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Economist Ray Perryman cites benefits of ESDs

A new report from noted economist Dr. Ray Perryman finds that across Texas, Emergency Services Districts are more cost effective than municipalities in delivering emergency services.

ESDs are independent, grassroots governments created by voters to provide fire protection, emergency medical response or both. Emergency Services Districts protect more than 10 million Texans.

Perryman's researchers collected tax data for ESDs and for similarly sized municipalities in the same geographic area. Using census figures, the report calculated the per capita expenditure for both Emergency Services Districts and municipalities.

In 19 areas, the ESDs were less expensive and more cost effective, the report concluded. In many areas, the difference was dramatic. For example, a taxpayer in Jefferson County ESD No. 4 paid \$49.42 in taxes for emergency services. In the nearby cities of Nederland and Groves, a taxpayer paid more than double that amount — \$101.70.

A taxpayer in Smith County ESD No. 2 paid \$45.84 for emergency services; in the city of Tyler, the county seat, a taxpayer paid more than four times that amount — \$185.86, the research showed.

Perryman extended the analysis to look at what that means for the Texas economy as a whole. The savings in areas served by Emergency Services Districts from what they would have to pay for municipal service would amount to \$1.2 billion in annual gross product for Texas and generate an estimated 12,081 jobs.

"Emergency Services Districts provide a stable source of funds for fire protection and other protective services. They also provide notable cost savings compared to other options such as contracting with a municipality," the report concluded.

"Without the resources provided by ESDs, many areas would be faced with inadequate protective services," the report states. "In some areas, it is difficult to retain sufficient numbers of volunteers (in fact, there has been an ongoing, long-term pattern of reduction in volunteers). These trends increase the need for more formal funding structures and stable systems such as those provided by ESDs."



Gladewater ISD parents need to sign up for the "ParentView" app now! All students were issued a bus ID card on Nov 30 so they can scan onto the bus for school trips or daily routes. You will need your student's ID# and 4-digit registration code to enroll. Call the office if you need these numbers! 903-845-2243. Download the App here: iPhone <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1518169668> or Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details>.

BusView's "ParentView" App, which the Gladewater ISD School Board recently approved to allow parents the ability to know where their children are while coming to an dfrom school, is a free mobile app for parents and can be downloaded for Android at Google Play and for Apple via the App Store.

Please search for "NFT Parent View" to find and download the app. For simplicity, the school has links for both platforms on their website: <https://nftbusview.com/getParentView.html>. You can also scroll-down to "Web Login" for a web-based version of ParentView (for parents without Smart-phones)

Once you have downloaded the ParentView app, you will launch and then "Register New Account."

To begin, you will register your student data:

- Campus Name
- Student ID
- Registration Code – This code is accessed via Reg Code Download under "StudentView" => "Administration" => "Data Admin" and the school needs to provide this to parents with legal parental rights in a secure manner
- Student Date of Birth

If you have additional children, you will click "Add Child" and enter the same details for each additional child.

When it come to changing bus routes or to parent pickup follow these steps:

- To change the Bus Route or to Parent Pickup for your child, click "Change Bus Request"
- Next select the "Date of Ride"...you can also select "Multi-Day"
- Then select if your "student knows about the change"

Then select "Parent Pickup" or Different Bus Route"

- If you are changing the bus route, you can type the address or select from "Saved Addresses" that you have used before and saved
- And lastly, you have the abilities to add "Notes"

There are several subscriptions that parents can access via ParentView to monitor their student's location and to receive alerts to ensure on-time boarding or when parents meet their student(s) on home arrival, especially for the small ones, and

Grant obtained for courthouse renovation

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court last week approved accepting \$100,000 in federal grant funds to help finance the forthcoming historical renovation of the 85-year-old county courthouse.

The Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Grant will provide part of the matching funds which the county must pay to receive state funding for the project.

The courthouse in Gilmer will soon be vacated for up to three years as offices there will temporarily move to the nearby former Gilmer ISD administration building. Plans call for restoring the 5-story brick building's interior largely to its original appearance when it was completed in 1937.

At the court's Nov. 30 meeting in Gilmer, County Judge Todd Tettler praised County Auditor Connie Williams for learning about the federal grant, which is being paid in two \$50,000 increments. (One has already been made). Williams in turn credited Tettler's administrative assistant, Kristin Culberson, for her role in procuring the federal funds.

In other business Nov. 30, the court voted to table executing an amendment to its agreement with ECB Rx, LLC, concerning the possibility of adding select specialty drugs to the insurance plan covering county workers and officials.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle said that a representative of the county's third-party insurance administrator, Employee Benefits Consulting of Tyler, had told him the court needed to table the proposal because of a misunderstanding. Dolle quoted the representative, Rachel Means, as saying the matter wasn't supposed to be on the meeting agenda.

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The Gladewater Fire Department is starting a new Volunteer Helper program - the new Bucket Brigade Volunteers, who will be able to help GFD firefighters and staff at many events. The GFD introduced this idea at its open house held Dec. 3 at the Gladewater Fire Department. Firefighters served hot dogs, conducted tours of the station, answered questions and presented information about its new Bucket Brigade volunteers.



Union Grove's junior high One-Act Play cast and crew won their district contest Wednesday, Nov. 30, besting performances from Big Sandy, McLeod, Hawkins, Harleton, and Ore City middle schools. Bella Foster and Danica Vestal won Honor Crew awards, Miley Nono an Honorable Mention All-Star Cast award, Briana Bowling All-Star Cast, and Konner Long and Jill Taylor Top Performer Awards.



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.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

One Million and Counting...

Job openings in Texas as of September reached an all-time high at 1,026,000. According to data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the state has once again topped one million openings after a few months below that level (initially reached in June).

Last September, there were 855,000 openings in Texas; the current number represents a sizable gain. For the United States, the increase was much smaller (from 10,673,000 in September 2021 to 10,717,000 this year). Stated differently, the overall growth in openings in Texas over the past year is almost four times the number for the entire country.

Nationally, the number of job openings increased from August to September by 437,000. Texas accounted for the largest increase of any state (+96,000). Michigan (+58,000) and Virginia (+40,000) also saw significant escalation. Note that these estimates are seasonally adjusted, thus accounting for typical variations.

BLS also tracks the job openings rate, which is the number of job openings as a percentage of the sum of employment and job openings. The US level is 6.5%, and Texas is 7.0%. There are 16 states with rates above 7.0%. Among the highest are Alaska, Wyoming, and Virginia. Among other large states, California is 6.1% and Florida is 6.0%.

It's not necessarily a "win" to be high on the job opening roster. While plentiful open positions are beneficial to individuals looking for employment (assuming they have the needed skills), it's a problem for businesses. Not only are expansion plans jeopardized, but so are normal operations. They are generally a sign of strength, but also a harbinger of capacity limits going forward. Texas is blessed with an expanding pool of current and potential future workers but must invest in education and training to transform this resource into reality.

In Texas, there are almost twice as many job openings as there are unemployed persons. The Texas unemployment rate in September was 3.8%. In some metropolitan areas, it was below 3.0% (such as Amarillo (2.8%), Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown (2.8%), and Midland (2.9%)).

Economists generally consider 4.0% to be "full employment" which is the level of maximum jobs with the economy still able to function efficiently. When it goes much below that, issues arise such as not being able to fill jobs promptly.

A million open jobs across the state is a two-edged achievement. It's no doubt a sign of economic vitality and dynamism, but also of the potential for worker shortages. Having a large cadre of available jobs is far better than rampant unemployment, but can become problematic. Thus far, Texas has successfully navigated the tight labor market conditions and continued to add jobs at a notable pace. To sustain this pattern will require concerted action. Stay safe!

The family historian ...

I am the irritating family member with a camera. I try to record the moments that matter and some that don't, true. But moments matter. It is those bits and pieces of life that make it what it is.

Jim and I are trying something risky, exhausting and delightful. We worked so hard trying to get everything done so we could fulfill a promise to our daughter-in-law Jennifer. We promised to take her, and our only child Josh, to Disney World.

And here we are, after a loooooong day of driving and a very short night of sleeping finally heading south to the 'Happiest Place on Earth'.

I have already videoed the 'kids' and hubby much to everyone's chagrin and we haven't even gotten close yet. Josh is patiently weaving through dense interstate traffic. Jennifer is eagerly reading about MouseWorld and Jim is coughing and napping.

We have yet to make a family trip where someone wasn't sick, getting sick or getting over being sick. And you know what? That's okay. Because moments with family are the best moments of all. Even under trying circumstances. It takes growing up a lot to grasp that life lesson. It usually requires some losses that leave you wishing for lost moments.

Well, we are piling up the moments and memories for the next few days and we are excited to be with our adult children. We have pretty much made that transition from parenting to sharing. Isn't that an amazing moment? When you realize that you raised your children well. They have survived the dangerous waters of youth and have become even more than you envisioned. And, to top all that, they have chosen wisely their life's partner.

Our son is a wildland firefighter and forester. He is also a writer. On this Never-ending Journey to sunny Florida he has critiqued and improved my story on C.B. McKenzie. We have

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



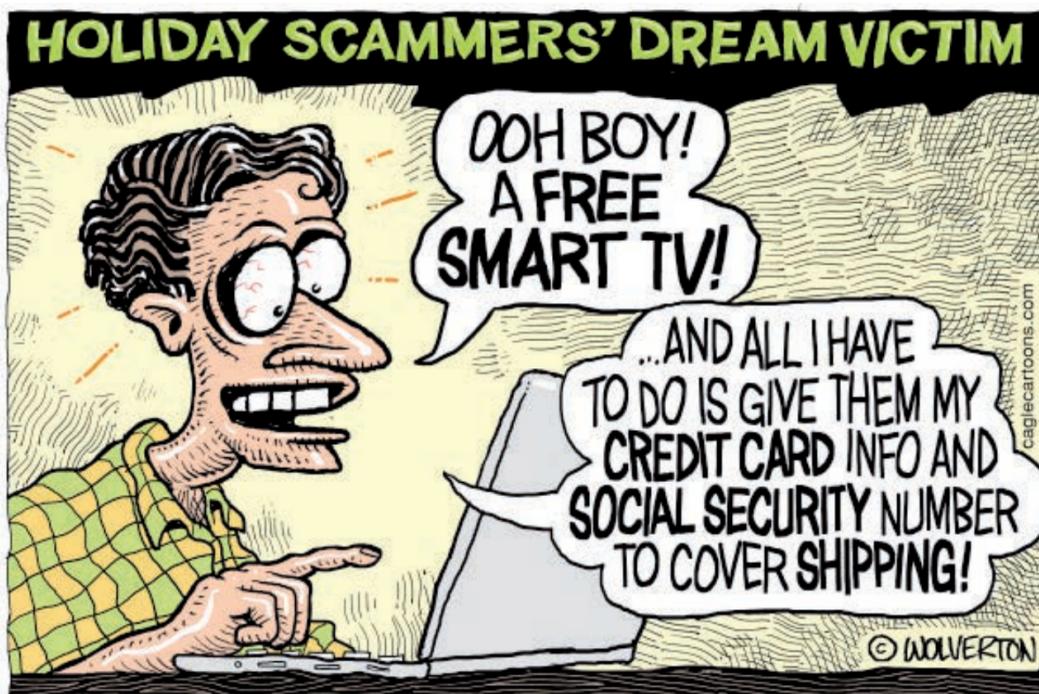
solved national and international issues. We have recalled moments from past family vacations. We have teased, laughed and gotten tired and cranky and back to sunny and silly. And, we haven't even gotten to our destination yet.

As much as I treasure all, and I mean all my memories of Josh's childhood, this is an exciting new time in our lives.

Of course, there will be plenty of pictures to record these precious moments, and some of the off-kilter ones. And yes, even some silly ones.

Life is good. Life is great when it is shared.

I feel the "pixie-dust" already spreading the joy from the 'Happiest Place on Earth' to memories that will last a lifetime, or at least in the pages of my photo album.



When shopping online during the holiday season—or any time of year—always be wary of deals that seem too good to be true. Do your part to avoid becoming a scammer's next victim.

Every year, thousands of people become victims of holiday scams. Scammers can rob you of hard-earned money, personal information, and, at the very least, a festive mood.

The two most prevalent of these holiday scams are non-delivery and non-payment crimes. In a non-delivery scam, a buyer pays for goods or services they find online, but those items are never received. Conversely, a non-payment scam involves goods or services being shipped, but the seller is never paid.

According to the Internet Crime Complaint Center's (IC3) 2021 report, non-payment or non-delivery scams cost people more than \$337 million. Credit card fraud accounted for another \$173 million in losses.

Similar scams to beware of this time of year are auction fraud, where a product is misrepresented on an auction site, and gift card fraud, when a seller asks you to pay with a pre-paid card.

The IC3 receives a large volume of complaints in the early months of each year, suggesting a correlation with the previous holiday season's shopping scams.

Tips to Avoid Holiday Scams

Whether you're the buyer or the seller, there are a number of

ways you can protect yourself—and your wallet.

Practice good cybersecurity hygiene.

Don't click any suspicious links or attachments in emails, on websites, or on social media. Phishing scams and similar crimes get you to click on links and give up personal information like your name, password, and bank account number. In some cases, you may unknowingly download malware to your device.

Be especially wary if a company asks you to update your password or account information. Look up the company's phone number on your own and call the company.

Know who you're buying from or selling to.

Check each website's URL to make sure it's legitimate and secure. A site you're buying from should have https in the web address. If it doesn't, don't enter your information on that site.

If you're purchasing from a company for the first time, do your research and check reviews.

Verify the legitimacy of a buyer or seller before moving forward with a purchase. If you're using an online marketplace or auction website, check their feedback rating. Be wary of buyers and sellers with mostly unfavorable feedback ratings or no ratings at all.

Avoid sellers who act as authorized dealers or factory representatives of popular items in countries where there would be no such deals.



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POSTMODERNISM

Postmodernism is the prevailing philosophy of our time. It has developed as a reaction to certainty and absolutism. According to "postmodernism" there is no absolute truth. Emotions, feelings, intuition, reflections, magic, myth, and mystical experience are now taking center stage. "I know" has been replaced by "I feel." Postmodern thinking allows a person to believe what he wants to and which makes him feel good. Such has allowed cafeteria-style religion today. Just choose what you like from the conglomeration of religions spread in front of you, and you have a religion that suits your taste. Thus, one can believe whatever he wishes, because, to him, that is truth. We have moved from the conviction that everyone has a right to his own opinion, to the notion that every opinion is equally right!

We are familiar with postmodernism although many are not able to clearly define what it is. Many are like the elderly brother who rose to speak at a church meeting, where the proposal was put forth to purchase a new chandelier, and he opposed it for three reasons. "We can't afford it," he said. "No one can spell it, and furthermore, what we really need is a new light fixture."

Let's try to define it. In general, "postmodernism is understood as an intellectual movement growing out of, and supplanting, modernism." Modernism "basically sought to redefine the supernatural or miraculous, and assign in its place natural causes and explanations emanating from social, physical, and historical realities and not from some unseen deity." Thus, unlike atheism, postmodernism does not deny the existence of God, but trivializes and dismisses Him. Therefore, to many people God has become irrelevant and insignificant to modern thinking. God and His Word are inconsequential! He is of no significance, or has become unimportant. We are told that He may have spoken with authority in other cultures at other times, but He no longer speaks with authority today! Thus, what is not have to take such an antiquated God seriously. Instead, every man does what is right in his own eyes, presuming God no longer has a say in the matter! To such a shallow and foolish mindset, sin as become a light and trivial thing. Just look around you as you think on these things. (More to come).

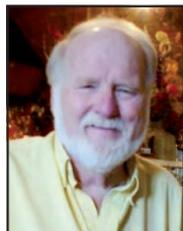
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OBITUARIES

GARY DANE JONES

Gary Dane Jones, 77, of Longview, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, at a Longview hospital following a lengthy illness.

Gary was born on July 14, 1945, in Hampton, Ark. to Atlee and Zula Jones. He attended University of Texas at Austin and was a lifelong Longhorn fan. He and his wife Carol were married for 48 years. Gary was a general contractor, building hand-crafted homes throughout East Texas and doing commercial construction in Texas and Arkansas.



The couple also owned and operated Black Dog Gallery in North Longview where their creative talents flourished as Carol painted on canvas and furniture and Gary cooked his famous Black Dog Cakes, which were featured for years on holiday tables throughout East Texas and shipped out of state.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Atlee and Zula Jones, his brother John Paul Jones and his daughter-in-law Suzanne Bardwell.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol, stepson Jim Bardwell, grandson Josh Bardwell and his wife Jennifer, brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Jill Jones, nephew Brad Jones, brother-in-law Jeff Vickery and many loving cousins.

Gary chose to not have a funeral because he had already celebrated life for 77 years in song and travel and brought joy to so many. He also asked his family to spread his ashes outside his beloved two-story home, which he built for Carol as a wedding gift, and together they rescued many homeless dogs and hosted lavish family gatherings.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association.

LARRY REESE AARON

Larry Reese Aaron, 81, of Gladewater, passed away on November 28, 2022, in Tyler. Larry was born on April 4, 1941, to Marion and Effie Aaron.

Larry was a member of First United Methodist for 51 years and served on several church boards. He was a member of the Gladewater Rotary Club and served several terms on the GISD School Board. As a young man, he managed Glade Lanes in Gladewater, and it was there that he met his sweet wife, Loretta. In 1967 he began his lifelong relationship with McKaig Chevrolet as a salesman, advancing to General Manager and eventually taking over its ownership in 1995 until retiring in Dec. 2008.



Larry is survived by his precious wife, Loretta Aaron, and their four children: daughter Laura Abernathy and her husband Kent of Gladewater, daughter Lana Snear and her husband Ty of Prosper, daughter Leslie Dorrough and her husband Carl of Longview; and son, Lance Aaron and his wife Michelle of Frisco; brother Wayne Aaron and his wife Teresa of Tyler, and sister June Calow of Tyler.

Larry legacy continues in the lives of his ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; Aaron Abernathy, Blair Abernathy, Perri Adcock and husband Ben, Luke Snear and wife Beth, Avery Makowski and husband Mak, Sawyer Snear, Ethan Dorrough, Darbi Dorrough, Quaid Dorrough, Reese Aaron, Noah Abernathy, Rori Adcock, Beau Makowski, and Owen Snear.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Effie Aaron, and his sister Marilyn Aaron.

A celebration of life was held at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 11 o'clock in the morning. A private graveside will be held for the family. Online condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net



MARGARET CARREATHERS BELL

Margaret Carreathers Bell, (affectionately Ma Bell) of Gladewater passed away at the age of 87 on Friday, December 2, 2022. Mrs. Bell was an educator for the Gladewater ISD for 47 years and taught at Jarvis Christian University in Hawkins after retiring from GISD. She was a lifetime member of The Longview Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Gladewater.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her daughter, Dr. Margo Bell, presently of Gladewater.

Viewing will take place on Friday, December 9th from 3pm-6pm at New Hope Baptist Church of Gladewater (413 S Roden Lane) and the funeral services will be held at Rising Star Church of God in Christ in Gladewater (601 S Tyler St.) on Saturday, December 10th at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate toys and /or nonperishables for the Ma Bell Community Food & Toy Giveaway. Monetary donations can be sent to DOC MAB Enterprise at P.O. Box 562, Gladewater, TX 75647.

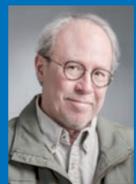
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WAYNE EARL CARTWRIGHT

Wayne Earl Cartwright, 66, of Big Sandy died unexpectedly Nov. 17. He was born Feb. 14, 1956, in Tulsa, Okla., and attended grade and high school in Kellyville, Okla., and then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

He was a member of the Church of God Big Sandy. A memorial is planned in Big Sandy at a later date.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Patrick lays out legislative priorities

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick outlined his goals for the upcoming legislative session, calling them "general concepts," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

With an estimated \$27 billion surplus, the Legislative Budget Board voted last week to boost the Legislature's spending capacity by 12.3% — the largest increase allowed under the state constitution. But that still leaves the Legislature having about \$14.5 billion in the piggy bank above its spending limit.

Consequently, property tax reduction is one of Patrick's priorities. He is calling for a hike in the homestead property tax exemption from \$40,000 to \$60,000, as well as an expansion of personal property exemptions for businesses, the Statesman reported.

Other priorities include strengthening the state's power grid, boosting border security and law enforcement measures, such as increasing pay for sheriffs and a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence for anyone who uses a gun while committing a crime.

Patrick stressed that the Legislature has the ultimate say. "So much of what I'm laying out today is not specific, because it's really up to the members to write the bills in the Senate and the House," Patrick said. "It's good that the Legislature is back. We have an extraordinary opportunity, like we have never had before, to chart the future of the state of Texas."

Rainy Day Fund, highways get boost from oil, gas revenues

A significant amount of the state's current surplus is coming from oil and gas industry tax revenues, with the latest contribution being \$7.3 billion split equally between the Rainy Day Fund and the State Highway Fund. A 2014 constitutional amendment mandates that 75% of oil and gas tax revenue that exceeds the amount collected in 1987 be split evenly between the two funds.

23% of holiday traffic deaths caused by drunk drivers

AUSTIN – Six years have passed since a drunk driver killed Azeza Salama's fiancé and sent her and her two children to the hospital, but her memories of the crash remain as vivid as the day it happened.

As people celebrate the holidays with friends and family, TxDOT wants stories such as Azeza's to remind everyone to always find a sober ride.

Last year, Texas saw 48,641 traffic crashes during the holiday season—Dec. 1, 2021, through Jan. 1, 2022—which resulted in 433 fatalities and 1,695 serious injuries. Almost a quarter of those deaths—23%— were DUI-alcohol related with 98 people killed and 236 seriously injured in drunk driving crashes.

"With everything going on in the world these past few years, we want everyone to be able to celebrate this joyous time of year without the tragic consequences of drinking and driving," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Get together with family and friends and have a great time, but please find an alternative way home



if you choose to drink. You have many options available."

Drunk driving crashes can be easily prevented, yet they can have serious physical, emotional and financial consequences that can last for years.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Xmas Box sign-up now underway at Manna House

The local Manna House continues to provide assistance to those in need this holiday season.

Sign up for the Christmas Food boxes is now underway. Applications may be made at the Manna House, located at City Hall's southside.

Boxes will be handed out on Dec 7th and 8th from 9 a.m. - noon at the First United Methodist Church Life Center.

To make this all happen, Manna House needed your help. They need donations of cake mixes, cranberry sauce, pie fillings and other holiday food.

They also need weekly donations of bread, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter and mac-n-cheese. So, when 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.

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 by gardenign experts and refreshments. If you are interested in joinign contact a garden club member.

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 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 provided 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!"

Biologists stress testing Harvests for Chronic Wasting Disease During Deer Season

AUSTIN— With the recent discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Kaufman County, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists are stressing the importance of testing harvested deer taken this hunting season to curb the spread of this deadly disease.

CWD is a highly contagious and fatal neurological disease affecting members of the deer family such as white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. Hunters and landowners can voluntarily submit their harvest for free CWD testing at a TPWD check station or by contacting local wildlife biologists.

First recognized in 1967 in captive mule deer in Colorado, CWD has since been documented in captive and/or free-ranging deer in 30 states and three Canadian provinces. To date, 428 captive or free-ranging cervids — including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer, and elk — in 17 Texas counties have tested positive for CWD.

Eradication of CWD is very difficult if not impossible when established in free-ranging deer populations and in the environment. Testing for CWD allows wildlife biologists and animal health officials to get a clearer picture of the prevalence and distribution of the disease across Texas. Proactive monitoring improves the state's response time to a CWD detection and can greatly reduce the risk of the disease further spreading to neighboring captive and free-ranging populations.

Those hunting in CWD surveillance and containment zones need to know the submission requirements for susceptible species before hitting the field this season. Anyone hunting in an established CWD zone must bring their deer to a check station within 48

hours of harvest for testing.

There are about 30 check stations and drop boxes across the state in Kimble County, far West Texas, South Central Texas, the northwest Panhandle, Val Verde County, Hunt County, Lubbock County, Gillespie County, Limestone County and Duval County.

Grant obtained for courthouse renovation

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Teffteller asked why the court shouldn't phone Means, and Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller did so, having her join the meeting telephonically. She told commissioners Dolle had called her, but "I have no idea what this is about."

Teffteller then asked Means if county workers would be "in good shape" on obtaining refills of prescriptions if the court didn't act on the proposed amendment. She replied, "Yes, you're welcome to table it," adding she would research the matter.

After the vote to table, Teffteller said the issue involved limited coverage of specialty drugs, and Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson said those drugs were currently not covered at all.

In other business last week, the court accepted an anonymous \$2,000 donation to Sheriff Larry Webb's office for "continuing education."

The contribution was made through the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce, and Teffteller said the donor wanted it used for that purpose.

The court also approved a \$1,000 annual stipend for each of the five clerks in justice of the peace offices (the county has four justices).

Williams said the four justices wanted the stipend paid, and that they had the

For more information about CWD, visit the TPWD website, the Texas Animal Health Commission website, or read about how hunters can help protect deer from CWD with a story from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine. Find TPWD veterinarians speaking about CWD on the TPWD YouTube page.

interested in volunteering for the post should contact Culberson at his office by Dec. 15.

In another matter, the court approved letting the Upshur County Health Coalition sponsor mobile blood drives by Carter BloodCare of Tyler on the courthouse square Jan. 5, March 30, Aug. 10 and Oct. 12.



"Congratulations to these GMS Band students for making the Region 4 ATSSB All-Region Band! These students will perform a concert with students from other schools in our region at Gilmer High School on January 13th. Nikhil Patel - Percussion, Reid Hass - French Horn and Titus Macklin - Tenor Trombone"

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TxDOT project updates for this week in East Texas

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Gregg County

Gregg County construction projects updates:

US 259 and US 80

Limits: US 80 to James Street
Contractor: TiZack Concrete, Inc.
Cost: \$470,000

Anticipated Completion Date: April 2023

This project consists of installing new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps and driveways. There will be alternating lane closures, depending on which side of the roadway the contractor will be working on. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and watch for workers.

US 80 and FM 2208 (Alpine Road)

Limits: Intersection of US 80 and FM 2208
Contractor: Reynolds and Kay, LTD
Cost: \$784,000

Anticipated Completion Date: April 2023

This project consists of installing new pedestrian signal poles, sidewalks, and handicap ramps at the intersection. There will be alternating lane closures depending on which side of the intersection they will be working on. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and watch for workers. Expect delays.

Spur 502 (Judson Road) at Eden

Limits: Intersection of Judson Rd. and Eden Dr.
Contractor: Reynolds and Kay, LTD
Cost: \$330,000

Anticipated Completion Date: February 2023

This project consists of installing new pedestrian signal poles, sidewalks, and handicap ramps at the intersection. There will be alternating lane closures depending on which side of the intersection they will be working on. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and watch for workers. Expect delays.

SLP 281 – Sidewalk Installation

Limits: Fairmont St. to SH 300 (Gilmer Rd.)
Contractor: Cross Plus Construction
Cost: \$2.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: February 2023

This project consists of installing sidewalks on both sides of the road. There will be shoulder closures as well as some lane closures as needed. Slow down and watch for workers. Expect delays.

SH 135 – Kilgore Traffic Circle

Limits: Traffic circle in Kilgore to Rusk County line
Contractor: East Texas Bridge
Cost: \$8.37 million

Anticipated Completion Date: March 2024

This project consists of completely rebuilding the traffic circle and full width of roadway to the Rusk County line. It will consist of removing existing concrete paving, reconstructing subgrade, constructing concrete paving, storm sewer installation, lighting, and striping. The traffic will be reduced to one lane in the southbound direction for the duration of the project. A detour will be set up for northbound traffic to follow SH 42. This will allow the contractor to build half of the roadway. Traffic will be switched to the newly constructed lanes later to allow completion of the other half of the highway. Expect delays.

Spur 63/McCann Road Bridge Project

Limits: From McCann Road, north to Glencrest Lane
Contractor: Leland Bradlee Construction
Anticipated Completion Date: December 2022

This project is part of the City of Longview Guthrie Creek Trail project. It will consist of building a bridge over Guthrie Creek to allow bicyclist and pedestrians to travel under Spur 63. The traffic will be reduced to two lanes, one northbound lane and one south bound lane to allow the contractor to build half of the bridge. Traffic will be switched later to allow completion of the bridge construction. Expect delays.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: Fisher Rd. to SH 42
Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.
Cost: \$14.15 million

Anticipated Completion Date: May 2023

This project consists of widening a two-lane road to four lanes with a center turn lane. This includes drainage structures, new bridge, flexible base, hot mix, and pavement markings. Contractor will be extending culverts and constructing detours. There will be daytime lane closures. Expect delays.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: From Loop 281 to Fisher Rd.
Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.
Cost: \$15.16 million

Anticipated Completion Date: October 2023

This project consists of widening a two-lane road to four lanes with a center turn lane. This includes drainage structures, flexible base, curb and gutter, sidewalks, hot mix, and pavement markings. Contractor will be extending culverts and constructing detours. There will be daytime lane closures. Expect delays.

Pentecost Rd. Bridge Replacement

Limits: US 259 Business to Stone Rd.
Contractor: South Texas Illumination
Cost: \$638,000

Anticipated Completion Date: January 2023

The project consists of replacing the bridge structure on Big Head Creek. Pentecost Road will be closed to through traffic. Only local traffic will be allowed. Through traffic needs to select an alternate route.

Smith County

Tyler Maintenance will have a base failure crew on FM 850, two miles south of SH 31. Motorists should expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. A second crew will perform bridge work on US 69 south, near FM 346. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. This crew will then move to FM 2813 for bridge repair work. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. Also, a sweeper unit will be on US 271 inside Loop 323.

Smith County construction projects updates:

SH 64 Intersection Improvement and Turn Lanes

Limits: At CR 289 (Wolfe Lane)
Contractor: Lonestar Equipment Co. Inc.
Cost: \$2.2 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2023

The contractor is scheduled to place RCP (reinforced concrete pipe), SET's and perform Prep ROW (right-of-way). Expect delays on this corridor while construction is in progress. Lane closures are anticipated. Project consists of an intersection improvement and addition of turn lanes at CR 289 (Wolfe Lane).

Sidewalks at Various Locations in Smith County

Limits: SH 64 in Tyler (Entrada Lane to Parkdale Dr.); SH 110 in Troup (CR 2138 to FM 347); SH 135 in Troup (FM 13 to Tiger Drive)

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC

Cost: \$3.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2023

No work is scheduled this week. No lane closures are anticipated. The project consists of sidewalk construction along SH 64 west in Tyler, SH 110 west in Troup and SH 135 north in Troup.

FM 344, etc., Safety Improvements

Limits: FM 344 – From FM 756 east to SH 110; FM 768 – from Loop 456, S to FM 22

Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.

Cost: \$1.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2023

No work is scheduled this week. No lane closures are anticipated. The project consists of improving drainage, culvert work, and guardrail upgrades.

SH 155 Resurfacing Project

Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$17 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

The contractor is scheduled to place PFC (permeable friction course). Lane closures are anticipated. When in progress, hours will be from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. Expect delays. The project will resurface the roadway, upgrade drainage structures, and repair bridge joints.

SH 64 Bridge Maintenance

Limits: Prairie Creek
Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC
Cost: \$332,000

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2023

No work is scheduled this week. Lane closures are anticipated. The project consists of bridge maintenance and repair.

Tyler State Park Bridge and Resurfacing Project

Limits: Park Maintenance Road in Tyler State Park SW to Cedar Point Camping Area Exit

Contractor: Encino Landscape

Cost: \$2.4 Million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

No work is scheduled this week. The project consists of bridge and pavement resurfacing.

SH 110 & FM 346 Landscape Project

Limits: Various locations on SH 110 & FM 346
Contractor: Tight Line Construction, LLC
Cost: \$157,495

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2023

The contractor will continue maintenance of various landscape beds. The project consists of landscape development.

Whittle Street, CR 2110, and CR 289 Bridge Replacement Project

Limits: Whittle Street, CR 2110, CR 289
Contractor: THK Construction, LLC
Cost: \$1.25 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2023

The contractor is scheduled to continue construction on Whittle Street at West Mud Creek Tributary. The road is closed to through traffic. The project replaces the existing bridge with a new structure.

No work is scheduled on the CR 2110 bridge at Kickapoo Creek. The road is closed to through traffic. The project replaces the existing bridge with a new structure.

No work is scheduled this week on the CR 289 bridge at Prairie Creek. The road is open to traffic. The project replaces the existing bridge with a new structure. The contractor will complete one bridge at a time.

I-20 Mill and Inlay

Limits: Van Zandt County Line to SH 110
Contractor: Texas Materials Group, INC.
Cost: \$6 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

No work is scheduled this week. When in progress, work will be done at night, Sundays from 9 PM to 5 AM and Monday-Thursday 8 PM to 5 AM. Expect delays on this corridor when construction is in progress. Project consists of an overlay with TBPFC surface, ACP surface, planing, shoulder texturing and pavement markings.

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DATED on the 5th day of December, 2022.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 30, 2022, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 54040. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEPCO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(1).

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$8,441,187 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last base rate case, Docket No. 51415 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 2.1% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application 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 the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 54040. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.

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	ABANDONED 911	20225899	8:29	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225900	9:32	RICHEY RICHEY DR	RICHEY RICHEY DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225901	10:34	515 GODFREY GODFREY	515 GODFREY GODFREY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225902	12:28	BLOCKS IN YOUR SOCKS DAYCARE	318 W QUITMAN QUITMAN ST
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20225903	12:31		222 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20225904	14:18	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20225905	14:41		206 S CULVER CULVER ST
	EMS	20225907	16:26		316 MELBA MELBA
	EMS	20225908	18:12		511 S TYLER TYLER
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225909	20:31		511 S TYLER TYLER
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	EMS	20225912	6:13	18 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE	18 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20225913	7:00	PIZZA HUT	1210 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20225914	9:30	506 MAIN MAIN	506 MAIN MAIN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225915	10:23	AJ S FAST STOP EXXON	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20225916	11:37	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225917	11:47		1207 CULVER CULVER N
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20225918	12:14		2322 GAY GAY W
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225919	12:20		306 OLIVER OLIVER AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20225920	14:06		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	20225921	14:40		410 SUNSET SUNSET W
	FIRE DEPT	20225922	16:05	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20225923	16:22	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	ALARMOTHER	20225924	16:31	SUDDEN LINK COMMUNICATIONS	507 NE LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20225925	17:29		511 S TYLER TYLER
	ASSIST	20225926	18:22	TELES MEXICAN RESTAURANT	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20225927	20:21	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20225929	23:00		409 JEANETTE JEANETTE
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	20225931	6:36	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20225932	7:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20225933	7:39		132 MLK MLK DR
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	ASSAULT CLASS A	20225935	9:13		2207 PINECREST PINECREST
	EMS	20225936	9:32		1520 SHEPARD SHEPARD DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225937	9:55		222 GAY GAY W
	ASSIST	20225938	11:41		1003 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20225939	11:44		51 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	FIRE DEPT	20225940	12:57	SHEPARD SHEPARD ST	SHEPARD SHEPARD ST
	EMS	20225941	15:11	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	HARASSMENT	20225942	17:28		509 N FERRY FERRY
	EMS	20225943	17:48	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20225944	17:57		10980 FM 2685 FM 2685
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225945	18:33		407 N HOWARD HOWARD ST
	EMS	20225946	18:59		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225947	20:00	OLD TYME FEED STORE	907 S TYLER TYLER RD
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20225948	20:13		1101 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225949	22:26		1100 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225950	23:00		1509 DAISEY DAISEY
11/30/22	ASSIST	20225951	3:48	166 UNION GROVE CEMETARY UNION GROVE CEMETARY	166 UNION GROVE CEMETARY UNION GROVE CEMETARY
	EMS	20225952	6:02		1210 PINE HILLS PINE HILLS
	ABANDONED 911	20225953	7:01		360 E ALLISON ALLISON
	ASSIST	20225954	9:37		1842 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	EMS	20225955	10:06		1605 N RODEO RODEO DR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225956	10:13	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20225957	10:23		117 WOODLAND TRAILS WOODLAND TRAILS
	10-50 MINOR	20225958	10:50	RESMOR APARTMENTS	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20225959	21:53	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	3601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20225960	23:30		4227 W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	ABANDONED 911	20225963	23:37		422 W MELBA MELBA
11/29/22	EMS	20225964	0:51	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225965	8:07		2322 GAY GAY
	EMS	20225966	9:47	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	CRIM MIS	20225967	9:54	BUMBLE BEE PARK	637 COACH COCKSEY ST COACH COCKSEY ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225968	10:07		EDWARDS EDWARDS
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20225969	10:46		500 MARSHALL MARSHALL
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225970	10:53		1211 N CULVER CULVER ST
	EMS	20225981	11:21		1061 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
	ASSIST	20225982	13:46	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20225983	14:02	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ASSIST	20225984	14:47		COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB
	EMS	20225986	19:18		609 STARNES STARNES
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20225987	21:26		DEAN DEAN
	EMS	20225989	22:47		11038 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARMOTHER	20225970	23:02	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
11/28/22	10-50 MINOR	20225971	23:59		1820 S TYLER TYLER
	EMS	20225972	1:17		312 HAYNES HAYNES
	ALARMOTHER	20225973	4:47		807 S TYLER TYLER
	EMS	20225974	6:14		10980 FM 2685 FM 2685
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20225975	7:32		321 EDDY EDDY
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20225976	9:14		1002 E LAKE DR E LAKE DR
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	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225979	11:29		EDWARDS EDWARDS
	10-50 MINOR	20225980	11:41		1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20225981	14:24		507 W MARSHALL W MARSHALL
	ESCORT	20225982	14:46	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20225983	15:11		332 MEADOW MEADOW DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225984	15:26		132 N LEE LEE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225986	18:35		100 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225987	18:45		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	MISCELLANEOUS	20225988	19:20	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20225989	21:55		19 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	FIRE DEPT	20225990	19:08		600 E GLADE GLADE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20225991	19:24	SONIC DRIVE IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20226000	20:15	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20226001	20:47		606 S TYLER TYLER
	FIRE DEPT	20226002	20:54	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARMOTHER	20226004	23:05	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20226005	23:19		401 AMES AMES
12/3/22	ABANDONED 911	20226006	1:44		9087 PRIVATE ROAD 3353 PRIVATE ROAD 3353
	EVADE	20226007	2:18		HWY 271 HWY 271
	HARASSMENT	20226008	4:01		206 HURLEY HURLEY
	ABANDONED 911	20226009	5:30		10 MCKAG MCKAG CIR
	EMS	20226010	5:43	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ASSIST	20226011	7:38		170 OAK BROOK OAK BROOK
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20226012	8:42		201 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	ESCORT	20226013	9:10	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20226014	11:49		1601 W LAKE DR W LAKE DR
	ESCORT	20226015	12:09		1007 S MARTIN LUTHER KING S MARTIN LUTHER KING
	FIRE DEPT	20226016	15:47		1520 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD
	CRIM MIS	20226018	17:11		524 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	FIRE DEPT	20226019	18:43		MARTHA MARTHA
	10-50 MINOR	20226020	20:22		200 WALTER DERRICK WALTER DERRICK
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20226022	22:12		605 TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	20226023	22:41		500 NORTH NORTH
	ASSIST	20226024	23:37	SHEPARD SHEPARD LN	SHEPARD SHEPARD LN
12/4/22	ABANDONED 911	20226025	0:06	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20226026	0:18		206 S CULVER CULVER
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20226027	3:41		1406 SPURCE SPURCE
	ALARMOTHER	20226028	7:19	RESTORED 180 WOMENS PROGRAM	214 E GLADE GLADE ST
	10-50 MINOR	20226029	9:40	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20226030	11:35	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20226031	13:56		206 HURLEY HURLEY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20226032	14:06		1206 N OLIVE OLIVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20226033	14:06		1163 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	ASSIST	20226034	14:46		2808 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20226035	15:33		74 WELDEN HOMES WELDEN HOMES
	THEFT	20226036	15:36	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
11/28/22	11/28/22	18:59	MAYHAN, KIMBERLY ELIZABETH	W	F	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	503 S TYLER RD
	11/28/22	18:59	MAYHAN, KIMBERLY ELIZABETH	W	F	ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER	503 S TYLER RD
12/1/22	12/1/22	11:45	HARRIS, ZACHARY LAMAR	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	515 W MARSHALL AVE
	12/1/22	11:45	HARRIS, ZACHARY LAMAR	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	515 W MARSHALL AVE
12/3/22	12/3/22	20:30	PHIFER, SHERWOOD GLENN	B	M	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	200 WALTER DERRICK AVE

SPORTS ROUNDUP



Lady Bears, Bears have good week

By Tyler Sutton

Both the Gladewater High School Basketball teams were in action this week and both had a very successful week as both came away with victories.

First the Lady Bears started the week on Tuesday with a 72-47 non-district home win over the visiting Beckville Ladycats.

The Lady Bears took early control of this one and never really looked back as they out matched Beckville in pretty much every way. Gladewater was lead by Kiyona Parker who had 18 points. MaKayla Police also had a nice game for Gladewater.

"We came out early and really dominated. Which is what I told the team we needed to do against this team " said coach Jermaine Lewis.

The Lady Bears continued their success on Thursday as they began play in the Athens Tournament with a 77-62 victory over Ennis. Gladewater was lead by another big game for Kiyona Parker who has 20 points. Kamryn Floyd and MaKayla both contributed 17 points a piece. The Lady Bears followed that up with a 52-49 win over the host team Athens to improve to 2-0 in the Tournament and 4-3 overall. Gladewater will be back in action on December 6 for their final game of non conference play against Brownsborro.

The Bears Boys team was on the road this past week and came away from it with a 77-58 win over Paul Pewitt.

Gladewater was led by 25 points from Kollin Lewis, 20 from Tristen Linwood and 19 from Tyrone Maddox.

"We needed a big game from all our seniors and we got it. We came out fast and never really let up. I am super proud of them " said head coach Curtis Armstrong.

The Bears have now won 2 games in a row and have evened their record to 2-2 on the season. Next game for Gladewater will be another road non district game on December 6th as the Bears take on the Rains Wildcats.



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GLADEWATER ALERTS





Congratulations to Union Grove's Briana Bowling who was chosen to the District JH OAP All Star Cast.



Congratulations to the Union Grove FFA Public Relations Team for finishing 3rd in STATE. Great job.

Farmers, ranchers establish policy goals during annual meeting

Texas farmers and ranchers established policy to help guide the agricultural advocacy efforts of Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), the state's largest general farm and ranch organization.

Policies regarding renewable energy, tax abatements and foreign ownership of agricultural land were among the policies approved by the nearly 800 voting delegates gathered at the organizations 89th annual meeting's business session Dec. 4 in Waco.

"The business session provides Farm Bureau leaders from across the state to set the policy goals for our organization for the coming year," TFB President Russell Boening said.

Delegates approved several resolutions related to renewable energy, including support for the state regulating solar and solar battery storage facilities.

Farm Bureau leaders approved tax abatements being considered and approved at the local level and that projects seeking tax abatements on agricultural lands design their projects in such a way as to maximize the potential for continued agricultural production where feasible.

Delegates supported policy that opposes any foreign entity or persons receiving tax credits, abatements, incentives or any other in-kind contribution that affects the taking of agricultural land in the U.S.

Other resolutions approved by delegates related to feral hogs, drone use and transporting agricultural products.

On the national level, delegates supported a list of considerations and protections for farmers and ranchers regarding carbon credits, opposed any form of a Securities and Exchange Commission ruling that would require emissions reporting that could directly or indirectly impact farmers and ranchers and supported a limited irrigation category in the RMA crop insurance program.

State resolutions adopted at the TFB annual meeting become policies that guide the organization in 2023. National resolutions adopted by the voting delegates are sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) for consideration in its resolutions process.

Resolutions approved by AFBF delegates in January provide a roadmap for the national organization.

In other action, Walt Hagood of Lynn-Garza County, John Paul Dineen III of Ellis County, Warren Cude of Pecos-Reeves County, Mickey Edwards of Lampasas County, Pete Pawelek of Atascosa County and Brian Adamek of Victoria County were re-elected to two-year terms on the state board of directors.

Mark Daniel of Baylor County was elected vice president, and Hagood was elected secretary-treasurer.

Choosing your Texas Christmas tree

A live Christmas tree is a holiday centerpiece for many Texas families.

There is likely a Christmas tree farm near you.

According to the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association, there are 175 Christmas tree farms in Texas producing some 200,000 trees annually on about 2,500 acres statewide.

Growers are expecting another good year for live tree sales.

The price for a tree could be a bit higher this year. Fertilizer costs doubled, and crop protection chemicals were up at least 15%. And because of drought, irrigation expenses were higher.

The most widely-grown live Christmas tree species in Texas are the Virginia pine, Leyland cypress, Afghan pine and Arizona cypress.

Officials say the best-selling and most popular live Christmas tree species is the Virginia pine, because it grows well throughout the state.

It's best to shop early for your live tree.

Those waiting until the second or third week in December may encounter a limited selection of sizes on some farms.

Proper water and maintenance will ensure the tree is enjoyed through Christmas.

What to do with fallen leaves ...

COLLEGE STATION — Even though it's the Christmas season, autumn is still here and leaves are continuing to fall across the state, building up and around our homes and yards.

Fallen leaves have many benefits to our ecosystem when left alone but can also become a wildfire hazard if they remain in the wrong places. Which creates the question, what should we do with fallen leaves?

The key to leaves around your home is finding the balance between removing and leaving them.

Embers are the leading cause of homes destroyed by wildfires, and embers can gather where leaves have fallen around your home. That's why removing leaves on and near

your home can help reduce your risk to wildfire.

According to Kari Hines, Texas A&M Forest Service Firewise Coordinator, homes should be cleared of fuel buildup, or debris, from zero to five feet away. Homeowners should also decrease the fuel buildup next to wooden attachments.

"Leaves should be removed from these first five feet, usually the gutters, the garden beds that touch the home and where leaves gather up against wooden fences and wooden decks," said Hines. "If you choose to leave leaves in your yard, which we recommend, do so in a place that is not in one of these vulnerable locations."

So, why keep leaves in your yard at all? Leaving leaves where they fall can provide the most benefit to your yard, trees and overall ecosystem.

"We recommend leaving leaves where they are because it mimics the forest and a natural setting," said Matt Weaver, Texas A&M Forest Service Urban Forester. "If you look at the forest floor, it's leaves. Over time, those leaves break down and become organic material and eventually the soil itself."

This is especially important in urban settings, Weaver said.

"In urban areas, there are a lot of soil issues like compaction, and that organic material is actually really important for tree health," said Weaver. "Most of the soil in urban areas is lacking organic materials and the only thing to help with that is mulch, which can be leaves."

Leaves can be used as mulch to also insulate and protect the roots of trees and plants from cold weather.

"Leaves also provide food and shelter to many insects and organisms that help keep our soil healthy," said Hines. "By leaving leaves, you are leaving the insects that are overwintering in that thermal protection layer, you're returning organic material to your soil."

If you want to reduce long-term yard maintenance while still providing some benefit to insects in your yard, you can use a mulching attachment to mulch the leaves in place soon after leaves fall, but don't wait too long or you risk mulching the beneficial insects.

The smaller pieces will be less likely to blow away in the wind, while still offering some shelter to overwintering insects. The smaller pieces will also decompose easier, speeding up nutrient cycling and allowing your trees to use the nutrients quicker.

The other option, removing leaves completely, while less desirable, can be done by making a compost pile, burning or discarding of leaves in a biodegradable container. Composting leaves is a good way to cycle those nutrients back into the soil as it is a good natural fertilizer for gardens and flowerbeds.

If you choose to burn your leaves, use safe debris burning practices: keep your piles small, clear flammable materials away from your piles, follow all local burning restrictions and avoid burning on dry, windy days.

Though leaving leaves will require some work throughout the winter to keep windblown leaves from building up around your house, the benefits they provide are invaluable. Find the balance of leaves in your yard this season to help keep it safe from wildfires and provide environmental benefits.

TRADES DAYS THIS WEEKEND

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