro as it also happened in 2018.

The Cardinals improve to 10-1 on the season and move on to Round 2 of the Playoffs next week vs Whitney.





OPINION/COMMENTARY

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Long-Term Outlook for the US

Gazing out over the next few decades, I see at least three major challenges confronting the US economy. First, we have to overcome the consequences of the lingering effects of the pandemic, including getting inflation under control, dealing with the inevitable fallout that effort will involve, and working through ongoing supply chain disruptions. Second, we must confront the chronic worker shortages. Third, we need to fashion a realistic energy policy which both meets climate goals and provides for future essential resources (more on that another time).

The pandemic's disruptions understandably wreaked havoc across a broad spectrum. A federal funds rate of 0% and aggressive quantitative easing helped to avoid a catastrophic downturn, but now must be (somewhat painfully) unwound. Federal stimulus packages flooded households with cash which increased demand even as disruptions curtailed supply, contributing to price escalation. Combined with the war in Ukraine, shutdowns in China, weather disruptions, and tight labor markets, and you have the makings of stubborn inflation.

Unlike the late 1970s and early 1980s, the factors driving this phenomenon are not structural in nature and not permanently baked into the system. Pressures are not rapidly dissipating, though prices for many things are stabilizing and some (including housing) are beginning to notably decline. If we avoid turning inflation into a self-fulfilling prophesy, it bodes well for long-term growth and stability.

Labor shortages have been somewhat affected by the pandemic, but they are primarily a reflection of persistent demographic patterns as we transition away from the boomers. Dealing with them will require a variety of actions, including, at a minimum, attracting people now on the sidelines back into the workforce, investing in automation and machine learning, and crafting reasonable immigration policy. The effectiveness with which these issues are dealt with affects the rate of long-term economic growth.

The US economy is currently facing notable challenges, but I think we'll see things improve once we get through the immediate hurdles. There are many underlying features of the US economy that bode well for expansion and sustainability. Our most recent long-term projections indicate that, over the 2021 to 2050 period, real gross product is expected to increase from an estimated \$19.5 trillion to \$41.4 trillion, a 2.64% compound annual rate of growth. Employment is forecast to rise by 1.58% per year on average over this time horizon, leading to the creation of 84.3 million net new jobs and total wage and salary employment of 230.4 million by 2050.

A slowdown in the pace of growth over the next year or so seems unavoidable at this point and uncertainty abounds on many fronts, but the long-term outlook for the national economy remains decidedly positive.

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"I don't like bullies..."

As I was working on the papers last week "The Avengers" movie was on in the background. I have seen it so many times it was just background noise...until I heard my favorite character, because of his character, Capt. America say: "When I went under, the world was at war. I wake up, they say we won. They didn't say what we lost."

Capt. America, Steve Rogers, was a fictional World War II hero. Fictional, but the way he was written he conveys what American sacrifice and heroism is supposed to be about—loyalty, faith, leadership, friendship and sacrifice. Maybe we should stop and consider what we have won and what we have lost.

There is a huge wave of nostalgia currently that includes returning to the dress and decor of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. I grew up in the '60s and '70s watching the nightly news with my Dad, a World War II veteran. At 17 he joined the Navy in the middle of that global conflagration and served from the Aleutians to the South Pacific. He never doubted the cost of that war and the sacrifice necessary to win it.

I have dear friends who are Vietnam War veterans who sacrificed so much only to be reviled by many when they came home. From Vietnam all the way back through the French & Indian War 'Americans' have been citizen-soldiers. I have taught generations of young men and women who have served throughout the world in unthinkable circumstances as part of what has become a professional military. Some things remain true regardless of the changes in warfare, technology or culture. Some things should never change.

Supreme Commander of the European Theater in WWII and later President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower may have said it best: "The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

It is time that we consider our own integrity, our own patriotism. As a former high school and college teacher I am sad to say that I often question the integrity of people who cite protecting the constitution while screaming at other Americans. I wonder how many have actually read it and understood it. The internet has brought us a wealth of knowledge and a sea of lies. We often gravitate only to what agrees with our perceptions, beliefs and prejudices at the cost of freedom of thought and freedom to disagree. That

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



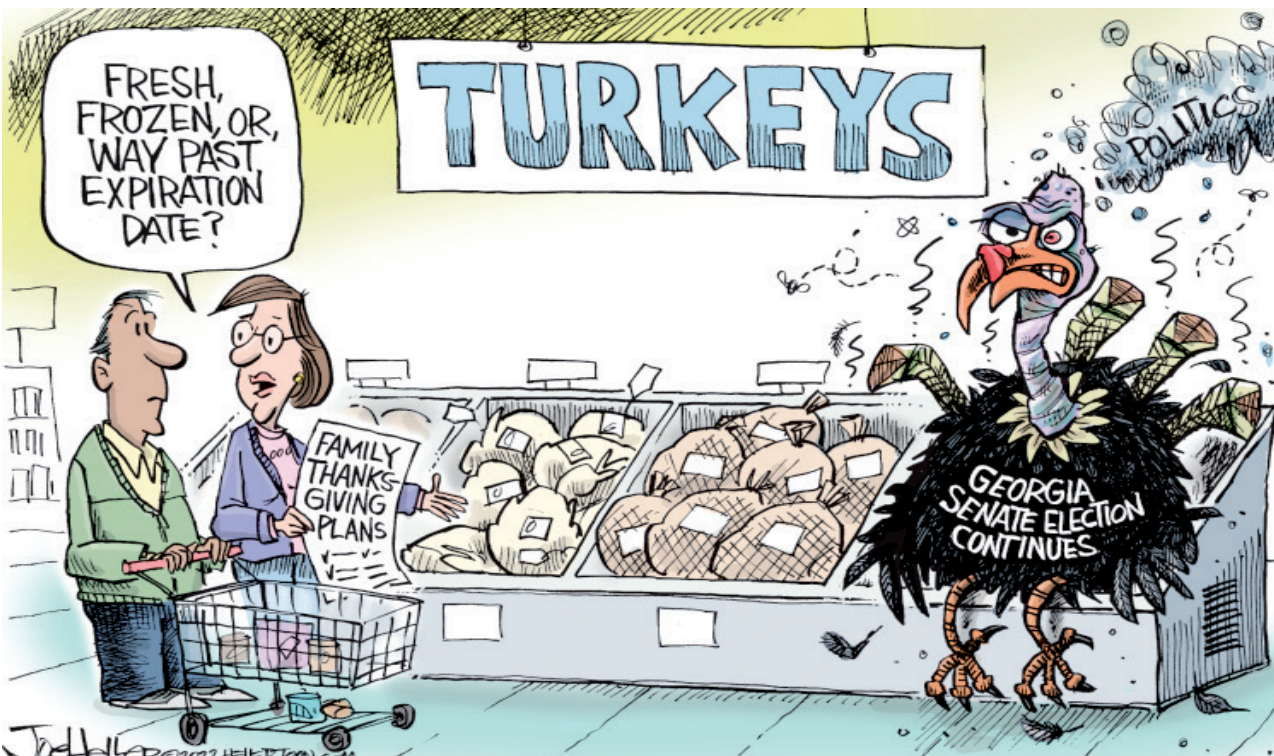
breaks my heart because I know that my father's generation laid down their lives in the hundreds of thousands to secure freedom not only for America but the hope that the world would move toward freedom. And it has.

If we can clear our minds of the disinformation left and right to be found online and consider the world we live in we would celebrate our NOW. We have better health care, availability of food, opportunity for success and wealth. My Dad and his generation fought for this better world that we live in. What we have lost is our optimism and our innocence. The fault may lie within us and the diet we feed our souls. A diet that has led to political polarization, self-obsession and selfishness at the expense of our nation's stability.

It is time to step up to the plate and be the best we can be for our children and grandchildren and to continue to be "the shining light on a hill" that America has been throughout its history. Here is another quote from my fictional hero who stands for the best of what can be and what generations of Americans have fought and died for: "I don't like bullies. I don't care where they're from."

The Constitution protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to assemble and petition the government. It is time we re-embrace our most precious rights. After all, a lot of Americans have died over the decades to ensure those rights continue for all Americans not just the ones they agreed with. It is important to remember that.

Integrity is a big word. As Americans we need to acknowledge, at least as recent generations, that we have no idea of what it is like to live without freedom. Why would we ever want to deny it to one another? Another favorite characteristic of Capt. America was his loyalty even when the other guy was on the other side of an issue. Maybe we should try a little harder to be more like Capt. America. The guy who said: "I'm with you 'til the end of the line." He didn't mean just the folks he agreed with.



Support local businesses on Small Business Saturday

Black Friday is good if you're looking for deals on air fryers or TVs, but if you're looking for the holiday spirit, go out on Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It's a day to support the local retailers and restaurants that support their communities throughout the year. It's also a day to find unique gifts and enjoy a level of service you won't find at the mall or chain stores.

Small Business Day feels like it's been around forever, but it's been around only as long as the iPad. It was created by American Express in 2010 to help small businesses recover from the Great Recession. Since then, though, it's since taken on a life of its own.

Last year, people spent a record \$23.3 billion at independent shops and restaurants on Small Business Saturday, according

to a survey by American Express and my group, the National Federation of Independent Business. That was up 18% from the \$19.8 billion people spent the year before and a nice increase from the \$19.6 billion spent in 2019, the last retail season before the pandemic.

Shopping small also makes our communities strong. Another American Express and NFIB survey found that 67 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stay in the community. What's more, every dollar spent at a small business creates an additional 50 cents in local business activity as employers and their employees shop at other local businesses.

The bottom line is that small businesses make our communities strong. That's why I'm encouraging everyone to shop small on Saturday, Nov. 26. When we help small businesses, we help everyone.

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WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

There was a painting in an art gallery of a brook flowing through a forest in which the streambed took up most of the canvas, and because of this much of the sky was excluded from the picture. However, the stream's reflection revealed the location of the sun, the tree tops, and the hazy atmosphere. The only way to "see" the sky was to look at the reflection on surface of the water.

Jesus is like the stream, in a spiritual sense. Thus, when we want to really see what God is like, we look at Jesus, because He is, in a visible way, the imprint or the "express image" of God. He is "the exact representation of God's being" (Heb. 1: 3). When Philip requested that Jesus "show us the Father" Jesus said "He who has seen Me has seen the Father (Jn. 14: 8-9). Jesus is unique. He alone is the One who can bring God to men and bring men to God! Thus, to see Him is to see what God is.

In temptation, Jesus revealed God's holiness. Confronting spiritual darkness, He demonstrated God's authority. Wrestling with people problems, He showed us God's wisdom. In His death, He illustrated God's love (Rom. 5: 8). To know what God would do in any given situation, see what Jesus did. To know what God would say, hear what Jesus said. To see God's character, look at Jesus because you see exactly what God is like. William Barclay said: "In Jesus Christ the distant, unknowable, invisible, unreachable God has come to men; and God can never be a stranger to us again."

Dear friend, do you know God? Do you want to know what God is like? Then get acquainted with Jesus. He said in Jn. 4: 24: "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14: 6). In summation, in Jesus alone we see what God is like; in Him alone we have access to God. He alone can show men God; and He alone can lead men into the presence of God. Think on these things.

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Turnout drops in recent election

Voter turnout in the midterm elections again dropped statewide, with just over 45% of registered voters either casting ballots early or at the polls on Nov. 8. Republican candidates continued to hold a hammerlock on statewide positions, with incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott handily winning a third term over challenger Beto O' Rourke.

The Texas Standard reported turnout in the state's largest counties was well below 50% and lower than the record 2018 midterm turnout. Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at the University of Houston, said he wasn't surprised at the relatively low turnout.

"Usually, it's hard to get Texans to vote in midterm elections. We saw a sizable increase in 2018 and then a big bump in 2020, but it's starting to look like the 2018 and 2020 numbers were basically an aberration," he said.

In Harris County, turnout dropped from 52% in 2018 to 43% this year. Dallas County saw turnout plunge from 57% in 2018 to 44% this year, while in Tarrant County turnout was 47%, down from 57% in the last midterm.

"The turnout in this election was abysmal. It was way too low. And so, voters need to understand that if they don't participate in the process, then their ability to control what happens in Austin is limited," Rottinghaus told the Texas Standard.

Lawmakers: Get tougher on polluters

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically reviews state agencies, has concluded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality needs to make frequent polluters more accountable and increase the possible fines companies can face.

The commission consists of 10 legislators and two members of the public. The Texas Tribune reported the sunset commission called for state lawmakers to pass legislation next session that would increase the penalty levels for industrial polluters from \$25,000 per day to \$40,000.

"I think people wanted to send a message that we were cognizant of the burden upon industry while also recognizing the importance of increasing the penalty after this period of time so that the TCEQ has the power and the tools to actually enforce compliance with its rules," said Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and a member of the commission.

The sunset commission's recommendations will be considered during the next legislative session, which begins in January.

Dry October leads to drought increase

A fairly dry October, except in West Texas, led to an increase in drought levels to 75% of the state, up 14 percentage points from the end of September.

Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, wrote that months of drought have adversely affected surface water resources and are now beginning to affect ground water resources as well.

For example, the Edwards Aquifer's water level has dropped 35 feet to its lowest level since the 2011 drought. Storage levels in the state's water supply reservoirs are at 68% of capacity — 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

"It's too far out to say with certainty, but spring 2023 may be our next best chance for drought relief," Wentzel wrote.

Business convicted of workers' comp fraud

A Houston-area business has been convicted of a first-degree felony in a worker's compensation scheme.

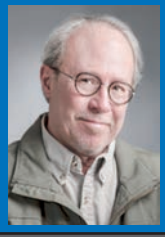
Sehgal & Sons Enterprises was convicted of concealing payrolls by having two separate payroll accounts but only reporting the smaller account to Texas Mutual Insurance Company. The company was fined \$300,000, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

"Concealing payroll is a scheme companies use to get lower workers' compensation insurance rates, and that's fraud," said Debra Knight with the Department of Workers' Compensation.

More than \$355M in public safety grants

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced more than \$355

**Gary Borders
Capital Highlights**



million in public safety grants, covering a variety of programs, including victims' services, anti-human trafficking efforts, and law enforcement support. The funding is a combination of state and federal dollars.

The money will go to provide bullet-resistant vests, homeland security, to combat human trafficking, border security and about a dozen other programs.

"This crucial grant funding will further bolster organizations and agencies as they work around the clock to ensure justice for victims of crime, protect against threats, prevent human trafficking, and support statewide emergency infrastructure, among other critical public safety initiatives," Abbott said.

Whooping cranes spotted on Texas coast

First sightings of the endangered whooping crane have been reported along the Texas coast, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported.

Janess Vartanian, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says that on Oct. 21 a pair of whooping cranes were the first to arrive this season on Matagorda Island. Most will arrive in and around the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in December.

Whooping birds, according to TPWD, are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. The current population is estimated at about 543 birds. They migrate this time of year 2,500 miles from northern Alberta, Canada, to the Texas coast.

**Union Grove ISD
board election results**

By Phillip Williams

Union Grove ISD voters elected two newcomers, re-elected one incumbent and ousted another incumbent in last week's contested school board races, while Upshur County voters followed the statewide trend by going Republican in all federal and state contests on the Nov. 8 ballot.

In UGISD, Brian Cox ousted Place 5 incumbent Bennie Norris, who was seeking re-election, 525-493 in unofficial returns released by County Election Administrator Lory Harle's office. (Those numbers, and numbers listed elsewhere in this article, would not have included any mailed ballots which may have arrived by Nov. 9, but were postmarked by election day).

Place 4 incumbent Tim Turner easily won re-election over two challengers, drawing 687 to 161 for Edward Ledbetter and 160 for Robert Campbell in unofficial returns.

In the race for retiring Place 1 incumbent Kelly Chambliss' seat, Karey Barbee defeated John Cannon, 583-444, in unofficial returns. Place 2 incumbent Justin Smith was automatically returned to office since he was unopposed.

In the only race for an Upshur County office, Republican Precinct 4 County Commissioner Jay W. Miller overwhelmingly defeated his write-in challenger, businessman Robert Perry, drawing 87% of the vote in winning 2,785-416 in unofficial returns.

In the governor's race, incumbent Greg Abbott received 12,265 to Democrat Beto O'Rourke's 1,854, while four minor party or write-in candidates received a combined total of 142 votes in unofficial returns.

About 14,300 of the county's approximately 29,000 registered voters cast ballots in the general election, with more than half the turnout coming in early voting, Harle's office said.

**LETTER TO
THE EDITOR**

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE was a tremendous success Saturday night! So many people attended and enjoyed the beautiful decorations in the shops and all downtown. The spirit of Christmas could be seen and felt as friends greeted each other on the sidewalks. A variety of treats were provided by the storeowners and enjoyed by many. The Chamber had two elves-Farrell and JD-making 30 gallons of delicious hot chocolate using Mrs. Clause's North Pole recipe. Thanks to Mayor Scott Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Sonny Anderson, Council Members Brandy Flanagan and Rocky Hawkins, City Clerk Judy Van Houten, Elaine Roddy, Harold Wells, Sheila Faggans, and GEDCO Director Michelle Palmer for serving over 400 cups to those passing by. Community support and help is essential in an event's success.

Miss Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo Queen Kallie Rogers enjoyed walking around downtown and visiting with everyone.

Many thanks to the Gladewater Public Works Department for having everything ready in only 11 days especially John Choice and Randy Callaway. Two businesses who partnered to make sure the tree was completed first was TICO and Equipment Share. (These two Chamber members- Arron Watson and Lee Lobbs- are always willing to help with whatever is needed.) Matt and Karla Byrd are amazing! Thank you for loving Gladewater and sharing your talents and visions for the enjoyment of your hometown. Members of the Gladewater Middle School National Honor Society and sponsor, Margie Collins, were fabulous in the Children's Area helping make necklaces, tree ornaments, and writing letters to Santa. Tony McCullough, who works at Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, provided the screen and equipment for outdoor Christmas movies to be enjoyed in the Children's Area. The Gladewater Museum provided warm blankets for the children to curl up in.

A highlight of the evening was the carriage rides sponsored by Shipp's Marine and the Gladewater MIRROR each year. Jim Bardwell also advertised the Holiday Open House each week in all three of his newspapers. Officer Kotulla used his drone to capture perfect aerial views of downtown with the tree aglow. Jackson's Theater provided live theater- [Texas Trailer Park Christmas](#)- for those not wanting the fun to end.

KMOO Radio provided Christmas music that could be heard downtown.

Big thanks to the two young girls who waved their 'magic wands' to make the Christmas tree light up as Mayor Scott Owens and Darren Richardson led the crowd in Christmas carols. This truly is THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

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Gladewater Rotary's Students of the Month for November are Union Grove's Briyanna Blalock and Joshua Baker. Last week's featured speaker was Gladewater High School teacher Jamie Cook, pictured below with Rotary President Darren Richardson.

Photos by Darla Ferguson



Manna House needs our help now

The local Manna House continues to need your help so they can continue to help those needing assistance - especially during the holidays.

Manna House needs help - such as bread, 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.

Youth Conference set for Nov. 19

The Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church 2022 Youth Conference for 6th - 12th grade students will be held in its covered arena (so dress according to weather) on November 19 starting at 6 p.m..

The theme this year is Faith Moves Mountains with concentration on verse Matthew 17:20.

They will be serving supper inside the church house, so come have some fun and enjoy the games and door prizes. Admission is free when you bring a canned good/non-perishable item!

Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church is located at 231 PR 3487, Big Sandy. Please RSVP to any of the following: Kara Boyles 903-736-1015, Kimmy Rodgers 903-944-5449 or Natasha Spates 903-497-9073. The Youth ministry email is: sdccyouth777@gmail.com

GW Garden Club

The Gladewater Garden Club, established 1949, meets the fourth Monday of each

month at the Gardens of Gladewater Clubhouse, 108 N. Lee Street, at 1 p.m..

They have monthly programs with gardenign experts and refreshments. If you are interested in joinign contact a garden club member.

Storytime slated

Two books will be read to youngsters Thursday (Nov. 17) at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer.

"Turkey Trouble" by Wendi Silvano, and "Thanksgiving for Emily Ann" by Teresa Johnson, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions.

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

While the events are free, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Register to Ring! The Salvation Army Seeks Volunteers

Despite the lingering pandemic, more than two million people of all ages volunteered their time, talents, and resources in 2021 to assist The Salvation Army's work in the USA. These volunteers are truly 'the army behind the Army.'

This Christmastime, The Salvation Army right here serving Gregg and Harrison Counties is appealing to prospective volunteers like YOU to help raise much-needed funds and to assist the most vulnerable men, women and children in our community.

Volunteers are critical partners in helping the organization fulfill its mission and



Gladewater Lady Bear Kamryn Floyd committed to Southern Arkansas University.

accomplish all that needs to be done, especially during the Holiday season. "If you have never volunteered with The Salvation Army before, come and give it a try. Be part of something special by helping make a difference in the lives of so many this holiday season," said Captain Tamara Robb, Commanding Officer of The Salvation Army for Gregg and Harrison Counties. "We've got a volunteer opportunity just for you, whether you can give an hour, a morning, or an entire day."

Did you know that every volunteer hour of bell ringing raises enough money to put food on the table for 13 people? The Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers from the beginning of November through December 24, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Every dollar collected in the red kettles support the wide range of services and programs pro-

vided throughout the year in Gregg and Harrison Counties, including feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, offering emergency financial assistance, youth programs, and disaster response.

Visit www.RegisterToRing.com and simply select the location, date and time, and you're ready to ring!" said Captain Robb. "You can ring with a friend!"

Retired teachers to meet Dec. 1

The Oil Patch TRTA meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Gladewater. The musical program will be presented by a vocal group led by Darren Richardson and an ornament exchange will be held.

To participate simply bring an ornament valued under \$10.

All retired public school employees at invited to attend.

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11/6/22	ABANDONED 911	20225554	8:01		1608 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	DEADLY CONDUCT	20225555	11:23		11783 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20225556	13:06		2318 W GAY GAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225557	13:09	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20225558	13:17		1000 FOREST HILL FOREST HILL ST
	EMS	20225559	14:11		1618 N LYNN LYNN ST
	ABANDONED 911	20225560	14:22		2113 OLD LONGVIEW OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	10-50 MINOR	20225561	15:52		SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225562	16:42	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225563	17:50		822 N LAKE LAKE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225564	19:31		5613 SWEETGUM SWEETGUM
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20225565	22:13	SUNBELT MANUFACTURING	100 S PINE PINE ST
11/7/22	EMS	20225566	4:03		1594 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	ASSIST	20225567	5:03		406 N FERRY FERRY
	EMS	20225568	8:44		1210 PINE HILL PINE HILL
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225570	12:37		700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20225571	13:59	CHURCH OF CHRIST	1000 N LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	CRIM MIS	20225572	14:29		619 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20225574	16:41	RISEING STAR CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	801 S TYLER TYLER RD
	10-50 MINOR	20225575	17:22	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225576	21:37		156 PR 1299 PR 1299
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225577	22:16	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20225578	23:13		314 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225579	23:49		506 MELBA MELBA
11/8/22	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20225580	2:16		1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	ASSIST	20225581	8:43	GENUINE AUTO CARE	905 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	UNATTENDED DEATH	20225582	9:01		710 CLAIR CLAIR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20225583	11:00		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20225584	11:53		N POINT PLEASANT N POINT PLEASANT
	HARASSMENT	20225586	13:18		316 MELBA MELBA
	ASSIST	20225587	14:25		510 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	EMS	20225588	15:15	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20225589	17:24	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225590	17:35		100 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225591	18:00		WOOD WOOD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20225592	18:56		W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20225593	19:10	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20225594	21:40		2328 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
11/9/22	ASSIST	20225595	0:22	SUBWAY	106 E UPSHUR UPSHUR
	THEFT	20225596	7:27	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20225597	8:31	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225598	8:38		EDDY EDDY
	ALARM/OTHER	20225599	8:47	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20225600	10:59		507 NE LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20225601	11:03		1594 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225602	11:57	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20225603	12:18		208 E ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	EMS	20225604	12:29		702 W CLAIR CLAIR ST
	EMS	20225605	12:41		307 W SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	EMS	20225606	13:46	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20225607	14:57	TEXAS DIE CAST	800 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20225608	15:14	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	CRIM TRESPASS	20225609	16:08	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225610	16:55		2202 W HAMPTON HAMPTON
	EMS	20225611	18:40		2402 WOODBINE WOODBINE ST
	EMS	20225612	19:13		703 MELBA MELBA AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20225613	19:55		616A JEANETTE JEANETTE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20225614	20:38		408 JEANETTE JEANETTE
	ALARM/OTHER	20225615	23:22		2824 COBY COBY
11/10/22	ASSIST	20225616	0:03		6259 US 271 US 271
	CRIM MIS	20225617	0:38		2324 W GAY GAY
	EMS	20225618	4:41		221 N HIGHWAY 136 HIGHWAY 136
	ASSIST	20225620	8:12		503 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	THEFT	20225621	9:30	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20225622	9:58		509 N FERRY FERRY ST
	EMS	20225623	12:35		1505 ALICE ALICE
	EMS	20225624	13:15	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20225625	13:38	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20225626	13:48		2805 RAMPY RAMPY
	EMS	20225627	14:09		314 N LEE LEE ST
	THEFT	20225628	16:33	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225629	17:12	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20225631	18:00		TEXAS TEXAS
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20225632	18:10		518 MELBA MELBA
	10-50 MINOR	20225633	18:10	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225634	18:18		107 EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225635	18:33	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225637	19:17		107 EDDY EDDY
	FIRE DEPT	20225638	21:38	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
11/11/22	EMS	20225640	2:33		57 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	ABANDONED 911	20225641	2:56		100 E UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20225642	3:19		DANIEL DANIEL
	EMS	20225643	3:23		321 E EDDY EDDY
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20225644	5:43		2709 W GAY GAY AVE
	10-50 MAJOR	20225647	7:55		HWY 80 HWY 80
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	20225648	8:02		310 N LEE LEE ST
	ASSIST	20225649	9:39		801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20225650	13:18	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20225651	13:21		690 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE
	10-50 MINOR	20225652	14:03		215 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225653	18:38	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225654	21:32		1209 N SHELL SHELL
11/12/22	EMS	20225658	6:49		802 COACH COCKSEY COACH COCKSEY
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20225659	7:32		212 E MILLER ST E MILLER ST
	ABANDONED 911	20225661	7:48		402 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225663	10:23		1104 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	10-50 MINOR	20225664	11:49		900 VESTA AVE VESTA AVE
	EMS	20225665	12:27	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225666	12:47		PHILIP SPRINGS PHILIP SPRINGS
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225667	12:52		905 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20225668	13:04		100 W GAY W GAY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225670	15:43	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	FORGERY	20225671	16:31		1003 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	FIRE DEPT	20225672	16:53		1800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225673	17:50		519 MELBA MELBA
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225674	18:39		201 N WOODROW WOODROW
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225675	19:26		N CENTER CENTER
	FIRE DEPT	20225676	21:25		10191 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225677	21:32		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225678	22:10		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225679	22:59		500 WOOD WOOD
	EMS	20225680	23:32		66 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225681	23:44		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
11/13/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20225682	1:35		100 UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ABANDONED 911	20225683	2:30		514 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20225684	3:42		100 N LEE LEE
	ALARM/OTHER	20225685	5:20		406 S CENTER CENTER
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225686	8:51		132 N LEE LEE
	ASSIST	20225687	8:57		2899 N POINT PLEASANT POINT PLEASANT RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225688	9:28	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225689	9:35		507 S MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20225690	9:45		66 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	ASSIST	20225691	10:04		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	20225692	12:22		521 QUEEN QUEEN ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225693	12:56		606 TENERY TENERY
	CRIM TRESPASS	20225694	12:58		1503 CHESNUT CHESNUT
	ALARM/OTHER	20225695	14:02	WALKER PHARMACY	402 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE

Texas State Parks invites Texans to join in celebrating 100 years of state parks in 2023

AUSTIN— The Centennial Celebration of Texas State Parks is right around the corner, and park lovers are invited to get outside and join celebrations across the state. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) will celebrate 100 years of Texas State Parks beginning January 2023.

“We invite all Texans to experience these precious public lands that truly belong to them,” said Rodney Franklin, TPWD’s Texas State Parks Director. “We hope this is the year every Texan visits at least one state park. We are going to take advantage of the excitement about the Centennial to showcase everything our parks have to offer, and we’re thrilled that H-E-B will be supporting our celebration.”

H-E-B is the presenting sponsor of the Centennial Celebration and donated \$1 million to help Texas State Parks engage all Texans in discovering and exploring their parks.

“In a state rich with majestic landscapes, our support of this effort aims to provide access to our parks and the beauty of our great state for all Texans to enjoy,” said Winell Herron, H-E-B Group Vice President of Public Affairs, Diversity and Environmental Affairs. “Only a very small fraction of land in Texas is public land, and it’s our commitment to work alongside organizations such as our longtime partner Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation to protect these precious resources, so Texans can use them for generations to come.”

When Governor Pat Neff called for a State Parks Board in 1923, he envisioned a Texas dotted by camping and recreational spaces held in sacred trust for the public good. Texas State Parks have lived up to that vision and so much more. Texas State Parks play a significant role in conserving habitat that benefits people and wildlife, encompassing some 630,000 acres, including 481,000 acres of Texas aquifers, rivers and reservoirs that protect our drinking water. Parks also provide critical habitat for wildlife, including more than 50 threatened and endangered species. They also attract close to 10 million visitors every year, generating \$891 million in economic value and \$18 million in sales tax revenue.

The Centennial Celebration will officially kick off statewide on Jan. 1, 2023, with “First Day Hikes.” New Year’s Day hikers will be welcomed across the state, and many parks will offer ranger-guided walks and hikes for this special event. Throughout the year, TPWD will encourage hikers, campers, picnickers and nature lovers to share their first-time park experiences on the Texas State Parks Facebook and Instagram pages.

The celebration will continue with special events at 89 state parks throughout the year, inviting Texans to visit with their families and friends. State parks offer a variety of experiences, from easy-to-access playgrounds and picnic and camping areas to back country hiking for the more adventurous.

Park visitors can stay in-the-know about celebrations near them, plan visits with how-to videos, and purchase limited edi-

tion state park merchandise on the new Texas State Parks 100 Years website, the Texas State Parks app, and Texas State Parks Facebook and Instagram pages. The TPWD PBS series will feature Centennial programming throughout the 2023 series, and Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine will publish a special issue in May 2023. The State Park Guide, available for free beginning in January 2023, will also feature Centennial-related content. Centennial-branded retail merchandise will be available in Texas State Park stores and online beginning in November 2022.

Throughout the Centennial Celebration, H-E-B will engage with customers to inspire a love of the outdoors with campfire cooking recipes from H-E-B chefs, hosting Texas park rangers in stores; fun, Texas parks-themed merchandise; and more. H-E-B works year-round to champion sustainability initiatives throughout its own operations and across the Lone Star State.

Earlier this year, the retailer announced Field & Future by H-E-B, its line of sustainable, environmentally friendly products, will benefit state parks and wildlife conservation. Through its commitment to Our Texas, Our Future, H-E-B is additionally focused on increasing awareness and education of the environmental stewardship that state parks bring to preserve Texas’ land, water, and air.

In addition to celebrating the past, the Centennial is about looking ahead to the next 100 years. In January 2023, TPWF will kick off a Centennial Fundraising Campaign to raise funds for priority projects at state parks across Texas. TPWF’s fundraising effort will drive statewide, grassroots giving to raise \$2 million that will deliver equipment and enhancements to the visitor experience for 89 state parks. These donations will allow Texas State Parks to continue delighting visitors of all ages for generations to come.


The Centennial Fundraising Campaign is complementary to the ongoing TPWF fundraising effort for Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, the first new state park in North Texas in 25 years. The new park will be another cause for celebration. Palo Pinto Mountains State Park is located on 4,871 acres of scenic, undeveloped land approximately 75 miles west of Fort Worth and 75 miles east of Abilene. Philanthropic support raised by TPWF, including donations through Field & Future by H-E-B, will be leveraged with \$21 million in public funds to construct the roads, utilities, buildings, campsites, trails and other facilities necessary to open the park to the public. Fundraising is still underway, and officials are hoping for a soft opening with some facilities available to the public by late 2023.

The Centennial will also be commemorated with “The Art of Texas Parks” exhibit, which will be hosted at several museums, starting in January at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. The exhibit is a visual arts survey of state parks and features 34 parks by some of Texas’ best contemporary artists.

For more information on the Centennial Celebration, including signature events, the history of Texas State Parks and how to make a day visit or overnight reservation, visit the newly launched Texas State Parks 100 Years website at [TexasStateParks.org/100years](https://www.texasstateparks.org/100years).

Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
11/7/22	11/7/22	12:41	WARD, CHARLES DEMOND	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	700 W UPSHUR
	11/7/22	12:41	WARD, CHARLES DEMOND	B	M	VIOLATION BOND/PROTECTIVE ORDER	700 W UPSHUR
	11/7/22	12:41	WARD, CHARLES DEMOND	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	700 W UPSHUR
	11/7/22	12:41	WARD, CHARLES DEMOND	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	700 W UPSHUR



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- Most Valuable Hitter**
SR #11 Amber Harris (Beckville)
- Most Valuable Blocker**
JR #3 Skylar Murray (Hawkins)
SO #13 Lexi Ibarra (Carlisle)
- Most Valuable Defensive Player**
SO #8 Tatum Smith (Hawkins)
- Most Valuable Server**
SR #22 Trinity Hawkins (Hawkins)
- Most Valuable Setter**
SR #1 Sophie Elliott (Beckville)
- New Comer of the Year**
SR #12 Ne'Kia Weir (Overton)
- First Team (10)**
SR #2 Laney Jones (Beckville)
SR #6 MJ Liles (Beckville)
SR #9 Karissa McDowell (Beckville)
SR #4 Jordyn Warren (Hawkins)
SR #2 Laney Wilson (Hawkins)
JR #11 Kayla Nobles (Overton)
SR #5 Alex Brown (Overton)

- JR #11 Kyra Holcomb (Carlisle)
JR #9 Karolyne Estrada (Carlisle)
JR #15 Brady Colby (Union Grove)
SR #11 MaRyah Francis (Big Sandy)
- Second Team (10)**
JR #7 Lexi Barr (Beckville)
JR #5 Maddie McAfee (Beckville)
SR #1 Carmen Turner (Hawkins)
SO #14 Alaya Scoggins (Hawkins)
SR #7 Brylie Smith (Overton)
JR #3 Avery Smith (Overton)
SO #15 Kasey Hart (Carlisle)
JR #0 Emily Rocha (Carlisle)
SO #10 Sarah Prince (Union Grove)
SR #23 Mackenzie Davis (Big Sandy)
- Honorable Mention**
SO #9 Karsyn Coleman (Beckville)
FR #12 Kellen Weaver (Beckville)
JR #24 Daphnie Blavier (Big Sandy)
JR #21 Madi Hill (big sandy)
SO #1 Taylor Campbell (Union Grove)
SR #6 Alison Yohn (Union Grove)
SR #2 Analeice Jones (Union Grove)
Londyn Wilson (Hawkins)
Ryli Williams (Hawkins)
Haylie Warrick (Hawkins)
Sarah Emery (Overton)
Ja'miya Oneal (Overton)
Allison Effner (Carlisle)
Joana Canchola (Carlisle)

- Makayla Holcomb (Carlisle)
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Lexi Barr - 98.66
Karsyn Coleman - 94.59
Maggie Davidson - 99.37
Sophie Elliott - 99.98
Amber Harris - 92.17
Hannah Hester - 97.89
Laney Jones - 92.69
MJ Liles - 93.13
Maddie McAfee - 99.63
Karissa McDowell - 97
Avery Morris - 96.08
Kellen Weaver - 99.5

- UNION GROVE**
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Brady Colby - 95.23
Sarah Prince - 94.18
Taylor Campbell - 90.16
Hannah Coulter - 91.30
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Laney Wilson
Skylar Murray
Jordyn Warren
Ryli Williams
Trinity Hawkins

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Siann Levoy
Lllie McAdams
Ja'Miya Oneal
Kyra Parker
Annalise Perkins
Isabella Reagh
Kasha Williams
Sarah Emery
Halle Mayfield
Lila Gurley
Kayla Nobles
Avery Smith
Alex Brown

Big Sandy

- Daphnie Blavier
Madi Hill
Ava Jenison
Shemaiah Johnson
Zoey Messick
Journie Plunkett
- Carlisle**
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3-A Basketball preview

Men's Basketball preview

By Tyler Sutton

Gladewater: The Bears will bring back a lot from last year's squad that made the playoffs with a 16-9 record and finishing runner up to White Oak in district with a 10-2 district record. Which got the Bears into the playoffs losing in the first round to Waskom. Some of the returning stars from last year's team include: SG Tyrone Maddox, PG Kelian James, PG Kollin Lewis, SG Xavier Woods, SF Tristen Linwood. The Bears are lead once again by Curtis Armstrong

White Oak: The Roughnecks are the defending district champions and they bring back another very talented team this season. White Oak is coming off 27-5 season and a perfect 12-0 district run. They made it to the 3rd round of the playoffs before falling to Tatum. Some of their best returning talent include: Colton Fears, C Benjamin Jacyno, SG Gunner Solis, PG Michael Bort and SG Matthew Bort. The Roughnecks are lead by Brett Cloud

Sabine: The Cardinals are coming off a 4th place finish in district last season which earned them the final playoff spot in the district. Sabine had a 10-20 record and went 5-7 in district play. Losing in the opening round of the playoffs to Tatum. The Cardinals are once again lead by Colby Carr

Dangerfield: The Tigers are coming off a 6-15 season in 2021 with a 4-4 record in district that earned them a 3rd place finish in district and a playoff berth. The Tigers lost a heart breaker in the opening round of those playoffs 58-56 to Jefferson. Some of the best returning players for Dangerfield include: Chad Reeves, PG Chris Thompson, Lathan Saucedo, SG Dillan Jacobs, Kenneth Mosely and Skylat Smith. The Tigers are once again led by coach Curtis Lewis

Hughes Springs: The Mustangs are coming off a rough 2021 season that saw them got 1-18 and 0-8 in district play. Some of the returning players are: SG Trent Bolden, PG Cameron Johns, SG Devin Flournoy, SG Andrew Martin,

Ja'Kobie Craver and Isiah Bolden. The Mustangs are lead by Jeremy Griffin

New Diana: The Eagles are coming of a bad 2021 season where they went 1-15 overall and 1-7 in district play. New Diana is once again led by Colton Wager

Projected district finish:

- White Oak
- Gladewater
- Sabine
- Dangerfield
- Hughes Springs
- New Diana

Women's Basketball preview

Gladewater: Jermaine Lewis brings back another talented squad for the 2022 season. The Lady Bears are coming off one of the best seasons in school history going 20-1 and having a perfect 10-0 district record in route to a district championship. Gladewater made it to the 3rd round of the playoffs before falling to Mount Vernon. Some of the notable talent returning for the Lady Bears include: SF Alexis Boyd, PG Kyla Lincoln, SG Kamryn Floyd, SG MaKayla Police and PG Sydney Keller

Sabine: The Lady Cardinals had a very good 2021 season going 19-6 and finishing 2nd in the district with a 9-2 record. Which earned them a playoff birth where they fell in the 1st round to Jefferson 52-47. Head coach Sara Cantrell's squad brings back a host of experienced players such as: Kylee Longhofer, PF Haylin McKenzie, PG Ella Roberts, and SF Blaire Kaufman

Hughes Springs: The Lady Mustangs are coming off a successful 2021 season that saw them going 10-6 in the regular season and 4-3 record in district. Which earned them a 3rd place finish. Losing in the 1st round of the playoffs to Waskom 52-40. Robert Klaus team returns some good play-

ers in the form of : PG Brianna Young, PG Haley Crews, SG Christian Stewart, SF Shelby Fickling, PF Brianna Morrow and C Zoe Lanier

New Diana: The Lady Eagles had one of their better seasons in quite a while in 2021 going 19-17 and finishing 7-6 in district play which earned them a 4th place finish and getting the final playoff spot in the district. Winning a playoff game over Tatum 38-27 before falling to Mount Vernon 53-19 in the 2nd round. Ryan Herring's team returns some key players in the form of: SG Kamrin Woodall, SF Abbie Shafer, PG Ashley Orona. PG Katherine Yount and C Layla Stapleton

Dangerfield: The Lady Tigers are coming off a disappointing 2021 season going 6-23 and 3-9 in district play to finish 5th. Jeremy White's team returns some from that team in the form of: SG Terry Gholston Jr, PG Alexis Williams, SG DeAsia Williams, C Destiny Gholston and PG Jalaysia Holloman

Ore City: The Lady Rebels had a tough 2021 season going 3-14 overall and 2-7 in district play finishing 6th. Michael Brooks team brings back some talented upper classmen in: SG Brynn Richardson, PG Stormy Redmond. PF Kinsley Watkins and PF Cinnamon Phillips

White Oak: The Lady Roughnecks are coming off one of their worst seasons in many years in 2021 going 1-15 overall and 1-8 in district play to finish 7th. Coach Desiree Hutchins-Boyette is back once and brings back some talent in the form of: PG Raylee Gajewsky, SG Lexi Palmer, Kaylee Pipes SG Karl Jones, SF Kayleigh Woodard and SG Whitney Rayson

Projected District Finish:

- Gladewater
- Sabine
- Hughes Springs
- New Diana
- White Oak
- Dangerfield
- Ore City

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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on August 31, 2022, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all of SWEPCO's Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. The request has no effect on SWEPCO's non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$673,456,496 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs by \$226,582,663, excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$227,527,608 as of December 31, 2021. SWEPCO seeks have the fuel over- / under-recovery balances, including interest, established by customer class as of the end of the Reconciliation Period. SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and certain prior fuel-related proceedings, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

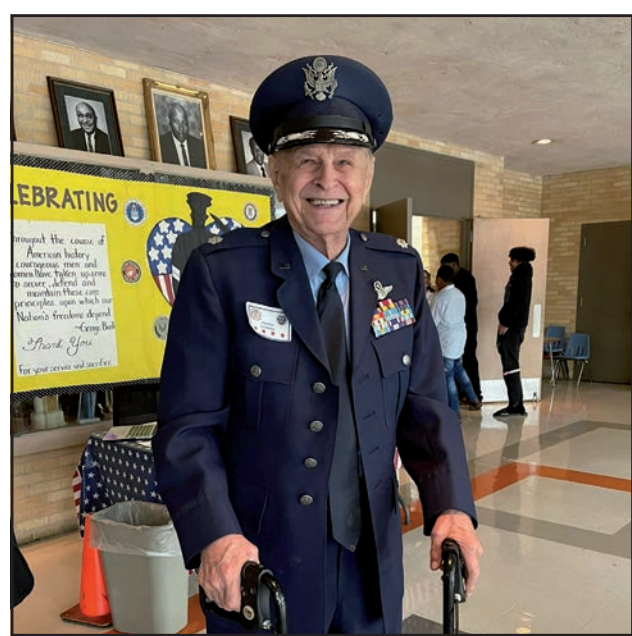
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Local veterans enjoyed performances from the Union Grove band, cheerleaders, and theater students, as well as fifth and sixth graders during the Veterans' Day program Nov. 11, followed by an enchilada lunch prepared by Culinary Arts students. National Honor Society and Student Council members also helped put on the program.

Photo by Jamie Russell



World War veteran Retired Lt. Col. James Lindsay, a merchant marine from 1943-47 and then in the Air Force from 1948-70 joined other area vets for the Gladewater Weldon Elementary School's salute to those those served and defended the nation and our freedoms. Local scouts presented the colors.



Union Grove junior high and high school cheerleaders perform to "God Bless the USA" during UGISD's Veterans' Day program Nov. 11.

Photo by Emma Holder

Growing number of employers embrace model to build their workforce

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is celebrating Apprenticeship Week November 14-20, 2022, and encourages employers to explore how apprenticeship programs can support businesses, education partners, labor organizations, workforce partners, and industry associations to meet the ongoing need for a skilled workforce. Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently issued a proclamation recognizing Texas Apprenticeship Week to spotlight the importance of apprenticeship programs as a workforce and economic development tool in Texas.

The Texas celebration coincides with National Apprenticeship Week and showcases one of the ways Texas employers are finding and retaining the talent they need to remain competitive in a global economy.

"On-the-job training programs like apprenticeships are a key tool in bridging the middle-skills gap in Texas," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "This earn-while-you-learn model helps Texans develop sought-after skills and prepare for high-wage, high-demand careers available in our growing economy."

There are more than 693 registered apprenticeship programs in the state, with 22,753 active participants. In addition, Chapter 133 apprenticeships have trained over approximately 20,000 apprentices in the past three years, with an investment of \$14.6 million. Texas is continuing to innovate and invest in the area of apprenticeship, dedicating \$15 million to the healthcare apprenticeships initiative and \$4 million to the critical

skills initiative earlier this year. "Registered Apprenticeship or as I like to call it 'the Other Higher Education,' is one of the most important workforce development tools available, offering Texans the opportunity to build their careers, gain hands-on experience, and simultaneously earn a wage," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "Apprenticeships have expanded from traditional trades to wider professions like IT, healthcare, and more. These programs set Texans up for not just a job, but a career."

Texas Apprenticeship Week recognizes leaders in business, labor, education, and industry, and highlights how apprenticeships prepare workers for careers in demand today and in the future. Events are planned around the state to showcase Texas apprenticeships and the employers benefiting from the work-based learning model.

ApprenticeshipTexas encourages local employers and industry partners to develop new apprenticeship training programs and expand on current Registered Apprenticeship training programs.

"TWC's apprenticeship team is here to support participating Texas employers as they develop, expand and operate apprenticeship programs to build their workforce," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "Apprenticeships offer employers a choice and a customized training solution to broaden their talent pipeline and grow their business."

Employers seeking information on building the core components of a Registered Apprenticeship training program should contact TWC at ApprenticeshipTexas@twc.texas.gov or visit the ApprenticeshipTexas website.

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