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## Tax-relief plan headed to governor

Proponents are calling it the "biggest property tax cut in Texas history." Both chambers of the Texas Legislature passed an \$18 billion package during the second special session, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

If signed as expected by Gov. Greg Abbott, the bill raises the homestead exemption to \$100,000, with an additional \$40,000 exemption for owners 65 and older. It also dedicates more than \$12 billion to lower school property taxes.

Agreement on a tax cut plan took months of haggling between competing plans in the House and Senate. After House Speaker Dade Phelan and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick met, a plan began to fall into place.

"I thank my partners in the Texas Legislature for coming together to honor the best interests of hard-working Texans who want to own their property—not rent it from the government," Abbott said in a statement following the passage of the tax plan.

## Game room robbery suspect turns self in

By Phillip Williams

A Big Sandy man charged with the May 23 aggravated robbery of a game room near that city remained jailed Monday after turning himself in last Thursday to the Upshur County Sheriff's Office.

Dewayne Michael Stevenson, 39, remained in county jail in Gilmer under \$250,000 bond set by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter, said Webb.

Stevenson had just recently been freed on bond from that jail on an unrelated felony charge when an arrest warrant was issued in connection with the incident in which the Real Sweepstakes game room and several customers were robbed at gunpoint, according to authorities.

Stevenson reportedly worked at the business on FM 1002 near the intersection with Texas 155, and officials noted they shut it down soon after the daytime robbery for allegedly violating game room regulations. It remained closed this week.

The day after the robbery, Webb had said Stevenson was being sought for questioning. In a subsequent press release, sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel said a tip to Upshur County Crimestoppers resulted in the suspect's July 3 arrest by Longview police in that city, on an Upshur warrant charging him with unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

Stevenson, who was charged with that before the robbery, was initially lodged in Gregg County Jail in Longview before being moved to the Gilmer jail. Before being formally charged with the holdup, he was released July 7 on the possession charge on \$10,000 bond.

Hazel recently said Stevenson has "acknowledged his involvement" in the robbery.



A still image from the teaser for "The Hadnott Man" shows the former Gladewater Middle School campus, doubling as 'Hadnott Elementary' in the supernatural horror/thriller being produce by Paul Foster and his team of East Texas cast and crew members. The production is currently crowdfunding the project via Indiegogo – learn more at [tinyurl.com/thehadnottman](https://tinyurl.com/thehadnottman).

## 'The Hadnott Man' has local ties

By James Draper

A Gladewater filmmaker and his team from across East Texas are in hot pursuit of "The Hadnott Man."

It's the second feature for veteran indie creator Paul Foster. A crowdfunding teaser for the horror crime thriller has been completed, and the film's company is in the thick of preparations ahead of full production this winter.

Set in 1977, "The Hadnott Man" follows Detective Michael Cole, who becomes entangled in a series of cryptic murders spanning a decade in a small town.

"It's based off a dream my step-daughter had a few years back," Foster said. "It slowly developed into a project. I really wanted to get back to my roots of doing thrillers and suspenseful work."

In Foster's script, as Cole gets closer and closer to identifying a suspect, his own daughter mysteriously disappears, turning the investigation on its head.

"She's playing outside an abandoned school with a bunch of kids, and she vanishes," Foster added. The timing of her disappearance coincides with a sudden halt of the killings. "A year goes by and the next thing you know, the other detective who's investigating her disappearance, they find him dead from suicide with a cryptic note that basically sends our main protagonist in a tailspin, believing his daughter's still alive."

"At its core, it's really a story about a father's perseverance in dealing with the search for his daughter

while peeling back the layers of a city that's dealing with these cryptic murders."

Foster has five independent film projects under his belt already in addition to working on 22 films in various capacities through his Second Hand Productions, established in 2016.

"The first film we did was called 'Unwanted.' That was shot in Pittsburg, Texas. We've worked in post-production for a lot of films. We do a lot of consulting work, especially on the indie filmmaking side, helping filmmakers clean up their stories and their edits. We also do post-production visual effects for films."

Foster was born and raised in California, and wrote his first script at 16. Writing was always his desire – an aspiring storyteller, he wrote out of necessity.

"Like a lot of people, I've always been into film. It's always been an interest of mine," he said. "But it was never feasible, I never really had an avenue into the business. It wasn't until I got a bit older that I saw opportunities presenting themselves."

"After I failed to be a location scout on a guy's project, I figured I needed to go learn how to do this correctly."

The first feature, 'Unwanted,' became Foster's first profitable success, achieving distribution. His second short film was domestically and internationally rewarded.

"My third film received even more awards and was a finalist for some prestigious awards. It didn't win, but we were stoked that it was nominated."

Following a successful shoot for the "Hadnott"

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## White Oak FFA finds Gold at convention

White Oak FFA Chapter has had a full passion filled, uplifting, successful, connection based, and week filled with growth but it also was a week to highlight this outstanding past YEAR!!

White Oak FFA made history. For the 1st time ever the members were named state champions not 1, but 3 times. Here is a list of the FFA's accomplishments and a year of success to cultivate a chapter of passion for agriculture, service, leadership, connection and growth.

- GOLD RATED STATE GOLDEN HORIZON AWARDS WINNING CHAPTER
- NATIONAL 3 STAR AWARDED CHAPTER- NATIONAL advancement
- STATE CHAMPION Star Greenhand in Production-

- Merritt McMahon
- STATE CHAMPION Star Chapter in Placement-Kynlee Bright
- STATE CHAMPION Ag Communication Proficiency- Kynlee Bright - national advancement
- STATE Top 4 FINALIST Star Chapter in Agribusiness- Brody Miller
- 9th Place OVERALL STATE Soil Stewardship Speaker- Kynlee Bright
- STATE TEXAS FFA AMBASSADOR- Meredith Anderson
- 12 STATE Lonestar Degree Recipients
- 6 STATE Voting Delegates
- 7 STATE Courtesy Corp Members

## 21 months of growth posted in Gladewater

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for July, 7.5 percent more than in July 2022. These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses.

Gladewater is seeing its 21st-straight month of growth with a 13.60% rise over last year, while White Oak is posting a 15.80% increase over 2022's revenue.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$11,074.34	\$8,251.28	34.21%	\$68,533.08	\$52,142.32	31.43%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$5,130.94	\$6,148.64	-16.55%	\$34,245.45	\$34,753.94	-1.46%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$121,018.64	\$106,527.68	13.60%	\$957,835.07	\$775,544.91	23.50%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$755,758.25	\$769,306.47	-1.76%	\$5,709,997.53	\$5,145,632.63	10.96%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$53,070.11	\$24,369.58	117.77%	\$202,574.29	\$161,425.75	25.49%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$3,748,653.97	\$3,496,082.21	7.22%	\$27,157,085.81	\$25,037,602.23	8.46%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$1,368.83	\$1,445.82	-5.32%	\$11,448.15	\$10,165.12	12.62%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$133,464.73	\$115,253.50	15.80%	\$944,969.42	\$884,127.20	6.88%
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$27,180.63	\$20,622.87	31.79%	\$171,173.10	\$169,022.11	1.27%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$3,905.72	\$3,009.24	29.79%	\$31,163.34	\$23,560.71	32.26%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$231,105.26	\$197,311.91	17.12%	\$1,584,170.79	\$1,465,450.65	8.10%
Upshur	Ore City	1.250%	\$17,096.51	\$18,914.13	-9.60%	\$117,884.48	\$131,733.63	-10.51%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$506.28	\$368.56	37.36%	\$3,244.92	\$2,861.43	13.40%



# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## We need a leap of faith...

The world was on fire. Or at least it felt that way. In 1968 the gates of chaos were flung open with the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy. The Tet Offensive body bags and reports of the My Lai massacre were a part of the dinner hour evening news.

The 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago saw an anti-establishment riot in the streets. Our daily vocabulary was filled with references to the Ho Chi Minh Trail, Black Panthers, SDS, Weathermen, domestic terrorism and hijackings. There were serial killers, the Cold War was icy and the future looked grim indeed.

Then 1969 rolled around and the New York Jets under a cocky Joe Namath took what was thought to be a sure Super Bowl championship from the Baltimore Colts. Elvis Presley made a successful comeback, "Peanuts" debuted as a television series and murderers James Earl Ray and Sirhan Sirhan saw justice.

And then the world seemed to stop. Still. On July 16, Apollo 11 with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were shot into space on top of a missile headed to the moon. The trio of adventurers fulfilled President John F. Kennedy's 1961 promise of putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. NASA and a whole lot of people made that mandate fact.

From all the men we saw on television to the brilliant women in tucked away rooms who did the math or meticulously sewed the spacesuits, history was made. Not just for America but for mankind. The Eagle may have landed on the lunar surface July 20, 1969 because of American 'want to' and ingenuity, BUT, when Neil Armstrong took that step it was for everyone on Planet Earth. "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

And it was. Beyond our reckoning or imagining.

## Abbott aide named interim attorney general

A longtime aide to Abbott was named as the second interim attorney general, replacing John Scott, who served in the role a little over a month. Angela Colmenero has been serving as Abbott's deputy chief of staff. Previously she worked in the attorney general's office for nearly a decade.

"John Scott faithfully executed his duties as the interim Attorney General of Texas, and I thank him for his leadership in stepping up to serve his fellow Texans in this role," Abbott said.

Ken Paxton was suspended from that position after being impeached on 20 counts by the House and awaits a trial in the Senate on Sept. 5.

Scott told the Texas Tribune that he will "return to working as a consultant, attorney and board member for a broad variety of companies." He previously served as Abbott's secretary of state before returning to the private sector.

### Second heat wave means record demand on grid

The second heat wave of the summer means the state's power grid is breaking records for demand almost daily, the Houston Chronicle reported. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas is forecasting several thousand megawatts of excess supply, with demand late last week exceeding 84,000 megawatts. ERCOT manages the power grid serving about 90% of the state, except for part of East Texas and the El Paso area.

Excessive heat warnings have been issued for much of the state, with heat index values topping 117 degrees around the Houston area. Much of the state is also experiencing triple-digit temperatures with high humidity.

The latest heat wave is baking much of the Southwest, with all-time record highs expected in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Palm Springs, California.

### Drought conditions expected to expand

A hotter and drier June for much of the state means 45% of the state may slip back into drought conditions, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of June, about a fourth of the state was in drought, a marked reduction from winter conditions, thanks to ample rainfall.

"The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service anticipates that drought will expand to cover most of central, southern, and West Texas by the end of September," Wentzel wrote.

However, the recent switch to El Niño weather conditions typically bring cooler and wetter-than-normal conditions this fall and winter.

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Buzz Aldrin's words to the world two and a half hours after landing on the moon were:

"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." Aldrin then took communion privately.

A plaque was mounted on the LM descent stage left on the moon that reads: "Here men from the Planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

Fifty years ago this week the world changed. It became smaller. The universe bigger. Our dreams possible. And, maybe, just maybe, the family of man for one shining moment realized that we were indeed a family. That the astronauts' lunar landing site was called Tranquility Base was a stroke of genius. Tranquility was what we needed in the violent, unstable late 1960s. Tranquility is what we need now as we move into the tech chaos of the 21st century.

So, here's to the men and women of NASA's space program who fueled my youth with possibility and whose technology created the world we live in today. It is time again to look beyond our world to the universe of possibility. The results will be astounding right here on Planet Earth while the future of mankind may once again be written among the stars.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### First case of West Nile virus reported this year

Public health officials have confirmed the state's first case of West Nile virus, occurring in Dallas County, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The virus is transmitted through mosquito bites. Most people do not get sick, but about 20% develop symptoms such as headaches, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. Less than 1% of those infected develop more serious symptoms, including death.

"It's important for people to be aware that there are many diseases transmitted by mosquitoes found in Texas," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford. "Most of these diseases cause mild illness but in rare instances diseases like dengue or Zika can cause severe illness. We've even had a locally acquired case of malaria in Texas this year, which underscores the importance of taking precautions to prevent mosquito bites."

DSHS urges people when outdoors to wear long sleeves and pants, apply insect repellent, remove standing water in yards, such as in plant pots, and buckets. The state had 41 cases of West Nile disease last year with seven deaths.

### State slips in business-friendly rankings

An annual ranking of the most business-friendly states in America has always included Texas among the top five, but not this year, the Texas Standard reported. The latest rankings in CNBC's report had the state coming in sixth, behind North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Minnesota.

The study has been undertaken since 2007. Business reporter Erica Greider with the Houston Chronicle cites several factors, including the electric grid, which averages about 20 hours a year without power on average in the state — third worst in the country. Other possible factors are quality of life issues, such as the environment and crime.

"It could be that maybe there's an element of, you know, the state's been coasting on its laurels because we've been so used to this growth and success that it's become a little bit less of the top line issue," Greider told the Standard.

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Working ...

The number of prime working age persons (those aged 25 to 54) in the United States has never been higher. Simultaneously, there are labor shortages and about 9.8 million job openings. Various factors have been blamed, including the "Great Resignation" and low labor force participation rates. Not exactly!

The phrase Great Resignation originated to describe the perception that an unusually high number of people were leaving their jobs during the pandemic. In 2021, a record number of Americans voluntarily quit their jobs (47.8 million, excluding those who retired or transferred within a company). However, most individuals who quit were actually just changing jobs; the size of the workforce reached pre-pandemic levels by the spring of 2022 and has continued to rise. As I wrote a while back, what we really saw was a Great Reshuffling.

For the labor force participation rate, which is simply the number of people working or seeking work divided by the working-age population, it's important to look beyond the top-line number. In February 2020, just before the pandemic, the labor force participation rate stood at 63.3%. It had been generally falling for about 20 years from a peak of 67.3%, though it did flatten out through the mid-2010s and had even risen modestly prior to COVID-19.

Currently, the overall participation rate remains slightly below its pre-pandemic level. For prime working age ranges (25-54), however, it is now well above where it was in February 2020, with the highest rate among men aged 35-44 (90.3%). Importantly, the prime working age group of females is at an all-time high, thus overcoming the COVID challenges stemming from massive shutdowns in the service sector and school-age children being at home (both of which disproportionately affected this segment of the workforce).

The participation rate for those 55 and over remains below pre-COVID-19 levels, and workers in this age cohort number about 524,000 fewer than before. However, that's only 0.3% of the US civilian labor force. The pandemic accelerated trends already in place for this age group, and many have likely permanently retired (some earlier than they had originally planned).

It's important not to read too much into the overall participation rate. By definition, lower rates of labor force participation are likely as the younger segments of the baby boomer generation continue to retire but remain in the denominator of the participation rate calculation). It's just arithmetic.

As the economy slows, immediate labor shortages may become less noticeable (although the long-term pattern will be tight due to lower population growth). Moreover, it's probable that some additional people will be attracted back into jobs. Nonetheless, while Texas has less of an issue, demographics are not moving in our favor. Stay safe!

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## WRONG IS NOT RIGHT

We live in a day where people challenge the thought that there is a fixed standard of right and wrong. They claim that truth is relative. Such thinking is even becoming rampant in religion. People are taught they have a right to believe whatever they want to believe. This mindset is not new. In Judges 21: 25 we read: "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." That equals multiple standards.

Granted, as creatures of choice, we can believe what we want to, even if what we believe is wrong. For example, if one wants to believe there is 10 inches in a foot, he can do so, but he will be wrong every time. Just so, in religion there is such a thing as being religiously wrong, which presupposes a fixed standard, and assures that doing "what is right in our own eyes" is not permissible. In Deut. 12: 1 we read: "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe." Verse 8 says: "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes." Isaiah said the people "called evil good and good evil" and put no distinction between "darkness and light" because they were "wise in their own eyes, and clever in their own sight" (Isa. 5: 20-21). Such convoluted thinking is gaining ground in society today. Reaction to sin and false doctrine is being so toned down that there is no distinction between good and evil in the average mind. Those who are wise in their own eyes, seek to explain God's Word away to a culture that has little knowledge of God and His Word. These clever people do not retain God in their knowledge, but consider themselves to be wise, when in actuality they are fools (Rom. 1: 22, 28). "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God" (Ps. 14: 1).

No matter what one may think about it, 10 inches is not a foot, a man is not a woman, and a woman is not a man, and no matter how one may try to make wrong right, or immoral, or false teaching true, it is still wrong, immoral, and false. "It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10: 23). God's standard is the "good and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12: 2). Thus, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths" (Prov. 3: 5-6). Our culture is becoming immoral, disrespectful, and unintelligent. The actor Denzel Washington said: "With so many things coming back in style, I can't wait until morals, respect, and intelligence become a trend again." Please think on these things.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Manna House needs donations

The local Manna House is always in need of food so they can help our neighbors. So please continue your weekly donations of jelly and cereal, along with bread, canned fruit. 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 at the *Gladewater Mirror* at 211 N. Main. Got questions, call (903) 845-3128.



## Lee-Bardwell Library crocheting

The Lee-Bardwell Library hosts "Cozy Crochet" every Saturday at 1 p.m.. Everyone is invited! Call 903-845-2640 for information.

## County library hosts storytime

Two books will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions Thursday (July 20), and the library in Gilmer will conclude its Summer Reading Program with activities Friday.

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Storytimes are "Blue Bison Needs a Haircut" by Scott Rothman, and "There's a Bison Bouncing on the Bed" by Paul Bright.

A craft will follow each Storytime at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154).

"Wet and Wild" will be theme for Friday's events from 12 noon-2 p.m., including water slides and sno-cones, said a library spokeswoman.

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

For more information, contact the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at [www.youseemore.com/upshur](http://www.youseemore.com/upshur).

## Summer Shoe drive underway

The Darla's Angels charity outreach is kicking off a Christmas in July effort this weekend – the 2023 Summertime Shoe Drive is looking for locals who are ready to step up for students.

Throughout July, four businesses in Gladewater will be collecting donations of new pairs of shoes and socks for boys and girls in a variety of sizes. The four donation locations include Citizens Bank, the Gladewater Mirror, Penny's Food & Fuel and City National Bank.

Shoes sizes range from toddler through youth and adult. Socks will be greatly appreciated, says organizer Darla Ferguson.

For more information, contact Darla the Mirror at 903-845-2235.

## Cowboy chuch VBS

Sit'em Down Cowboy Church will host a one day VBS for 4 years old through just finished 5th grade July 22. Registration is 8-9 a.m., VBS is 9 am-6 pm.

The event will be at 231 PR 3487, Big Sandy. Contact Kara Boyles at 903-736-1015 to pre-register over the phone or send questions. May leave a message with a return number.

The VBS is free of charge. Mid-morning snacks, lunch,



The program last week for the Gladewater Rotary Club was Rotarian Al Harrison, who is the Gladewater city inspector. He was presented by President Darla Ferguson.

and evening snacks will be provided. Additional waiver will be required by the guardian on the morning of the event..

## Texas Prepaid Tuition Plan Newborn Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Texas families have through July 31 to enroll their newborns at 2022-23 prices in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition plan. Newborns are children younger than 1 year of age at the time of enrollment.\*

"I know what it's like to be the parent of newborns, and paying for college was not always at the top of my mind," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why we're reminding new parents to take advantage of the opportunity to lock in this year's rates and lay the foundation for their children's future educational opportunities."

With the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in the costs of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges

and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions, based on today's prices.

For additional flexibility, the plan also can be used at Texas medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, career schools and registered apprenticeship programs, where tuition is not locked in, and the benefits and payouts would be based on the Transfer Value.\*\*

Enrollment at 2022-23 prices closed on Feb. 28 for children 1 year of age and older. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college tuition and schoolwide required fees costs for the 2023-24 school year.

Complete plan information, including the plan description and agreement, current sales prices, enrollment forms and more, is available at [TuitionPromise.org](http://TuitionPromise.org) or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

The plan's outreach team also offers free webinars that provide an overview of the plan and discuss the dif-



Union Grove ISD's FFA was recognized on stage last week for being a Gold ranked chapter making it in the TOP 10% of all two-teacher programs and for receiving the Texas FFA Alumni Grant at the state convention.

ferent tuition unit types and payment options, as well as provide information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation - matching scholarship opportunities.

Go to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund website for information about how to register to attend upcoming webinars.

## Cherokee Rose GOP to meet

The head of Texans for Vaccine Freedom will address a July 31 public meeting of Cherokee Rose Republican Women in downtown Gladewater.

Jackie Schlegel, chief executive officer, will speak at the 6:30 p.m. meeting at The BlueByrd Room, 208 S. Main (which is also U.S.

271). In a press release, Cherokee Rose President Cynthia Ridgeway said that persons "interested in the latest legislation regarding vaccines/immunizations and other medical issues" can receive an "informative update from the woman who initiated the 'medical freedom' movement in the state of Texas."

Ridgeway invited the public to "come and learn what you can do to make better informed decisions about your personal health care."

The Cherokee Rose organization is a Republican political action committee which works with the Republican Party of Upshur County "and helps elect conservative GOP candidate

nominees," Ridgeway said.

For more information, contact her at 903-736-9615 or 903-968-6822.

## WO water rate hike to be discussed

The City of White Oak will be having an informational meeting about increasing the water rates. The meeting will be held at City Hall on July 25 at 6 p.m..

## Upshur Dems meet

The Upshur County Democratic Party will hold its monthly public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6715 on the outskirts of Gilmer. The post is on VFW Road, a short distance from the intersection of Texas 154 and FM 852.

# County road admin resigns

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday accepted the resignation of longtime County Road Administrator Andy Jordan, effective retroactive to July 7, and appointed longtime county employee Phil Stegall as his interim replacement.

County Judge Todd Tefteller said Jordan had accepted a job which paid considerably more than his county post.

In naming Stegall, the court also approved Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley's suggestion that longtime Road and Bridge Department office employee Lisa Tefteller be his co-administrator to "assist him." Stegall has worked for the county 18 years.

The court also voted to seek applications for a permanent administrator or engineer to replace Jordan.

In his undated letter of resignation, received July 5, he wrote, "I have been offered a management position with a local construction company. After much praying and soul searching, I have decided to accept the position."

"After over 10 years with the county, this decision was tough to make, but for the betterment of my family, reduction in stress, and for my health, I feel it is the choice I need to make," he explained.

Jordan said he was giving such short notice

of his resignation, effective July 7, because "they (his new employers) need me to start immediately" and "I would love to have been able to give more notice to help in transition, but (the) situation did not warrant that. The department will be in good hands till a replacement can be found."

While Jordan has come under little if any personal fire at commissioners' meetings over the past few years, numerous citizens have complained to the court about conditions of the more than 700 miles of county-maintained roads, many of them oiltop. He made no reference to that, however, in his letter of resignation.

Local county commissioners once were responsible for maintaining the roads in their individual precincts. Upshur County voters, however, have approved the unit road system, under which the court appoints a road administrator or engineer, three times in the past 30 years.

"I have had the opportunity to meet and work with some really great people whom I consider my friends," Jordan's letter said. "I will meet with the leaders of (the) Road and Bridge (Department) and have them a plan to continue with, so the cleanup and roadwork can continue, and I will be available to help with any questions that might arise."



Last Saturday was a fun day for sharing historic Gladewater with members of the Chongqing Lumen Theatre! This troupe of 6 actors performed their original musical "It Happens" at the Texas Shakespeare Festival on July 7. After being the entertainment, they wanted to visit Gladewater and were entertained by the Gladewater chamber, Judy Van Houten, Brandy Flanagan, Elaine Roddy and the Gladewater Museum, Fire Chief Michael Simmons, Texas Pizza House, Ross Morgan, SkyDive East Texas, and Pineway Farms Ice Cream. Photo by Lois Reed



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# OBITUARY



## WANDA JOYCE KIDD REEVES

Wanda Joyce Kidd Reeves passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Buckner Memory Care. A private family service was held Friday, July 11, 2023, in the Rosewood Park Mausoleum Chapel with her grandson, Chad Reeves, officiating.

Wanda was born on January 6, 1929, in Tyler, to Grace Johnson and Frost Kidd. She moved to Gladewater at the age of 13 and found her best friend, Jack Reeves. After graduating from Gladewater High School, Wanda and her best friend Jack, attended Baylor University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree.

One of her most important assignments while there was the task of finding dates for Jack, as she had a beau at Texas A&M. Jack escorted Wanda to the Tyler Rose

Festival where she was Marie Antoinette, the Duchess of Gladewater. Later, Jack and his girl, and Wanda and her beau decided to double date. Sometime during the night, they decided to exchange dates and that was the beginning of Jack and Wanda. They married June 24, 1950, and moved to Commerce to pursue their Master of Education before moving to Wichita Falls. Wanda taught kindergarten for a year there and followed it up with seven and one half years teaching in Gladewater.

Wanda was a very creative person. She wrote plays and music for her kindergarten classes, and was a talented artist. After moving to Longview, Wanda used her talents to start a new career selling real estate, and drawing house plans for her family and others. If Wanda designed it, you knew there wouldn't be a shortage of storage. She believed in using every inch available. Eventually when the boys, Rick and Kyle left for college, Wanda Changed careers and started working at the family business, Reeves Oil Co. After one of her sons "fired" her from the office, as she would say, Wanda kept herself busy playing bridge, attending Christian Women's Club, and Bible studies. Not one to stay

idol, she eventually became a consultant to Don Castor clothing line and enjoyed helping old friends and new friends put outfits together. Jack and Wanda loved traveling in their RV. They were always ready for the next adventure, especially when it included taking turns carrying the grandchildren with them. Wanda loved attending Moberly Baptist Church and she took the task of sharing the Good News to heart. Whether you wanted to hear it or not made no difference to her. You needed to know she was going to tell you.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Reeves; her parents, Grace and Frost Kidd; stepfather, James Gordon Godfrey; her sister, Gracie Jo Kidd; her step brother, John Kidd; and by her in-laws, Homer and Magie Lee Reeves.

Survivors include her son, Rick Reeves and wife Deby, of Hallsville; son Kyle Reeves and wife, Kathleen, of Gladewater; grandchildren, Chad Reeves and wife, Rachel of Hallsville; Jason Reeves of Frisco; Justin Reeves and wife Lauren, of Gladewater; Brooke Garwood and husband Jerrell, of Longview; and five great-grandchildren, Tucker, Jack, and Hattie Garwood, and Shepherd and Graham Reeves.

A special thanks to Cindy from Hospice Plus, and the caring staff at Buckner Memory Care, for their patience and kindness to our loved one. Memorials may be made to Moberly Baptist Church, 625 E. Loop 281, Longview, Texas 75605, or to the charity of your choice. "Evidence of a life well lived is found in those who love you." A memorial guest book may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)



Mark Robinson with Southwestern Electric Power Company - SWEPCO and the American Electric Power - AEP Foundation presented ETFB CEO David Emerson with a \$40,000 gift to help in recovery efforts from the recent storm power outages. These funds will help restock the food bank to be prepared for the next emergency.

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# SPORTS

## Gladeater Bears - How they shape up

By Tyler Sutton

The 2022 season was a season of learning for the Gladeater Bears football team. While a 3-8 season is never the type of season you want, it was enough to get the Bears into the playoffs for a 5<sup>th</sup> straight season.

Coach Johnny Louvier's squad has some good competition going into the fall for a lot of key spots.

"I feel we are coming together early. We have some good returning players back from last years team, but also a lot of younger kids wanting to show everyone what they have," said Louvier.

The Bears will have a big hole to fill in "do it all man" Kollin Lewis, who graduated and will now be playing on Saturday's in Denton for the North Texas Mean Green.

There will also be a quarterback competition to see who replaces last year's starter Kyron Wilson. That job more then likely will be given to junior Brayson Woods.

Other returning starters on offense include: Woods, Clayton Chandarjis, Fernando Coronado, Chance Kegarise, Kayson Harris, G'braylon Talley, Chance Mendez, Christopher Reed, Taylor

Pickett, Chance Throgmorton, Keyondre Powers and Tre Sanders

Returning starters on defense include: Jackson Wood, Caden Elrod, Kegarise, Caden McKaskle, Garyion Hart, Landon Ellis, Carsin Cooper, Sean Brightwell, Mendez, Tanner Hammett and Sanders

Justice Hasssek is the favorite to take over the kicking and punting duties

Gladeater's season schedule is:  
**August 25<sup>th</sup> : @ Dangerfield 7:30**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> : Mount Vernon 7:30**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Hill 7:30 (Homecoming)**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup> : Malakoff 7:30**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> : @ Gunter 7:30**  
 Bye week  
**October 6<sup>th</sup> : Tatum 7:00 (Pink out)**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup> : @ Sabine 7:00**  
**October 20<sup>th</sup> : Jefferson 7:00 (honoring Weldon)**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup> : @ Atlanta 7:00**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup> : White Oak 7:00 (Senior night)**

The Bears will be home a lot more this season. As they will have 6 home games ( 3 non district, 3 district ) and only 4 road games this season ( 2 non district and 2 district ).

## Gladeater Lady Bears - How 2023 looks

By Tyler Sutton

The 2022 Gladeater Lady Bears volleyball season was one of learning and improving as they embarked on a new era under 1<sup>st</sup> year head coach Christian Brown.

And the Lady Bears did just that improving their win total from 12 in 2021 to 16 in 2023. And entering her 2<sup>nd</sup> season as head coach, Brown believes this team can be even better. " We have a lot of leadership back this season. Also we will be mixing in some younger players and I feel we will be even more improved this year ". The Bears will have another tough non district schedule and as always the very competitive District 15 schedule.

Some of the key players returning are : Alexis Boyd, A'alatiah Turner, Hai'leigh Oliver, Deja Martin, Livia Prince, Megan Perez, Gracie George, JaKiyah Bell, Karlee Moses and Alise

Sanders Lady Bears Volleyball schedule:

**August 8<sup>th</sup> : @ Jefferson**  
**August 10<sup>th</sup> : @ Harmony**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup> : @ Tatum**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup> : @ Leverett's Chapel**  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup> : Jacksonville**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup> : Quitman**  
**August 29<sup>th</sup> : West Rusk**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> : @ Ore City**  
**September 5<sup>th</sup> @ Chapel Hill**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup> : Carlisle**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup> : Quitman**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup> : @ Overton**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> : @ Mineola**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> : @ Sabine ( District opener )**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup> : @ Hughes Springs**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup> : White Oak**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup> : Dangerfield**  
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Next week we will look at what White Oak has to offer in 2023



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# Managing compulsive disorders in dogs and cats

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION, July 13, 2023 — Dogs and cats who cannot be distracted from an activity, such as biting or chasing imaginary objects, may be experiencing a compulsive disorder, especially when their behavior prevents them from

maintaining their daily routine. Because compulsive disorders are a sign of mental stress and can escalate to physical harm if left untreated, owners

should learn to recognize their companion animal's compulsive behaviors and triggers and then take the time to develop a management plan unique to their pet.

Dr. Ashley Navarrette, a clinical veterinarian at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, says that the best form of management owners can implement is to remove triggers or provide distractions, especially since compulsive behaviors are hard to cure.

"Oftentimes, compulsive behaviors promote altered physiology in pets, such as decreased heart rate and the release of feel-good hormones, which make it very hard to cure these behaviors, as they are self-rewarding," Navarrette said. "These behaviors are manageable, yet it often requires a large time investment from both the owner and their veterinarian."

When removing triggers, Navarrette emphasizes that owners should refrain from scolding pets when they behave compulsively and, instead, praise the pet for good behaviors; this is known as positive reinforcement-based training.

"Reprimanding pets is never the ideal way to go about getting the behaviors one desires," Navarrette said. "Rather, it is best to reward dogs and cats for behaviors that are desired and redirect them to something else when they are demonstrating unwanted behaviors."

When implementing the method of distraction to manage compulsive behaviors, Navarrette recommends that owners provide activities that offer mental and physical enrichment.

"Mental enrichment examples are things that make a pet think, including puzzle toys, search games, sniffing tasks, visual stimulation (like dog or cat TV), or training," Navarrette said. "Physical enrichment is exactly what it sounds like: walking both cats and dogs, hiking, herding, playing fetch, or agility activities."

Many compulsive behaviors are in response to a trigger, or stressor, so Navarrette also encourages owners to provide a relaxing environment for their pet.

"No animal should be in a constant state of stress, anxiety, or fear, so providing things that can help decrease stress and promote a 'calm' environment — calming music, pheromones, and familiar things like toys or beds — can manage compulsive behaviors," Navarrette said. "A relaxing environment is unique to the animal, and each owner knows their animal the best. For example, some dogs love being surrounded by noise and people, while others prefer a calm, 'family-only' existence."

While each form of management is personal to the pet, Navarrette pointed out that all pets can benefit from veterinary visits, behavioral training, and possible medications to manage compulsive behaviors.

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**ACROSS**

1 album by Texas group "ZZ Top": "\_\_\_ Hombres"

5 sharpen

6 TXism: "\_\_\_ bien" (good)

7 TX Sam Rayburn was a 24-\_\_\_ congressman

8 this Moe was TCU basketball coach (1987-94)

9 pamper place

12 Panna \_\_\_\_, Texas

17 "masticates," if you wanna get fancy

19 Ector County seat

21 in Hidalgo County on highway 107

22 TXism: "\_\_\_ a junkyard dog"

23 "found \_\_\_ wrote years ago"

28 you can \_\_\_ free 72-ounce steak at Amarillo's "Big Texan," if you can eat it all

29 this Carter founded the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram"

30 Morton Salt is doing this in Grand Saline, Texas

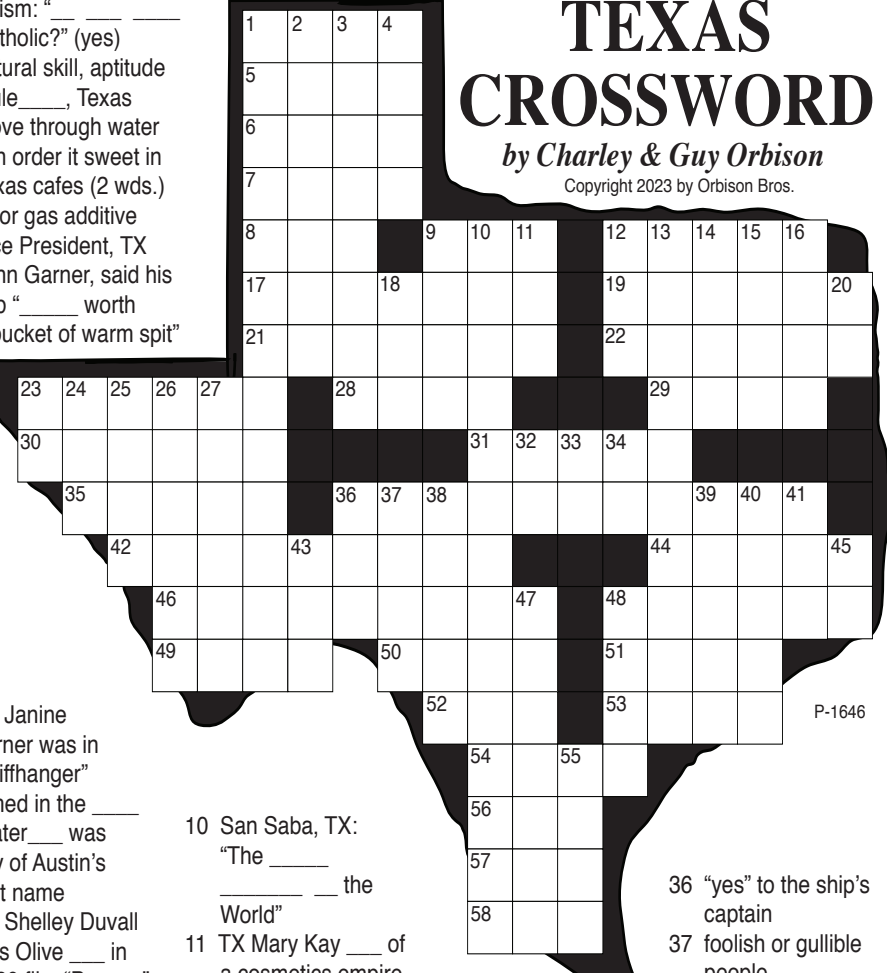
31 TXism: "got tumbledweed blood in his veins"

35 "don't \_\_\_" (don't annoy)

36 TXism: "high \_\_\_" (costly)

42 TXism: "\_\_\_ picture"

44 Waxahachie is the seat of this county



**DOWN**

1 Texas-connected Jimmy Webb wrote "By \_\_\_ Phoenix"

2 in Falls County on U.S. 77

3 front door, e.g.

4 where two pieces of fabric are sewn

9 TXism: "hobble your lip" (\_\_\_ up)

46 TXism: "\_\_\_ Catholic?" (yes)

48 natural skill, aptitude

49 Mule \_\_\_\_, Texas

50 move through water

51 can order it sweet in Texas cafes (2 wds.)

52 oil or gas additive

53 Vice President, TX John Garner, said his job "\_\_\_ worth a bucket of warm spit"

54 TX Janine Turner was in "Cliffhanger" filmed in the \_\_\_

56 Water \_\_\_ was city of Austin's first name

57 TX Shelley Duvall was Olive \_\_\_ in 1980 film "Popeye"

58 national anthem writer, Key (init.)

10 San Saba, TX: "The \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ World"

11 TX Mary Kay \_\_\_ of a cosmetics empire

12 dad's mate

13 TXism: "short as \_\_\_ memory"

14 500 sheets of paper

15 "there \_\_\_ such thing as a free lunch"

16 TXism: "tough \_\_\_ old boot"

18 Texas has 14 of these appellate courts (abbr.)

20 TXism: "old \_\_\_ sin"

23 morning time (abbr.)

24 pen tip

25 TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough" (join in)

26 it runs along the Euphrates

27 entangle

32 old Oilers coach: \_\_\_ "Bum" Phillips

33 \_\_\_ Pleasant, Texas (abbr.)

34 TXism: drunk \_\_\_ a skunk"

36 "yes" to the ship's captain

37 foolish or gullible people

38 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of \_\_\_ ear"

39 in Collin County on U.S. 75

40 a rope is tied to this on a boat, or a football shoe

41 TXism for "relatives"

43 \_\_\_ Colony, Texas

45 \_\_\_ Jo, Texas (abbr.)

47 hires

48 sole apiary regulator in Texas (abbr.)

55 Livingston is the seat of this county

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### Divide & Conquer Moving Estate Sale of Maxine (Mrs. Douglas) Flatt

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### NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2012, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, as Trustor(s), in favor of Lawanda G. Wilk, as Trustee, and Scott R. Valby as Beneficiary, and was recorded on December 18, 2012, in Instrument Number 201222873 in the Office of the Recorder of Gregg County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated August 17, 2016, and recorded on August 23, 2016, under 201613479, in the Official Public Records of Gregg County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that payments were not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 1, 2023 is \$200,005.26; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27 subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on May 27, 2021, under Document Number 202109516 notice is hereby given that, on August 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("11Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder(s):

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

Commonly known as: 1108 Dennis Dr Longview, TX 75605  
 Permanent Parcel Number: 63108

The sale will be in the Front Door-Patio area as designated by the county commissioner's office 101 E. Methvin, Longview, Texas 75601. The United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an amount to be determined. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser(s) will pay, at or before closing, his (their) pro-rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling 10% of the purchase price in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the purchase price must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder(s) will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the date of closing and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidder(s) will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15 day increments for a fee paid in advance. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). If the high bidder(s) close(s) the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due at closing.

If the high bidder(s) is/are unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidders' deposit may be forfeited, or the high bidder may be liable to the Secretary for any costs incurred as a result of such failure, and the Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the Deed of Trust agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

In the case of a foreclosure involving a monetary default, the amount that must be paid if the Deed of Trust is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is the entire amount of principal and interest which would be due if payments under the Deed of Trust had not been accelerated. In the case of a foreclosure involving a non-monetary default, the amount that must be paid if the Deed of Trust is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is (i) all amounts due under the Deed of Trust agreement (excluding additional amounts which would have been due if Deed of Trust payments had been accelerated); (ii) all amounts of expenditures secured by the Deed of Trust; and (iii) all costs of foreclosure incurred for which payment from the proceeds of foreclosure is provided in 12 U.S.C. 3751, including advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out of pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: 6/08/2023  
**FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER**  
 Candace Sissac, Esq.  
 JAMES E. ALBERTELLI, P.A.  
 2201 W. Royal Lane, Suite 200  
 Irving, TX 75063  
 Phone: 469-804-8457 Fax: 469-804-8462  
 csissac@lalaw.net

**ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING LOT ELEVEN (11), BLOCK NINE HUNDRED NINETY (99), OF THE RICHMOND TERRACE UNIT NO. ONE (1), LOCATED IN THE ALEX JORDAN SURVEY, A-262, CITY OF LONGVIEW, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS. PLAT OF SAID ADDITION OR RECORD IN VOLUME 728, PAGE 385, DEED RECORDS, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS.

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# GPD POLICE ACTIVITY

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
7/6/23	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20233910	0:14		2301 HICKORY HICKORY
	FIRE DEPT	20233911	0:39		2894 RAMPY RAMPY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20233912	1:47	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	10-50 MINOR	20233913	2:26		410 W GAY GAY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20233914	4:57		EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233915	6:45		60 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	EMS	20233916	8:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	CRIM MIS	20233917	9:01	DOWNTOWN RESTROOMS	103 S MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20233918	13:14		512 LIVE OAK LIVE OAK RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20233919	13:40	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	CRIM MIS	20233920	15:32		501 S RODEN RODEN LN
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20233921	15:48		LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233922	16:42	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20233923	16:54	DANIELLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE	1014 N LYNN LYNN ST
	MISSING PERSON	20233924	16:59	DANIELLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE	1014 N LYNN LYNN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233925	17:28	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20233926	17:44		403 CENTER CENTER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20233927	17:46		505 W GAY GAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20233929	19:30		613 RODEN RODEN LN
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20233930	19:58		865 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD
	EMS	20233931	20:12	PIZZA HUT	1210 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233932	20:28	1001 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE	403 SPENCER SPENCER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20233933	20:32		403 SPENCER SPENCER ST
	ABANDONED 911	20233934	21:20	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20233935	21:29		403 SPENCER SPENCER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233936	22:32		652 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE LN
	EMS	20233937	23:48	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
7/10/23	ABANDONED 911	20233938	7:15		1047 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20233940	7:22		508 MELBA MELBA ST
	THEFT	20233941	7:26		160 PR 3479 PR 3479
	MISSING PERSON	20233942	8:01		2620 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20233943	8:44		2806 RAMPY RAMPY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233944	10:36		334 SMALLWOOD SMALLWOOD RD
	10-50 MINOR	20233945	10:49	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233946	11:50	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20233947	12:03		202 S CULVER CULVER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233948	12:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233949	12:30	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233950	13:22	GLADEWATER ANTIQUE MALL	100 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233951	13:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233952	15:09		528 N NORTH NORTH ST
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20233954	17:21	CAPSHAW DERIEUX.LLP	114 E COMMERCE COMMERCE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20233955	17:46		515 W HARSHALL HARSHALL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233956	18:20		1813 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233957	18:53	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20233958	19:04		207 N FERRY FERRY ST
	EMS	20233959	21:08		408 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20233960	21:35	PENNY'S FOOD & FUEL	524 BAR M RANCH BAR M RANCH RD
	ALARM/OTHER	20233961	23:16	PENNY'S FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
7/11/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20233962	2:08		216 OAK OAK DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233963	7:29	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233964	8:17		PHILLIPS SPRING PHILLIPS SPRING RD
	EMS	20233965	8:18	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	THEFT	20233966	9:27	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	THEFT	20233967	10:27		124 LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233968	10:27		271 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233969	12:42	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233970	12:49	JULIAWOOD HOMES	JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	EMS	20233971	17:54		2620 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20233972	19:23	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ABANDONED 911	20233973	20:04		1202 SANDERS SANDERS
	ALARM/OTHER	20233974	20:12	SOLIDEAL	300 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
7/12/23	EMS	20233975	0:18		1509 N DAISEY DAISEY ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20233976	0:47		LOOP 485 LOOP 485 N
	FIRE DEPT	20233977	1:13		2403 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20233978	1:31		LYNN LYNN
	EMS	20233979	2:00		529 E MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20233980	2:15	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20233981	2:22		322 W MELBA MELBA AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20233982	9:57		612 CARTER CARTER RD
	EMS	20233983	12:36		1611 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20233984	12:36		210 EDDY EDDY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20233985	15:26		4888 WHITE OAK WHITE OAK RD
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20233988	19:05	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233990	20:07		SHEPPARD SHEPPARD LANE
	ALARM/OTHER	20233991	20:29	SOLIDEAL	300 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20233993	21:51		321 E EDDY EDDY AVE
	EMS	20233994	23:44		600 WOOD WOOD ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20233995	23:47		500 MARSHALL MARSHALL
7/13/23	EMS	20233996	0:30	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20233997	5:44		HWY 271 HWY 271
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20233998	6:22		218 HURLEY HURLEY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233999	8:47	SKIPPERS PIER	103 N MAIN MAIN ST
	10-50 MAJOR	2024000	9:42		5667 PERIWINKLE PERIWINKLE RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024001	9:54	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	2024002	10:15		1208 MARY MARY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024003	13:22		2411 W HAROLD HAROLD ST
	THEFT	2024006	19:04	SONIC DRIVE IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	2024007	18:36	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	2024009	20:00		GAY GAY
7/14/23	ALARM/OTHER	2024010	3:00		1313 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2024011	3:07	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2024012	4:37	SEYMORS WILCO	1286 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	2024013	7:58		601 WOOD WOOD ST
	THEFT	2024014	8:38		2600 WOODBINE WOODBINE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024015	9:25	QUITMAN QUITMAN	QUITMAN QUITMAN
	EMS	2024016	9:27		508 N MAIN MAIN
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024017	11:07		271 271
	ABANDONED 911	2024018	12:20		416 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	2024019	14:38		601 WOOD WOOD
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024020	14:57		217 HURLEY HURLEY
	10-50 MAJOR	2024021	15:50	PENNY'S FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	EMS	2024022	15:59		1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	2024023	16:17	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	2024024	16:53	HOLLY DENTAL	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	LAKE MISC	2024029	21:27	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	2024030	21:37		4 WOODLAND WOODLAND
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2024032	22:50	PUBLIC RESTROOMS	86 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	2024033	23:38		1603 N MAIN MAIN ST
7/15/23	MISCELLANEOUS	2024034	6:53		821 MAIN MAIN ST
	ABANDONED 911	2024035	7:59		1603 N MAIN MAIN ST
	10-50 MINOR	2024036	9:18		HWY 80 AND RODEO HWY 80 AND RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024037	10:18		TYLER TYLER ST
	10-50 MINOR	2024038	10:36	PENNY'S FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	ESCORT	2024039	11:19	RISING STAR CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	801 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024040	11:53		314 W OLIVER OLIVER ST
	EMS	2024041	13:59	GLADEWATER CHAMBER OF COMMECE	215 N MAIN MAIN
	EMS	2024042	14:09	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024043	16:08		E 80 80
	EMS	2024044	16:08	TEXAS TRADITIONS	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024045	16:26	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	2024046	16:42		305 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024047	17:07		210 S PINE PINE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024048	17:56	DOLLAR GENERAL	2670 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024049	19:46		DEAN DEAN
	EMS	2024050	21:58		2403 W GAY GAY AVE
7/16/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2024051	0:57	GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL	414 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	WARRANT	2024052	1:10	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2024053	1:31		325 S MAIN MAIN
	EMS	2024054	2:11	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ABANDONED 911	2024055	2:34	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2024056	2:50		314 W OLIVER OLIVER
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024057	9:10		510 NORTH NORTH ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024058	9:46		S HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	2024059	9:58	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024061	11:41		812 E COMMERCE COMMERCE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024062	13:28		BEHIND SEAFOOD PLACE BEHIND SEAFOOD PLACE
	ASSIST	2024063	13:42		1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024065	14:10		SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	MISCELLANEOUS	2024066	14:31		GAY GAY

# WOPD POLICE ACTIVITY

For the reporting period of July 10th through the 16th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 132 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Animal Complaints, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated resulting in no injuries and no continuing criminal investigations.

One arrest was made by White Oak Police during the reporting period: James Michael Alexander, Sr., 63, of White Oak for Murder.

## GPD Police Arrests

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
7/9/23	7/9/23	2:38	BROWN, JAMES WINDELL	W	M	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND	410 GAY AVE
	7/9/23	9:28	MURRAY, DAVID DEAN	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	403 SPENCER ST
7/11/23	7/11/23	9:38	GORDON, RONNIE KWAME	B	M	THEFT < \$100	601 W UPSHUR AVE
7/12/23	7/12/23	23:54	AREVALO, LAKAY MONIQUE	B	F	EVADING ARREST DETENTION	500 W MARSHALL AVE
	7/12/23	23:54	AREVALO, LAKAY MONIQUE	B	F	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	500 W MARSHALL AVE
	7/12/23	23:54	AREVALO, LAKAY MONIQUE	B	F	POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUG	500 W MARSHALL AVE
7/14/23	7/14/23	4:50	CAVALLO, DUSTIN JAMES	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1300 BROADWAY AVE
7/15/23	7/15/23	19:48	LEATCH, BOBBY WAYNE	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	DEAN
7/16/23	7/16/23	1:10	SHEFFIELD, JAYLON MCSHANE	B	M	EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES	100 MONEY
	7/16/23	1:10	SHEFFIELD, JAYLON MCSHANE	B	M	FAILURE TO APPEAR (CLASS C OFFENSE)	100 MONEY

## Eight sentenced, headed to prison/jail

By Phillip Williams

115th District Judge Dean Fowler recently sentenced eight men to prison and/or state jail when all pleaded guilty to felony charges and/or admitted violating terms of felony probation, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Details of the July 10 sentencing in Gilmer were as follows, and all involved guilty pleas unless otherwise noted, Byrd's office said:

Donald Elliott Jr., 53, of Gilmer, drew concurrent 7-year prison terms for three counts of failure to register as sex offender. Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented him.

Randy Travis Johnson of Longview, who turned 28 the day he was sentenced, drew concurrent terms of seven years in prison for unlawful possession of firearm by felon, and 15 months in state jail for burglary of a building. Marshall attorney Brendan Roth represented him.

Wesley David Loy, 23, of Marshall, drew five years in prison for unlawful possession of a firearm by felon. Marshall attorney Craig Fletcher represented him.

Rodney Dean Goode II, 40, of Harleton,

received six months in state jail for theft of firearm. Roth represented him.

Lane Riley Nation, 22, of Karnack, drew six years in prison for evading arrest/detention with vehicle. Patton represented him.

Lajerrius E. Jackson, 35, of Mt. Pleasant, received 12 months in state jail for theft from person. Patton also represented him.

William James Jackson, 36, of Kilgore, drew 10 years in prison for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance--more than four, but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine. Roth represented him.



# City Manager looks back at past year and future

By James Draper

Technically, Charlie Smith is city manager in Gladewater on an interim basis. Technically.

At a year and change into the job, Smith's comfortable in the post and getting things done in due course, working with city employees and elected officials to get Gladewater back on track in some areas, to make minor course corrections in others and to focus on progress ahead.



SMITH

He's in no hurry to wrap up his interim tenure, and his bosses on Gladewater City Council aren't in any particular hurry to find his replacement.

"I enjoy coming to work every day," Smith said. "There's challenges, and I enjoy the challenges.

"I'm here to try to make a difference and I want to continue doing that as long as I possibly can."

For now, that's indefinite – Smith says he'll stay until the council is ready to move forward with a long-term hire. He took on the Gladewater post in summer 2022 just 10 days after he retired as White Oak City Coordinator. By that point, he'd logged 24 years working for Gladewater's neighbor to the east, starting out as a patrol officer with White Oak Police Department in 1998 before being named police chief in 2001 and city coordinator in 2008.

Gladewater has its own challenges, but there wasn't a world of differences from one community to another down the road.

"It's been exciting, actually," Smith said. "I'll tell you, because there's a lot of things to do. There's not a boring day that goes by."

Smith followed Ricky Tow as the city's chief executive. "Ricky did a good job, I just do things differently from what Ricky did. I just want to take Gladewater from where it is and move it along for the future," he added. For example, "I think it's got a lot of potential with the highway expansions that are coming in on 271 and the loop.

"I think that's going to open up some opportunity for growth, not only for retail but for industrial stuff. I think that's going to be a big positive for the city."

Related properties are already being acquired on 271, and the project is anticipated to go out for bid in 2024.

Meanwhile, "We're experiencing such a good sales tax time right now," Smith said. "We've got 20 months that exceed the past 20 months. We're doing good."

Gladewater has its share of challenges, too, of course. Every community has its own distinct personality.

Top of Smith's mind: "The infrastructure's wore out." It's a common refrain at Gladewater City Hall. Council discussions often touch on how to fund key project when monies have already been allocated for infrastructure repair or upgrade. City leaders lament having to delay streetwork so they don't drain the coffers with other expenses on the horizon.

"Our water and sewer lines, we'll never get ahead, but we're just staying abreast of the repairs," Smith said. "We have plenty of those, our sewer especially."

Meanwhile, the city can't put off work at the water treatment plant – understandably, residents expect those services won't falter: "You definitely want to flush your toilet and it goes somewhere."

Importantly, that 'somewhere' can be a bit temperamental at times. (see related story)

"I think the infrastructure has been probably one of the most challenging things that I dealt with here."

It can be challenging to keep things flowing smoothly when the first obstacle is finding qualified people ready for work.

Fortunately, the current roster of city workers is strong. Gladewater needs more of the same quality of people.

"I think we've got a lot of good employees. To me, employees are one of the greatest assets," he said. "We just have to make sure they've got the tools to do their job. We just need to set some direction on our streets and utilities and stuff like that."

The dam is another challenge, Smith acknowledged, but it's at the forefront of Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons' mind and progressive steps are on the drawing board.

Pre-dating Simmons' tenure, "Apparently, it hasn't been maintained the way that it was supposed to be," Smith said, a simple summary of a complicated topic. "I think we've got things to look at there."

There are grant monies available, he noted, and Simmons is exploring various avenues to cover necessary maintenance on the dam. It'll likely be necessary to once again fill voids in the spillway, as the city did several years ago. The relief valve on the back of the 1952 dam also needs work.

At the lake in general, more security's needed – recently, School Resource Officers and off-duty police officers have been increasing the law enforcement presence, but more, consistent supervision is on tap.

"It's a nice place to go, but the times I've been out there, the people that come in, they don't really take possession of it and care about where they're throwing their trash," Smith said. Lake Gladewater is also one of the communities key assets and opportunities. "Our lake, number one, I think that's great for our citizens.

Likewise, "Our airport is something that citizens don't think about a lot of time. There's a lot of activity out at our airport. There's planes going all the time. There's 40-plus people waiting to get a hangar at our airport; everything's full right now. I think that's an asset for our city."

Some of the questions Smith (and his colleagues) field most frequently concern roads: When is that pothole going to be fixed? What can be done about the asphalt here? When is mine going to be fixed?

It's slow moving forward, he says. Repairs are costly and time-consuming and are being made strategically with large projects ahead.

I think getting in here and doing repair on our roadways, that's going to be a big challenge," Smith said. "Then the decision on what roadways need to be fixed first, that's never going to be an easy decision. We need a lot of road repair.

"The public works department is literally spread so thin sometimes it seems like it takes forever to get something. It's hard to hire somebody and get someone in for manual labor."

At the same time, for all the planning, there's the unexpected that also can demand a lot of precious attention.

"The clean-up right now of the debris from the storm has got us behind again," Smith said. "I know people are complaining about the brush laying around on the side of the road, but we're trying as fast as we can on top of our other duties. We'll eventually get it all."

And, along the way, he keeps hope for the future.

"I think our downtown has really picked up," Smith praised. "When I first moved here in 1998 it seemed like those streets were packed going into the week."

The activity comes and goes in waves and, for a time, seemed to be going more and more.

With many people working to drive downtown forward, though, "I think that's coming back. That's a plus."

## Trash it before you flush it

After a year on the job, there's one recurring complaint Charlie Smith would like to pass back to Gladewater's residents: Be gentle on your local sewer lines.

"One of the main things that my public works department deals with is sewer backups," he said. "The sewer lines get clogged, and so many times what we find is wipes and rags, literally rags, in the sewer line."

People flush them down, probably without thinking, Smith added, but that little moment's negligence can be very costly: for the homeowner, for the city and, consequently, for taxpayers.

"That sets us back. We have to pull off what we're doing to go unclog a sewer line before it backs up into someone's house. That's a major setback, anytime we have to pull off a project. And that's preventable. We just ask that people be conscientious of what they're putting down the drain. That would help tremendously."

On the same token, for his employees' sake Smith asks folks for patience. Not only are long-term upgrades and repairs to the city's water (and roads) infrastructure going to take years and a lot of cost to correct, but even short-term fixes take time.

"People want things to be fixed overnight, but it's hard to fix years and years of deterioration. That's what we have," he said. Just consider recent damage, for example: "With the major winter we had here a couple of years ago, that didn't help our roads one bit. When that water got in and froze, that causes a lot of issues.

"We're trying to get as much of this stuff done as we possibly can and make it where our city is moving forward instead of declining."

## Gladewater saves money, little lives after reinstating local animal control

By James Draper

Across several years without local animal control, Gladewater was paying up to \$25,000 annually to outsource the duty to the City of Longview.

Today, with a new staff member policing strays and surrenders in the community, the city's payout is decreasing and animals are getting a new leash on life.

According to Gladewater Inspector Al Harrison, former Police Chief Rob Vine discontinued all local animal control following the departure of that officer and the difficulty in finding a suitable replacement.

"So, we went several years without animal control in the city," Harrison said. "If it was aggressive animals or something, the police would take care of those, or I would take care of the situation if I could."

Last budget season, council members agreed to re-fund local animal control in the city budget and hired a veteran officer to spearhead the effort, Tyler and Smith County veteran Colby Warren.

Warren's made measurable progress, Harrison said, in a program built around furry-frugality.

"We weren't going to ask for everything we needed all at once," Harrison said, "we would grow it back into full animal control. With his experience and with different contacts, he's connected us with various rescue facilities and adoption centers. For the dogs and cats and other animals we have now, he keeps reaching out to find places to send them.

"That saves the city \$200 an animal."

Just recently, a kitten was too tiny to be

spayed or neutered, and Warren tracked down a new owner to re-home the cat.

"It took us a week," Harrison said, pleased. "The city is a feral cat community, so all we do is spay and neuter and drop them back where we found them. With this one, it's too small to spay and neuter, so what are we gonna do? We found it a new home.

In general, of course, the preference for strays and surrenders is that whoever has the animal in-hand will hold onto it until the city finds a new home.

"If they have a stray, they can call us. We'll research to find out if it's a stray or not. If it's theirs, that's another thing."

The costs for surrenders are covered by the owner, not taxpayers.

In any case, "If the dog's aggressive and we don't think it'll fit somewhere, we'll send it to Longview. Other than that, we'll do everything we can to find it a home."

Any leads on additional pet rescues or adoption centers that may not be on the city's list are also appreciated, Harrison said. Whatever the case, for animal control issues contact 903-845-2011.

"We do what we've found is best to serve the citizens of the community while saving the city money as a business," Harrison said. "We're this far in the year, and we've only spent \$10,000 out of the \$20,000.

"Some of that money is what's paid for the spaying and neutering we've done. We're paying that here locally to Healthy Paws and keeping that money here in the city instead of Longview."

## City council to meet Thursday

The Gladewater city council is scheduled to meet Thursday, July 20, at 6 p.m. to discuss the following agenda items:

- Conduct a public hearing and take action regarding the demolition of structures located at:
  - a) LTS 1A1 & 2 BLK 2 RAGSDALE, more commonly known as 322 Ragsdale St.
  - b) LTS 6 THRU 9 BLK 122 WOOD HEIGHTS (W 12 1/2' LT 6, more commonly known as 803 W. Pacific Ave.
  - c) LOT 19, BLK E1 GLADEWATER LAKE S178 (A427, A489, A8) & HOUSE, more commonly known as 1709 E. Lake Dr.
- Hear an "After-Action Report: by Gladewater Fire Chief Michael Simmons regarding the June 15, 2023 severe weather event.
- Discuss and take action on A/C replace-


ment quotes for city hall.

- Discuss and take action on a lot line issue between lots 64-W-1 & 65-W-1 at Lake Gladewater.
- Discuss and take action in regard to the city's lake board recommendation regarding a lake store vendor and security at Lake Gladewater. The city owns the lake store.
- Discuss and take action on a lake board recommendation regarding grants to repair or replace playground equipment at the lake park.
- Discuss and take action regarding nominations to the Gregg Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- Discuss and take action concerning rules of order for city council and city council appointed board meetings.



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# Casting call held for 'Through the Ghost'

Gladewater actors looking to get some experience on a film set have an opportunity ahead in just a few days: "Through the Ghost" is looking for extras in two crowd scenes, one of which will be shot June 25 downtown in Jackson's Theatre.

The paranormal thriller is being produced by REEL East Texas, which hosts an annual film festival in Kilgore each November.

Gladewater filmmaker Paul Foster is helping drive the project through his Second Hand Productions along with Overton Films and Epoch Media.

The short film from Director Chip Hale ("Sweethearts of the Gridiron") centers on supernatural happenings at Kilgore's Texan Theater, and is the first of four installments to be shot, each running with half-an-hour.

The first scene with an open casting call will be shot Monday afternoon in downtown Kilgore. The second crowd scene is scheduled for Tuesday morning in Jackson's Theater in Gladewater; owner and operator Jackson Foltyn plays a key role in the film.

Anyone interested in being an extra should reach to @SecondHandProductionsFilmStudios on Facebook.

While wardrobe for Monday's scene is street clothes, extras on Tuesday will need to dress in period attire from the 1930s through the '80s to portray the haunted denizens of the theater.

"We are definitely looking for people to come out, be an extra," Foster said, even if they're just cutting their teeth on a movie production, looking for new opportunities. "You never know. It's a great opportunity see what a film set's like."

"You get to sit in Jackson's Theatre for a few hours downtown. Dress up. I think if Gladewater and the surrounding community were to come out and participate, that's going to be huge."

The short film's production is tied to the third annual REEL East Texas Summer Film Intensive for aspiring high school filmmakers.

They've been scripting, producing, shooting, and editing their own films this week and will be doubling as crew members during the shoot for "Through the Ghost" June 24-27.

"It's going to be great for the film and for the kids in the program," Foster said. "Chip Hale and everybody affiliated with the festival is great. Kilgore's as close to a sister-city we can have. I think their festival benefits us as much as we can benefit them."

Learn more from Facebook.com/SecondHandProductionsFilmStudios and sent contact details via Messenger.

"We will get that information over to Chip and the rest of the team so that we can coordinate, get you times, get you on the list so we know you're going to be there, and answer any questions that they may have."



**The Knights of Pythias Longview Lodge #26 donated \$1,000 to help sponsor the Wreaths Across America! Gladewater is participating in this annual event to be held on Saturday, December 16th at Gladewater Memorial Park and Rosedale Cemetery. You and/or your family, church, organization or business may also participate by contributing. Each live wreath with a red bow cost \$17 and we need roughly 400 wreaths to place on each veteran's gravesite in these two Gladewater cemeteries. Contact the Chamber at (903)845-5501 or info@gladewaterchamber.org for additional information. This is another unique event happening during Gladewater's 150th Celebration!!**



**White Oak High School graduate Trinity Noll received her 2023 Suzanne Brown Bardwell \$1,500 scholarship last week from Josh Bardwell, Suzanne's son and fellow White Oak alumni. Trinity plans to attend Texas A&M and minor in journalism. Suzanne taught journalism at White Oak High School for 20 years and was a state and national award winning teacher and journalist. She was killed in a Jan. 7, 2022 traffic accident, but her influence continues through scholarships.**

Photo by Jim Bardwell

# 'The Hadnott Man' has local ties

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fundraising teaser, Foster said he's grateful to Gladewater ISD for granting the production access to the old Gladewater Middle School campus, standing in as 'Hadnott Elementary,' a pivotal location in the story.

"It's kind of like a child's urban legend, used to keep kids from going into this abandoned building," Foster added, scared away by tales of 'The Hadnott Man,' an evil paranormal entity who stalks the halls.

To bring the story to life, Foster has assembled a diverse cast and crew from across East Texas, primar-

ily, including locals like 12-year-old Gavin Selman of Gladewater.

"He broke in with this project," Foster praised. "When we were filming in the Spring of '22, he had never acted before. He took a year of acting lessons. He's done a phenomenal job. He's 100 percent committed to it."

Among others, the teaser features Cheyenne Moebis from Texarkana with other key actors who can't yet be named slated for the full production beginning in November. Another key crew member is East Texas filmmaker Micah Lyons, working as producer on 'Hadnott,' along with Director of Photography Tye Jackson and local Christian Allen, who was instrumental in gaining access to the middle school for the teaser. The facility has since been sold, and more location scouting may be necessary before the full production launches.

"I've been fortunate enough to have a lot of peo-

ple I've worked with over the years who are contributing their talent and time," Foster said. "We're trying to get buzz going about the film as we continue. We're coming out of pre-production and we're going to investors right now."

"On an indie film, it's kind of flipped in most cases – you shoot a sizzle reel or concept to help motivate investors to jump in and get on board."

Production is slated to commence this winter, with two weeks of production in November, two more in December and wrapping after two weekz in January. In the meantime, a dedicated Indiegogo campaign aimed is gathering practical support – learn more via tinyurl.com/thehadnottman. People can also engage with the filmmakers through the Second Hand Productions Facebook page via tinyurl.com/hadnott.

Foster emphasizes the positive impact an indie

film can have on an average community.

"The big thing is, for small towns a lot of time people don't want the town to change. They like the nostalgia," he explained. "I think a short film is a good way to do that – you inject some money into the city, the filmmakers come in, they make their movie, they leave, and you've injected some good money into the community. For small communities, for less than 20,000 population, you get a medium indie-sized project, a few hundred thousand dollar project, think about the opportunity that movie brings to the city and the region. It's jobs, it's money being spent."

That's what I want to bring to the area, whether it's Gladewater, White Oak, Kilgore, and other small towns. It's a good way to make progress without changing the demographic of the city. Everybody likes small town life."

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