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WEEK 7

IT'S GAME TIME!



Gladewater vs Tatum
7:00 p.m. Friday at Gladewater



White Oak vs Jefferson
7:00 p.m. Friday at Jefferson



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



Hillie Shirley, Gladewater's resident artist and the Chamber's Volunteer of the Month, has completed the 150th Logo Mural on the Rodeo Annex. It is amazing and very prominent, so stop by and take a selfie.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION GLADEWATER'S 4TH ANNUAL

Thanks for Giddying Up and Giving

"You are Gladewater. You showed up. You showed out. You showed your heart."
It was a packed house at Tempest Club Saturday night for the fourth annual fundraiser from Education Foundation Gladewater. Acting as emcee, foundation president Katie Ellis exhorted, encouraged and extolled the crowd's generosity throughout the evening at Tempest Golf Club.
Ultimately, the night's activities netted about \$65,000 for the foundation and its efforts to fuel innovation in classrooms throughout the district. The evening's tally included some \$16,000 in table sponsorships, almost \$6,000 from sponsors and more than \$42,000 in auction proceeds.
It was an overwhelming night, Ellis said later, thanking attendees and other supporters

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Gladewater still under burn ban

By James Draper

Gladewater's burn ban has not been lifted, folks. Not only hasn't there been enough significant rainfall to improve drought conditions, in fact the situation's become more severe.

That's not just Gladewater, of course. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index shows the entire area remains at risk for wildfires, regardless of whether or not burn bans are still in place.

"We are currently in high fire danger conditions," Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons reiterated Monday. "We are at 767 on the KBDI."

It's another degree worse than a few weeks ago, when Simmons was hopeful enough rainfall was ahead to lower the local KBDI to 600 – the threshold to lift citywide restrictions on outdoor burning of any form.

The rain the area received wasn't nearly enough.

A small burn pile can quickly become a big problem, and Gladewater firefighters have been responding to more incidents in unincorporated areas where counties have lifted burn bans despite the KBDI's cautions.

"If you're in a county where the burn ban has been lifted," Simmons warned, "burn small piles, make sure you have a water supply, do not leave the fire unattended. Make sure you fully extinguish the fire, that there's no smoke coming out of it."

Importantly, again, that only applies to unincorporated areas – the city's ban trumps a county's lack of one.

"The City of Gladewater is still under burn ban along with Gregg County," Simmons emphasized. "Until rain comes, and a significant amount of rain, we'll definitely be in it."

Jury selection for murder trial on tap

By Phillip Williams

The capital murder trial of one of two suspects who were arrested in connection with the 2018 slaying of a Longview woman is scheduled in Gilmer next week.

Jury selection for Carlton Lamar Grant is set for 9 a.m. Monday at the Gilmer Civic Center, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd. The trial starts at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 115th District Court at the Upshur

County Justice Center.

Grant is charged with strangling Rachel Ann Rhoads, 24, on or about March 29, 2018. Grant was 37 and of the Dallas-Ft. Worth area when he and female co-defendant Lindsey McFadden, then 29 and of Longview, were arrested April 5, 2018, in Fort Worth, authorities said.

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October is deadly month for Texas pedestrians

As fall brings less daylight, TxDOT urges drivers to be extra vigilant about protecting pedestrians

AUSTIN – Fall and winter months bring shorter days and less light, making it harder for drivers to see—and safely avoid—pedestrians. October saw the highest number of pedestrian crashes in 2022. That's why TxDOT is using National Pedestrian Safety Month to continue its "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign and remind Texans that pedestrians are our most vulnerable road users.

When he was 6 years old, Misael Rico was walking to school with his mother when a distracted driver crashed into them, dragging him underneath the car. That night, doctors told his parents he might never walk or talk again. After countless surgeries and years of physical therapy, Rico started college this year, and joins TxDOT to urge drivers to pay attention and watch for people walking.

Only 1% of crashes in Texas involve pedestrians, yet they make up 19% of all traffic deaths. In the last five years, pedestrian traffic fatalities in Texas increased 29.6%, reflect-

ing nationwide trends. In 2022, 5,764 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred in Texas, resulting in 829 deaths and 1,526 serious injuries.

"As we shift to fewer hours of daylight, it's up to drivers and pedestrians to adapt and help keep our roads safe," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Motorists need to stay alert and look for people walking, and pedestrians can take measures to be seen by drivers who may be inattentive behind the wheel."

TxDOT encourages everyone to follow these safety tips to prevent a deadly encounter:

For drivers:

- Stop and yield for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles that can block your view of pedestrians.
- Pay attention and put your phone away so you're prepared

if pedestrians enter your path.

- Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions.

For people walking:

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don't assume traffic will stop for you.
- Follow all traffic and crosswalk signals.
- When walking, put away electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Stay visible. Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight. In the Tyler District (Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Van Zandt and Wood Counties) in 2022, there were 93 crashes involving pedestrians, resulting in 24 fatalities and 38 serious injuries. Also in 2022, pedestrians failing to yield the right-of-way was the fifth-leading contributing factor of fatalities in the Tyler District.

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.

'It's a small world after all...'

After toes in the sand for two days in Pensacola getting out your newspapers, Clark Kent and I headed to Jacksonville, Florida where my journalist superhero hubby and Texas Press Association President carried the Lone Star Flag in the procession of states at the National Newspaper Association's annual convention. It was a thrilling moment for both of us and a memory we will always treasure.

And, since we were now so close to the "happiest place on earth", (it's certainly the cleanest which is amazing considering the crowds) we headed to DisneyWorld for the 50th Anniversary celebration. We hit Magic Kingdom with a gazillion other people to do just that. As they camped out for hours for viewing space for the special fireworks display we walked onto rides, sampled the famous Dole Whip and of course rode "It's a Small World"... the water ride that celebrates all the children of the world and their cultures.

On Sunday we found out what a small world it really is. At Animal Kingdom we went on a safari, people watched, checked out the exotic world of Pandora and ate at the African themed Tusker House. Our hospitable host asked where we were from and then said, "WOW! I am from Longview." It just got better from there. After our meal we took the time to visit with Cousin Randy. Turns out he really might be related to Jim. How about that for a small world indeed?

I wish I could gather all my dear readers, friends and neighbors and bring you to this 'magic kingdom' that was built by Walt Disney and a mouse for this very reason. There are people from all over the world speaking a variety of languages, different cultures, races, political convictions and religions and everyone is smiling and almost everyone is exercising their best manners.

Special session to begin on Oct. 9

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a letter to legislative leaders indicating a special session will begin on Oct. 9 dealing with what he has called "school choice" but is more widely known as vouchers.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has threatened another special session if lawmakers can't come to an agreement this month, and then will take the issue to voters by finding candidates to run against those opposing vouchers.

During the regular session, a coalition of Democrats and many rural House Republicans blocked legislation concerning vouchers that had easily passed the Senate. Abbott has spent much of this year traveling the state encouraging parents and pastors to advocate for school choice.

"I will keep fighting every step of the way until we have school choice in the state of Texas," Abbott said.

Opponents of vouchers say they would divert taxpayer money from public schools. Many public school district leaders say they already struggle to balance their budgets and retain teachers.

Delayed farm bill worries ag producers

One of the key bills delayed by the wrangling in Congress is the massive farm bill, which is renewed every five years. The Texas Tribune reports a temporary extension of the current bill is expected to pass, however. The farm bill is key to a host of programs, from crop insurance to food access for low-income families through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

"In a perfect world, we get a farm bill this year. If we don't, though, let's extend it. And let's not pass a farm bill just to say we passed a farm bill," Laramie Adams, national legislative director for the Texas Farm Bureau, said. "We want to make sure that the farm bill is meaningful."

Since the last farm bill was passed in 2018, farmers have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine cutting world grain shipments, and rising costs for equipment and fuel. Meanwhile, market prices for most agricultural products remain stagnant.

"As you look at that and inflation and adjusting for inflation, from our perspective, we need to look at strengthening crop insurance," Adams said. "And that is not an easy task."

Supreme Court to decide Paxton's back pay

After being acquitted in his impeachment trial, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is seeking around \$50,000 in back pay. However, the state comptroller's office says the best course of action is to let the Texas Supreme Court decide, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The comptroller's office is responsible for authorizing payments, and Paxton's pay was withheld when he was impeached and suspended from office in late May by the Texas House. Paxton was acquitted by the Senate in September.

"Because we disagree with your interpretation of the Texas Constitution on this very important issue, we encourage you to file a writ of mandamus with the Texas Supreme Court for

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



That makes for a very happy place indeed.

What if we all were like our new found "cousin" Randy? We greet everyone with a big smile, look for what we have in common, choose not to judge and dismiss based on dress, language or attractiveness and we just might find every corner of our world a much more pleasant place to be.

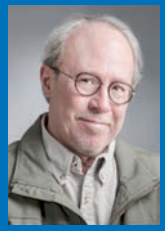
You know, Walt Disney was from Missouri with very strong traditional American values. He worked hard to bring the Golden

Rule into his business and into the lives of millions of people making it a requirement for employment in the happy worlds he created. Courtesy, warmth, caring, problem solving and compassion applied to life by treating others the way we want to be treated. What a plan! I am pretty sure that most of us grew up being taught just that by our parents, Sunday School teachers and teachers. It is time we embrace that again to create a better world. It requires effort, it requires time, and it requires that we use the manners our mothers taught us.

Remember my friends, you don't have to agree with one another to care for one another. You also must remember that we never know the burdens that others are carrying and we can often lighten the load with a smile and a little warmth.

After all, we carry the 'happiest place on earth' within us wherever we go and we should never forget how "small our world" really is.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



a definitive ruling," read the letter signed by Victoria North, the comptroller's general counsel on fiscal and agency affairs.

Meanwhile, four ex-employees of Paxton have asked the Texas Supreme Court for permission to move forward with a wrongful termination suit against their ex-boss since they still haven't received their settlement money, kut.org reported. The four had reached a \$3.3 million settlement with Paxton in February, but the Texas Legislature never approved the settlement. They are now seeking to move forward with the lawsuit in Travis County.

"After seven months and after the positions taken at the impeachment trial, there is no reason to believe a final settlement agreement is achievable at this point," Monday's filing with the court reads.

Anti-drag law ruled unconstitutional

A federal judge last week ruled a law restricting drag performances in Texas violates free speech and is unconstitutional, the Texas Standard reported. Senate Bill 12 banned sexually oriented performances in the presence of minors.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner, appointed to the bench by then-President Ronald Reagan, said the law was overly broad.

"Based on evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the court finds there is substantial likelihood that SB 12 as drafted violated the First Amendment of the United States Constitution under one or more of the legal theories put forward by the plaintiffs," Hittner wrote in the temporary restraining order.

The state is expected to appeal.

Nearly 900,000 Texans lose Medicaid

After federal regulations enacted during the pandemic banned states from removing people from Medicaid were lifted in April, nearly 900,000 Texans have lost those benefits, with many also having their SNAP benefits delayed, the Texas Tribune reported. The state has been rechecking the eligibility of every person in the program, and the logjam has resulted in hundreds of thousands losing their healthcare coverage, largely due to procedural errors.

Those most affected are children, women who recently gave birth, and disabled adults.

"Every parent worries about their child getting hurt or seriously ill," Michelle Castillo, deputy director for the nonprofit Children's Defense Fund, said at a news conference. "That fear is magnified when your child's Medicaid case is in limbo."

Eligibility for SNAP benefits have also been slowed, with the waiting period now 100 days in Texas. The federal standard is 30 days.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Household debt ...

Household debt in the United States is at an all-time high – more than \$17 trillion. Of that amount, the lion's share, almost \$12.4 trillion, is for housing, and credit card obligations recently topped \$1 trillion. These are big numbers, and they are rising. The question is whether they are a cause for concern. The short answer is "not really" given current conditions, though there are some underlying issues which bear watching.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York tracks household debt using a nationally representative random sample of Equifax credit report data; it is reported quarterly in the Household Debt and Credit Report. Total household debt balances grew by \$16 billion in the second quarter of 2023, a relatively small increase.

The largest increase was in credit card debt, up \$45 billion to \$1.03 trillion. After dropping sharply during the first year of the pandemic due to stimulus payments and a lack of options for spending, credit card balances have recently been expanding at a notable pace.

In Texas, total debt per capita is \$55,400, slightly lower than the national average of \$59,970 and well under states such as California (\$83,330) or Nevada (\$66,920). A key reason is mortgages, which are \$66,900 per capita in California but only \$36,240 in Texas. Compared to the US average, Texans tend to have significantly higher auto loan debt and slightly larger credit card balances.

Although there has been a slight uptick in accounts with overdue payments, delinquency rates are generally around pre-pandemic levels. It's a very different situation from the Great Recession, during which financial difficulties and debt delinquencies rose rapidly and affected individuals and households across the income spectrum. In fact, the current pattern is more of a return to normal than a signal of a major problem.

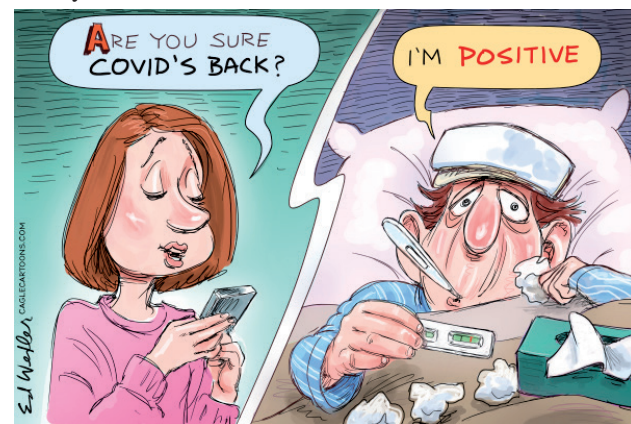
These overall increases are largely continuations of long-term trends given recovery from the pandemic-related shifts. A couple of components, however, are somewhat troubling.

One is auto loans. Delinquencies are rising and an increasing percentage of owners have negative equity due to purchases at high prices during recent supply chain disruptions. While it's possible to trade a car with negative equity, rolling the amount into the new loan increases the financial burden.

Mortgages are another potential challenge. Homeowners who locked in extremely low interest rates may be unable to afford comparable homes or upgrades at current rates and are under pressure to remain where they are. As a result, there aren't many houses for sale, and the real estate market will take time to fully normalize.

Thus far, households appear to be managing their debt levels relatively well despite the challenges. Barring an unforeseen shock to the economy, this pattern will likely continue.

Stay safe!



THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION BY FAITH ONLY # 4

In spite, of the fact that the Bible plainly says in James 2: 24 "By works man is justified, and not by faith only" the idea that people are saved simply by believing in God continues to be one of the widespread misconceptions in the religious world today.

In a previous article I mentioned that one reason many people have that misconception is because they do not distinguish between being saved "by faith," which the Bible does teach, and the idea that people are saved by "faith only," which the Bible does not teach.

One of the best Bible illustrations that shows the way faith and obedience go together in obtaining God's promised blessings is found in Hebrews 11: 30. Actually, the entire eleventh chapter illustrates that "saving" faith is "obeying" faith. Verse 4 says: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice." Verse 7 says: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Verse 8 says "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place...obeyed; and he went out." These are just 3 of many examples in Hebrews 11 that illustrate how the kind of faith that God blesses is the kind of faith that does what God requires to be blessed.

But notice especially how the Scriptures describe the conquest of the ancient city of Jericho which is related in the Old Testament book of Joshua. It tells us that event took place by "faith" after "obedience." Here's what Hebrews 11: 30 says: "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down AFTER they were compassed about seven days." You will notice that the victory-conquest over Jericho was accomplished "by faith." But it was by faith "after" the Israelites "obeyed" God! Now, I think most of us can easily understand that the wall never would have fallen if the Jews had said: "We believe in God, but we won't walk around the walls like He told us to do." You see, they not only had to "believe" what God said, but they also had to "obey what God commanded." That's not difficult to understand, is it? Well, in a similar way people are not saved by "faith" until their faith causes them to "obey commands God requires to be saved."

Now, back to James 2: 22 speaking of Abraham, says: "'Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect (complete),' Neither works nor faith operating ALONE can justify; each in cooperation with the other produce justification from God. Think on these things.."

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for their help.

“You are here on behalf of Gladewater’s education foundation that funds grants for teachers who in turn give back to the students of Gladewater ISD,” Ellis reminded the audience of enthusiastic school supporters between sets by The 3AM Band. “I want to reiterate that our kids are more than a test. Our teachers know that and by you being here, you know that, too.”

Saturday’s event included an online silent auction from donations by community members along with a live ‘heads and tails’ challenge.

Returning auctioneer Chuck Darling spearheaded the evening’s big-ticket rapid-fire sale of everything from vacation packages to projects handmade by GISD students and community artisans.

Every dollar benefits the faculty and student body of the district, Ellis told the sold-out crowd, funding innovation grants for teachers such as the night’s ‘Ask’ for choir director Darren Richardson’s Keyboard Kapers.

Requesting \$5,200, Richardson’s idea reaped \$7,100 from attendees in a matter of minutes.

“Our staff lives our children,” Ellis added, queuing up a spotlight video featuring staffers and children singing Whitney Houston’s “The Greatest Love of All.” Truly, Ellis said, “Our children are our future and it’s our job to teach them well.

“We are all about loving these students, about giving them our all as teachers and giving them our best, everything they need. The Gladewater education foundation listens to their needs and fulfills them. The only way that we can find those needs is because of you tonight.”



Gladewater High School Band alumnus Lance Cpl. Kade Johnston recently graduating from the Naval School of Music. He has been assigned to Marine Band San Diego, San Diego California.

Burn ban vote tied

By Phillip Williams

By a 2-2 tie vote with one member absent, the Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday declined to reinstate the recently-lifted rural burn ban.

Two Upshur County cities, Gilmer and Big Sandy, still have such bans in effect for now, however. Those prohibitions, and the county’s former one, came in the wake of recent extremely hot, dry weather which made outdoor burning hazardous.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley’s motion Friday to renew the rural restriction drew support from Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle, but opposition from Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson and Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller.

Since County Judge Todd Tefteller was absent, there was nobody to break the tie vote at the meeting in Gilmer, so Ashley’s motion failed.

The court had voted 4-1 Sept. 15 to end the ban with only Ashley dissenting. He later said conditions were still too dry to safely burn outdoors.

Tefteller, who voted to end the ban at the Sept. 15 meeting, said at that time that if conditions worsened enough, he would reinstate the order on his own, as he has legal

authority to do.

He had issued it in early August, and the court had voted more than once to continue it.

The week after the court lifted the ban, Ashley said he and Dolle had both received numerous phone calls asking if it be reinstated, and that they emailed County Judge Todd Tefteller about it. The matter then appeared on Friday’s agenda.

With Nicholson presiding in Tefteller’s place Friday, Ashley moved to reinstate the order, citing data from the Texas A&M Forest Service to back his contention that burning was still too hazardous.

Dolle, who had originally voted to lift the temporary prohibition, said his constituents wanted it restored and that many persons in his precinct were burning unsafely. He also said he had little recent rainfall at his home.

Miller, though, said “I haven’t heard of any issues” with lifting the order, and asked why emergency personnel weren’t present to support renewing the prohibition.

At the Sept. 15 meeting, Nicholson had said the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 wanted the ban ended, while Miller and Tefteller said county Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols also favored terminating it.

Indictments handed down

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 22 indictments, eight of them sealed, while no-billing three cases and passing one, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments returned Sept. 21 in Gilmer were as follows, Byrd’s office said:

Davion Kelpatrick Auston, 20, of Pittsburg, aggravated assault against public servant with deadly weapon on May 27. He remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$75,000 bond.

Dagan Greg Young, 18, of Ore City, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on April 21. He was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Ethon Marquist Polty, 18, of Longview, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on June 19. He was released on \$75,000 bond.

Dana Sierra-Sunshine Fielder, 38, of Commerce, driving while intoxicated with child passenger on May 16. She was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Michael Wayne Humphrey, a Daingerfield resident who turned 33 Sept. 26, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information--enhanced on June 13. Bond was set at \$15,000, but he was released to Wood County authorities to face charges there.

(“Enhanced” means the defendant has a prior record which could allow a stiffer sentence if he is convicted of the new charge.)

Tony Ray Hyden, 55, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 23. He was freed on \$5,000 bond.

Jordan Lee Donovan Balgos, 24, of Diana, burglary of building on July 11. He remained jailed under \$50,000 bond.

Buck Edward Clary, 41, of Gilmer, retaliation on July 23. He remained jailed under \$20,000 bond.

Phillip Andrew Dotson, 58, of Diana, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on March 14, 2022. After a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond was set, he was released to Harrison County authorities to face charges there.

Lacey Ann Hyden, 36, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 31, 2022. She was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Joshua Michael Hortman, 36, of Harleton, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Sept. 26, 2022. He was released on \$10,000 bond.

Dionta Maurice Daniel, 34, of Bryan, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Jan. 15. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

Juan J. Guerrero-Salas, 37, of Gilmer, was separately indicted on two charges: theft of property of the value of \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000, and possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine.)

He is charged with committing the theft Oct. 30, 2022 and the drug offense Nov. 30, 2022. Bond was set at \$45,000 on the drug charge, but as for the theft indictment, Byrd’s office said Guerrero-Salas remained jailed on that and other charges.

Anyone charged in the sealed indictments wasn’t identified since no arrest had been made in those cases, said Byrd.

They included two for credit or debit card abuse, and one each for injury to a child, abandon/endanger a child, online solicitation of a minor (enhanced), assault/family violence--occlusion with previous conviction, theft of property of the value of \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000, and assault/family violence with previous conviction.

Natures of the no-billed and passed cases weren’t disclosed.

Council adopts guidelines for meetings

By James Draper

The Gladewater City Council officially adopted a new set of operating guidelines last week, simplified rules for parliamentary procedure that reflect how they’ve handled business for years.

The discussion and unanimous approval came amid a robust agenda that touched on a wide range of topics in an efficient two-hour span.

In addition to renaming a portion of Roden Lane and adjusting the lease for the community’s ballpark – covered in separate stories in the Mirror – the council members also unanimously re-upped the publication as the city’s newspaper of record.

Regarding their own operations, during the summer the council appointed a committee to study and update their procedures beyond their standard nod to Robert’s Rules of Order. Chaired by councilman Teddy Sorrells, the group included Mayor Scott Owens along with council members Brandy Flanagan and Rocky Hawkins.

According to Sorrells, “We had two meetings on this committee where we discussed rules for parliamentary procedure,” he said. They opted for simplified rules to avoid getting bogged down in overly-complex codes. “We took into account how we have done things in the past as a council.”

For example, in more rigid systems discussion may be restricted to only after a motion is being considered. The Gladewater council, however, typically opts to discuss an issue before a motion is made and may discuss the motion further after it’s presented.

“We decided to keep that process because it works well for us,” Sorrells noted. “What follows are just simplified rules for parliamentary procedure. We already operate under rules, otherwise we wouldn’t be able to get anything done.”

It’s not necessarily a departure from what’s already being

done, Owens agreed.

“Maybe a little bit more formality from what we do sometimes,” he added.

After initially considering the same set of rules for the city’s boards as well, the council members agreed to keep them solely for the dais at City Hall.

“I thought we should leave the boards alone,” councilwoman Brandy Flanagan said. “They’re not a governing entity where anything could fall on them legally.”

In other business Sept. 21, the council:

- signed off on an application to East Texas Council of Government’s Solid Waste Grant. In the past, funds have been used for projects like the city’s ‘tire trailer’ collecting during a citywide cleanup event. “This will be for next Spring,” Mayor Scott Owens said.

- approved fire protection agreements between the Gladewater and Upshur County ESD #1 for both the city and for Union Grove;

- submitted John Ussery and Tracy McKnight as nominees for the Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Later this Fall, the council members will vote on a full slate of candidates nominated throughout the county: “We only have a portion of the vote and that’s allocated,” Owens said, “by the number of residents in upshur County within our city limits.”

- approved a standard municipal maintenance agreement between the City of Gladewater and Texas Department of Transportation;

- adopted a resolution to officially designate \$1.57 million in monies from the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund / American Rescue Plan Act toward salary expenses tied to qualifying projects;

- signed off on budget amendments for Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

Teen escapes deputy’s car, recaptured

By Phillip Williams

A 17-year-old Gilmer woman faces multiple charges after she escaped briefly last week through the window of an Upshur County deputy sheriff’s patrol car as he was transporting her to jail, said Chief Deputy David Hazel.

Corah Anderson was being held Monday under bonds of \$250,000 for escape, a felony; \$25,000 for felony possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), \$5,000 for misdemeanor resisting arrest and \$2,500 each for two misdemeanor criminal mischief charges, Hazel reported.

Upshur County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Berton set the bonds on Anderson, who was lodged in the county jail at Gilmer after the Sept. 27 escape, the chief deputy said.

The suspect escaped after being treated at a Longview hospital for causing “a significant cut to her wrist while in the commission of a criminal mischief during a domestic incident,” Hazel said in a press release. “She was under arrest related to that case” when she escaped, he added.

Due to her injury, “and her cooperation at” the hospital, the unidentified deputy had decided to transport her to jail without handcuffs, Hazel said.

In a press release, he then gave these details of subsequent events:

As the deputy slowed for a red light at the intersection of Texas 300 and FM 1844 in the East Mountain area, the woman “managed to lower a rear window and jumped out” it about 11:50 a.m. “She then ran off while the deputy was trying to maneuver his vehicle in traffic.”

The woman subsequently “flagged down an unsuspecting motorist and told them someone was trying to kill her, so they offered her into their vehicle to get away. Other motorists saw this and reported this to arriving law enforcement.

“The vehicle was quickly located north of the location of Hwy. 300 and the female was recaptured” within minutes. “The motorist was released with no charges as they did not know the female’s real intent when they gave her a ride.”

WHAT'S HAPPENING



ABOVE - Cooper Manley and Angel Davis are pictured with Judy Van Houten, Gladewater Lions Club President, after being named September Students of the Month at GMS.

BELOW - Caleb Budro and Bailey Childress were named August Students of the month GMS.



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.

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.

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.

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.

County library hosts storytime Thursday

A uniformed Gilmer police officer will read two children's books about police to youngsters at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (Oct. 5.) To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. gatherings are "Officer Buckle and Gloria" by Peggy Rathmann, and "Police Officers On Patrol" by Kersten Hamilton, said County Librarian Cynthia King. Officer Ronnie McMillon will do the readings, a police spokeswoman said.

For more information, call the library at (903) 843-5001.

Texas leads oil-industry deaths

Texas is well known as the nation's largest oil producer. It also leads the nation in deaths related to oil and gas extraction, according to a report in the Texas Standard. Between 2014 through 2019, there were 460 deaths in the industry nationwide, and 219 of the fatalities occurred in Texas — nearly half. That's according to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Our goal is to have zero safety incidents, and we work toward that every day, but work in our industry is challenging and can be dangerous if proper safety protocols are not followed," said Stephen Robertson of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Senior citizen sale

The Gilmer Area Senior Citizens organization will host a fund-raising yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It will be in the organization's parking lot off



Gladewater 8th Grader Aubrey Manley has made the All-Region Orchestra and will perform in a concert on Saturday, December 2nd. This is believed to be Gladewater ISD's first ever Cellist to make All-Region. Aubrey transferred from Kilgore which has a strings program into Gladewater which does not. She took the initiative to email GMS Band Director Rhett Pilcher and ask if he would sponsor her audition for the orchestra. He agreed and she was moved to his Instrumental Ensemble class where she practiced daily for her audition. She also took private lessons with accomplished cellist Pam Martin of Longview. Her hard work paid off resulting in her being placed in the All-Region Orchestra.

Silver Alley, behind the seniors' meeting place, which is the former Gilmer fire station fronting on Harrison Street.

Available items will include, among others, books, clothing, a DVD player, video cassette recorders, electronics, cowboy boots and numerous shoes.

The senior citizen group's membership of \$25 annually is open to anyone age 50 or older, and they need not live in the Gilmer area. Members meet during the week for games, and a weekly Friday potluck luncheon, which sometimes features speakers on various topics.

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Firefighters finish the call by repairing lake pier

A trio of Gladewater firefighters finished the call at Lake Gladewater's pier last week.

It's a practical example of a guiding philosophy fire chief Mike Simmons encourages among his crews – to go above and beyond immediate needs when the opportunity arises.

In this case, firefighters were first called to the pier after a child stepped through a rotten board and got stuck. After seeing to the immediate need – relatively minor, fortunately – emergency responders Cory Hill, James Lynn and Kayson Miles took a closer look and pinpointed which slats needed to be replaced.

East Texas Homes donated lumber to mitigate the problem, and the firefighters set to work.

"We thought it would be a good idea to go down there and change them to prevent that kind of incident from happening again," Hill said.

The goal is to 'Finish the Call' beyond the immediate circumstances. Among other things, it's taking a moment to approach a situation from a different vantage point and identify a further need or, if possible, a solution.

"That's our goal," Hill added. "We apply that in every call."

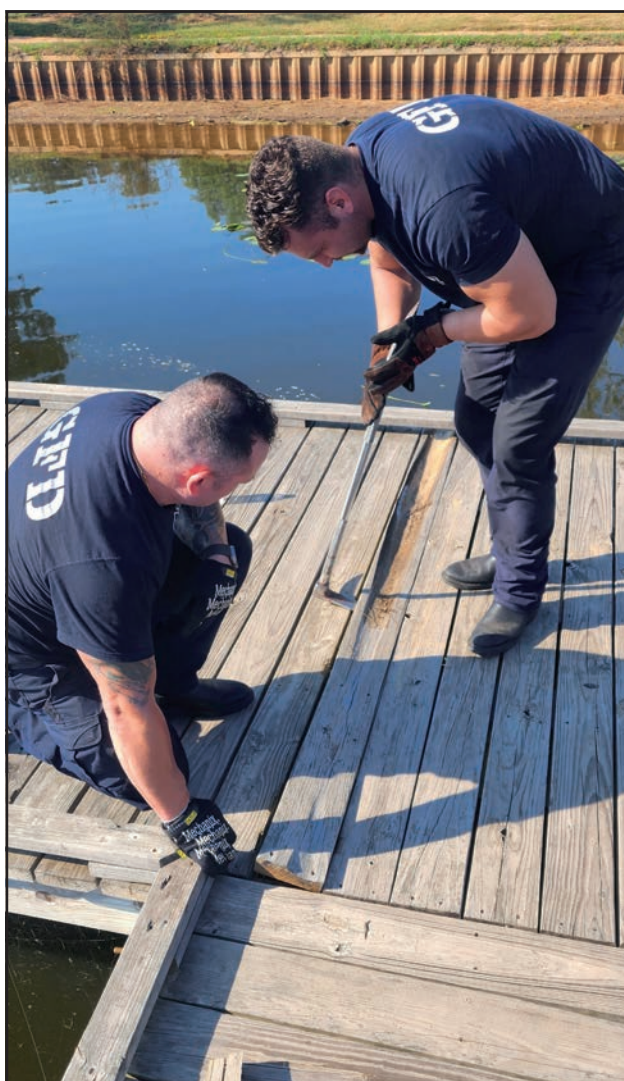
"It's going above and beyond just showing up and responding to the incident. It's trying to prevent that incident from happening again or doing something to help that person that called us."

In a lot of cases, Simmons agreed, it's about showing kindness.

"It's helping that person who's having a bad day," Simmons said, "going a little bit further to help them. It's going above and beyond just what's expected in the call in order to serve our community."

Meanwhile, it's about finding ways to make the community safer and empowering firefighters to be that change.

"If you see something more that needs to be done, you have my power and authority to come up with a solution."



Firefighters Cory Hill, James Lynn and Kayson Miles (not pictured) replace old boards at the Lake Gladewater pier to 'Finish the Call' after a recent incident when a child became stuck in a rotted plank.

Courtesy photo by Mike Simmons

Jury selection for murder trial on tap

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Grant remained in Upshur County Jail at Gilmer on Monday. His bond was set at \$5 million when the county grand jury indicted him in July 2018, court records show.

The charge of capital murder, punishable in Texas only by lethal injection or life imprisonment without parole, resulted from the fact he was allegedly in the course of kidnapping or attempting to kidnap Rhoads when she was slain.

Under Texas law, murdering someone while in the course of committing another felony is considered capital murder, as opposed to murder, which isn't punishable by death.

Then-115th District Judge Lauren Parish issued a "gag order" in the case, and it is unknown whether Byrd will seek the death penalty.

Rhoads' body was found on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, near Diana.

At the time, Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb's office said some individuals who were recreationally riding in a vehicle found the remains just off a pipeline right-of-way on FM 726, just north of Texas 154. The site is about three miles west of Diana.

Teen charged with arson in church fire

By Phillip Williams

A 16-year-old youth has been charged with felony arson in connection with a Friday night fire which burned the rural Mt. Lebanon CME Church in northwest Upshur County, said Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

The boy was booked into the Gregg County Juvenile Detention Center in Longview after the blaze resulted in a "near complete loss to the church," Hazel said. The youth wasn't identified in the chief deputy's press release as juvenile crime suspects' names aren't usually released to the public.

Deputies responded around 7:41 p.m. to the fire at 10121 Squirrel Road, which is off FM 2088, Hazel wrote.

Near the church, officers found a wrecked car and the suspect "close by," he added. The juvenile acknowledged wrecking the auto and that he "caused the fire," Hazel said.

After issuing the release, the chief deputy quoted the youth as saying he lit a candle "and it caught something on fire." The Gilmer Fire Department said it responded to the blaze.

Get ready for the upcoming annular solar eclipse with safety in mind. The annular solar eclipse, occurring on October 14, features a "ring of fire" created by the sun's shadow around the moon and parts of Texas will be in the path of totality.

● Know before you go by having multiple routes planned for your intended destination and allow for plenty of time for traveling. There may be increased traffic and congestion on some roads.

● Avoid confusion and congestion by pre-planning and getting to your viewing spot early.

The City of Gladewater will receive bids for Hendricks St. Water, Sewer, and Street Improvements. Bids will be received until 10:00am on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, TX 75647. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, TX 75647. Bids received after 10:00 am will be returned, unopened.

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.

PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS may be examined without charge at Gladewater City Hall. Bid forms and plans may be examined or obtained at the office of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., 320 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, Texas 75702. One copy of each set of documents may be obtained from Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., upon payment of \$ 60.00. No refunds will be made. Plans can also be found online at www.civcastusa.com.

A Bidder's Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check in an amount not less than (5%) of the total bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into contract with the City of Gladewater, Texas.

This project will include approximately 1,409 LF of 10" C-900 DR (PC 235) PVC waterline, 17 water service connections, 5 fire hydrants, 1,475 LF of 8" D2241 PR 160 SDR 26 PVC Sanitary Sewer Line, 5 manholes, 17 sewer service connections, 5,200 SY of Rework of Road Base, 572 Tons of HMA, and other miscellaneous items of construction.

The project is to be fully complete within 150 calendar days from the notice to proceed. Liquidated damages of \$300.00 per day shall be assessed for any days in which contract time is exceeded.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Joyce Hugman

The Gladewater Garden Club held the first meeting of the club year recently in the Club Room of the Gardens of Gladewater. The tables were artfully decorated with fall flower arrangements. President Michelle Askew opened the meeting with the news that this is the Seventy Fifth year anniversary for the group. Other clubs have come and gone but the Garden Club continues to get new members. Nancy Holly gave the opening prayer. Secretary Anne Hatfield read the minutes of the last meeting. Barbara Kennedy gave the treasurer's report.

Jamie Ballard and the Civic committee were recognized for keeping the planters in front of the Police Building, the Lee-Bardwell Library, and in the Antique District with beautiful, well tended plants.

Individual photos were made of the 26 members present in anticipation of a directory that is being prepared.

President Askew reviewed the activities for the coming year and announced committees. Next meeting will be October 23rd and the program will be Wynn Skelton of Vital Earth Resources, a local business. He has much to share with the group about proper soil.

Copious refreshments were served to the club and Shelia Faggans delighted all with door prizes.

The President welcomed a new member, Mr. Norman Livezey. Besides those mentioned, attending were Judy Banner, Joy Barnett, Phyllis Bethune, Mo Cuke, Jackie Findley, Janell Garnett, Beth Hodges, Joyce Hugman, Judy McBride, Terri Seery, Linda Wells, Diane Whaley, and Tammy White.

OBITUARIES

KEITH RAY BROOKS

Keith Ray Brooks, 63 of Gladewater passed away on September 29, 2023 at his residence surrounded by family. Keith was born on December 16, 1959 in Gladewater. Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 3rd under the direction of Croley Funeral Home.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 TX Jimmy who wrote "Galveston"

5 TXism: "neon light ____" (inspiration)

6 ____ in the storm

7 Uvalde-born Evans these can't be used to buy Texas lottery tickets (2 wds.)

16 commercials

17 Texas danger sign: a ____ an empty saddle

20 TXism: "fair ____ midlin"

21 TXism: "____ kisser" (politician)

22 TXism: "put on ____" (gain weight)

24 Tex-Mex appetizers

29 TX Larry McMurry book and series: "Lonesome ____"

30 TX Jenkins' "You Gotta Play ____"

31 TX Orbison hit: "____ Pretty Woman"

32 TXism: "racked my ____" (thought)

33 "baling" or "barbed"

34 it's natural at Astros' Minute Maid Park

35 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley ____"


36 "C" in "CPA"

38 TX Debbie Reynolds book: "If I Knew ____"

39 Dallas-based film: "The ____ Blue Line"

40 Brewster County elevation (2 wds.)

42 TXism: "barking up the ____ tree"



43 TX Miller or Texas Gov. Richards

44 crime ____ is high in Dallas and Houston

45 TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would stop ____" (unlucky)

46 George H.W.'s Persian Gulf War general (init.)

47 Texas ballplayer film: "____ Stratton Story"

49 Roy is the hero; Uvalde's Evans is the ____

50 TXism: "he thinks he's the only rooster in the ____ yard"

51 Texas fire ____

52 a TX Charley Pride recording label

53 Dallas Stars org.

10 TXism: "he'd have to study up ____ a half wit" (dumb)

11 TXism: "catterwall"

12 TXism: "sure ____ shooting" (certain)

13 TX Gene Tierny film: "The ____ of Jesse James"

14 Fort Worth zoo was 2nd to hatch ____ crocodiles

15 sediment carried by the Rio Grande River

18 former coach, Landry (init.)

19 TXism: "____ and hollering"

21 Red River is the TX-OK ____

23 TXism: "____ - doodle" (gadget)

24 former network of Texas "Tarzan" Ron Ely

25 TXism: "his facts ____ elastic" (liar)

26 TX Bonnie & Clyde were shot in one

27 some think Oswald was hired as one

28 Texas truck crop

29 to avoid 22-across

30 TWU's first woman president: Blagg ____

33 TX Charley Pride hit: "You ____ Again" (1980)

34 "Polo on the Prairie" is held at the "Lazy ____" near Albany

35 bogus

37 Rockport is "where the ____ never sets"

38 TXism: "nail his hide ____ door"

39 stale expression

41 school subject


42 this Keenan played Digger on "Dallas"

45 TXism: "it'll ____ a pinch"

48 Ruby inflicted a ____ wound on Lee Harvey Oswald

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| | SUSPICIOUS NOISE | 20235388 | 0:28 | | 510 WOOD WOOD |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235389 | 5:01 | | 300 W GAY GAY |
| | EMS | 20235390 | 7:41 | ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK | 500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485 |
| | ASSIST | 20235391 | 8:47 | | 1105 MARY MARY ST |
| | EMS | 20235392 | 10:00 | | 1208 MARY MARY ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235393 | 12:04 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | RECKLESS DRIVING | 20235394 | 13:44 | | HWY 271 S HWY 271 S |
| | 10-50 MINOR | 20235395 | 13:48 | | HWY 271 S HWY 271 S |
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| | EMS | 20235399 | 15:31 | | 524 PELPHREY PELPHREY |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235400 | 16:04 | | 1922 N LYNN LYNN ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235401 | 17:34 | | 2816 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20235402 | 18:33 | | 1107 N OLIVE OLIVE ST |
| | THEFT | 20235403 | 18:36 | | 287 N FERRY FERRY ST |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235404 | 19:46 | | N EDWARDS EDWARDS |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235405 | 20:38 | | 801 B TENERY TENERY |
| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20235406 | 20:40 | LAY LOW AUTOMOTIVE | 801 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235408 | 22:58 | | 1108 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR |
| | EMS | 20235409 | 23:36 | | 210 HURLEY HURLEY AVE |
| 9/25/23 | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235410 | 2:22 | | 512 S TYLER TYLER |
| | EMS | 20235411 | 4:15 | | 1008 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE |
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| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20235415 | 14:12 | LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME | 1201 FM 2685 FM 2685 |
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| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235422 | 18:28 | | GLADEWATER AREA GLADEWATER AREA |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235423 | 19:30 | GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL | 2201 W GAY GAY AVE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235424 | 21:03 | | 810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE |
| 9/26/23 | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235425 | 0:01 | | LEE LEE ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235427 | 9:51 | | UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | CRIM MIS | 20235428 | 10:30 | | 601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | PUBLIC INTOXICATION | 20235429 | 10:37 | MCDONALDS | 1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | ASSIST | 20235430 | 11:51 | ECONOMY TOWING | 302 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20235431 | 12:26 | | 112 N CENTER CENTER ST |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235432 | 14:59 | | 42 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS |
| | EMS | 20235433 | 16:49 | DOLLAR GENERAL | 904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | EMS | 20235434 | 17:48 | | 810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE |
| | THEFT | 20235436 | 20:12 | | 37 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE |
| | 10-50 MINOR | 20235437 | 20:28 | SEYMORES WILCO | 1288 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235438 | 20:36 | | 55 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES |
| | 10-50 MAJOR | 20235439 | 22:52 | | FM 2685 FM 2685 |
| 9/27/23 | FIRE DEPT | 20235441 | 8:20 | ALFRED FAMILY DENTISTRY | 418 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | ASSIST | 20235445 | 13:21 | | 905 TENERY TENERY |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235446 | 14:59 | GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL | 100 W GAY GAY AVE |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20235448 | 16:07 | TEXAS TRADITIONS | 807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY |
| | THEFT | 20235449 | 16:39 | | 307 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE |
| | THEFT | 20235450 | 17:19 | | GODFREY GODFREY |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235451 | 17:47 | | 202 W GREGG GREGG AVE |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20235452 | 18:03 | | 713 W QUITMAN QUITMAN |
| | RECKLESS DRIVING | 20235453 | 18:06 | | HWY 80 HWY 80 |
| | EMS | 20235454 | 18:49 | | 505 EAST LAKE DR EAST LAKE DR |
| | EMS | 20235455 | 21:51 | DANIELLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE | 1014 N LYNN LYNN ST |
| 9/28/23 | EMS | 20235456 | 0:20 | | 204 MAPLE MAPLE |
| | EMS | 20235457 | 1:12 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | EMS | 20235458 | 1:44 | | 1508 DASEY DASEY |
| | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 20235459 | 2:31 | | 890 BRIARCOVE BRIARCOVE |
| | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 20235460 | 3:57 | DOLLAR GENERAL | 1821 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20235461 | 6:17 | GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL | 100 W GAY GAY AVE |
| | EMS | 20235462 | 6:45 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235463 | 7:07 | | 895 SCOTT SCOTT |
| | EMS | 20235464 | 7:35 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | EMS | 20235465 | 9:28 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20235466 | 9:30 | | N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | THEFT | 20235467 | 9:38 | | 217 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | EMS | 20235468 | 9:44 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20235469 | 10:31 | DANIELLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE | 1014 N LYNN LYNN ST |
| | ASSIST | 20235470 | 11:54 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | EMS | 20235471 | 14:16 | | 1815 FM 2685 FM 2685 |
| | EMS | 20235472 | 14:59 | SENTINEL GARDENS | 300 MONEY MONEY ST |
| | SIMPLE ASSAULT "C" | 20235473 | 17:06 | | 810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20235474 | 18:40 | | 608 N TENERY TENERY |
| | EMS | 20235475 | 18:42 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | EMS | 20235476 | 19:05 | GLADEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235477 | 19:07 | | 510 WHITE WHITE |
| | EMS | 20235478 | 19:48 | | HWY 135 HWY 135 |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235479 | 20:57 | | 2 MCKAG MCKAG CIR |
| | EMS | 20235480 | 22:48 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| 9/29/23 | UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH | 20235481 | 0:03 | | 1105 N OLIVE OLIVE |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20235483 | 0:36 | | 1105 N OLIVE OLIVE |
| | EMS | 20235484 | 1:04 | BODACIOUS BBQ | 1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE |
| | EMS | 20235485 | 4:39 | | 519 MELBA MELBA |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20235486 | 8:46 | | UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235488 | 9:52 | TEXAS PIZZA HOUSE | 709 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | ASSIST | 20235489 | 10:47 | | DEAN DEAN |
| | ASSIST | 20235490 | 12:55 | | 4550 HWY 80 HWY 80 |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235491 | 17:01 | | 303 N LEE LEE ST |
| | CRIM TRESPASS | 20235492 | 18:26 | | 201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20235493 | 18:47 | LAKE GLADEWATER | 1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20235494 | 20:40 | | 402 LIVE OAK LIVE OAK |
| | RECKLESS DRIVING | 20235495 | 21:31 | | HWY 80 HWY 80 |
| | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 20235496 | 23:19 | LAKE GLADEWATER | 1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR |
| 9/30/23 | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235497 | 2:02 | | 1300 S TYLER TYLER |
| | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 20235498 | 5:18 | SEYMORES WILCO | 1288 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | 10-50 MINOR | 20235499 | 8:27 | | 2608 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20235500 | 11:14 | FAITH TABERNACLE | 220 HULL HULL AVE |
| | EMS | 20235501 | 12:25 | | 500 E EDDY EDDY ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235502 | 12:32 | VICE CITY SMOKE SHOP | 807 S TYLER TYLER |
| | THEFT | 20235503 | 13:46 | | 811 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235504 | 14:21 | | |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235505 | 15:39 | | 1000 NELWYN NELWYN AVE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235506 | 15:42 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235507 | 18:21 | | 15279 COUNTY ROAD 3109 COUNTY ROAD 3109 |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20235508 | 18:58 | | 2600 WOODBINE WOODBINE |
| | EMS | 20235509 | 19:02 | | 109 N PAUL PAUL |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20235510 | 19:29 | | 2201 W GAY GAY AVE |
| | CRIM MIS | 20235511 | 19:40 | | 887 N LEE LEE |
| | 10-50 MINOR | 20235512 | 20:45 | | W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE |
| | ANIMAL CONTROL | 20235513 | 21:06 | | S LOOP 485 LOOP 485 |
| | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 20235514 | 21:36 | | ELM ELM |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235515 | 21:39 | | 522 W MARSHALL MARSHALL |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235516 | 22:15 | | 1105 OLIVE OLIVE |
| 10/1/23 | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235517 | 0:48 | | EDDY EDDY |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235518 | 0:58 | | 30 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE |
| | ANIMAL CONTROL | 20235519 | 1:09 | | S LOOP 485 LOOP 485 |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235520 | 1:16 | BUMBLE BEE PARK | 837 COACH COCKSEY ST COACH COCKSEY ST |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20235521 | 2:07 | | MCKAG MCKAG |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235522 | 8:21 | | 1804 LAKE SHORE LAKE SHORE |
| | EMS | 20235523 | 9:31 | CEFCO 79 | 1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20235525 | 10:51 | ALLSTATE COATINGS | 100 N LEE LEE ST |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20235526 | 10:55 | | 406 HOWARD HOWARD ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20235527 | 11:14 | TELES MEXICAN RESTAURANT | 401 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | EMS | 20235529 | 12:50 | | 801 COACH COCKSEY COACH COCKSEY |

GPD POLICE ARRESTS


| ARREST DATE | ARREST DATE | TIME | FULL NAME | RACE | SEX | OFFENSE | LOCATION ADDRESS |
|-------------|-------------|-------|--------------------|------|-----|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 9/26/23 | 9/26/23 | 23:55 | JONES, DYLAN KEITH | W | M | DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED | 1000 FM 2685 |
| | 9/26/23 | 12:48 | GRISSOM, ANDREW | W | M | WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY) | 116 W PACIFIC AVE |

WOPD POLICE ACTIVITY

For the reporting period of September 25th through October 1st, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 153 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Burglar Alarms, Traffic Issues (collisions, road hazards, reckless drivers, traffic control, etc.), Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Four traffic collisions were investigated which resulted in no injuries or continuing criminal investigations.

No arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period.



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Chamber collaboration helps GEDCO reach multiple goals

PRESS RELEASE

Gladewater Economic Development Corporation has set strategies and goals for enhancing the city's business and industry as well as its reputation. Constantly working toward those goals, the organization has an active partner in Gladewater Chamber of Commerce.

While Michelle Palmer helms GEDCO as executive director, Lois Reed is her counterpart, collaborator and neighbor as executive director (and cheerleader-in-chief) for Gladewater Chamber of Commerce.

It's an ideal situation, Palmer says, a partnership and friendship that benefits both organizations and their stakeholders/members as well as Gladewater's ever-growing community.

"First of all, the chamber is very active in promoting businesses in Gladewater, internally but also promoting the town externally," she added. "It's a great resource to connect with community members and businesses. For such a small cost, they get to enjoy all the benefits of marketing of Gladewater that the chamber does."

Importantly, the organizations are distinct in their missions, but they naturally find common ground in many areas. Working closely, they avoid redundancy in favor of doubling results.

"Though the EDC and chamber share goals and can overlap in their activities - we can both promote tourism and hold events - we do those things in different ways, so it expands the effort," Palmer said. "There is a reason for each entity to be here."

Between them, they cover all the bases and then some. "The chamber cannot do many of the things the EDC does and vice versa. The things we share, we do through unique approaches."

As the community's economic development corporation, GEDCO and its stakeholders have great respect for the chamber and its role as the key entity promoting economic development in Gladewater, she said.



The healthy working relationship between Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's Lois Reed (left) and Gladewater Economic Development Corporation's Michelle Palmer creates a synergy from which both organizations - and the community at-large - reap the benefits long-term.

"The chamber of commerce often has the ability to be the first impression of the city to citizens and businesses," Palmer praised, "as well as tourists."

"Through the connections that the chamber is able to make, those sometimes will organically lead into connections that are viable prospects for the EDC."

The working relationship's even more robust as the two organizations share space in addition to the goals they share - Palmer and Reed work under the same roof in the chamber's building at 215 N. Main Street downtown.

"The EDC residing in the chamber building is very convenient," Palmer said, "and it promotes our camaraderie and collaboration."

For example, "People have come into the chamber because they've been interested in starting a business in Gladewater. When they

are interested Lois will bring them across the hall for me to have a conversation with them and vet them for the incentive process."

GEDCO reciprocates regularly, showing support for chamber activities by attending as many of the organization's events as possible and encouraging potential members whenever possible. Palmer has a personal membership and enjoys the myriad benefits of being an active chamber participant here.

"Most of the GEDCO board are chamber members themselves, and we encourage all of our partners in the community to do the same, whether individually or as a business or organization," Palmer said. "Every time a new business comes to town, I always encourage them to become members of the chamber."

"The efforts that the chamber does to promote the businesses and tourism are in alignment with the EDC's goals. That's why we have such a strong partnership: because we have common goals and a shared vision."

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SPORTS

By Tyler Sutton

The 2023 high school volleyball season continued this week for both the Gladewater Lady Bears and White Oak LadyNecks. The LadyBears went 0-2 this week dropping a couple of district games. First falling 3-0 to Hughes Springs on Tuesday, September 26th. Then they fell 3-0 to crosstown rival White Oak 3-0 on Friday, September 30th. Gladewater now sits at 5-23 on the season and 0-3 in district play. They will be back in action with 2 more games this week. First on Tuesday, October 3rd they will travel to Daingerfield and then on Friday, October 6th, they will host New Diana.

The White Oak LadyNecks went 2-0 this past week as the continued district play. First on Tuesday, September 26th they defeated New Diana 3-1. Then on Friday, September 30th they defeated rival Gladewater 3-0. The wins improve the LadyNecks to 20-14 on the season and 3-0 in district play. They will be back on the court Tuesday, October 3rd when they travel to Sabine. Then on Friday, October 6th they will travel to Daingerfield.



White Oak won in 4 games, 25-18, 22-25, 25-17, 25-15, over the New Diana Lady Eagles.

Photo by Mike Peery



White Oak's Londyn Bodovsky taps the ball over Martain Caydance of Gladewater in the Ladynecks District win over the Lady Bears 25-8, 25-9, 25-5.

Photo by Mike Peery

Lions fall to Indians, 61-7; host Harleton

The Frankston Indians rolled to a 61-7 win Friday over the Union Grove Lions.

The Indians started scoring early when running back Kaymon Davis scored after breaking a tackle.

But Union Grove roared back and took the lead 7-6 .

But that was the only scoring the Lions could mount as Frankston went on to score 55 unanswered points.

A.J. Donnell scored a touchdown, followed by a Conlan Lemay interception.

Tyler Rogers scored the next two touchdowns, from 50 and 40 yards out, in the first half.

The Lions will host Harleton this Friday at 7:30 p.m..



White Oak Roughneck 8th grader Angel Mejia eludes a Wildcat tackler on his way to his second touchdown of the game in White Oak's 8th grade 12-0 victory over Harleton.

Photo by Mike Peery

“Coot’s Corner” By Coot Putley

Teamwork - Part Two ...

Last week we talked about my first season in Little League baseball. Today, I'll share some thoughts and memories from the next three years.

Unfortunately, I missed the next baseball season after breaking my leg in an accident. You can't play baseball when you're wearing a full length cast on your leg, so most of that summer was spent at home.

Then one evening I made an interesting discovery. Even though we lived across town from the ballpark you could still hear the sounds coming from the games. The crowd cheering - the P.A. announcer - it wasn't exactly a radio broadcast, but with a ten-year old imagination it was close!

The next two years were much better. No casts-just baseball. The Orioles' new coach was Mr. Allen. He was a great guy who loved the game. More importantly, he loved kids and wanted us to have a good time - and we did. To a boy who was crazy about baseball, practices were better than school recess. We worked on fielding drills, throwing to the right base, the proper way to slide, fundamentals which were important in a game. We even learned to bunt. I think the current major leaguers missed that drill.

Sometimes we would play “work-up”, where each player rotated positions as the batter made an out. It provided some fun competition and gave every player an opportunity to play every position. I never forgot those practices. When I began coaching, we used the same drills and I found myself saying the same things that Mr. Allen and the other coaches said, like “Ducks on the pond” when we had runners on base.

Those coaches worked with us to learn to play the game the right way. They also taught us life lessons like sportsmanship and teamwork - and those lessons have stuck with me all my life.

That's one man's opinion. What's yours?

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The City of Gladewater will provide curbside pick-up for any disabled and senior citizens, as available. To schedule this complimentary service please call: Gladewater Public Works: 903-845-2586 by Friday, October 13th during regular business hours.

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