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Gregg, Upshur and Smith County are currently under a burn ban due to extreme dry conditions. That means no burning of trash piles or brush. Outdoor cooking is allowed, but please be careful. Fines for violating the burn ban can start at \$500.

Gladewater tax rate to drop 10-cents

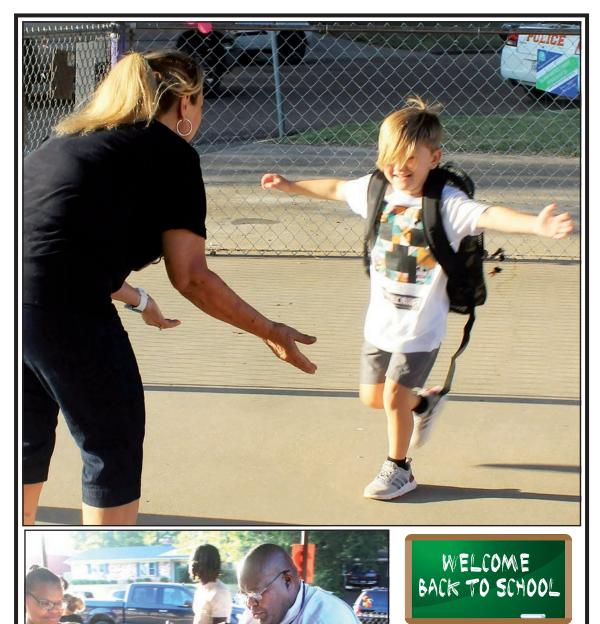
But appraisals may negate lower rate

By Jim Bardwell

Two public hearings will be held Thursday by the Gladewater City Council - one regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 and the other regarding the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2024.

The council is also expected to vote on both items Thursday after holding a budget workshop later that evening.

At last week's budget workshop Mayor Scott Owens proudly announced the city's 2024 tax rate would be about 10-cents lower than the current rate -0.626978compared to 0.739089. While that would normally be good news, with this year's property appraisals soaring in Gregg and Upshur counties - local taxpayers will most likely pay the same - if not more



Gladewater superintendent Dr. Sedric Clark welcomes **Gladewater Primary School** students for their first day last Thursday morning. Gladewater joined other area schools last week in kicking off the new school year.

Photos by James Draper (See more photos on Facebook)

WO Water Rates

'Thirty-one percent of the people are fixin' to take a hit'

By James Draper

A series of live tests on the calculations for White Oak's inevitability-increasing water rates found no happy medium last week - a large portion of the community may see their water costs double on utility bills as early as November.

"Thirty-one percent of the people are fixin' to take a hit," council member Thomas Cash said Aug. 8. "I hate that. What do you do? Somebody that's on a fixed income, that can't be fixed."

The council members will feel the same surge in their costs, but that doesn't make the prospect any easier to sell to frustrated constituents.

"I can justify it - we've got to pay bills," council member John Frazier said. "It stinks.

"How much more we go up because of what's coming, that's probably going to be debated."

The city's base water rate is currently \$24.60 per month after a recent increase. According to city officials and consultants, White Oak City Hall has to increase the base to \$35 just to break-even that's the minimum necessary to cover the \$3 million annual cost to run the city's water operations while also covering the community's debt service for its part of the state's road widening projects on George Richey and Hwy. 42.

"Anybody that uses their right of way, they're going to charge them," Public Works Director Tracey Fears said. "They're going to get their pound of flesh."

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taxes - than this year.

And that money will be needed to fund the proposed \$7.8 million budget - which will include major pay raises for police, fire, and public works employees. The raises are needed, according to both the fire and police chiefs and city manager, to keep current employees from jumping ship to neighboring cities that pay better. While Gladewater pays 100-percent of an employee's insurance, that isn't enough to retain or attract quality employees. With the new budget, local police are expected to get a raise of around \$6,000 annually. Fireman also will be receiving a raise and public works employees base pay will go from \$13-14 to \$15-\$20/hour.

The city hopes to help pay for the

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against Gilmer last Friday. Photos by Chris Jones

Lets Hear YA!

Cheering is the family business **By Dalton LaFerney**

Stacey Hall has taught and coached for nearly 30 years, the last decade of which as White Oak ISD's head cheer coach. She's planned dozens of pep rallies and shuttled glitter-faced cheerleaders to football fields and gyms across East Texas after working full days as a middle school science teacher. At twice-a-week practices and August camps, Hall has watched girls evolve into proud young women.

But all that will come to an end soon. She has not announced her retirement with the school district, but Hall knows it's not far off. There will come a time when she is no longer the "Coach Hall" White Oak's cheerleaders answer to.

On a recent Monday practice, Stacey looked on as her oldest daughter, Alexa Hall, demanded her group of middle school cheer leaders do push ups in the same space where Alexa used to practice at Stacey's command. It was only minutes in, but a couple of the girls did not have closed fists during a routine — an oversight that is easily noticed by Alexa, who started cheering in the 3rd grade until her senior year.

This summer White Oak ISD hired the younger Hall to teach 5th grade science and coach the 7th and 8th grade cheer squad.

"Alexa is a tough cookie and wants her girls to be the best they can be," the elder Coach Hall said. "The girls will need to be willing to take some heat if they come to practice not prepared."

It isn't the first time they join each other on the same team. In 2012, Stacey began coaching the varsity cheer squad just as Alexa was finishing high school before graduating from White Oak in 2013.

After college and four years at Kilgore ISD, where she taught 2nd grade and most recently 8th grade science, Alexa decided she needed a change. And so did her mother.

For the past two years, Stacey coached both the varsity and middle school teams. She had support from longtime assistant varsity coach Dana Mizell, but coaching both teams meant mother bump heads at times, but she recognizes the sweetness of this opportunity. twice the workload for everybody.

"Having Alexa has been a breath of fresh air already."

Though at opposite ends of their careers, Stacey and Alexa could not be more similar. Dressing them in the same outfit and standing them side-by-side would not do much more

Alexa Hall has joined her mother Stacey leading White Oak cheers.

Photo by Mike Peery

to liken them. The two science teachers already have near-identical country twangs, commanding presences, and an unrelenting sense for how things should run.

During her job hunt, Alexa first interviewed at Pine Tree ISD, but the opportunity did not pan out. Seemingly out of nowhere, White Oak school leaders wanted to interview her.

Alexa said she was a little hesitant to take the coaching job at first, because she and her

"I love my mother, but we fight like sisters," Alexa said. "I'm just like her. I never thought "Having two cheer squads, as rewarding as it is, has taken a toll on me," Stacey said. I would be doing this, but we work well together. We're both tough, and we both like things to look a certain way. It's cool I get to coach with my mom."

Alexa took the job the day she got the call.

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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.

... a good tired!

I am too tired to write this week's column. Jack is too tired to write a column. And Clark Kent has put the finishing touches on the 48-page Fall Sports/Extracurricular tab that covers FOUR school districts and is now trying to finish this week's paper for you, our much appreciated readers.

We live in the fast lane. Lately there have been as many as four meetings a week for good old Clark Kent, plus workdays. Plus a few, very few, 'fun' days when we can sneak them in.

When we should think about slowing down we are speeding up. Out of necessity. That's what happens when you want your community newspaper to truly serve your readers..

I do believe that I would rather burn out, preferably blaze out, than fizzle out. That old platitude that "hard work never killed anybody" probably isn't true in all cases.

We aren't the only ones 'burning the candle at both ends'. Our Gladewater firefighters, along with a host of volunteer fire departments and the Texas Forest Service have their hands full with fires started by pitched cigarettes, chains trailing vehicles on roadways and ignored burn bans. Those boys and girls are worn out trying to keep fires in check until a soaking rain limits the fuel for fire in our neck of the woods. And the volunteers nearly all have full-time jobs in addition to their time 'on the line' protecting our property and lives. Bless their hearts!

Please keep our firefighters in your prayers and be vigilant and careful where fire is concerned. And PLEASE get the heck out of their way when their lights and sirens are on. Also, cases of water and gatorade would be much appreciated by our GFD and surrounding volunteer fire departments. While you are at it don't forget to give them

Record sea temps could spur more hurricanes

Forecasters for the National Weather Service are anticipating a more active hurricane season this year because of record-warm ocean surface temperatures, the Texas Tribune reported.

Hurricane season runs through the end of November. The Climate Prediction Center now predicts six to 11 hurricanes this season in the Atlantic Ocean, with as many as five of those being major hurricanes. The new projection is considerably higher than the one released in May just before hurricane season commenced.

Bradley Brokamp, an NWS meteorologist in Galveston, said the higher prediction is the result of the higher sea surface temperatures.

"The name of the game this season seems to be the heat because it's been quite exceptional," Brokamp told the Tribune.

Another NWS meteorologist, Jeff Lutze, based in Corpus Christi, said the higher probability of Atlantic hurricanes increases the likelihood of a storm striking Southeast Texas.

"The big question mark is whether or not we'll get the upper air pattern to allow the storms to get this far into the Gulf of Mexico," Lutz said. Some of the most damaging hurricanes to hit Texas in recent years came in August or September.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell

a pat on the back and sincere thanks for the hard job they do in this sweltering heat.

I had planned to skip my birthday this year but my sweetie put a celebratory wish in the paper which resulted in the best cupcake I have ever eaten.

My buddy Lois Reed who is always thoughtful and generous remembered me in a special way. And our office manager Tiffany Harroff gave me the cutest cactus garden. I used to have a green thumb but lately it has turned brown. Hopefully I can keep the cactus garden happy by not overwatering. My brown plants have been underwatered so there is a pretty good chance I will be successful. That Tiffany is clearly forward thinking.

My annual Black Dog Gallery cake came from my gifted baker in-laws. If you have never had a Black Dog cake you are missing out. They ship them all over the United States. More importantly they hand delivered mine to the office last week. Yummy!

And Jimmy beats all. He designed an umbrella made for me that is made up of Gladewater Mirror stories. He also threw in a Graf's Jewelry store very cool southwestern bracelet. All I can say is that it is good to be loved.

Now if we can just catch some sleep the world will realign and we will be on to the next project and crusade. As soon as this paper 'goes to bed' so will we. A 'good tired' is not a bad thing. Not bad at all.



that there is an active federal investigation of his client.

While the Justice Department has declined to comment, the secret proceedings come a few weeks before Paxton is set to stand trial for impeachment in the Texas Senate on bribery allegations involving Austin real estate developer Nate Paul, who was indicted on unrelated federal charges in May for mortgage fraud.

Paxton has been under indictment for securities fraud since 2015, with a trial set in Houston for February 2024. He was suspended without pay after the Texas House overwhelmingly passed 20 articles of impeachment in late May.

Wildfire danger continues to increase

Continued hot, dry weather has increased the number of wildfires, prompting the Texas A&M Forest Service to raise the State Wildfire Preparedness to Level 4, the secondhighest level, in order to ensure resources are available to fight first breaking out across the state.

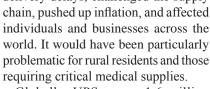
"Areas with high potential for wildfires include the Cross



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Keeping Things Moving As you probably know, UPS and the Teamsters union have reached an agreement to narrowly avert a nationwide strike. This high-stakes standoff likely wasn't nightly dinner table conversation for most of you, but the issue was far more impactful than merely one company and its 340,000 or so workers directly involved in the negotiations. A strike would have caused delivery delays, challenged the supply



Globally, UPS serves 1.6 million shippers with deliveries to 11.1 million customers in over 220 countries and territories. In 2022, the company delivered an average of 24.3 million packages

daily. Competitors such as FedEx and the US Postal Service would certainly have stepped up and filled some (but not much) of the gap, but inevitably both prices and delivery times would have risen notably.

About half of UPS deliveries are business to business (B2B) rather than business to consumer(B2C). Although consumers would have been inconvenienced (in some instances, significantly), slowing B2B shipments would bring even larger effects due to the ripples through the supply chain as production processes were negatively affected.

It is easy to lose sight of just how interconnected our complex economy is and how even modest disruptions in the flow of goods and services can wreak havoc. The items that are present in virtually any room that you enter will have inputs from more than 100 countries. The recent disruptions that were observed during the aftermath of the pandemic are reminder enough of the chaos and inefficiency that ensues when things don't arrive on time. A work stoppage of any length of time would have cost billions. In fact, our analysis shows that a 30-day strike would have resulted in about \$50 billion in losses across a broad swath of the economy. At a broader level, the balance of power in labor negotiations during this summer of strikes is shifting somewhat towards workers due to tight market conditions. Union membership accounts for about 6% of private industry jobs (7.2 million persons), a proportion which has been falling slightly over time. Among government workers, about 33% are in unions (7.1 million), with the percentages also dropping. It is difficult to compare outcomes for union workers to nonunion workers; the types of occupations vary widely. Generally, union workers have higher pay and benefits, but they also work in specific job categories. It's difficult to isolate what portion of the pay differential is due to unions versus other factors.

Federal grand jury investigating Paxton

The Austin American-Statesman reported last week that federal prosecutors have seated a grand jury in San Antonio and called witnesses close to suspended Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to testify. Paxton's attorney has already confirmed

Apologies to Union Grove readers

A few weeks ago one of my part-time sports writers wrote a story about the upcoming sports season for Union Grove. It was in error.

While I didn't write the story, I take personal responsibility for this because I own the paper. And I assure you the reporter has been appropriately punished.

The biggest problem with our errors are they are in print and on the internet and are there for everyone to see - forever. So, while everyone makes mistakes - usually only a handful of people ever know.

Not the case with the newspaper.

And I accept that responsibility and I apologize to you the reader, as I did to the Union Grove superintendent when she brought this to my attention.

Jim Bardwell, publisher

P.S. - We are looking for a sports reporter to cover and write Union Grove games. Anyone interested?

Timbers, Rolling Plains, Eastern/Western Hill Country where oak/juniper fuel is present and for the Western Pineywoods, as well as Central and Southeast Texas where pine fuel is present," the service said.

As of Sunday, there were seven active fires, the largest being the Hawkeye Fire in Wichita County, consisting of 2,150 acres, which was 50% contained, and the Burnet 109 Fire, also in Wichita County, consisting of 2,126 acres, which was 75% contained.

Gov. Greg Abbott last Friday declared a wildfire disaster declaration in nearly 200 Texas counties, while burn bans are now in place in 181 counties.

July was hotter and drier than norm for most of the state, according to Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, with 49% of the state now in drought, up 25 percentage points since the end of June.

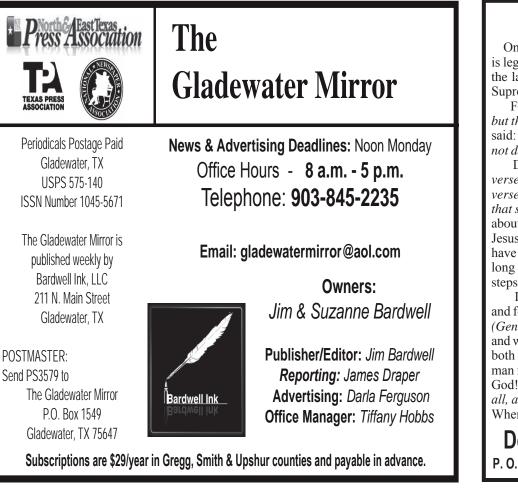
Abbott signs largest property tax cut

Abbott last week ceremonially signed legislation that - if voters approve it in November as expected - will provide what he is calling the largest property tax cut in Texas history. The \$18 billion reduction raises the homestead exemption to \$100,000 and provides other tax-reduction measures.

Voters will decide its fate as one of 14 proposed constitutional amendments in November. The measure is widely expected to pass, as do most measures to reduce taxes when placed on the ballot.

In any case, it's great news that the strike didn't happen. We don't need any more headwinds. Stay safe!

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup. com), which has served the needs of over 3,000 clients over the past four decades.



GAY MARRIAGE

On June 26, 2015, in a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is legal in the United States, ushering in marital rights for gays and lesbians throughout the land. We need to understand that whether conduct is ruled legal or illegal by the Supreme Court does not make such conduct pleasing in God's sight.

Former President Jimmy Carter said: "I believe Jesus would approve of gay marriage, but that's just my own personal belief. I don't have any verse of scripture ... " He further said: I think Jesus would encourage any love affair if it was honest and sincere and was not damaging to anyone else, and I don't see that gay marriage damages anyone else."

Do you see a problem with such statements? "I believe... I think ... I don't have any verse of scripture." Religion based on "I believe" or "I think" and "I don't have any verse of scripture," is worthless and dangerous. Proverbs 14: 12 says: "There is a way that seems right to a man. But its end is the way of death." People have personal beliefs about a lot of things but such do not equal approval of God. Instead of thinking what Jesus would encourage or discourage, why not just let Jesus speak for Himself. If you have read the Bible at all you can know what Jesus encourages and discourages. But as long as people think they know more than God they will determine to direct their own steps (Jer. 10: 23), and "do what is right in their own eyes" (Judges 21: 25).

Is same-sex marriage damaging to anyone? Yes, it damages the actual institution and foundation of marriage because it perverts God's design for the man and the woman (Gen. 2: 24; Matt. 19: 4-5). Marriage is not man and man (homosexual); it is not woman and woman (lesbian); it is not human and animal (bestiality); it is man and woman where both are eligible, which makes it holy and pure in God's sight. To give legitimacy to a man marrying a man and a woman marrying a woman ignores and perverts the word of God! Also, the same applies to adulterous marriages. "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13: 4). When God's marriage bond is defiled, it is damaging. Think on these things.

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Cheering is the family business

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Stacey's varsity squad this season comes with 17 cheerleaders, a mascot and six flag runners. Alexa's middle school team is made up of 12 cheerleaders. The coaches recently shepherded their teams through cheer camp, which consisted of three days of three-hour practices jammed with new routines, chants and spirit dances.

Now, they're looking at the year ahead of them, which will be filled with late nights, weekly practices, roadtrips and mentoring students who are still learning how to be on time and bring the right attitude. Practices are twice a week for the varsity, once a week for middle school. They run about an hour and 45 minutes, Alexa said.

Like all student athletes, cheerleaders are expected to do more than give their best on the field or on the court. All coaches look out for students' behavior and how they're representing the team and the school. But when it comes to cheerleading, which takes center stage in a variety of school events, those expectations are turned up a few notches, Alexa said.

"Everyone is waiting on you to mess up," she said.

Because she'll be teaching all day at the intermediate school, Alexa won't be around the middle school to keep track of her team's off-court progress, which means Stacey will be her eyes and ears at the middle school.

"And that's even scarier," Alexa said, recounting what she told her team.

Both coaches said this sport teaches young people how to be organized, tough and respectful. A few accidental kicks to the head while building a tower will do that to a kid. It teaches teamwork but it also teaches independence. There are moments of failure before hometown audiences of hundreds on Friday nights, and moments of triumph in front of near-empty stands at Thursday-night middle school games. Through it all, persistence — and a coach with a sharp eye.

"It teaches you to get out of your comfort zone," Alexa said. "If you do enough over and over again, you're gonna get it."

If these truly are the waning years of Stacey's career, they mark a period of celebration. She raised and graduated her three daughters at White Oak as a single mother and fulltime coach and full-time teacher. She guided hundreds of other peoples' children through science labs, track meets and stunts.

And now Alexa, one of those girls who grew to be a proud woman, is coaching right there with her.

"Not many people get to do this," Alexa said.

Safe streets & roads grant being considered

The clock is ticking on Gladewater's application for Safe Streets & Roads For All grant funds – it should take just a few months' to get notice, according to the city's code enforcement officer.

Seeking federal funding to help cover the development of an 'safe streets' program for Gladewater, Maria Tidwell says the community may be poised for aid from multiple directions.

"We had a successful submission. We should know something by October whether we should get funding or not," she said.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cattle owners need to call the GPD

Calling all livestock owners in city limits....

If you have livestock in the city limits we would like to hear from you. We have had a few instances lately where livestock have gotten loose and we need to know how to get in touch with the owners. Our dispatchers and officers don't always know who they belong to or where...

For these rare occasions help us plan ahead, please let us know your name, what and where your livestock are, any brands or markings, and how to get in touch with you or someone else during a livestock escape. Call dispatch at 903-845-2166.

UT Health offers free virtual seminar on nonsurgical treatment for injuries

UT Health East Texas is offering a free, virtual seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 31. The seminar will feature a presentation on nonsurgical treatment for pain with Michael Galbraith, DO, board-certified family medicine physician who specializes in sports medicine at UT Health East Texas Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Institute.

The seminar is free, and you can register in advance at UTHealthEastTexas.com/ seminars to receive an email with the direct link before the presentation starts. When you register, you will also have the opportunity to submit a question in advance through the message box. The presentation will premiere on our Facebook page, Facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas.

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.



Six Union Grove Grove Gazette team members earned positions on the All-State Journalism Staff after surpassing the 50-point eligibility requirement through UIL and ILPC (Interscholastic League Press Conference) competitions last year. Sydney Pritchett, Jamie Russell, CreeAnn Bozarth, Daytona Vaughn, Emma Holder, and Faith Woodall received their award certificates.

& 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 at the *Mirror* at 903-845-2235.

GHS Class '64 renuion Sept. 23

Come join us at the Gladewater High School All-School Reunion to honor Outstanding Alumni including Jack Jones (Class of 1964) and Dr. John Hood (Class of 1985). The All-School Reunion is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Gladewater Former Students Building.

Online registration and payment of \$30 are available on the GSFA website at gladewaterformerstudents. com. Attendees may also mail a check to GFSA, P.O. Box 1425, Gladewater, TX 75647.

County library features storytime

Two books will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (Aug. 17).

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events Storytime at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154), said library spokeswoman Kari Dunn.

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

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

County offices moved

Virtually all offices in the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer had been moved to temporary locations by Tuesday in preparation for the multi-million restoration of the 86-year-old building.

The project, planned for many years, is designed to restore the five-story brick building largely to its original appearance when it opened in 1937. Estimated construction time is 620 days.

Many offices moved to leased modular buildings at 150 E. Jefferson, somewhat across the street from the courthouse's north lawn on the downtown square.

The following offices have moved to a brick building on Titus Street, across from the county tax assessor-collector's office and just north of the courthouse. (The defunct Croley Insurance occupied the building years ago, and it more recently housed Dean Fowler's law office and a bail bond operation). Offices moved there include Precinct 4 justice of the peace, Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 county commissioners, indigent health care, emergency management and Precinct 4 constables.

Meetings of the county commissioners court are being held at 150 E. Jefferson. Some of the offices relocated there include county clerk, county judge and county treasurer.

The election administrator's office, the only one still in the courthouse as of Monday, will be located on Simpson Street, across from the courthouse's east side and near the Historic Upshur Museum.

Adult probation has been moved to a shop building on Cass Street located near the Stanley Jenkins Training Center. The county leased the old Gilmer ISD Administration Building for \$1 yearly for three years, but will move no offices there, using it instead for other purposes.

Gilmer turns 150

U.S. Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-Tyler) will speak at the city of Gilmer's 175th anniversary celebration Saturday. After his 11:30 a.m. address at the Historic Upshur Museum, the "come and go" celebration is set from 12 noon-5 p.m. in the downtown area. Sponsored by the museum, it will feature a self-guided tour of historic buildings, and persons playing individuals who lived in the early 1800s.

In addition to its own grant – filed July 10 – Gladewater is also part of the East Texas Council of Governments' comprehensive application. It covers a wide variety of projects throughout ETCOG's service area, including improvements similar to Gladewater's request – new street signage, signaling, sidewalks, crosswalks and other enhancements.

According to ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland, the East Texas Rural Transportation Planning Organization board gave ETCOG the green light to submit its SS4A Regional Grant Application, combining the efforts of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority as well as the TxDOT Districts for Atlanta, Paris and Tyler.

"Should this application be selected for funding," Cleveland told local elected officials via email, "it will position our entire region for an Implementation Grant in the future as well."

The federal pipeline is large to accommodate Gladewater's solo application as well as its support for ETCOG's July 6 submission.

"It kind of looks like a duplicative application, but I put in our need statement that we need all these sidewalks done for our schools," Tidwell said. "Specifically Texas, we're having an unusual pedestrian crash rate. Between 2010 and 2019, Texas pedestrian crash rate rose 46 percent."

Fortunately, those statistics aren't reflective of Gladewater, Tidwell said, but local officials are keen to focus on prevention for the sake of student safety. A sidewalk demonstration project on Gay Avenue is ready to go: "We'll have to see what happens. I have a feeling that we're going to get something for sure."

3 file for Upshur County sheriff job

By Phillip Williams

Five men, including three potential candidates for sheriff, have filed papers appointing campaign treasurers in their bids for Upshur County offices in the 2024 election, county Election Administrator Lory Harle said Monday.

Filing for sheriff were incumbent Larry Webb, a Republican seeking re-election to a third four-year term, Mark Case and Brandon Williams.

Two incumbent Republican county commissioners, Michael Ashley of precinct 3 and Gene Dolle of precinct 1, have appointed treasurers in order to seek re-election to their second four-year terms, she said.

The candidates don't list their party affilations, if any, on the forms appointing a treasurer, she said.

Filing the appointments is required before a candidate formally announces or spends any money on his/her campaign, she noted.

In connection with the vacating of the county courthouse in Gilmer for a major restoration project, Harle's office is moving to a building on Simpson Street, across from the courthouse's east side and near the Historic Upshur Museum.

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.

Museum hosting Dick Burnett exhibit

The Gladewater Museum is featuring a new exhibit honoring Dick Burnett and his semi-professional baseball team, the Gladewater Bears - this team became the Dallas Eagles. The Texas Rangers are honoring their origin that includes the Dallas Eagles and the Fort Worth Panthers. Admission is free. Visit the museum at 116 W. Pacific Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday to learn the rest of the story.

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 are "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Numeroff, along with "Mouse and Giraffe" by Kelly DiPucchio. A craft will follow each

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SPORTS Volleyball underway as school begins

LADY BEARS

The 2023 High School volleyball season kicked off in East Texas on Tuesday August 8th and the Gladewater Lady Bears were a part of it as they opened their season on the road in Jefferson taking on the Lady Bulldogs.

Unfortunately Gladewater fell 3-0. The Lady Bears then traveled to Nacogdoches to play in the Central Heights tournament Thursday and Friday but sadly it did not go well as Gladewater went 0-6 in the games. Falling Thursday to Nacogdoches (2-0), Harmony (2-0) and Leon (2-0). Then on Friday losing to Tatum (2-0), Buna (2-0) and Garrison (2-0) dropping their record to 0-7 on the season.

They will next be in action Thusday, August 17th as they head to Lufkin for the Lufkin tournament where they will play host Lufkin on Thursday and Bellaire twice on Friday.

LADYNECKS

Moving over to White Oak, the Lady-

Necks kicked off their season traveling the short distance to Spring Hill to take on the Lady Panthers and fell 3-0. Calee Carter finished with nine kills, seven digs, two blocks and 20 receptions in the loss for White Oak. Addison Clinkscales added seven kills and three digs, Karsyn Edwards 13 digs and 23 receptions, Alli Sims 10 assists and three digs and Addy Young eight assists.

Then moving on to Friday, White Oak began play in the Garland tournament where in the 2 days of action, they went 4-3. Going 1-2 on Friday with a win over South Garland (2-0) and falling to Richardson (2-0) and Frisco Independence (2-0).

Then on Saturday they went 3-1 with wins over Lakeview Centennial (2-0), Henderson (2-0) and North Garland (2-0) and only falling to Carthage (2-0). Giving them a 4-4 record.

White Oak will next see action on Thursday as they will travel to Lufkin to also participate in the Lufkin tournament with 3 games on Thursday (Little-Cypress Mauriceville, Nederland and Spring Hill) and 3 more on Friday (Jacksonville, Splendora and Tatum).



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"Coot's Corner" By Coot Putley

Rangers Bullpen Report Card

The Texas Rangers are still at the top of the Western Division. Last week we rated the starting pitchers. Let's take a look at the Bullpen, with grades based on expectations and performance:

A is excellent B is good C is average D is marginal I is for incomplete Will Smith A+

An inexpensive free agent addition just before the season started, he was signed to provide depth in a Bullpen that didn't really have definition. He brought a veteran presence and ten years' experience to the table, including 34 saves for the 2019 Giants (managed by Bruce Bochy) and 37 saves for the 2021 World Series Champion Atlanta Braves. Although he wasn't originally signed to be the closer, he quickly rose to the occasion. Will Smith has been the Fresh Prince of the Ranger Bullpen.

Aroldis Chapman A

The first big acquisition of the trading season. Chapman routinely throws his fastball at 100+ mph, and has a nasty slider that averages about 88 mph. In a short time, he has made a big difference as the primary set-up man. The "Cuban Missile" gives Bochy an additional closer when necessary.

Brock Burke B

Has been effective in late innings. He has occasionally given up some home-runs, but can be dominant, and can pitch multi-innings as needed.

Josh Sborz B

Has a great assortment of pitches but has had some minor injuries that hindered his consistency. Recently, Sborz has been outstanding, and has delivered in high leverage situations.

Jose LeClerc C

When he is on, he can be unhittable but still struggles with his control and seems to lack confidence at times. When LeClerc is throwing strikes, his "slambio" slider-change up combo is overwhelming to a hitter.

Grant Anderson C+

Burst on the scene this summer with seven strikeouts of the first nine batters he faced. Since that debut, the Port Arthur, TX native has been a little erratic, but his funky sidearm delivery can provide a nice change of pace.

Joe Barlow and Jonathan King D+

Both lack consistency. Barlow has been traded to Kansas City and King to St. Louis. Ian Kennedy, Yerry Rodriques, Alex Speas, Jonathan Hermandez D

All still in the organization at AAA Round Rock.

Taylor Hearn D

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He moved from a 2022 starter to long relief to Kansas City.

Chris Stratton

Has a couple of appearances since coming to the Rangers in the Jordan Montgomery trade. Stratton has looked good and might be a key multi-inning option for Bochy down the stretch.

Glenn Otto I

Hasn't really pitched enough to grade after being injured.

Brett Martin I

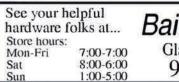
He has been on the 60-day injured list all year.

Overall bullpen gradeC

Relief pitching has been the weakest link for Texas in 2023. They had some early success but have blown an alarming number of leads. Getting to the closer has been a real problem. The good news is that since the All Star break the bullpen is looking better with more clearly defined roles, and Sborz, Chapman and Smith have locked down the 7^{th} , 8^{th} , and 9^{th} innings. Bruce Bochy has the reputation of being a master at handling the Bullpen. Maybe he has solved the riddle!

That's one man's opinion – what's yours?





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Vaccine mandates discussed at Cherokee Rose GOP meeting

By Phillip Williams

An official of Texans for Vaccine Freedom recently told a meeting of the Cherokee Rose Republican Women in Gladewater that one of her organization's goals is to "stop allowing vaccine mandates."

Jackie Schlegel of Arlington, deputy director of her group, explained its other aims to the political action committee at its July 31 meeting in The BlueByrd Room.

She told the attendees "(you) should not have to argue with your medical provider" to access one's personal medical records, which "belong to you." She also advocated "informed consent" on risks and benefits of vaccines, meaning "you are free to choose without consequence" whether to take them.

Concerning mandates, she said individuals should have "vaccine freedom of choice," barring an employer or the

government from requiring them as occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, persons should decide with their medical provider what to take or not take as "we can't ever let this (mandates) happen again," Schlegel declared.

She also charged that not only are vaccines being rushed to market, but boards are mandating that certain vaccinations be required to even go grocery shopping.

Some say they "believe in your right to medical privacy," except that someone must show proof of vaccination in a grocery store.

Schlegel condemned "sweeping mandates" for vaccinations as giving a "false sense of security."

As for medical records, "they are often used against" parents and cause wrongful accusations, she charged.

Schlegel detailed how her daughter, now 22, is still affected by a seizure she suffered when she received nine vaccines in one day at the age of four months.

"She had a brain injury. Her life has never been the same," the speaker said. The young woman is now a "special needs" child" who must have round-the-clock care the rest of her life and rely on Medicaid, Schlegel added.

Schlegel also said the recommended vaccine schedule for children is 74 doses before the age of 18, plus four for COVID "that have never been tested in combinations for safety," only individually.

"That's what they (government officials) want you to take without question," she asserted. Schlegel also said no testing has been performed on the number of shots given in a single day.





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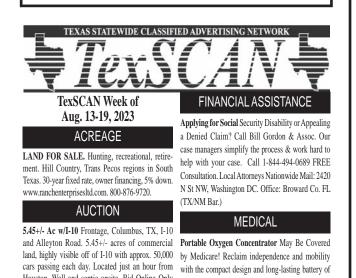
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WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

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 in Instrument Number 201613479 in the Office of the Recorder, Gregg County, Texas; 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; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12U.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, in Instrument Number 202109516, notice is hereby given that, on September 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used inconnection with the following described premises ("Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder(s):

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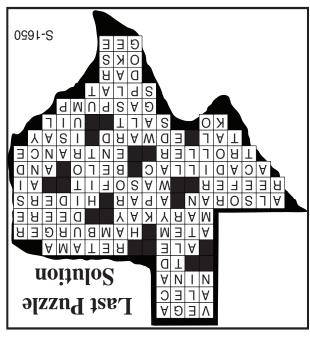
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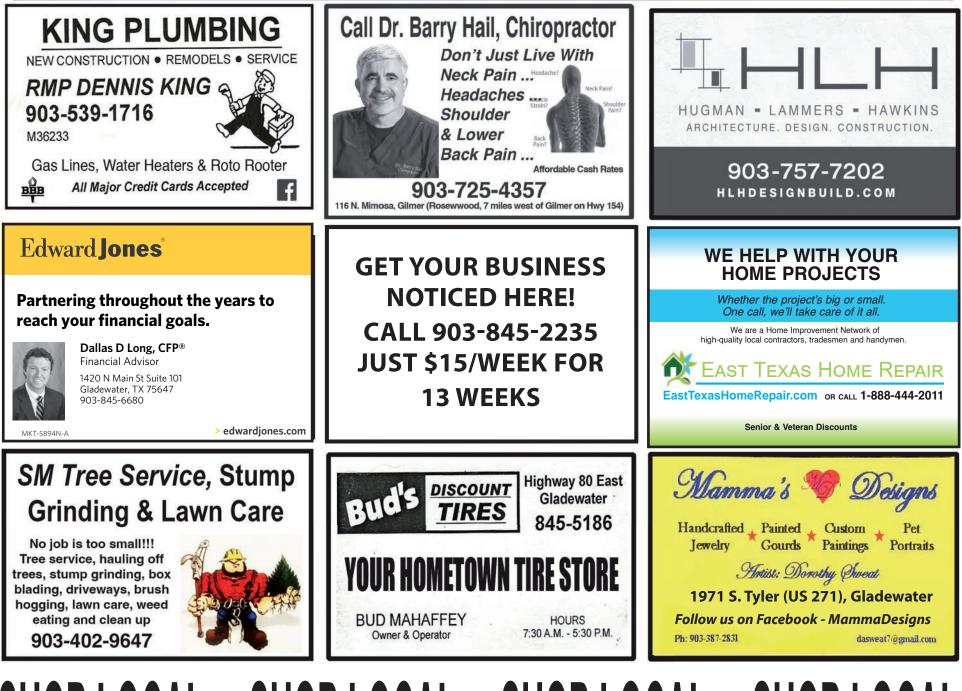


Jarrett and Reno Lange announce the birth of their daughter Rayla LouAnn Lange, born Aug. 4 at Longview Regional Medical Center. Rayla made her debut weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 21 1/4 inches – she completes the Langes' happy family as she joins her brother, Remington (12) and sister, Ruby Kate (8). Grandparents are Dale and Connie Lange, Marlye Zirkle and the late Skeeter Whalen.



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Gladewater Fire A Shift was sent to an active structure fire call August 12. When crews arrived there fire was showing from one room and had moved into the attic. With quick and aggressive work, along with help from CWC Fire, West Mountain Fire and White Oak Fire, crews were able to contain the spread to one room and the attic. No one was inside on arrival and no injuries were reported.



WOPD POLICE ACTIVITY

For the reporting 3 week reporting period of July 24th through August 13th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 437 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Burglar Alarms, Traffic Issues (collisions, traffic direction, road hazards, etc.), Animal Complaints, Investigative Follow-ups, 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:

Jesus Perales III, 29, of Gladewater on two outstanding Grayson County warrants for Assault- Family Violence and Unlawful Restraint.



GPD POLICE ARRESTS

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
8/6/23	8/6/23	4:01	BROWN, TED WILLIAM	W	М	WARRANT (LOCAL)	2000 GAY AVE
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8/9/23	8/9/23	22:44	BRUNEY, MICHAEL EUGENE	W	М	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1708 N MAIN ST
8/12/23	8/12/23	5:00	EDWARDS, ANTHONY LEE	W	М	VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR (CLASS C OFFENSE)	1298 BROADWAY
	8/12/23	5:00	EDWARDS, ANTHONY LEE	W	М	EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES	1298 BROADWAY
	8/12/23	5:00	EDWARDS, ANTHONY LEE	W	М	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	1298 BROADWAY
	8/12/23	5:00	EDWARDS, ANTHONY LEE	W	М	LEAVING A CHILD IN A VEHICLE	1298 BROADWAY
	8/12/23	5:00	EDWARDS, ANTHONY LEE	W	М	FAILURE TO APPEAR (CLASS C OFFENSE)	1298 BROADWAY
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Gladewater first responders were on the scene of an overturned logging truck on Hwy. 271 (South Tyler Street) just south of Starnes. The driver is Photo by James Draper uninjured.

Union Grove man sentenced

By Phillip Williams

115th District Judge Dean Fowler imposed prison sentences Monday on two men who pleaded guilty to unrelated charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Lee James Taylor II, 60, of Ore City, received 40 years while Patrick O'Brian Foster, 53, of the Union Grove area, drew 20 years, Byrd said in a news release.

The men pleaded guilty right before jury selection was to begin in their cases, he said. Byrd gave these further details of the cases;

Narcotics officers from the Upshur County Sheriff's Office stopped Taylor March 23 for an expired vehicle registration. He had marijuana in his lap, prompting a search of the vehicle, where illegal drugs were found.

A later search of his home uncovered a substantial amount of methamphetamine, which he later admitted was to be distributed and sold. Longview attorney David Hagan represented him.

County narcotics officers also stopped Foster for a traffic violation last Dec. 14. Officers were monitoring a home when they stopped his vehicle leaving there, and he admitted there were illegal substances in it.

A search uncovered more than 20 grams of methamphetamine in the passenger seat. In addition, his toolbox contained digital scales, clear plastic bags for packaging, "and other paraphernalia used by those selling drugs."

Represented by Marshall attorney Brendan Roth, he was sentenced on a plea bargain. Byrd and First Assistant District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace represented the state in



WO Water Rates 'Thirty-one percent of the people are fixin' to take a hit'

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The minimum proposed increase doesn't include putting away any reserve funds for future water plant upgrades, similar road projects, emergencies and other needs.

Using their own water usage as practical examples of how various hikes will play out, one calculation saw a current monthly water cost of about \$42 jump to \$75 on one tiered system or \$81 on a sample flat rate.

"I know what we have to do," Cash said, "but from a citizen standpoint you're real close to doubling that person's water bill."

The thought of a 100 percent increase stymied Mayor Kyle Kutch, too.

"It's going double? How do you solve that?"

It's a horrible prospect, city coordinator Jimmy Purcell agreed, but the city would be in the same place if council members levied similar increases across the past five years.

"There's hundreds of variables that could happen with this," Purcell said. "Basically, it's going to boil down to: We have to raise the water rates, no matter if it's a little or a lot, it has to be done."

It's because White Oak has kept the rate stable, councilman Kevin Hood added: "We should have been increasing the past few years."

What's the next increase going to be? Cash asked. How soon?

"The look in your eyes says come January we're going to need to do this again."

According to City Secretary & Finance Director Kristine Toon, "We are going to have do this yearly... If you do a smaller hit now, next year is going to be a bigger hit. Just ripe the Band-Aid off, y'all. I know it's terrible."

As of Aug. 8, council members were leaning toward a flat rate for residential customers and debating the merits of flat rate vs. tiered for commercial customers.

"Flat rate is already easier to explain because it's just basic math," Toon said. "The goal is to make a decision to vote on it next month so it goes effect in October, and we start building that reserve."

The live calculations, however, revealed another complication – certain iterations would become a relative cost savings for some commercial customers. City personnel will return with another set of proposals when council members gather again.

"There's a huge swing in the bottom of your commercial account to the top," Public Works Director Tracey Fears noted.

"It's not easy," Kutch said. "Gotta do what's best for everybody."





What happens when 4,000 water balloons meet a fire truck full of water? Well, kids at the Lee-Bardwell Public Library in Gladewater found out last Wednesday, August 9, as they celebrated the end of summer and Summer Reading Program. The following reading program awards were handed out: Delano Brown and Cooper Waddle, Cameras; Coral Coulson and Lyndsay Tilton, Amazon Fires; Emma Brewer and Nick Brewer, Laptops; and Betty Flowers and Greg Marshall, Kindles



School safety bill mandating armed security begins Sept. 1

House Bill 3 takes effect Sept. 1, mandating school districts to have armed security on every campus. There are more than 9,000 campuses in the state of Texas. The officers could either be Texas Certified Peace Officers, or school districts could also have the option to commission their own employees to carry a firearm.

Those schools could arm a school district employee, who would be required to undergo training from a handgun instructor certified in school safety. It's a minimum of 15 hours of training.

The bill strengthens the Texas School Safety Center, which disseminates safety information to all schools. It requires annual audits of school protocol and for staff members to get mental health training.

The state also provided funding for districts to enforce the requirements in the amount of \$15,000 per school campus and \$10 per student. The bill also includes school safety grants. The Texas Association of School Boards estimates that the cost to place an armed officer at one campus is \$80,000.

Gladewater woman among those indicted

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury returned 17 indictments in Gilmer last Thursday, including one for aggravated robbery in connection with the May 23 holdup of a Big Sandy area game room, said District Attorney Billy Byrd's office.

Dewayne Michael Stevenson, 39, of Big Sandy remained in county jail under \$250,000 bond in connection with the armed robbery of Real Sweepstakes, said authorities. Stevenson was employed at the game room, located on FM 1002 near the intersection with Texas 155, when the daytime robbery occurred, and several customers were also robbed, said Sheriff Larry Webb.

Stevenson's was among 16 open indictments returned last week, while grand jurors also passed four cases, said Byrd. Identity of the person charged in the only sealed indictment, which was for delivery of controlled substance (methamphetamine), wasn't revealed since no arrest had been made, he added.

• Kristen Alyssa Marsh, 27, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) on March 17, 2022. She was freed on \$10,000 bond.

• Mason Alexander Luscomb, 30, of Gilmer, unlawful possession of firearm by felon on May 15. She was released on \$25,000 bond.

• Dvon Anthony Griner, 30, of Gilmer, was charged in one

detention with vehicle on May 18, 2022. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

• Jake Col Osborne, 23, of Gilmer, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on Feb. 5, 2022. He was freed on \$15,000 bond.

• Brent Leslie Deluca, 30, of Gilmer, unlawful possession of firearm by felon on April 28. He was released on \$50,000 bond.

• Garon Court Werner, 30, of Tyler, unlawful possession of firearm by felon on Sept. 2, 2022. He remained in county jail under \$25,000 bond.

• Darin Scott Wooten, 44, of Ore City, theft of property (worth) less than \$2,500 with two previous convictions last Oct. 31. He remained in county jail under a "blue warrant," seeking to revoke his parole.

• Yonderius Lincoln Miller, 24, of Gilmer, unauthorized use of vehicle on June 25. He remained in county jail under \$5,000 bond.

• Dustin James Sevier, 33, of Quinlan, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Feb. 6. He remained in county jail under \$25,000 bond.

• Anne Marie Thomas, 49, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Oct. 18. She was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Ruth Ann Parker, 59, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 19. She was freed on \$25,000 bond.
Linda Christine Swanner, 59, of Diana, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on June 20. She was released on \$10,000 bond.
Jessica Olyne Lancaster, 35, of Gilmer, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on Jan. 19, 2022. She was released on \$15,000 bail.

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indictment with two counts of assault on police officer, alleged to have occurred April 27, 2023. He remained in county jail under \$50,000 bond (\$25,000 per charge.)

• Dustin Wayne Reaves, 34, of Longview, evading arrest/ detention with vehicle on Jan. 25, 2022. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

• Kevin Hunter Walther, 28, of McKinney, evading arrest/

Gladewater tax rate to drop 10-cents

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raises by renegotiating the city's insurance. City officials said the current Texas Municipal League insurance is expected to rise 30-percent. During the workshop the *Gladewater Mirror* asked why the city wasn't shopping the city's insurance around for a better rate. The savings would possibly offset most of the payroll increases. Interim city manager Charlie Smith agreed and said the city would seek bids.

One purchase Mayor Owens wanted got shot down at the workshop – that being a \$65,000 street sweeper. Owens said it was needed to improve the city's image.

But councilman Michael Webber disagreed and said he believed the city should spend that money for "better streets" instead of cleaning streets that are in need of repair.

Owens also offered another improvement idea – loaning battery-powered lawn mowers and weed eaters to residents who have overgrown lawns. But that idea was mowed down by councilman Kevin Clark – who asked why the city doesn't just fine violators. He noted the city was planning to cite residents for not putting their trash containers away promptly after trash pickup. So why not treat both the same.

In other business on Thursday's agenda:

• The council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and take possible action regarding a request for a rear set-back variance at 304 Hull Street.

• The council also is expected to approve an ETCOG interlocal contract for City 9-1-1 Database Maintenance for FY 2024 and approve a blanket permit for First Baptist Church to host an outdoor concert Oct. 21.

• Discuss and take possible action an agreement between the city and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for professional services concerning Lake Gladewater Dam Breach Modeling & Analysis.

• Discuss and take possible action on proposals for city's depository services.

• Discuss and take possible action on a nomination for a person for the Gregg and Upshur Appraisal District Board of Directors

• Consider approval of the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation budget for fiscal year 2024

WOISD board plans to cut tax rate

By James Draper

White Oak ISD could lower its tax rate 2.5 percent to collect the same amount of local revenue – taking all variables into consideration, though, the administration has proposed a decrease of more than eight percent.

Importantly, that won't necessarily mean a cost savings for every taxpayer after the recent surge in appraised values. However, with an injection of additional funding from the state, the district will be able to get the job done using a bit less from locals.

The tax rate for the current fiscal year is \$1.30027 per \$100 valuation. To maintain the same revenue, a rate of \$1.26844 would suffice.

"If we do that, it actually generates less local revenue and more state revenue," Dr. William Paul told trustees during their regular meeting Monday. That said, the superintendent noted an alternate option of \$1.19218, "Both lower than last year's rate and lower than the current rate to maintain the same, and we're going to generate a lot more money on local revenue and state revenue."

The tax rate will support a budget of about \$16.4 million, which includes a 3 percent boost to the teacher pay scale and 3 percent more across-the-board for district employees.

Some elements could change between now and the public meeting and vote on the proposed tax rate and budget at 5 p.m. Aug. 31, but Paul says he's pretty confident in the current figures.

"On the school's end, we're lowering the overall tax rate," he said, acknowledging this year's spike in local appraised values means the decrease in the tax rate will impact residents in various ways: "If their values went up high enough, their taxes could be higher, but there's also a possibility they're paying less. The situations could be different."

If the 100,000 homestead exemption out of Austin this session is approved by voters – as expected – in November, more homeowners will see a break.

"Now you'll be able to exempt up to \$100,000 value on your taxes. At that point, I think people will see a little relief," Paul said. Meanwhile, "The state is supposed offset what (school districts) get from local taxes with new revenue."

On a related note, trustees on Monday approved a new partnership between White Oak ISD and Linebarger & Associates for tax collection services. The district's contract with MVBA Law ends Aug. 24, and Linebarger is set to help the school close the gap between the ISD's local valuations and the figures put together by the state's appraisers.