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FOOTBALL

WEEK 6

IT'S GAME TIME!



Union Grove vs Frankston
7:30 p.m. Friday at Frankston

(Gladewater and White Oak have Bye Weeks)



Union Grove senior Sarah Clowers was crowned Homecoming Queen for 2023. She was joined by (L to R) Rachel Potter, Kaki Pharr, Faith Woodall, Kathryn King, Queen Sarah Clowers, Maria-Paulina Navarro-Gonzalez, Jenna Scott and Hannah Coulter. Front (L to R) Homecoming Prince Greyson Webb and Princess Kimarie Parsons.

Photo by Kim Hill

Water level concerns prompts city to ask for conservation

Even with the weekend's weather, the water level at Lake Gladewater is well below average, putting the community well within a Stage One Water Conservation situation.

"According to the city's drought plan, when we're four feet over our highest intake we're supposed to go to 'voluntary conservation,'" says Gladewater's public works chief, Al Harrison. At that point – i.e. right now – the lake's already four feet below its typical level.

At Stage One, the city's asking residents to conserve, to reduce their water usage as much as possible until enough precipitation boosts the level back toward normal.

"Everything's voluntary right now," Harrison repeated.

Keeping a close eye on forecasts, "What we're hoping is people north of us get rain and it flows into Glade Creek then into the lake.

"We've got to come up at least a foot and maintain that depth for two weeks to get out of this."

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Councilman Anderson honored with street naming

A stretch of Roden Lane will soon have some new street signs: Anderson Lane.

Gladewater City Council members unanimously rechristened a portion of the roadway Sept. 21 in honor of community leader and Mayor Pro Tem Elijah "Sonny" Anderson.



"A good, faithful resident and hard worker for the city," council member Rocky Hawkins said. "His heart's always in the right place."

The change will impact the length of Roden Lane between Miller Street and the loop.

Before the vote during their regular Thursday evening session last week, the council heard from five locals in a requisite public hearing on the agenda item, including a handful of Roden Lane residents along with well-wishers for the longtime councilman.

"I'm for it," said Shalandria Timmons. "Mr. Sonny is the nicest person in the world to me. He saved my

grandmother's life some years back. I'm all for it."

In a letter outlining the prospect, Gladewater City Clerk Judy Van Houten noted upon approval "it will be the responsibility of each property owner to update your address accordingly. This includes but is not limited to: the US Post Office, all taxing entities, the posted number on your structure and/or mail receptacle, and anyone else from whom you receive mail at your Roden Lane address."

Odell Cooper was concerned about the paperwork and costs involved.

"On changing our address, I disagree with it because we got to change all our addresses, we got to change everything – driver's license, all this stuff – and the city said they weren't going to be responsible for that. I don't think it's fair. That's all I got to say about that."

Neighbor Mike Vazquez was enthusiastic about the change.

"I'm in favor of it. I feel if you guys want to honor Mr. Sonny for all his work in the community and all his years here, a simple address change is not a big deal when you go through the post office," he said. "Yes, there is a small cost. On that part, I agree

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Quick actions saves man's life

By James Draper

When elderly man fell from his step into his front yard in the high heat of an early August afternoon, the Union Grove resident fought for more than an hour to get back on his feet. Elbows bleeding, heat stifling, sun beating down, he was stuck.

Sunset and slightly cooler temperatures were still hours away. The man was rapidly dehydrating, sweating and baking with the mercury at 104°.

Fortunately, 17-year-old Jeremiah McGee was out and about that day with his father and brother.



"We were going to get a boat," recalled McGee, who lives not far from the 85-year-old's home. "I'm driving, and we're about to take a turn. I recognize the house. I don't know what caught my attention."

At just the right moment, at just the right angle he spotted the older man in the grass, still pushing to get back on his feet.

"At first, I thought he was working on something," the Union

Grove youth said.

That wasn't the case, though. Even from a distance, the UGISD senior realized something was wrong. He pointed it out to his father, John.

"Stop for a minute."

Rushing to the man's side, he seemed near death to John. The man wasn't thinking clearly, couldn't stand – certainly fading quickly from the heat. John quickly beckoned to his sons.

"It was a pretty bad situation. He had been dehydrated," Jeremiah McGee said. Quickly, they lifted the bleeding man into the truck and the air conditioning, calling for an ambulance. "Right then, I was just relying on the Lord to save his life and any others out here in this heat. It's not a good thing. It's dangerous."

In this case, McGee's brief glimpse probably made all the difference – paramedics transported the elderly man to a local hospital for treatment and soon, but for some cuts on his elbows, he was relatively OK. According to his granddaughter, physicians released him the same day about 9 p.m.

Reportedly, the man – whose name isn't being released – was just getting birdseed out of his shed when he simply tripped coming down the stairs. He certainly wasn't easy to spot in that position, his granddaughter added, and he was a good distance from the roadway.

Weeks later, the man's family says he's very much back to normal.

"I'm just really thankful that they saw him," his granddaughter said. "They said it was a God-thing, and I really do think it was."

"I think it was just God making (Jeremiah) look over and see him,

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Gladewater Chamber Of Commerce members, City of Gladewater leaders and other well-wishers joined Kathleen Pool and Agim Ejupi for their official ribbon cutting at Texas Pizza House, at 709 E Broadway Ave, Gladewater, last Wednesday morning.

Photo by James Draper



Vice City owners Jeremy Montana and Seth Tanksley officially cut the ribbon on their retail storefront at 807 S. Tyler St. Ste 101 Friday morning alongside representatives from Gladewater Chamber Of Commerce and other supporters.

Photo by James Draper



OPINION/COMMENTARY

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

"... not all who wander are lost"

Technology is frustrating, occasionally confusing and often amazing. This column is being written while we are rolling down I-20 to Florida for the National Newspaper Convention. How can it be that I can connect my laptop to my car or cell phone to access the internet?

Well, actually I understand that part which is fascinating. Cell phones operate with radio frequencies, a form of electromagnetic energy on the electromagnetic spectrum between FM radio waves and the waves used in microwave ovens. Oops, here I go on another mind wandering rabbit trail. (FYI: I have a minor in science and a penchant for wonder and wander.)

Crosby, Stills & Nash are crooning "Just a Song Before I Go" which seems poetic under the circumstances. Although technically we are already going. And I couldn't be happier to be on the road despite the construction, the fact that my better half has a horrendous cold (and yes, he tested COVID negative before we left) and I am dragging from deadlines and trips to far West Texas and parts in between for family 'stuff'. Stuff that was fun, seeing my Mom and my brother for their birthdays in the Lubbock land of beautiful sunsets, dust-filled wind and speedway interstates. Stuff that was full of family biz including CPAs, banks, appraisal districts and the frustration of trying to register our cattle brand and not being able to because it wasn't specifically mentioned in Dad's will. Who would have thought? I will get that figured out before the Jan. 1 deadline or I am not my Daddy's daughter.

Along with grant work, fundraisers, events and press deadlines on top have me ready for the stopover in Pensacola where my boss has a room for us with a balcony that overlooks the Gulf. That's our office for the next two days while we work on the Gladewater Mirror, White Oak Independent and the Lindale News & Times.

Before you get your red pens out to circle our mistakes in the

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell

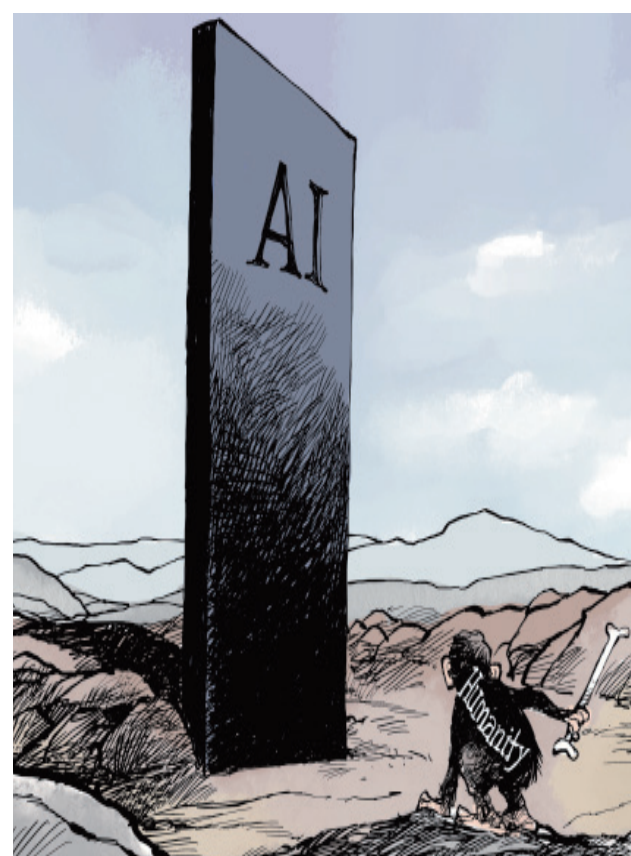


paper, I would beg you to remember that we work very hard to bring you the news of your hometown. As a former teacher I get it though. I smugly grin when I find an error in a national publication. Although to be fair, they have a lot more staff, deeper pockets and copy editors. When you do get your red pens out I must tell you that I have already circled the error and cringed. I confess that I am indeed a flawed perfectionist.

My poor nurse practitioner daughter-in-heart is pulling extra shifts at the hospital and taking care of King the Wonder Dog while her husband, our son, is on the Dixie Fire in California. Keep her in your prayers. King is 85 lbs. of flying velcro hair and is a rescue with separation anxiety. With King safely stowed, and nearly all family obligations and most deadlines but the regular weekly ones met, I am gleefully counting the hours until my soul is filled with the serenity of the ocean.

This is a gift of two days before the NNA convention from my hubby boss just for me. He is not a water guy, hates the sand, hates the heat, and saw "Jaws" far too many times to enjoy the ocean. Yes, we will be working, but I will be doing it with the waves pounding the beach as background music that soothes my soul.

And my weary soul needs soothing. What a gift to be spending my lifetime with someone who 'gets' me. That is pretty soothing as well. See you soon friends and neighbors. In the meantime, be kind to one another for life is far too short to be anything but kind. And remember, "...not all who wander are lost".



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Staying put ...

More than any other state, people born in Texas stay in Texas. The US Bureau of the Census recently released data indicating the state of residence by place of birth. When you look at the percentage of people born in Texas, still living in the United States and, in fact, still living in Texas, you get more than 82% as of 2021. That's considerably higher than anywhere else.

Other states where people tend to stay include North Carolina (75%), Georgia (74%), California (73%), and Utah (73%). At the other end of the spectrum are Wyoming, where only 45% of people born there remained as of 2021, North Dakota, Alaska, Rhode Island, and South Dakota. Various researchers have been looking at this data including staff at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; among other things, it's an interesting indicator of economic health.

One obvious reason people who are born here stay here is that the Lone Star State has one of the most dynamic economies anywhere. Without job opportunities, people may be forced to leave. It's that simple.

For years, Texas has been among the top performing states for economic growth. One historical reason is abundant resources ranging from oil and gas reserves to a large supply of arable and developable land. There have also been key initiatives to nurture and grow industries ranging from technology to biosciences and other emerging sectors. State and local economic development efforts have also borne fruit. I could go on, as has infrastructure development.

Texas was one of the first states to get back to pre-pandemic levels of employment and has been adding jobs at a brisk clip ever since. It's also historically been a place where home prices were far more approachable than, say, California or New York. While some of the gap has disappeared with rising costs for housing in Texas, there are still notable benefits. Add to that the lack of an income tax, and the advantages increase.

In an era of worker shortages and long-term demographic patterns pointing to the adequacy of the labor force being a persistent problem, it's a competitive advantage that there isn't a "brain drain" out of the state. At the same time, if people are going to stay here, it's crucial to ensure we're investing enough to maintain the upward trajectory in opportunities and quality of life.

An essential need is education, from K-12 through higher education and career training. Health care is another, and the state's large percentage of residents without health insurance is of particular concern. We'll also need other resources, from highways to broadband. It's a very good thing that people want to stay in Texas. Let's keep it that way!

Stay safe!

Another special session slated for October

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special session, this time about school choice, for next month. He is promising retribution for lawmakers who oppose his move to enact school vouchers in Texas, the Texas Tribune reported.

"There's an easy way to get it done, and there's a hard way," Abbott said on a tele-town hall about the issue. "We will take it either way — in a special session or after an election." Abbott essentially threatened to find primary opponents for legislators who oppose his initiative, which failed to gain traction during the regular session as a coalition of Democrats and Republicans representing rural districts opposed it.

His proposal would give parents taxpayer dollars to send their children to private schools. Opponents say this would harm public school systems, particularly in rural areas where choices for private schools are limited.

Paxton hints at run against Cornyn in 2026

Just days after being acquitted on impeachment charges by the Texas Senate, reinstated Attorney General Ken Paxton hit the airwaves of several conservative media outlets and hinted of a possible run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in 2026.

The Houston Chronicle reported on a Paxton interview with Tucker Carlson on X, formerly known as Twitter. Paxton said that "somebody needs to step up and run against this guy that will do the job."

"To me, he's been in Washington too long. He's been there, what, for 14 years or so? And I can't think of a single thing he's accomplished for our state or even for the country," Paxton said.

In a separate interview, Paxton said he will be "on the campaign trail" to back GOP primary opponents of three House members who were key to his impeachment: House Speaker Dade Phelan and Reps. Andrew Murr of Junction and Jeff Leach of Plano.

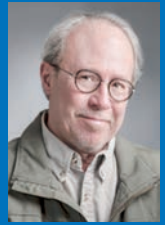
"I'm highly motivated," the Austin American-Statesman quoted Paxton as saying.

Paxton still faces state security fraud charges filed in 2015. He is due to go to trial next March and is also under federal investigation.

Deadline nears for registering to vote Nov. 7

Texans will decide the fate of 14 proposed constitutional amendments on Nov. 7. The deadline to register to vote in that election is Oct. 10 for those who are not already registered. The proposed amendments include measures to increase the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000, with homeowners 65 and older getting an additional \$40,000 exemption. Other proposals would cap increased in appraised value and expand exemptions for small businesses from the

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franchise tax.

Abbott and other backers of the bills passed in a summer special session called these measures the largest property tax cut in Texas history.

Early voting begins on Oct. 23 and ends Nov. 3, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office.

Texas called 'hotbed of hate' in recent report

A report issued last week by the Anti-Defamation League labels Texas a hotbed for extremism and antisemitism, with a heavy presence of white supremacist and anti-LGBTQ+ groups, according to the Texas Tribune. The report examines three years of "alarming levels of extremist ideology and activity" in the state. Antisemitic incidents in the state rose by 89% and six "terrorist plots" were discovered, along with 28 "extremist events" such as training and rallies, according to the report.

The ADL suggested some nonpartisan policies to stem growing extremism, such as creating a commission to study domestic violent extremism and providing clear statistics on hate crimes.

"Elected officials in Texas have an opportunity to confront this issue to significantly curtail the negative impact that extremism has on the people they represent," Oren Segal, vice president of the ADL's Center on Extremism, said in a statement.




Financial losses from opioid crisis staggering

In a monthlong series of stories about the fentanyl crisis, The Dallas Morning News determined through an analysis by The Perryman Group that the economic toll of the opioid crisis in Texas includes \$50.1 billion in economic output each year and more than a half-million jobs.

"As large as these numbers are, they likely understate the true impact," economist Ray Perryman said. "It's widely acknowledged that drug addiction is underreported."

His group pulled data from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and prevention and other health agencies for its analysis.

A new law requires all emergency medical responders to report drug overdoses to health authorities in an effort to map overdoses and hopefully identify overdose hotspots. All Texas law enforcement officers are being given NARCAN, which quickly reverses opioid overdoses, according to Abbott's office.

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THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION BY FAITH ONLY # 3

This week let's think more about the widespread misconception that people are saved by "faith only." Previously we have mentioned the fact that the Bible actually and plainly says that people ARE NOT saved by "faith only." Remember James 2: 24 which says: "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." Of course, when the Scripture says "By works a man is justified" it is obviously not saying people are saved "by works only." When James says "by works a man is justified" he certainly is not excluding faith. What James is saying is that people must do more than simply believe. He is saying: To be saved, people must BELIEVE and DO whatever God has commanded them to do to be saved. The reason I mention that is because anyone who can understand that when Jas. 2: 24 says we are "justified by works," ought to be able to see that it is equally wrong to construe other statements in the Bible about being saved "by faith" does not mean that people are saved "by faith only."

It is true that the Bible teaches people are saved by faith and James 2: 24 is not excluding faith when it says: "by works a man is justified." It is simply reminding us that it takes more than "faith only" to be saved. My friend, please remember: Don't be misled into thinking that you can ignore part of what God in the Bible says you must do to be saved, and instead be saved merely by faith ONLY. Yes, you must believe in God and that Jesus is God's Son who died for you and arose again. But repentance from sins is ALSO REQUIRED, as well as CONFESSING YOUR FAITH IN JESUS and BEING BAPTIZED for the remission of your sins (Rom. 10: 9-10; Acts 8: 37; Acts 2: 38).

Contrast what we have said with the following statement made by Ben Bogard, a Baptist preacher in public debate: "I am going to maintain that there is no act at all that any man in the Old Testament time or the New ever had to perform in order to be saved. Salvation is received by faith, and faith is the only thing you can do without doing anything. Faith submits to the Lord and doesn't pretend to do; as long as you attempt to do, you are working it yourself and not depending upon the Lord." Hardeman-Bogard Debate, p 93. Your comments are always welcome. Think on these things.

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Councilman Anderson honored with street naming

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with Mr. Odell. We need to work something out with DPS and such. Other than that, I'm in favor of it."

Stacy Price says he's still new to the city after almost three years living here, but he's known Anderson for more than a decade.

"I've never known a person to give the way that Sonny gives," he told the council. "I support it. I couldn't think of it happening to a better person."

Following the public hearing, council member Kevin Clark noted residents can update their addresses online at Texas.gov for \$11 the next time they renew their licenses.

That said, "It's not something we do lightly at all, because we do know it is an imposition to people to have to change their address and all their contacts," Mayor Scott Owens noted. "It's something that's been brought forth to honor Sonny Anderson for his years of work in the community, not just the city."

After learning residents can put off some address changes until they renew their IDs, council member Brandy Flanagan echoed her colleagues' support: "Everyone knows how much I respect Sonny."

Ultimately, Teddy Sorrells made the council's motion.

"Sonny Anderson is by far one of the bulwarks of our community," he said. "I have never known anybody to say a negative word about him – can't say that about myself."

"It would be an honor and privilege to recommend changing the name of that street to Anderson Lane."

With one councilman absent Sept. 21, the motion passed 5-0 with Anderson abstaining.

"I want you to know I really appreciate this," he said afterward. "I just truly thank everybody for coming and accepting this. It is an honor to me."

With the successful vote, Owens noted there will be a slight delay for the change to take effect – City Hall will have to coordinate an update to 911 addressing and other necessities in addition to ordering new signage.

"Our city clerk will notify everybody when it officially takes over."

City to waive \$35,000 lease fee for ballpark vendor

With projects underway at the Gladewater Youth Baseball & Softball Complex, council members on Sept. 21 opted to waive the annual lease fee for the facility. The city's elected officials went into closed session to meet with their ballpark lessee during the council's regular September session last week. They returned and approved two actions related to the complex.

In the first motion from councilman Kevin Clark, the council members amended the operation agreement for the facility to reflect a payment due date of Sept. 15 each year from Michael Holochuck, General Manager for Marucci Elite East Texas, who has 10-year lease on the community baseball/softball complex on Lee Street.

The second motion after the 'executive session' waived this year's \$35,000 annual payment in lieu of a Nov. 1 completion



"Gladewater's trying to get put on the map for all of the good things," Gladewater High School Principal Derrick Floyd told trustees last Monday, presenting Haddassah Balcorta with a litany of accolades Sept. 18: "She's a self-starter. She is well-poised. She is a lot of adjectives that I don't even have time enough to list out."

In addition to Miss Gladewater and Miss Gregg County, Balcorta – daughter of Sakkinah and Paul Balcorta – was named Gladewater High School's 2023 Homecoming Queen earlier this month.

Quick actions saves man's life

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because I don't think it would have happened on its own."

No one's choosing to get dehydrated, McGee said. The end-of-summer was certainly hotter than any he remembers. "I think that the heat can kind of catch up and attack you."

The teenager's grateful he was where he needed to be in that moment. For McGee, it was a fortunate glance – not lucky, certainly blessed, an instant he didn't know he'd been preparing for.

"I like the outdoors a lot – I'm big into hunting, big into everything to do with the outdoors. I know what to do in particular situations, not because I've been trained or anything like that, but because I'm out there a lot."

He's content that in this situation, those experiences readied him to spot something amiss and to lend help at the right time.

"I think it's a miracle that I saw him and was able to help him."

date for work on the parking lot with a bullpen planned for next year.

"We are foregoing this year's annual payment in lieu of Marucci completing the lower parking lot on the west side," Mayor Scott Owens detailed, "and also constructing the bullpen he's given us a diagram on by March 2024."

Both motions received unanimous 6-0 approval with councilwoman Brandy Flanagan abstaining.

According to Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith, "They made a stipulation in the original contract that if he went in and put turf down we would waive the \$35,000 that first year. He hasn't done the turf yet because that's such an expense, but he's going to do the parking lot and the bullpen by March and the city will waive this year's \$35,000 fee."

Water level concerns prompts city to ask for conservation

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If the situation doesn't turn and the average water level falls to 36 inches above the first intake for the water treatment plant, City Hall will announce mandatory conservation measures. They're not particularly onerous, but they're also just a beginning.

"You don't wash your car. You don't fill up your pool," Harrison explained. "We don't do flushing of water hydrants," and restrictions will tighten if the level continues to fall.

In the meantime, the city's water quality is fine, and there's plenty of margin before serious issues arise for Gladewater's primary water source.

"Our lowest water intake is 25 feet" below the average level of the lake, Harrison noted, just shy of 300 feet above sea level. "We're far from a problem. We're still good on water quality."

"We'd have to be in Stage Four before we'd have a really hard time keeping our water good."

On Friday, Harrison and water operator Wendy Emmel took a boat out on the lake to inspect the intakes themselves. At that point, prior to Sunday night's storm, the level was at 37 inches over the top intake.

Beyond water quality and conservation, with the lake's level so low, boat ramp users should be doubly-cautious.

"Yes, they just have to be careful because their tires can go off the end of the ramp," Harrison said. "We do suggestion caution. It's at your own risk."

86th Yamboree on tap

By Phillip Williams

The 86th annual East Texas Yamboree festival, which features a variety of events and draws thousands to Gilmer, is scheduled Oct. 18-21 with its first-ever female president.

Abigail (Abby) Stewart, who reigned as "queen yam" of the festival in 1997, is president over the annual event, in which Addison Jane Young will be crowned as the new queen yam.

Young, daughter of Marty and Megan Young, will be crowned in two performances of the annual coronation (pageant) Oct. 18 and 19. Both are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Gilmer Civic Center on U.S. 271.

The queen-elect won the honor in June in a ticket-selling contest with six other young women nominated by various civic organizations. (The contestants sell tickets to certain Yamboree events.) The Bluebonnet Literary Club nominated Young.

Another highlight of this year's celebration is the Oct. 21 annual barn dance, with Kolby Cooper as main attraction and two supporting artists, Mason Dawson and Bobby Irwin.

It is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Yamboree Event Center at 181 Bob Glaze Drive (near Walmart and the civic center).

Other attractions at this year's festival include the Oct. 20 School/Youth Parade and Oct. 21 Queen's Parade, both at 11 a.m. They start on Titus Street and proceed southward into downtown.

The Crabtree Amusements carnival will be downtown all four days. In addition, the All-Service Club Luncheon (open to the general public) is set for 11:45 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Yamboree Event Center.

Giddy Up and Give this Saturday

Gladewater Education Foundation is back in the saddle again, inviting the GSD community to Giddy Up & Give this weekend.

It's already started, in fact: the annual silent auction launched Tuesday and continues through Saturday night. Whether attending in person or participating online, register for the auction at gladewater.Muradbid.com.

They're shooting for a fourth year fundraising goal of \$100,000 – and then some – Saturday night to further strengthen the school district's financial foundation and fuel teachers' innovations through grants.

"Last year we awarded a little over \$20,000 in teacher grants," Katie Ellis told Gladewater Chamber of Commerce members earlier this month.

President of the education foundation and chairman of

its annual fundraiser for the fourth year in a row, Ellis has been making the rounds of the community in recent weeks and months. In some circles, she's encouraging locals to attend the Sept. 30 event at Tempest Golf Club and contribute to the goal. In others, she's been exhorting businesses and organizations to take part as table sponsors or donors for the fundraiser's auction.

"It's all going to be online this year," she said. "We're going to have around probably 60 items in our silent auction," including 10 large items such as a firepit and travel packages to Mexico or the Grand Ol' Opry.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Saturday night with dinner, music, drinks, games, prizes "and a great time. We have a lot of community members, businesses, organizations in attendance. Last year, just in

one night with table sponsors, live auction, silent auction," Ellis said, "we raised about \$95,000."

"This year I'm hoping to just push it over the edge and shoot for \$100,000. I'm optimistic, and that's a good thing."

Reaching out to locals for contributions, Ellis emphasizes it's important to keep the effort in the community.

"It gives back to us. These people and these businesses give out of the goodness of their hearts in order to raise money for us who – Gladewater Education Foundation – gives this money right back to our teachers in the form of teacher grants," she added. "The reason why I do what I do is because I love my community."

"I think it's contagious. When you see someone doing something good for your community it makes you

want to do something good for your community."

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White Oak water rate increase put on hold until Jan. 1

The water rates discussion still isn't over for the City of White Oak – there's time to spare, though, after city leaders confirmed they can't change their rates again until the new year.

That looming rate change factored into the council's official adoption of their Fiscal Year 2024 tax rate and budget Sept. 19. Notably, leaving the rates in limbo somewhat complicates the city's financial planning, but reserves can cover any shortfalls ahead of adopting a new base rate and tier system for water usage.

According to City Secretary & Financial Director Kristine Toon, while the city's administrators intended to adjust the rates now for implementation in October to cover an anticipated in water revenues, the council can't increase the rates twice in one year.

"January 1 was the last time they were approved," Toon said.

Meanwhile, another water rates expert is going to take a look at the city's numbers. In addition to an assessment by Paul King of the Texas Rural Water Board, White Oak will be working with Phillip Givens of the Public Utility Commission of Texas on a follow-up rate study.

"We want to double-check our work, make sure we are getting the best rates for our citizens," said City Coordinator Jimmy Purcell.

Both analyses come free of charge. "Sounds like a good idea," Mayor Kyle Kutch said.

No speakers addressed the council during requisite public hearings on the budget and tax rate, ultimately approved unanimously in a roll call vote at \$0.64241 per \$100 valuation, a 1.02 percent increase on the current tax rate.

That includes \$0.54459 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.09782 for interest and sinking.

The council also approved White Oak Economic Development Corporation's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$468,000.

In ongoing discussion of acquiring a building from VeraBank for use as a community center, Purcell updated council members of the possibility of purchasing the facility in two annual payments (this year and next) of \$175,000.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spud Supper served

The Gladewater Honeybears will host a Spud Supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the Gladewater High School Cafeteria. Purchase tickets from Honeybears in advance or at the door that night – at \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 10, tickets include a baked potato (with options of sour cream, cheese, butter, chives and bacon) as well as dessert, salad and a drink.

TRTA meeting set

The first meeting of the Oil Patch TRTA new year is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m..

They will be hosting a field trip to the Lee-Bardwell Public Library located at 312 W Pacific Ave., Gladewater and they have planned a fun scavenger hunt along with door prizes and refreshments.

Bring a friend for an extra entry and they look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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 at the Mirror at 903-845-2235.

National Night Out

Upshur County Crime Stoppers will sponsor parties in five communities Oct. 3 as part of the annual "National Night Out" honoring law enforcement officers, said Crime Stoppers president Cynthia Clark.

The gatherings, at least some of which will feature free food, games, and visits from law officers, are set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The one in Gilmer, featuring visits from Smokey the Bear and Santa Claus, is scheduled on north U.S. 271 at the Redemption Worship Center (formerly called First Assembly of God, and still part of that denomination.)

Clark said other parties are scheduled at East Mountain City Hall, the Pritchett Community Center on FM 1404, the Heritage Center in downtown Big Sandy at 162 E. Gilmer, and the Ore City Community Center, 408 E. Althea.

5K run on tap

Caring Hearts of Gladewater's latest 5K Run/Walk returns to Lake Gladewater Saturday, Oct. 14.

The annual event is being co-sponsored by Gym 101 and benefits Longview Cancer Center.

"During this event, the Christus Health Mammogram bus will be available for on-site screenings for local women who have either never had a mammogram or need one," organizers announced. "They are offering screening vouchers of \$99 per person to complete this process.

Registration for the Run/Walk begins at 7 a.m. Oct. 14 and will wrap up at 7:45 a.m. before the event's official 8 o'clock start.

It's \$10 to participate for children and \$20 for adults. Checks should be made out to Caring Hearts at P.O. Box 1404 in Gladewater, TX 75647.

The organizers are still seeking vendors for the event. For more information on Race/Walk details or to sign up as a vendor or donor, contact Shelia Faggins at 903-844-1326 or Teresa Gordon at 903-812-3269.

Winn guest speaker at GALA meeting

Brandy Winn, director of the Lee-Bardwell Library, was the guest speaker at the September luncheon of the Gladewater Area Ladies Association.

Ms. Winn gave a brief bio of her education and prior employment history and community involvement, as well as volunteer activities. Ms. Winn described her vision for the library as more of a community center with hands-on events, community outreach, and education as well as being a loaning library.

Having just completed the Summer Reading Program, plans are in the works for a community event on Hal-



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD HONORED

Several Union Grove ISD alumni were recognized at last week's homecoming game for their service and dedication to the community. Those honored included: Melinda Smith, Pam Johnston Mahaffey, daughter of Glyn Johnston who accepted the award on behalf of her father, and Trish Maddox, wife of Jared Maddox who died in an accident on July 4. Maddox was joined by her daughters Jessica Maddox Hilton, Raigen Maddox; Jared's parents Pat and Billy Maddox, Jared's sister Jimi Maddox Murry along with the rest of his family.

Photo by Kim Hill

loween (10/31) that will include candy, a costume contest, and a mini spookhouse for older kids. Currently, a book club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., and a Crochet/knitting club meets weekly on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

In the works is a book delivery to home-bound library patrons and a book trailer to take into the community via major events.

Ms. Winn recently renewed the library's accreditation so that grants could be sought to complete updates and provide for future expansion. Stop by the library and meet Brandy and see what the Lee-Bardwell Library has to offer you and your family.

Fall Heritage Fest set

A waffle breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Big Sandy, will be a highlight of that city's Fall Heritage Festival on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Hours are 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

at the civic center gymnasium on Texas 155. Ticket prices for "all you can eat" are \$7 for those ages 12-59, \$6 for senior citizens age 60 or older, \$6 for children ages 6-11, and free for children under age six. Groups of 25 or more may dine for \$6 each.

Countywide dumping set for Oct. 28

The Upshur County government will host one of its two annual County-Wide Cleanups, where county residents can dump certain items free of charge, Saturday, Oct. 28.

It is set from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (while dumpster space is available) at the county pug mill site, 1426 Cottonwood Road in Pritchett community. The road intersects with FM 1404.

The cleanup is open only to households, not businesses. Residents are limited to one trip for a truck or trailer combination, two trips for

cars and sports utility vehicles. A voter registration card or vehicle registration must be shown to prove residency in Upshur County.

Etex Communications will be present to recycle appliances, computer towers, batteries, and various.

County library hosts storytime Thursday

Two books by Marla Frazee will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday, Sept. 28.

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. gatherings are "The Boss Baby" and "The Bossier Baby," said a library spokeswoman.

The events are free to the public, but 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.

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Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., 320 S Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, TX 75702, and at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, TX 75647.

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**Gregg County construction projects updates:
 US 80 - Gladewater**

Limits: SH 300 east to Locker Plant Road in Gladewater
 Contractor: East Texas Bridge
 Cost: \$12.6 million
 Anticipated Completion Date: November 2023
 This project consists of milling and inlaying main lanes of travel, as well as striping. There will be daytime lane closures. Motorists should expect delays.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: Fisher Rd. to SH 42
 Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.
 Cost: \$14.15 million
 Anticipated Completion Date: December 2023
 This project consists of widening a two-lane road to four lanes with a center turn lane. This includes drainage structures, new bridge, flexible base, hot mix, and pavement markings.

Old school zones to be eliminated

It's a been awhile since school zones were necessary for Gladewater ISD's abandoned campus, and city council members have set the clock ticking to officially retire the restrictions.

"This, as you can see, would be eliminating the school zone there around the old middle school, high school - according to how old you are whether that's a middle school or high school," Mayor Scott Owens joked with council members Sept. 21. "That building is currently not occupied, but we still have signage there and a road that's closed during school hours."

Double-checking, "Is that a local decision to do that?" council member Rocky Hawkins asked.

Yes, Owens replied: "These are our ordinances as a home-rule city."

Hawkins motion, seconded by council member Kevin Clark, was unanimously-approved with no further discussion last week.

"These will not go into effect until the signage is changed," Owens noted.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "he's ___ not to mess with" (mean)

5 not any

6 "___ a Texan, always a Texan"

7 TXism: "spun a yarn"

8 evangelical seminary in Dallas (abbr.)

9 TXism: "in the ___ of luxury" (rich)

12 1961 hurricane that was the most destructive in Texas

17 decomposing

19 TXism: "she's got ___ as big as Texas" (kind)

21 TXism: "scarce as grass ___ hog trough"

22 "pretty" in Mexico

23 TXism: "as pitiful ___ child"

28 this outlaw Jim married Belle Starr in Texas in 1866

29 fishin' poles

30 currency of Gambia

31 Texas golfer Bob who won 1994 Texas Open

35 TXism: "she can ___ blue streak"

36 TX Gene Watson sang "Raisin' ___"

42 TXism: "happy as a kid on ___"

44 family car that's not a SUV

46 they keep doors away from walls

DOWN

1 "leaky as ___ in a junker"

2 newspaper in Naples, Texas

3 forefather

4 ___ville, Texas

9 TXism: "hook, ___ and sinker" (all)

10 TXism: "he has short arms ___" (cheapskate)

11 Frisco is headquarters of this golf org.

12 taxi

13 TXism: "it can float ___" (strong coffee)

14 city in Nevada or Texas

15 ___-back (relaxed)

16 "Houston Museum of Fine ___"

18 votin' day

20 TX Horton Foote got Oscar for 1962 screenplay of "___ Kill a Mockingbird"

23 commercial on television, e.g.

24 admissions test for a Texas college

25 poetic expression of grief

26 chef, Cobb and taco

27 JFK quote: "___ what your country can do for you ..."

32 "yes" in Mexico

33 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)

34 actress in Texas epic "Giant" (init.)

36 an ironclad during the Civil War: "___ Virginia"

37 Claudia ___ "Lady Bird" Johnson

38 Texas poet, Shihab Nye

39 an area containing little moisture

40 fully grown

41 hangs down

43 Jerry Jones left this state for TX

45 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)

47 TXism: "she has to ___ on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

48 LBJ alma mater, now TXST

55 seat of Oldham County

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GPD POLICE ACTIVITY

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
9/17/23	EMS	20236208	0:03	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236208	1:06	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236210	2:32	CHADS HOTWINGS FISH AND BURGERS	809 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MAJOR	20236211	2:50		510 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20236212	4:18	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236213	8:34	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236214	9:57		325 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ABANDONED 911	20236215	11:01		207 N FERRY FERRY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236216	11:38		1104 N LYNN LYNN
	FIRE DEPT	20236217	12:29		N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236218	13:50		WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	FIRE DEPT	20236219	14:36		505 PEAR PEAR RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236220	16:41		501 N SECOND SECOND ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236221	16:56		5186 US HWY 80 US HWY 80
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236222	18:22		1200 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236223	18:49	TW LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20236224	19:57		519 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236225	20:17		PHILLIPS SPRING PHILLIPS SPRING RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236226	19:32		189 BERRETA BERRETA RD
	FIRE DEPT	20236227	22:29		WOODBINE WOODBINE
	EMS	20236228	22:33	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
9/18/23	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20236229	3:18	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20236230	9:47		408 QUITMAN QUITMAN
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236231	12:43		AMES AMES
	ASSIST	20236232	13:08		219 MAPLE MAPLE
	EMS	20236233	15:33	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20236234	16:37	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236235	17:23		55 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236236	18:26	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20236237	19:04	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20236238	19:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236239	19:27		S US HWY 271 US HWY 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236240	21:07	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236241	21:21	CHICKEN EXPRESS	1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236242	21:51		1721 ARMSTRON ARMSTRON ST
	FIRE DEPT	20236243	22:24	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20236244	23:18		801 WOOD WOOD
9/19/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20236245	1:08		509 S MAIN MAIN
	EMS	20236246	1:24		1140 W SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	10-50 MAJOR	20236247	8:32	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20236248	8:43	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20236249	11:56	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20236250	12:33	WELDON HOMES	72 EDDY EDDY ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20236251	13:58	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID INFO	20236252	14:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20236253	14:44	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ABANDONED 911	20236254	15:03		1003 CHEYENNE CHEYENNE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236256	15:50		86 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	EMS	20236257	16:44	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20236259	20:20	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DEADLY CONDUCT	20236259	22:29		W HWY 80 HWY 80
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236260	22:33		1511 PHILIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS RD
9/20/23	EMS	20236261	4:23	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236262	5:38		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	SAMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20236263	6:04		1424 UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20236264	8:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20236265	8:35	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	20236266	11:15		1305 N LYNN LYNN ST
	EMS	20236267	11:49	GREENWAY VILLAGE	48 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	20236268	12:12	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236269	15:19	GLADEWATER RODEO	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236270	15:22		SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236271	17:26		1655 WEST LAKE DR WEST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236272	17:33		515 D HANCOCK HANCOCK ST
	EMS	20236273	17:50	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236274	18:53		318 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	FORGERY	20236275	19:07	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236276	19:21		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236277	20:30	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20236278	21:29		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	20236279	23:51		313 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD LN
9/21/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20236280	1:28	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	20236281	3:08	AEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20236282	4:14		MAIN MAIN
	EMS	20236283	5:02	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20236284	7:27		1821 FM 2685 FM 2685
	THEFT	20236286	9:42	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	HARASSMENT	20236287	11:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	20236289	15:19		1526 N FULTON FULTON ST
	ABANDONED 911	20236289	15:23		9 MONTE CARLO MONTE CARLO DR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20236290	16:18		HWY 80 HWY 80
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236291	17:37		802 POST POST ST
	EMS	20236292	18:59	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20236293	20:03	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236294	20:24		106 GREGGORY GREGGORY LN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236295	20:37		302 GREGGORY GREGGORY LN
9/22/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20236296	2:33	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	FORGERY	20236297	8:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20236298	10:14		2723 COBY COBY
	FIRE DEPT	20236299	10:50		305 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20236300	11:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20236301	13:37		309 N TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	EMS	20236302	13:58	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236303	14:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20236304	16:11		811 W BROADWAY BROADWAY ST
	FORGERY	20236305	16:38		1101 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20236306	17:18	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236307	17:23		408 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	EMS	20236308	17:29		1103 NELWYN NELWYN AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20236309	18:17		MAIN MAIN ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20236310	18:25		US HWY 271 US HWY 271
	EMS	20236311	19:14		197 HOLLY HILL HOLLY HILL CIR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20236312	19:45		OLD AVINGER RE OLD AVINGER RE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236313	20:47		504 WILLOW WILLOW DR
	ABANDONED 911	20236314	20:52	AMBERTS LIQUOR	1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236316	21:27		101 E GILMER GILMER ST
	EMS	20236317	22:33		947 HICKORY HICKORY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236318	22:37		83 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	EMS	20236320	23:09		51 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
9/23/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20236322	23:25	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20236323	23:32		10113 US HWY 271 S US HWY 271 S
	EMS	20236325	0:22		355 ELM ELM RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236326	1:28		313 EDDY EDDY
	EMS	20236329	1:40	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20236330	2:30		2280 OPOSSUM OPOSSUM RD
	EMS	20236331	2:52	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20236332	4:30	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20236333	5:19	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236334	6:54	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	3001 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236335	7:09		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	20236340	8:51		703 TITUS TITUS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236341	8:58		307 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236342	9:05		6275 PR 2234 PR 2234
	EMS	20236344	9:53		300 E MCDONALD MCDONALD S
	EMS	20236348	10:37		2118 BLACK WALNUT BLACK WALNUT RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236351	10:44		2207 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	ABANDONED 911	20236352	10:55	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20236354	11:10		1111 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236356	11:29	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20236357	12:36		105 PR3282 PR3282
	EMS	20236358	12:49		3990 S SEGO LILY SEGO LILY RD
	ALARM/OTHER	20236359	12:50	SHIPPS MARINE SERVICE	4120 HWY 80 HWY 80 E
	ABANDONED 911	20236360	12:54		806 W BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236362	13:24		213 JEANETTE JEANETTE ST
	EMS	20236363	13:52	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ABANDONED 911	20236365	14:49		2208 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236366	15:03		506 JEANETTE JEANETTE ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236368	16:21		
	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID INFO	20236369	16:42	SKIPPERS PIER	103 N MAIN MAIN ST
	10-50 MAJOR	20236370	16:46		CENTURY CENTURY DR
	EMS	20236371	17:09		231 QUAIL QUAIL DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20236372	17:25	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	EMS	20236373	17:47		231 QUAIL QUAIL DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236374	17:54		315 TAYLOR TAYLOR ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236375	18:20		207 E ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	10-50 MINOR	20236379	18:47		18 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236380	19:40		66 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236381	20:04		810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	THEFT	20236382	20:52	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236383	21:01	DOMINOS	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20236384	22:08		42 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20236385	22:10		EDDY EDDY
	EMS	20236386	22:38		609 W PACIFIC PACIFIC
9/24/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20236387	0:22	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20236388	0:26		510 WOOD WOOD
	ABANDONED 911	20236389	5:01		300 W GAY GAY
	EMS	20236390	7:41	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	ASSIST	20236391	8:47		1105 MARY MARY ST
	EMS	20236392	10:00		1208 MARY MARY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236393	12:04	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20236394	13:44		HWY 271 S HWY 271 S
	10-50 MINOR	20236395	13:48		HWY 271 S HWY 271 S
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236398	13:51		805 CANFIELD CANFIELD

WOPD POLICE ACTIVITY

For the reporting period of Sep 18th through the 24th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 184 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Investigative Follow-ups, Burglar Alarms, Animal Complaints, Traffic Issues (collisions, road hazards, reckless drivers, traffic control, etc.), Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Three traffic collisions were investigated which resulted in one injury and three continuing criminal investigations (two hit & runs and one DWI).

Three arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period: Karen Sue Lindsey, 46, of Gilmer for Driving While Intoxicated,

Juan Carlos Garcia-Mora, 27, of White Oak for Theft of a Firearm, Failure to Identify Using Fictitious Information While a Fugitive from Justice, and an outstanding Gregg County warrant for Assault Family Violence - Causing Bodily Injury, and

Randal Amanda Berry, 37, of White Oak for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More Offense.

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When my term began in 2021, Upshur County employees were being paid at the lowest end of the scale of 254 counties. This court has raised salaries to retain and recruit good employees.

Gene Dolle-Pct. 1 Comm. and I host the twice annual County Dump Day at Pritchett one of these dates is funded by an ETCOG grant.

Upshur County has weathered 2 huge storms in my first term. I along with county, city and state officials worked with industries and volunteers, both locally and from all over the United States to meet our citizens' needs. I witnessed everyone pulling together to help their neighbor, family and friends. Thanks to all that helped in any way.

This court has helped to provide a training center and shooting range for our sheriff, his deputies and our citizens.

This court aided in the building of a repository for county clerk records. Work is on going to make steady and noticeable improvements in our Road and Bridge Dept. I understand that our personal safety comes first with kudos to our Sheriff's Dept., but secondly, our roads need to be better.

Thanks to everyone that has supported me. I have enjoyed this position you elected me to and the part I like the best is meeting and helping the people of this county. With your influence, vote and support I am now announcing my intention to be your commissioner for the next term.

Michael Ashley
Pct. 3 Commissioner
Upshur County
903-738-5143

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SPORTS

Bears still looking for first win

By Tyler Sutton

It was going to be tough ask on Friday night as the Gladewater Bears headed to Gunter to take on the defending 3-A division 2 state champion Tigers. Once again the Bears fought hard, but the game quickly got away from them against a powerful Gunter offense as Gladewater ultimately fell 49-7

The Bears went 3 and out to begin the game and punted. But the Bears defense stood up quickly as they recovered a Gunter fumble. But the very next play, Kyron Wilson was intercepted and the Tigers took no time taking advantage of the short field as Quarterback Walker Overman ran it in from 15 yards to give Gunter a early 7-0 lead. After another Bears punt, the Tigers found the endzone again as running back Hayden Rippamonti found the endzone for a 12 yard touchdown run to make it a 14-0 score. Gladewater once again went 3 and out and punted and Gunter took advantage of it as this time the got the air game going as Overton found wide receiver Cannon Lemberg for a 20 yard touchdown pass and a 21-0 Tigers lead after one quarter. Gunter picked right up to begin the 2nd quarter as after a Gladewater punt, running back Major Thornhill ran it in for a 25 yard touchdown run and added to the Tigers lead at 28-0. The Bears fumbled which was recovered by Gunter and two plays later found the endzone once again as Overman found tight end Cole Harpole for a touchdown and a 35-0 Gunter lead. The Tigers added one more touchdown before the half as Overman tossed a perfect pass to Lemberg again as Gunter took a commanding 42-0 lead at the half.

Both teams emptied the bench in the second half as a lot of younger backup players got some playing time. The Tigers found the endzone one last time early in the 3rd quarter as

running back Brayden Hinton ran it in for a 5 yard touchdown and a 49-0 Tigers lead. The lone score for the Bears came when Kyron Wilson jumped a route and took it back for a pick 6 and that was the game as both teams traded punts in the 4th quarter. “Just a rough night at the office. We knew we would have to be perfect to stay with such a great offense in Gunter. We get a week off and got to get ready for district play” said coach Louvier. The loss drops the Bears to 0-5. They will have their bye week this week and be back in action on October 6th when they host Tatum to open up district play with the annual Pink Out game.

Volleyball Round-up ...

Over to Volleyball as both the Gladewater Lady Bears and White Oak LadyNecks were in action this week. The Lady Bears went 1-1 as they fell on Tuesday, September 19th to the Mineola Yellowjackets (3-0) and won their district opener on Friday, September 22nd to Sabine (2-1). Gladewater now sits with a 6-20 record and 1-0 in district play. They will be back in action for two games this coming week. They will travel to Hughes Springs on Tuesday, September 26th and then host crosstown rival White Oak on Friday, September 29th. The White Oak LadyNecks went 2-0 this week with a home non district win on Tuesday, September 19th over Pittsburgh (3-0) and then won their district opener on the road on Friday, September 22nd vs Hughes Springs (3-1). The two wins improve White Oak's record to 18-14 and 1-0 in district play. Next up for White Oak is two games this week. First on Tuesday, September 26th as they host New Diana and then will travel to rival Gladewater on Friday, September 29th.

“Coot's Corner”

By Coot Putley

Teamwork - Part One ...

I was nine – it was finally my time to play Little League baseball. In our town there were six 12 player teams, so there were 72 who were in the “major leagues”. Eleven- and twelve-year-olds were automatically included, and the rosters were filled out with nine- and ten-year-olds who had to try out for those spots. The ones who weren't picked played in the “minor leagues”.

At the tryouts you fielded some grounders and pop flies, then got to take a few swings to see if you could hit. It was hard to get a very good read from such a limited sample, so the coaches had to rely on intuition or very subjective opinions. Maybe Coach Gary had driven by and seen how much time I spent playing in the yard, because I was lucky enough to be chosen to play for the Orioles.

I couldn't wait for the first practice. Being a part of a real team was everything I had hoped. We had actual bases and a player for every position. The fun was just beginning but there was so much to learn.

At a scrimmage game the opposing pitcher was throwing pretty fast, so the coaches suggested that we needed to “choke the bat”. I had no idea that meant to move my hands higher on the handle to get better bat control. So I just squeezed that bat tighter. The more the coaches yelled “choke it”, the tighter I squeezed. By the time my at-bat ended, my hands were throbbing! If it had been possible to strangle a piece of wood, that bat would have been a goner.

Just before the season began, we were issued our uniforms. They were gray flannel trimmed in team colors to match the caps. Those wool uniforms had to be hot, but we were too excited to notice. The Yankees had black trim, the Red Sox of course had red, the Tigers yellow, the White Sox blue, the Indians had green, and my team had maroon. Orange might have been a better choice for the Orioles, but no one complained.

The games were awesome. To a nine-year-old it seemed like the town's entire population was there. We had a scoreboard, a “press box”, even a P.A. announcer. And every player got a free snow cone after the game.

To be honest I don't remember much about the scores or who won that first year. The only play that I remember well was a perfect throw I made from right field to home plate. It was perfect if you don't count the fact that it hit on top of the dugout, then hit the fence and bounced twice before it went right to the catcher.

What I do remember vividly to this day is the way it felt to run out on the field. The chatter (hey batter, swing!), the smell of the grass and the noise of the crowd. And I will never forget the smiles on our faces as we were members of a team playing a game we loved.

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

Elks run wild, Roughnecks 0-5

By Aidan Keller Lott

Wrapping up their pre-season, the Roughnecks faced off against the Elkhart Elks but dropped the game, falling to an 0-5 start after a 40-12 loss.

White Oak kept the game close in the first quarter, only allowing eight points off a one-yard rush from junior Jayden Chapman down the right sideline and two-point conversion from freshman Dalton Walker.

In the second, the Roughnecks lost their tackle-leader, defensive and offensive lineman, sophomore Dakota Greene to a hamstring strain. From there the Elks took over stretching their lead to 20-0 in the second quarter capitalizing on two touchdowns from junior Bryant Lipsey: a pass to Chapman on fourth-

and-goal and a goal line rush.

“At first I thought I was just going to get back on the line for the next play, so I was pretty frustrated when I found out that I wasn't going back out,” Greene said. “So far, we've recovered from lots of injuries by trusting the process, but we need to start learning from our mistakes and taking losses as learning points.”

The Roughneck offense struggled as they were held scoreless in the first half. Most of the struggles can be attributed to penalties. The team was only able to run 14 plays in the first two quarters and had eight offensive flags. White Oak's first score didn't come until the fourth quarter where sophomores Jaxsen Ludlow and Logan Ladwig connected on a 55-yard strike.

“It felt good to catch my first touchdown of the year,” Ladwig said. “But we have bigger issues, during the bye week we need to lock in and take things seriously to get things fixed before district.”

The Roughneck defense accounted for the last six points while they allowed three touchdowns again in the second half on a 42-yard pass to Walker, 11-yard pass to senior Jackson Denney and six-yard rush from Walker. The White Oak score came when senior Aaron Sharp recovered an Elkhart fumble in the endzone bringing White Oak to 12 points.

“You would think I would've felt a sense of accomplishment, but all I wanted in that moment was more time to make a bigger difference in the game,”

Sharp said.

“Our team's biggest struggle is execution, but we can use our bye week to strengthen and temper our team with every rep.”

Although the Roughnecks don't have a game this week, they'll prepare for their first district opener at Jefferson, Oct. 6, where they look to get their first win.



Defensive Back Aaron Sharp (3) gets ready to pounce on the football in the end zone for a touchdown for the Roughnecks after linebacker Henry Lattin caused the Elkhart fumble. White Oak lost its final non-district game 40-12 to the Elkhart Elks.

Photo by Mike Peery

UG Lions dealt first loss, 40-29

By Faith Woodall

Union Grove's Lions suffered their first loss of the season Friday, Sept. 22 against Ore City.

The Lions came into the game, which was their homecoming and first district game of the year, 4-0, with wins against T.K. Gorman, Cumby, Cushing and Linden-Kildare.

The boys in blue started strong with a safety in the first quarter. Quarterback Jace Roberts rushed for three touchdowns and threw a 19-yard pass to Will Wilson for a fourth. Kicker Luis Fernandez, who boasts a near-perfect record, scored three extra points against Ore City.

Carter Cooper made ten solo tackles for the Lions' defense. Wilson tallied five, and Kayden Day added four. Jesse Fulmer sacked the



Union Grove's #1 Judson George and #12 Kendal Sartain turn upfield looking for the endzone.

Photo by Kim Hill

Rebels' quarterback, and Wrigley Roberts grabbed an interception.

However, Ore City pushed past the Lions in the fourth

quarter, scoring twice and finishing the game 40-29.

This week, the Lions will face Frankston, who lost 27-50 to Harleton in district play.



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Gladewater FALL CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

GLADEWATER RESIDENTS may deposit bulky, household garbage and items into dumpsters located along E. Commerce St, downtown Gladewater. 8AM - Noon.

Prohibited items include paint, shingles, batteries, chemicals, refrigeration items, batteries, oils, and commercial waste. These items will not be accepted.

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