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Man sought in double homicide

By Phillip Williams

A Gilmer man charged with capital murder in connection with the Saturday night slayings of two sisters in rural Upshur County remained at large Tuesday.



An arrest warrant for Alvin Charles McKnight Jr., 41, was issued following the apparent shooting deaths of Mandy Ray, 35, and Dermetrica Dashaunda Waters, 37, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

They were killed at Ray's residence in the 2800 block of U.S. 271 south near Bluebird Road south of Gilmer, authorities said.

Anyone seeing McKnight should not confront him as he is considered armed and extremely dangerous, but should instead contact their local law enforcement agency or Upshur County Crime

Stoppers, authorities added. The sheriff's office's phone number is 903-843-2541, and Gladewater police's number is 903-845-2166.

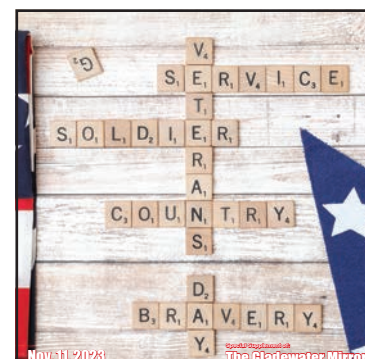
Crime Stoppers raised its original \$1,000 reward for information leading to McKnight's arrest to \$10,000, but someone submitting a tip must call its number at 903-843-3131 to receive that money. Callers to Crime Stoppers need not give their names.

McKnight, who is black, is described as 6-5, approximately 280 pounds and muscular, having braided hair with blonde highlights, Hazel said.

The Gladewater Police Department, which said on its Facebook page that it found his truck on Tenery Street, said he is known as "Pookie" and that he was thought to be near Gay Avenue in that city at one time, but his whereabouts were now unknown.

Hazel said McKnight reportedly has several relatives and friends in the

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Join us and our faithful sponsors in saluting our men and women who served in the military and protected our freedom. Pick up this week's special Veterans Day section.

FOOTBALL

Playoff Time

IT'S GAME TIME!



Gladewater vs Mount Vernon
7:00 p.m. Friday at Pine Tree Pirate Stadium



Photo by Jim Bardwell



It's Holiday Open House time in Downtown Gladewater, so come on down Saturday and join Santa in the Historic Antique District where merchants say "Thank You" for being their guest this year. Treats and festivities begin at 5 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m., complete with the traditional hot chocolate sponsored by the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and free horse-drawn carriage rides sponsored by the Gladewater Mirror and Shipp's Marine.



Holiday Open House among full weekend

Gladewater's Holiday Open house (and the Jolly Old Elf's 2023 debut) is set for 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 11.

The evening is co-hosted by Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, Gladewater Economic Development Corporation and the City of Gladewater in conjunction with downtown's retailers, restaurateurs and other stakeholders.

The event opens with the lighting of downtown's Christmas tree at 6 p.m. followed by a night of holiday shopping alongside an array of food trucks, hot chocolate and a children's play area. The evening will also feature carriage rides. For more information, contact Lois Reed at Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at 903-845-5501.

Veterans luncheon on tap at GFSA

The Gladewater Former Students' Association will treat local vets to a pulled pork luncheon Saturday in honor of Veterans Day.

The complimentary meal is set for 11 a.m. Nov. 11 in the GFSA building at 2509 Hendricks St. and visitors are welcome to join and celebrate the veterans' service. Guest tickets are \$10 per person and help offset the cost of treating the former service members.

In addition to lunch, the day's program will include patriotic music and a guest speaker as well as a drawing for a TV and a gift card.

Veterans are asked to register for the event through either City National Bank or Austin Bank. Additional visitors can purchase their tickets at the same locations. For more information, call 903-780-1375.

Take aim at Lions' turkey shoot

Gladewater Lions Clubs annual Turkey Shoot & Gala Bake Sale is set for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Gladewater Airport – hit the target, win a turkey. Eight shots cost \$7 at the Nov. 11 event, and rifles will be furnished to all shooters. There's a limit of one turkey per household. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled to Nov. 18.

UG's Navarro-Gonzalez national runner-up in the FFA's Spanish Creed Speaking competition



Union Grove's Thomas Navarro-Gonzalez is the nation's runner-up in the Future Farmers of America's Spanish Creed Speaking competition.

It's the inaugural year for the contest, and the UG High School sophomore clinched the No. 2 spot Nov. 1 during the 96th annual National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Notably, Navarro was already Texas Champion going into the event after advancing through three levels of competition to reach – and capture – the state accolade in December 2022.

The teen's achievement represents two major milestones for Union Grove's FFA chapter, estab-

lished in 1950.

"To the best of our abilities, we can tell that Thomas was the first-ever state champion in any FFA competition and, of course, the first national runner-up that we've ever had," said Josh Shafer, Ag Science Teacher and FFA Advisor.

The FFA Creed is five paragraphs. Whether in English or now, Spanish the competitors are tasked with memorizing and reciting the creed with their particular emphasis and style. They then answer questions related to the statement and their lives.

While the English FFA Creed contest has been around for decades, the Spanish-centered event is still new. In addition to their reci-

tation, all questions and responses were in Spanish as well.

For Navarro, the key challenge was finding the best, sincere answers to the questions, especially considering the short amount of time contestants have to ponder it.

"We are judged to see if we make any mistakes," he said, "the way we say it, how we sound, the way we act and how well we answer questions."

At Navarro's request, Shafer waited out in the hallway during his student's spotlight – in order not to add to the teen's nerves. After plenty of practice, though, he knows Navarro's style and has a good idea how the judges

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Eternally grateful ...

Heroes are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. What would a 17-year old country boy be willing to die for? Like millions of America's young men during World War II it wasn't too hard to determine. They died for their country, for family, for freedom and for each other. Some things don't change.

I grew up on stories of the beauty of the Southern Cross constellation, the awesome majesty of Alaska and the charms of the South Pacific. As I grew older I heard about my Dad's best shipmate buddy, who in his attempt to avoid work duty lagged behind as the crew was divided, only to be placed on a different ship that was later sunk by the Japanese. My Dad never failed to tear up when recalling his buddy.

I learned the power of friendship and the pain of loss by hearing that story. I also took the point that a work ethic could be a lifesaver. I have a saki dish that imprisoned Japanese parents insisted the young sailor who was my Dad, take when he gave their children candy during the sorting out of the island populations for repatriation to Japan following America's victory.

From that story I learned that compassion for one's enemies can build bridges that makes reconciliation possible.

I have cherished letters my father wrote home as a lonely teenager serving in the vast Pacific in a war that wracked the entire world. For the most part the letters are to his mother, sister and grandparents.

This very young sailor, sitting behind a very big gun, wrote about how to improve the livestock, the need to change from cotton farming to ranching and how he longed for that rich black land. He wrote about the stars, the darkness, the waves, and how much he loved his family.

From these letters I learned the importance of family and home.

Seldom did he write of the horrors he saw or the battles he was in. He wrote about love. The love he had known growing up, the love he longed to come home to. The young farm boy came back bronzed, war weary and tougher. But he came back to build a family and a life with the horrors of war compartmentalized somewhere not to be shared.

Hundreds of thousands of American servicemen and women continue to do the same today in this terror threatened world. As we celebrate Veterans' Day this Thursday we revere the

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sacrifice and service of the young men and women who have served throughout our history. A little more than 2.7 million have been wounded or killed in service from the Revolutionary War through today's conflicts.

Most of these young men and women, barely out of the classroom when they served, and for many died, gave up two lives, the one they were living and the one they would have lived.

We have known such freedom, limitless opportunity and a level of comfort unsurpassed anywhere in the world in great measure because of the sacrifices of our military service personnel.

As a result of the quality of life we have known we often take what we have for granted. Why we have it is because of those who sacrificed time, health and sometimes life so that we could be so comfortably oblivious of the extent of our blessings.

We are surrounded by heroes daily. Some are bent and struggling to walk. Some have put a dark past behind them from a time in our history when at best their service was ignored, to the worst degradations the anti-war, anti-military, anti-establishment folks of the '60s and '70s could throw at them (sometimes literally). Some in today's complicated world are young men and women with hard exteriors covering the lost innocence of their tender youth from conflicts that defy description or understanding.

On Veterans Day, in honor of those who have served and are serving, and in memory of those who gave 'the last full measure of devotion,' we must pledge to remember and to honor the cost of freedom.

And to my father, I take the lessons he taught me to live life abundantly blessed and eternally grateful.

Thank you veterans and active military for protecting our nation, our freedoms and our families.

We owe you a debt we can never repay.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Moving About ...

A few weeks ago, I wrote about how most people born in Texas stay in Texas. According to Census data, over 82% of people born in Texas and still living in the United States have remained here (as of 2021). The Texas proportion of people staying put is considerably higher than any other state. This week, let's look at things from other directions.

While most native Texans hang around, there are also thousands moving here every day. Between July 2020 and July 2021, over 762,000 people moved to Texas – nearly 2,100 per day. About 78% came from other parts of the United States. The top states were California (with more than 107,500), Florida (31,000), Colorado (30,300), Louisiana (28,100), and New York (25,000).

Texas residents also moved elsewhere, with about 447,400 individuals leaving the state (but staying in the US) between 2020 and 2021. Top destinations were California (33,600), Colorado (29,800), Florida (28,200), and Oklahoma (27,200). On balance, the state gained about 860 people per day from other places.

Another interesting tidbit from the recent release indicates that only about 59% of people living in Texas in 2021 were born here. Nearly 5.5 million (almost 19%) were born in a foreign country, with about 897,700 (3%) from California and 532,800 (almost 2%) from Louisiana. Other states with significant numbers include Illinois, New York, Oklahoma, Florida, Ohio, and Michigan; hundreds of thousands of people born in each of these states now live in Texas.

That's a lot of moving around, and there are a variety of reasons for it. One is that the pandemic was in full swing during the 2020-21 timeframe which the data reflects, and some people were reacting to all that COVID-19 entailed. In addition to choices to be nearer family, escape crowded places, or move to areas with fewer restrictions, the pandemic and responses to it also led to dramatic variation in opportunities. Texas reopened much sooner than many places, and the economy began to recover quickly. By October 2021, Texas reached a new record level for employment, completely overcoming the devastating loss of about 1.5 million jobs that occurred in early 2020. Many states were still struggling during that time, with a much slower rebound (the US didn't restore pre-pandemic employment levels until June 2022).

Texas continues to set the pace for job gains, and economic opportunities will encourage people to move here. Corporate locations and expansions are setting the stage for future growth, and the state economy is well positioned to be resilient in the face of challenges (although some policy decisions are troubling). A growing population will require sizable investments in infrastructure (from education to highways), but it's a nice problem to have.

Stay safe!

Special session likely to end with no voucher deal

As the clock ran down on the Legislature's third special session, Texas House and Senate leaders exchanged barbs over Gov. Greg Abbott's school choice bill and border security proposals, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In a social media post, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said House Speaker Dade Phelan "wasted another special session" as that chamber failed to even consider Abbott's measure to use public money for private tuition, commonly known as vouchers.

The Senate early in the session passed a school choice measure that has gone nowhere in the House, where a combination of Democrats and rural Republican lawmakers have stood firm in opposition to vouchers since the regular session began in January.

Caught in the rift between the two chambers' leaders is a House border security bill that originally allowed law enforcement officers to expel anyone who illegally crosses the border. Patrick led efforts in the Senate to change the bill to require officers to hand over illegal migrants to federal authorities.

"The Speaker is desperate to improve his border credentials with conservatives and sent the House version of HB4 over to the Senate," Patrick said. "The bill's author claimed it's the toughest border bill ever, but it is simply a Texas-sized catch-and-release bill."

Phelan called the Senate's revamped version "a long-term, state-funded hospitality program for illegal immigrants" and said the House would not accept the Senate's version, the Statesman reported.

Abbott is considered likely soon to call a fourth special session.

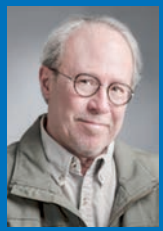
Paxton's securities fraud trial set for April 15

More than eight years after being charged with securities fraud, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will go to trial in Houston on April 15, according to the Texas Tribune. State District Judge Andrea Beall scheduled the trial during a hearing last week. Paxton is accused of trying to solicit investors in a McKinney technology company without disclosing the company was paying him to promote its stock, a charge he has denied.

Paxton was acquitted in September in an impeachment trial in the Senate.

Beall also ruled last week that Collin County must pay special prosecutors \$300 an hour for their work in the case. The county had attempted to limit their pay to \$2,000 total, according to The

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Dallas Morning News. The judge called that amount "wholly unreasonable" and "arbitrary and capricious." The legal fees have been estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Paxton could face up to 99 in years in prison if convicted of the most serious charges.

Texas is world's Bitcoin mining capital

For better or worse, Texas is now the Bitcoin mining capital of the world, which could have an impact on the ERCOT-run power grid, according to The News.

Bitcoin mining requires vast amounts of electricity. Companies are also earning millions of dollars in energy credits by voluntarily shutting down when the grid is reaching capacity. For example, a large-scale Bitcoin operation in Rockdale received \$31.7 million in energy credits for powering down – nearly four times what it made actually mining Bitcoin that month, according to Texas Monthly.

Bitcoin mining companies in Texas now account for about half of all Bitcoin mining in the United States, which also makes it the world leader. Bitcoin mining accounts for up to 3% of industrial power usage in Texas, according to The News.

Texas job growth falls below national rate

For the first time since last November, Texas job growth fell below the national rate in August, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. However, from last December through August 2023, the state's job growth outpaced the U.S.

The state comptroller's office has pulled back from a January prediction of a mild recession for Texas.

"We anticipated slower growth in our revenue estimate, but we also know that Texas' economy is better positioned than other state economies and the national economy to absorb slower growth rates," Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

His office credits a diverse economy and relatively low taxes and regulation for the state's economic successes. Migration also plays a crucial role, according to Pia Orrenius with the Fed.

"Really, the secret sauce in Texas is the economic growth that is sustained by both firms and people moving to the state," she said.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Have you ever thought about the kind of music we should use in the worship of the New Testament church? I realize that a lot of people give little thought to this question, thinking that any kind of music will do. Ephesians 5: 19 says: "Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." See also Col. 3:16. These verses are two of nine, that specifically speaks of singing. There are only two kinds of music, vocal and mechanical, and vocal (singing) is the kind that is specified, and playing mechanical instruments is not mentioned. Is it wrong to play mechanical instruments? Outside of religious worship, there is nothing inherently wrong with it. But as we said in the beginning, we are concerned about the worship of the New Testament church.

Opposition to instrumental music in worship is often misunderstood. Sincere people sometimes say: *Instrumental music is so attractive and entertaining that we cannot see why anyone would oppose it.* Well, if that were the only criterion for judging its worth, then who would oppose it? But opposition to instrumental music in the worship of the New Testament church is not based upon a lack of taste for the music itself, but because God has not appointed it in His worship. He appointed another kind of music which is vocal music or singing. Thus, there is no more authority for adding another kind of music to God's worship than there is for changing the God-appointed elements to be used in the Lord's Supper. Some say: "That's very narrow." Well, perhaps it is, but it's not wrong to be narrow where the Scriptures are narrow!

When we sing, we "teach and admonish one another" (Col. 3: 16). We "Sing with grace, making melody in our hearts to the Lord" (Eph. 5: 19). The praise that comes out of the lips must reflect gratitude and love within the heart, else the worship is meaningless. Also, our singing involves teaching and speaking, which includes words and not just sounds. Therefore, our singing must teach truth, because it is just as wrong to sing error as it is to preach error! Having said all of that, we, as the apostle Paul said, are "sing with understanding," and our singing must teach truth. It is just as wrong to sing error as it is to preach error. The next time you are in the worship services, think on these things.

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White Oak High School's Future Farmers of America became a 2-Star National Award Winning Chapter last week during the 96th annual convention and expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the club is celebrating their Top 4 National Finalist, Kynlee Bright. The White Oak FFA standout is the school's first ever State Champion and National Finalist following her Supervised Agricultural Experience as a sustainable agricultural blog writer. Bright is just one of four FFA members nationwide to receive the prestigious Agricultural Communications National Finalist Award.

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| | EMS | 20236130 | 20:35 | | 129 VILLAGE NORTH VILLAGE NORTH CIR |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236131 | 20:49 | SKIPPER'S PIER | 193 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | EMS | 20236132 | 22:14 | | 51 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD |
| 11/4/23 | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20236135 | 1:03 | BOOM TOWN RV PARK | 301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20236136 | 1:58 | | 216 OAK DRIVE OAK DRIVE |
| | EMS | 20236137 | 8:02 | | 216 OAK OAK DR |
| | EMS | 20236138 | 9:39 | | 1102 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR |
| | EMS | 20236139 | 12:22 | | 1006 RICHEY DRIVE RICHEY DRIVE |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20236140 | 12:39 | | 75 E EDDY EDDY AVE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236142 | 14:50 | | PHILLIPS SPRING PHILLIPS SPRING RD |
| | EMS | 20236143 | 15:49 | | 2107 BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | EMS | 20236144 | 16:51 | | 500 E EDDY EDDY ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236145 | 18:18 | | 803 N FERRY FERRY ST |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236146 | 18:28 | | 403 SPENCER SPENCER ST |
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| | ANIMAL CONTROL | 20236148 | 20:18 | | SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP |
| | EMS | 20236149 | 21:27 | | 801 COACH COOKS COACH COOKS LN |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236150 | 21:36 | ANTIQUITY MALL | 100 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST |
| 11/5/23 | ASSIST | 20236151 | 0:03 | | 2882 S US HIGHWAY 271 US HIGHWAY 271 |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20236152 | 0:07 | | 519 HWY 271 HWY 271 |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20236154 | 10:18 | GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL | 2201 W GAY GAY AVE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236156 | 11:04 | | 710 TENERY TENERY |
| | EMS | 20236157 | 11:38 | | 1818 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY |
| | 10-50 MINOR | 20236158 | 13:00 | MCDONALDS | 1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236160 | 14:35 | FAMILY DOLLAR | 601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236161 | 14:38 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20236162 | 15:38 | SEYMORE'S WILCO | 1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | EMS | 20236163 | 16:48 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |

Man sought in double homicide

Continued from Page 1
Upshur County and Glade-water areas. (Gladewater is partly in Upshur County, partly in Gregg County.) Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb said the vehicle was found in a Gladewater parking lot shortly after the homicides.

According to Gladewater police, "The Suspect truck was located in Gladewater by the Gladewater Police Department on Tenery St. Last location from cellular device was pinged near Gay Ave. as of early this morning and is now unavailable."

Upshur sheriff's deputies,

state troopers and Gilmer police officers responded to a report of a shooting about 11:42 p.m. Saturday, Hazel said in a news release. Upon arrival, officers found the women dead, and "witness statements at the scene provided information" which led to issuing the warrant for McKnight, he added.

The suspect and Waters "lived together until recently and this case is considered an incident of domestic violence," according to Hazel.

Webb said Monday he couldn't comment on the type of weapon used in the incident nor the number

of times the sisters were wounded, but that he believed the pair was killed inside the home. He also said the victims were sisters, and that McKnight "knows we're after him."

Upshur County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter pronounced the victims dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy at Forensic Medical Management Services outside Tyler." Hazel said.

Capital murder, the charge against McKnight, is punishable in Texas only by either lethal injection or life imprisonment without parole.

Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Report

Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Judge Rhonda Welch and Constable Ronnie Mitchell Report for the month of October 2023:

New Cases Filed:
Criminal Cases-29

Civil Cases-12
Criminal Show Cause Hearings- 10
Civil Hearings-6
Magistrate Warnings:
Class C Misdemeanors-1
Class A and B Misdemeanors-8

Felonies-3
Interlocks-2
Warrants Issued: 7
Collections for the month-\$6,867.60
Christie Craver
Deputy County Clerk
Upshur County JP3

Luana Howell draws challenger

By Phillip Williams

A contest developed last week in the 2024 race for Upshur County tax assessor-collector, and a county constable announced he won't seek re-election next year.

Samantha Caffey, chief deputy of the tax office, filed Nov. 1 to run against incumbent Luana Howell, who filed the next day to seek re-election to a third term. Howell said Caffey has been her chief deputy since June 2020.

Precinct 3 Constable Ronnie Mitchell announced Oct. 31 he won't seek re-election. Gilmer police officer James Casey had filed to run for his seat.

Three candidates have announced for sheriff--incumbent Larry Webb, seeking re-election to a third term, former Gilmer Police Chief Mark Case, and Brandon Williams, a former Upshur County sheriff's reserve deputy.

The candidates listed above have filed who their campaign treasurers will be with County Election Administrator Lory Harle's office. The filing forms don't show which, if any, political party the candidate belongs to.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Fall/Winter jacket, coat drive underway

After collecting shoes for local students over the summer, the Darla's Angels outreach has partnered with Body of Believers Ministries for a Fall/Winter jacket and coat drive in Gladewater.

The effort is set for Oct. 15 through Nov. 17, seeking the cold weather items for children, from toddlers to teens. Donations can be dropped off at four locations including the Gladewater Mirror, Citizens Bank, City National Bank and Austin Bank.

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

Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign begins

The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign is back in Longview, ushering in the festive spirit of Christmas. The Red Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's primary fundraising initiative, providing life-changing programs and services throughout the year, including food assistance programs, shelter for people experiencing homelessness, emergency financial assistance, youth programs and disaster response.

"From its humble origins in 1891 when a Salvation Army Captain used a crab pot to collect funds in San Francisco, the Red Kettle Campaign has grown to become one of the most recognized charitable initiatives worldwide," said Captain Tamara Robb of The Salvation Army in Longview. "The funds raised in the Red Kettle will serve as a lifeline in our community, offering essential assistance, including nourishment, shelter and vital social services to

people during their greatest need."

Red Kettles will be stationed outside area stores and local businesses, Monday-Saturday, from the beginning of November to Christmas Eve. Last year, The Salvation Army raised \$135,000 and is hoping to raise \$150,000 this season to support our community.

"We are grateful for the spirit of giving in our community and for the unwavering support we receive from our generous donors and corporate partners," added Captain Robb. "Together, we can ignite hope and support people in our community who are in the most need."

The Salvation Army is also looking for volunteers to ring the bells at the Red Kettle. Sign up by visiting RegisterToRing.com and following the prompts or calling 903-215-8463.

Visit <https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/texas-longview/> or call 903-215-8463 to donate or learn more about how you can support The Salvation Army this Christmas.

White Oak Xmas parade is Dec. 4

Mark your calendars and stay on the 'Nice' list - White Oak's annual Christmas Parade is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

As the event's planners get a jump-start on this year's organizing, they've announced lineup is set for 6:30 p.m. That evening on West Old Highway 80 before the parade begins on South White Oak Road and City Hall and heads toward its end at White Oak ISD.

"We encourage all interested groups and individuals to take part in the parade," the organizers announced.

For questions or more in-

formation, contact Maureen Carrigan at 903-759-3936.

Gladewater Xmas parade is Dec. 4

Gladewater kicks off its end-of-year revelries with the Holiday Open House the night of Nov. 11, but it's the annual downtown Christmas Parade that really ushers in the season's festivities.

This year, the event's sponsors have a new carol for the community, leading locals in a round of "Joy to the Rails" in honor of the city's 150th celebration.

Parade entries who best reflect that theme Dec. 9 will be in the running for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place prizes. Entry in the parade is free.

Importantly, there will be a spot on the square at Pacific and Main to mail letters to Santa.

This year's parade is sponsored by Citizens Bank, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, the City of Gladewater and Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

For more information, contact Lois Reed at the chamber at 903-845-5501.

County library hosts storytime

Two books with autumn themes will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday, Nov. 2.

My Texas Hunt Harvest App

AUSTIN — In preparation for general deer hunting season, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has updated the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app with a new Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Zone information tool.

The interactive map tool



The Gladewater Lions Club assisted Nurse Blanco at Weldon Elementary School with vision screening recently. Wondering where to dispose of your used eyeglasses? You can drop them in the Lions Club eyeglass drop box outside of Gladewater City Hall - not the water bill drop box. Please remove the cases. They can not recycle the cases.

allows hunters to view zone boundaries and tap any location in the state to determine if it is in or near a CWD Zone.

Other features of the free app include: Display an electronic copy of your license; Complete mandatory hunt harvest reporting; Log your harvested game species; View your harvest history on your smartphone or tablet; After a one-time login, you can easily access your TPWD customer number for future reference; Save and retrieve harvest history.

Kilgore College town hall meetings

Kilgore College's leaders are hosting town hall meetings throughout the school's service area this month, with Gladewater's hometown gathering kicking off the tour tonight.

Billed as an opportunity to meet the college's elected officials and leadership, the local event features trustees Jon Rowe, Gina DeHoyos and Jon Keller representing the North Zone (Gladewater, White Oak and Sabine) alongside Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president.

"Share your input and

ideas related to the future of Kilgore College," the two-year institution announced. "Partner with us in shaping Vision 2030."

The town hall begins at 6 p.m. this evening and will run until 7:30 p.m. in the Gladewater ISD Board Room at 200 E. Broadway Blvd. View a live-stream of the event via the Gladewater Mirror's Facebook page.

The hometown meeting for Kilgore College's Central Zone (Kilgore ISD) begins

at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in KC's McLaurin Administration Building. Trustees for the zone are Lon Ford, Josh Edmonson and David Castles.

KC's South Zone encompasses Overton, Leverett's Chapel and West Rusk ISDs; current trustees include Janice Bagley, Travis Martin and Kelvin Darden. The town hall meeting for the South Zone is set for 6 pm. to 7:30 Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the West Rusk ISD cafeteria.



Rotary meeting Nov. 2 featured Rotarian Todd Clifton with the program and President Darla Ferguson.

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SPORTS

Bears down 'Necks, playoff bound

By Tyler Sutton

On an absolutely beautiful first Friday night of November, the Gladewater Bears celebrated their seniors as they closed out the regular season at Jack V. Murphy stadium hosting their rivals from up the road in the White Oak Roughnecks. And in a game dominated by the Bears, they came away with a 50-7 win.

Gladewater won the toss and the offense went to work quickly as Carson Cooper quickly found the endzone for a 9 yard touchdown and an early 7-0 Bears lead midway through the 1st quarter. After a quick White Oak

three and out punt, the Bears offense went back to work as Cooper again found the endzone as he went untouched 37 yards and the Bears held a 14-0 lead after 1 quarter.

But the RoughNecks answered back on the first play of the 2nd quarter as quarterback Bryce Morgan found Gavin Sipes for a 55 yard catch that set up a White Oak touchdown when runningback Caleb Maxted took it in from 1 yard out to cut the Bears lead to 14-7.

But on the first play after the kickoff, Cooper broke free for his third touchdown of the half, this one 60 yards. The extra point was botched

but it was scooped up by a Bears player and took in for two points and the Bears held a 22-7 lead.

Gladewater would add one more touchdown before the half as quarterback Hunter Brown lofted a beautiful 37 yard touchdown pass to Bryson Woods and the Bears held a comfortable 29-7 lead at the half.

The Bears offense would continue to roll as the 3rd quarter began as Jobey Shico took it in for a 3 yard touchdown run to add to the Bears lead at 36-7. Then in the 4th quarter Gladewater's younger backups got in on the scoring action as run-



Photo by Jim Bardwell

Carson Cooper scores on a 9-yard touchdown and gave the Bears an early 7-0 lead midway through the 1st quarter against White Oak.

ningback Nathan Smith had a pair of 30+ touchdown runs (30 and 34) to cap the scoring in the 4th quarter for the final scores of the game.

"We did what we needed to do tonight and were able to hand the senior's one final win here at home. Now time

to gear up for the playoffs" said coach Louvier. Gladewater finishes the regular season at 3-7 and 3-2 in district play.

The Bears wrapped up the 3 seed out of the district and will make the short trip to Longview's Pine Tree

Pirates stadium for their playoff matchup with Mount Vernon. Kickoff is Friday, November 10th at 7 P.M.

Gladewater and Mount Vernon played in Week 2 of the regular season with the Tigers defeating the Bears 42-26 in September.



Photos by Jim Bardwell



"Coot's Corner"

By Coot Putley

World Series ...

Finally! After 51 years in Arlington, the Texas Rangers have won the World Series, defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks four games to one. One night after Halloween the ghosts of playoffs past have been vanquished, and the heartache of 2011 is now a distant memory, replaced by the thrill of victory. As I write this, the celebration is just beginning. Players and fans alike will probably not get much sleep, as the game is re-lived, interviews are taking place, and the parade is being planned. For me, this brings a flood of memories from five decades of following this team. I think of time spent with family and friends at games. We have enjoyed every victory and analyzed every defeat. There have been countless conversations, even during the offseason, as we looked for ways to improve the team, and second-guessed management decisions.

There are so many things that we will be able to discuss about this year's team, and I will certainly have more to say in the next couple of weeks. For now, I will just say that this championship is a reward to all of us who have backed this team. Being a Texas Ranger fan has been described in many ways. Entertaining, exhausting, long-suffering, exhilarating, maddening, amazing, frustrating. All these terms applied at different times this year. But at the end of this exciting season, there is a term that we have never been able to use before now – World Series Champions!

That's my opinion – what's yours?

Volleyball roundup ...

White Oak advances to third round of volleyball playoffs

By Aidan Keller Lott

The White Oak Lady-necks advanced to the third round of the playoffs and will face Tatum Tuesday at 6:30 at UT Tyler.

Results of that post-season game were not available at presstime.

The Ladynecks swept the Arp Tigers never allowing more than 13 points in the first round. They met a 21-16 Atlanta team next who finished second in their district. The Rabbits posed much more of a threat forcing a fourth set and putting up 20 points in all but one set.

"When we were preparing for Atlanta, we knew it was not going to be easy, but we were also confident we would beat them," senior Addison Clinkscales said. "When we played them, the first two sets went very well, but in the third

set they found our weaknesses and used those to beat us."

Despite a more competitive matchup, the team was able to move past Atlanta in their fourth set, and senior Calee Carter recorded her 1000th career kill in the victory.

"My 1000th kill was definitely a really cool experience hearing everyone cheer me on and seeing how many people supported me," Carter said. "We've been putting in a lot of work to get to where we are right now. At the beginning of the year, we were a brand new team with only four players returning, playing 4A and 5A teams to get better and gain team chemistry."

Although the team continued their playoff success, Thursday morning

before the game junior Alli Sims got into a car wreck, but still showed up when her team needed her recording 47 assists en route to the team's second round victory.

"I knew this game wasn't going to be easy and was really important, so I really wanted to win to advance and play with my team because our season could be over soon," Sims said. "During the game, I was really tired, sore and my head was hurting, but adrenaline really carried me through the game."

The team will look to extend their playoff run and take down the team that ended their run last season this week against Tatum.

"Tatum is a completely different team than from Atlanta," Clinkscales said. "We have been preparing

for them since the beginning of the season. They are a smart team but extremely beatable. Even though we lost to them earlier this season, we are prepared to play them this time."



White Oak won the Area Championship against Atlanta 25-20, 25-18, 22-25, 25-21 last week. They advanced to the third round of the playoffs facing Tatum Tuesday at UT Tyler. Photo by Mike Peery

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ACROSS

1 gem found in Texas

5 this Guthrie performed at several "Farm Aids" with TX Willie

6 owner of "Cantina" in Marty Robbins' song "El Paso"

7 Fri. night score

8 "adios" in Mexico

9 a primate is one

15 "___ to your own business"

16 TXism: "thin skinned"

19 TX Gary Morris' "___ Is All It Takes" (1991)

21 in Wichita County on highway 258

22 Baylor has bronze sculpture "___ Hands of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning"

27 leave out or exclude

28 fancy word for members of a household

29 in Johnson County on highway 174

30 enters again on a word processor

32 late Texas actor, Rip (init.)

33 barbecue beef cuts (2 wds.)

36 kick out

37 "zip-a-dee-doo-___"

38 being a Texan does ___ you to brag and exaggerate

39 actress Dorothy Malone attended "___ Academy of Dallas"

DOWN

1 TXism: "he's only got one ___ in the water" (slow witted)

2 a Spur, Rocket, or Mav, e.g.

3 Van ___, Texas

4 TXism for "equipped" (3 wds.)

8 "Big ___ National Park"

9 TXism: "that'll ___ (exciting)"

10 TXism: "got ___ itchy trigger finger"

11 Miss or Mrs.

12 this Texan won shot put gold medal in 1992 (2 wds.)

13 South Padre Island acquisition for a sunbather (2 wds.)

14 capital of Peru

15 TXism: "brave enough ___ ___ boomtown cafe"

16 narrow cut

17 homeless person

18 Crystal City, TX has a statue of "Pop ___ Sailor Man"

20 Iowa or Texas town in Liberty County

22 TX Carolyn of "The Addams Family" (init.)

23 ___ Fresno, TX

24 this Arthur won 1975 tennis title held in Dallas

25 emitted light

26 "___ Creek State Park" in Henderson and Van Zandt counties

28 "Don't ___ With Texas"

31 sound of a contented cat

34 actor Taylor of Texas-based "Ride, Vaquero!" (init.)

35 TXism: "he's green around the gills"

37 noted Texas jewelry designer, Malouf

40 TX Al Freeman Jr. was ___ Hall (later a captain) on "One Life to Live"

43 not less

44 put an end to

50 snouts

51 rape evidence (abbr.)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patsy Ruth Garrett, Deceased were issued on October 30, 2023 in Cause No. 2023-0339-E, pending in County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas to CYNTHIA RUTH GARRETT. All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and manner prescribed by law.
 The post office address is Cynthia Ruth Garrett, PO Box 5357, Longview, Texas 75608.
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 To: The Unknown Heirs of Catherine Caruthers
 You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law# 1 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law# 1 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application here in after mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Matthew Harris in said court on the 30th day of October, 2023, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled Catherine Caruthers, Deceased, the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 88000203P, the nature of such application being for:
 First Amended Application To Determine Heirship
 If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
 Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law#1 of Gregg County.
 Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 30th day of October, 2023

MICHELLE GILLEY
 Clerk of County Court at Law #1
 Gregg County, Texas
 By Aimee Belding
 Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO:
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALMA LEE CHRISTIAN, OSCAR CHRISTIAN, JOSEPH L. CHRISTIAN, WILLIE MAY CHRISTIAN, LORENZO CHRISTIAN, LORENZO CHRISTIAN, JR., RUBY RUTH CHRISTIAN, GLASCOW CHRISTIAN, RUBEN CHRISTIAN, BILLY LEE CHRISTIAN, ODIE D. CHRISTIAN, PATRICIA ANN CHRISTIAN, YORK CHRISTIAN, JR., CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN, DOLLIE B. CHRISTIAN, GWENDOLYN CHRISTIAN-ALLEN, MADELINE MASON, YOULANDA CHRISTIAN, WESLEY CHRISTIAN, JR., RODNEY CHRISTIAN, SR., and VINCENT CHRISTIAN
 Defendant's Greeting:
 "Plaintiffs' Original Petition was filed on October 10, 2023. You may employ an attorney. I you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m., on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 124th District Court of Gregg County Courthouse at 101 E. Methwin Suite 447, Longview, Texas 75601 by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the day of the issuance of this Citation, the same being 12/18/2023 then and there to answer the Plaintiff's Original Petition filed by Riley Branch, 10300 N. Central Expressway, Suite 480, Dallas, Texas 75231, in said Court, in this cause numbered 2023-1773-B on the docket of said Court and Styled:
 CHARLES CHRISTIAN, JR., FLEANORL CHRISTIAN; EVIE KEELING AND NEDRA GATT-PIPKINS v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALMA LEE CHRISTIAN, OSCAR CHRISTIAN, JOSEPH L. CHRISTIAN, WILLIE MAY CHRISTIAN, LORENZO CHRISTIAN, LORENZO CHRISTIAN, JR., RUBY RUTH CHRISTIAN, GLASCOW CHRISTIAN, RUBEN CHRISTIAN, BILLY LEE CHRISTIAN, ODIE D. CHRISTIAN, PATRICIAANN CHRISTIAN, YORK CHRISTIAN, JR., CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN, DOLLIE B. CHRISTIAN, GWENDOLYN CHRISTIAN-ALLEN, MADELINE MASON, YOULANDA CHRISTIAN, WESLEY CHRISTIAN, JR., RODNEY CHRISTIAN, SR., and VINCENT CHRISTIAN
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
 An action to quiet title by adverse possession on real property covering any interest of ownership claimed by Defendants to the land described to-wit:
 ALL THAT CERTAIN 8.333 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE g. w. Hooper Survey, Gregg County, Texas, and being a part of a called 59 acre tract of land conveyed to James M. Salter, Jr. and Paul B. Griffith by deed dated September 14, 1978 and recorded in Volume 1144, Page 597, Deed Records of Gregg County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:
 BEGINNING at a 5/8" iron rod with aluminum cap found in the North R.O.W. line of Farm to Market Road 2275 and White Oak Road bears South 73 deg. 22 min. 09 sec. West, 99.32 feet, said iron rod also lying and being North 07 deg. 20 min. 35 sec. West, 500.93 feet from the Southwest corner of said called 59 acre tract;
 THENCE South 82 deg. 53 min. 06 sec. East, 319.20 feet with and along said North R.O.W. of said Farm to Market Road;
 THENCE North 12 deg. 50 min. 41 sec. East, 1107.61 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract described herein;
 THENCE North 85 deg. 46 min. 18 sec. West, 331.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set in the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road; -
 THENCE South 05 deg. 14 min. 07 sec. West, 93.02 feet with and along the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road to a 1/2" iron rod set at an angle point in the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road;
 THENCE South 14 deg. 25 min. 05 sec. West, 388.85 feet with and along the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road to a 1/2" iron rod set at an angle point in the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road;
 THENCE South 18 deg. 44 min. 13 sec. West, 189.58 feet with and along the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road to a 1/2" iron rod set at an angle point in the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road.
 THENCE 11 deg. 00 min. 15 sec. West, 347.22 feet with and along the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road to a 1/2" iron rod set at a point in the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road;
 THENCE South 00 deg. 20 min. 35 sec. East, 75.32 feet with and along the West boundary line of said called 59 acre tract to the POINT OF BEGINNING and contain 8.333 acres of land, more or less.
LESS AND EXCEPT
 That portion taken by the judgement recorded in Volume 1792, Page 639, Real Property Records, Gregg County, Texas.
 If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEER, BOND COUNSEL, AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The City of Gladewater, Texas (City) requests the submission of qualifications statements, which will lead to the possible award of contracts to provide engineer, bond counsel, and financial advisor services for a project involving the City's waterworks system.

Scope of Work

Services to be provided by Engineer: professional engineering services associated with proposed (a) water treatment, storage, and distribution system improvements, including water treatment plant, storage facilities and water lines; and (b) assistance in application preparation and documentation to federal, state, and other possible funding sources.

Services to be provided by Bond Counsel: assist in obtaining loan and/or grant funding and to provide legal opinion with respect to validity of any debt obligations issued by the City for capital financing; preparation of resolution authorizing and securing the debt and/or authorizing any grant agreements as necessary.

Services to be provided by Financial Advisor: strategic financial planning; analysis of market conditions; recommended investments of bond proceeds; provide recommendations to the City for financing through programs established by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), including loan and grant funding.

Guidelines for Content of Qualification Statements

DO NOT INCLUDE COST INFORMATION with the qualification statement. Responses that include cost or pricing information will be rejected and will not be considered by the City.

Detailed instructions on preparation of the qualification statement must be obtained from the City. For more information on preparing and submitting the qualification statement, contact Mr. Charlie Smith, Interim City Manager at (903) 845-2196 or citymanager@cityofgladewater.com. This information should be requested as soon as possible in order to allow time to prepare the document and comply with the procedures.

Submittal Deadline

One (1) copy of the qualifications statement must be filed with the City by 2:00 PM (Central) on Monday, December 18, 2023, at City Hall, 519 E Broadway Ave., Gladewater, Texas 75647.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria

The City will evaluate the proposals to determine which firm has the best qualifications.

Contract Terms and Negotiation Schedule

Consultants for Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, Engineering and Rate Consultant services are expected to negotiate an agreement for services which is acceptable to the City. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the City may formally end negotiations and begin negotiating with the next highest qualified person or firm.

Contracts are contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under the Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to the RFQs, or any resulting contract. These RFQs are issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act).

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) businesses. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBE's through demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details of the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe.

The City of Gladewater is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

Local dancer to perform in holiday favorite - The Nutcracker

A Gladewater dancer is eager to step out on stage again this holiday season, and she's deep into rehearsals for Tyler Junior College's 35th annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Cierra Mays says she's putting in 10-12 hours of practice per week nowadays with the winter show fast-approaching from the Tyler Junior College Academy of Dance. It's the local 7th grader's second year with the show after auditioning alongside 250 other dancers in early September.

The performers range from level ones through pre-professionals and top-rated dancers. The Gladewater Middle Schooler started taking ballet when she was 11 and is progressing through the levels.

"At first it was just a hobby," she said, "but then it grew as a passion to do it."

"Now, when you're 12, you audition with the older girls and adults. We don't have a big studio, so it's very crowded in there. It's nerve-wracking, a little bit, but it's fun."

There are about half-a-dozen rehearsals left until the production begins its 2023 run in the Wise Auditorium in the Rogers Palmer Performing Arts Center on TJC's central campus.

Performances are slated for 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and 8th; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 and 9th; plus Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10th.

Tickets for the show went on sale Nov. 2, available via TJC.edu/nutcracker.

Dance itself has become a balm for the young dancer. "It's very soothing. It kind of smooths out my anxiety," Cierra said. Likewise, "It kind of helps my ADHD. I just love to dance," mostly ballet and jazz.

Cierra's had to overcome difficult challenges to get where she is, according to her mother, Shalan Mays.

In addition to a neurocognitive disorder, "Cierra is a



Type I diabetic," Shalan said. "It's very hard to find sports for diabetics. At first she wanted to try gymnastics," but mom hesitated: "Let's try ballet first, and if you don't like it, we'll change it."

"She was one of the marionette dolls last year," and a love for it bloomed: "She said, 'OK, I want to take this on

fulltime.'"

Securing a second-time spot in this year's production, Mays now plays a friend of the young protagonist, Clara, gifted a nutcracker doll by her mysterious uncle Drosselmeyer on Christmas Eve. The Gladewater student appears on stage in a ballroom party scene alongside a group of other dancers.

"It does get a little hectic," Cierra said. "I get cranky when I'm sleepy, but when I get there, it's all in fun. It's exciting. It's great to be there."

Participation has certainly helped her build confidence, she added, and it's helping her overcome being nervous or scared about dancing into the spotlights.

"When you get on stage, everything looks different," Cierra said. "All your nervousness goes away. Just be yourself."

Granted, honing her skills as a ballerina does bring its share of injuries, from bruises in pointe shoes to cramps, sprains and worse.

"It's also soothing," Cierra said. "It's also a starting of a career," she added, hoping the skill will make college a little easier as she eyes a school of dance in the Dallas area down the road.

While Cierra's enjoying the practices, mom's putting in the hours, too.

"As it gets closer to the opening dates, the later they stay," Shalan said with a grin, steeling herself for more practices, late nights and the grand dress rehearsal the night before the production opens. "They're there from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m."

It's worth it.

"You can tell she's found her own. She owns it," Shalan said. And, of course, "Whatever becomes a part of her becomes a part of her family. It's like a breath of fresh air."

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Gladewater Bear Kyron Wilson was among many GHS seniors recognized Friday at the last home game of the season. See all the senior football, band, drill team, trainers, cheerleaders and flag corps at the Gladewater Mirror Facebook page. Feel free to download your favorite senior's photo.

UG's Navarro-Gonzalez nation's runner-up in the FFA's Spanish Creed Speaking competition

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responded.

"He's very confident when he's speaking. His story and his personal examples for those critical thinking questions set him apart and allowed him to rise to the top," Shafer praised. "They always complimented him on how personable he is with the answers to those questions."

The national competition included 32 students from 18 states, ranging from 8th through 10th grade.

"They weren't all necessarily state champions," Shafer noted. "Because it's such a new contest, not every state offers that competition."

That said, "There were some states that had as many as five students representing."

Navarro made history, Shafer says, helping FFA bridge the gap between its English- and Spanish-speaking members in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He praised the youth for his hard work and dedication alongside the family members and friends who supported him along the way, including a contingent who welcomed the pair home Friday night.

"The national FFA organization has more than 945,000 members. Of those 945,000, there's more than 150,000 students who consider themselves Latino," Shafer said. "While not every one of them comes from a completely Spanish-speaking household, they certainly have a lot of influence

from that culture in their household.

"That's one of the neat things about this competition. In its infancy, it allows them to celebrate that heritage and that language that they possibly learned before they learned English."

The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds – achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

(The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany and adopted at the Third National FFA Convention. It was revised at the 38th and 63rd Conventions.)

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Creo que debemos ser nuestros propios líderes y en el respeto de los demás. Creo en mi propia habilidad para trabajar con eficacia y tener claridad de pensamiento gracias a los conocimientos y destrezas que vaya adquiriendo. Creo también en el poder de los agricultores progresistas para servir nuestros intereses y los del público en cuanto a la producción y mercadeo del producto de nuestra labor.

Creo que debe haber menos dependencia de la caridad y más en nuestras habilidades comerciales; en una vida de abundancia y en la obtención honrada de los medios económicos que la hacen posible, tanto para los demás como para mí; en que haya menos necesidad de la caridad, y en la caridad cuando ésta sea necesaria; en mi propia dicha, y en que debo proceder honestamente con aquellos cuyo bienestar depende de mí.

Creo que la industria agrícola de Estados Unidos puede y debe mantener las mejores tradiciones de nuestra experiencia nacional y que yo puedo ejercer influencia en mi hogar y la comunidad, los cuales serán siempre sólidos gracias a mi contribución en esta tarea vivificante.

Texas Version Approved by The Texas FFA Board of Directors 9.11.17

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Chili Cookoff in Gladewater Nov. 18th

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Set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Saturday, there's a \$25 entry fee for chili competitors. With a \$250 grand prize on the line, to qualify for the win each competing cook must submit three concoctions for consideration – traditional chili, turkey chili and seafood chili.

The family fun Fall event also features a live performance by rock soul artist Sandy Redd and other musicians including Branisha McCowan.

It's the first street festival for contemporary women's clothing retailer Beautiful Tribe, located at 211 E. Pacific Ave. The storefront will be the center of Nov. 18 festivities. Proceeds benefit the Weldon Alumni Scholarships for graduating high school students and, particularly, the Karli Bryant Scholarship Fund honoring the late Marissa Ward, a longtime local advocate for underserved youth and grandmother of the scholarship's namesake.