

GLADEWATER CHRISTMAS PARADE "Jey to the Rails" Downtown DECEMBER 9 4:30 P.M. Free entry and priess for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Mail your Letters to Santa on the compact of Pacific and Many

Gladewater Xmas parade is Dec. 9

Gladewater kicked off its endof-year revelries with the Holiday Open House on 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.



White Oak Xmas parade Monday

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

Antarctic adventure welcomes White Oak alum

Robert Early was out of the country for Turkey Day, but he spent a 'Friendsgiving' closer to the South Pole with a parcel of new pals as a penguin posse welcomed the White Oak alum to Antarctica this month.

The 19-year-old Aggie and 35 other Texas A&M students are currently on 'The Ice' and out of contact to avoid the world's worst roaming charges while visiting the base of the globe. With her son exploring the seventh continent, Danielle Early provided a quick update Monday.

"The attire we had to buy for him, from the base layers to the outer layers to the special pants and stuff was just amazing to me," she said. "I've been snow skiing, so I know about some cold weather equipment, but I didn't know about any of this at all."

Par for the course when headed for the windiest, coldest continent on Earth, and good thing, too – the group has already weathered a "substantial snowstorm" according to reports from the expedition lead, who has some online access to send out updates, including photos.

Departing Nov. 16, "They flew out of Houston, and they went to Buenos Aires first," Danielle Early said, before another trip further south: "They landed the second time in Ushuaia, Argentina. They spent a few days there, taking in some sights and experiencing the culture.

"They got on a ship specially designed to go through the ice and other things down there and made their voyage to Antarctica."

That leg of the adventure got mom's blood pressure up.

"They had to go through the Drake Passage where seas converge," she noted. "It's the roughest waters, the most dangerous in the world. There's about 800 ships at the bottom of it. I didn't know that until right before he was leaving.

"I was delighted when I knew they were on the other side of it in Antarctica, because my momma heart was worried."

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Greetings from WO FFA Alumni, Robert Early, from Antarctica!

He left on November 16th with 35 other TAMU Aggies to study abroad conducting research in Antarctica. They flew to Buenos Aires and then on to Ushuaia where they boarded a ship with one of the highest Polar Code 6 and Ice Class 1A ratings. They had to journey through the Drake Passage which is the most powerful convergence of seas and considered one of the most treacherous voyages with the strongest winds on earth. We can't wait to hear more about his adventure! Thank you Robert Early and Danielle Early for sharing with us!!!



With penguins huddling in the background, White Oak High School alumnus Robert Early sends best wishes to his FFA friends back home. Now studying at Texas A&M, Early and 35 other TAMU travelers are currently on 'The Ice' of the world's seventh continent after departing for Antarctica Nov. 16.

First responders get ready for water rescues

By James Draper

Frankly, none of the firefighters really took the time to check how cold the water was, they just got to work.

"We didn't put a thermometer in," Gladewater Fire Chief Mike

Simmons said. "No one really wanted to know."

Needless to say, Lake Gladewater's pretty cold right now.

Simmons put on a dry suit as well as first responders from Gladewater, Longview and Sabine got special water rescue training this week at the city's primary water source. Almost a score of the various departments' personnel attended one of the three days of exercises, including water rescue drills and skills as well as ropes rescue skills.

With the suit keeping moisture off the body, Simmons said Monday, "The reality is it was warmer in the water than it was standing on the shore with the wind blowing over you."

Key tasks for the trainees ranged from the best ways to enter the water in the midst of an emergency to refining their defensive swim position, proper boat paddling and boat flipping, rope-bag throwing and how to properly drag victims in and out of the boat during a water rescue

The trainees' water rescue equipment was covered by a granted

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It's a simple task but important to master – the proper throwing of a rope-bag can help speed up the extrication of a victim from water, and firefighters perfected their technique this week during water rescue training at Lake Gladewater.

Photos by James Draper

Gladewater continues positive run on sales tax revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for November, 1.9 percent more than in November 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

Gladewater remained on the positive side of the tally sheet - 23 months in a row - while many other Gregg County cities listed negative numbers. Gladewater posted a 1.60-percent increase over the same period in 2022, while White Oak posted a -4.35-percent in sales tax revenue.

County	City	Rate [‡]	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD [‡]	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change ^{\$}
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$11,015.50	\$13,870.00	-20.58%	\$107,704.42	\$88,011.46	22.37%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$5,650.76	\$6,404.69	-11.77%	\$61,279.45	\$57,466.85	6.63%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$158,208.84	\$155,709.64	1.60%	\$1,540,334.78	\$1,312,098.19	17.39%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$924,442.05	\$793,401.03	16.51%	\$9,133,380.78	\$8,268,586.89	10.45%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$25,869.81	\$23,612.56	9.55%	\$311,210.58	\$270,040.91	15.24%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$4,114,184.84	\$4,267,252.01	-3.58%	\$42,967,965.08	\$40,525,530.48	6.02%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$1,604.93	\$1,941.24	-17.32%	\$17,017.54	\$16,516.74	3.03%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$134,605.54	\$140,729.02	-4.35%	\$1,509,932.38	\$1,376,648.33	9.68%
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$31,624.79	\$28,146.36	12.35%	\$280,479.27	\$271,115.66	3.45%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$3,616.08	\$4,998.08	-27.65%	\$48,894.01	\$39,800.43	22.84%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$246,516.18	\$249,922.29	-1.36%	\$2,511,410.89	\$2,397,303.76	4.75%
Upshur	Ore City	1.250%	\$19,900.47	\$21,134.20	-5.83%	\$212,183.33	\$214,157.88	-0.92%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$594.36	\$451.08	31.76%	\$5,383.13	\$4,656.37	15.60%

The Best of



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.

Find your Gilda...

It is the end of deadline day. I am at the end of my energy rope. My neck hurts. You could bounce quarters off my tense shoulders. And tomorrow is another jam-packed day.

I know what I need to do. It was how I started my day. I just forgot along the way. I need to count my blessings.

I began the day that way after starting with complaints I shared with my buddy Karen, who reminded me that my glass at least was half full.

My soul sister buddy looks exactly, and I mean exactly like Gilda Radner. Remember Gilda from the glory days of NBC's Saturday Night Live comedy television show with Jim Belushi and Chevy Chase? That was back when SNL was funny. Really, really funny. My friend Karen is Gilda made over, or Tigger from Winnie the Pooh. Either comparison works. Either is accurate.

Karen and I talk on my way to, and often from work. We laugh, occasionally cry and often lay out our concerns and shared prayer re- quests. Sometimes those concerns are embarrassingly selfish. Sometimes they are selfless. Sometimes they are mundane. What ever they are I can share them with my buddy and prayer partner. "Whatever those concerns are", being the most important part of that sentence.

We advise each other, we slow each other down, we remind each other of what is light in the middle of our own, often created dark- ness. We spend a lot of time laughing. And I need that. When I was teaching I laughed all day long with my students and colleagues. Teaching is not as singular a profession as what I do now. It was kind of a team event. Not just me and a computer screen or camera from a distance.

Karen reminds me of my lighter, more buoyant self. She makes me laugh, a lot.

My old rancher Daddy used to say, and he said it often, "you have to laugh to keep from crying". And you know, that is so, so true.

Laughter shared, whether through exuberant joy or tears

am very, very grateful.

top of the list today.

are in your life.



is a great gift. My friend reminds me to laugh and for that I

So, as I start counting my blessings I have Karen at the

I hope that you, dear readers, have a 'Gilda' in your life

that light- ens your load and brightens your day. If you don't,

grab a cup of coffee or tea and share a few laughs and con-

cerns with someone who makes you smile. I promise your

glass will begin to fill itself and you will lighten your load.

Find your Gilda and let them know how important they

was chosen because of its legacy with former President Lyndon Johnson, who graduated from there, and its facilities.

"Texas State looks a lot like the state of Texas demographically. We are almost all Texas students here, more than 95%," he told the Statesman. "And so I think in many ways we look like a great opportunity for them. Not just our facilities, not just our campus, but just the entire story must have looked attractive to them."

800,000+ Texas children lose health care

Of the 1.4 million Texans who have lost health coverage through either Medicaid of the Children's Health Insurance Program, 58% — or 812,000 — are children, The News reported. This follows the end of pandemic-era continuous Medicaid

"We knew we were going to have problems, to be candid. I'm sorry we're seeing the kind of numbers that we're seeing," said Steve Love, president and CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council. "This is going to really exacerbate the problems we already have with the uninsured in Texas."

Nearly 70% of people who lost Medicaid coverage in Texas were booted off for procedural reasons, such as failing to return renewal packet requests. The state has the highest rate of uninsured people in the country.

Texas leads nation in annual job growth again

The state again reached a record high nationally with 14.536 million Texans at work, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The state's seasonally adjusted jobless rate held steady

"The Texas economy continues to grow, and there are nearly 480,000 job listings for individuals with the right skills, which TWC can help provide," TWC chairman Bryan Daniel said.

The latest report marks the 10th consecutive monthly increase in jobs, with the addition of 21,000 more Texans on payroll, TWC reported.

We're number one! In feral hogs.

It likely comes as no surprise to rural residents, but even city dwellers are having their yards and gardens ravaged by feral hogs, which have been reported in 99.6% of Texas counties. The only exception thus far is El Paso County, according to new data from the University of Georgia.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Family Fortunes ...

Every three years, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System releases results of the Survey of Consumer Finances. The Survey looks at family income, net worth, debt, and other indicators of the financial health of US families. The most recent report covers the interesting time period from 2019 (just before the COVID-19 pandemic) to 2022.

Let's explore a few interesting findings.

Although the pandemic has been devastating in many ways and the shutdowns and other disruptions to business activity caused massive dislocations, the Survey indicates that US families were actually better off financially due to the historic infusion of funds.

Income was up whether measured by the mean (average) or median (where half are above and half are below). The

2022 household income number reflects earnings in 2021, and many families were benefitting from pandemic-related federal relief packages. While the resulting enhanced unemployment and other benefits would be reflected, information on many stimulus payments was not included. Income increases were measured for most age groups and races/ ethnicities. The highest median income group was Asian, with a median income of \$122,600, followed by White non-Hispanic (\$81,100), Hispanic/Latino (\$46,700), and Black (\$46,000) families. Not surprisingly, income remained highly correlated with education.

Looking at net worth (the difference between assets and liabilities), housing and equities both rose at rates outpacing general prices, leading to significant gains. Real median net worth was up 37% to \$192,900, and real mean net worth increased by 23% to reach almost \$1.1 million (obviously, wealthy households bring up the average). Net worth rose for all age ranges and education levels. Particularly notable percentage gains occurred in younger and less educated

The reasons for the improvement in financial wellbeing are varied. For many families, massive stimulus payments were used to pay down debt and increase wealth. Housingrelated debt was fairly stable, but credit card balances dropped noticeably.

Homeowners' net worth was positively affected by soaring home prices. In fact, the Survey found that, for families that owned their home, the median net housing value (the value of a home minus the mortgage) rose from \$139,100 in 2019 to \$201,000 in 2022. The flip side of the surging housing market is that affordability fell to historic lows, with the median home value more than 4.6 times the median family income.

Despite the immeasurable human cost and dislocations accompanying the pandemic, it is interesting that from a purely financial perspective, most families were better situated in 2021 than they were in 2019. Nonetheless, it remains to be seen how future surveys will look given high inflation, a lagging housing market, the expiration of various stimulus initiatives, increasing consumer debt, and other issues surfacing since that time. Stay safe!

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abbott: Battle continues over vouchers As time runs out next week on the fourth special session, Gov.

Greg Abbott said he will continue to fight for school choice, despite the Texas House once again decisively rejecting it when 21 Republicans largely from rural districts joined Democrats in stripping it from a \$7.6 billion education bill. The Austin American-Statesman reported it is unclear what Abbott's next move will be.

"I will continue advancing school choice in the Texas Legislature and at the ballot box and will maintain the fight for parent empowerment until all parents can choose the best education path for their child," Abbott said. "I am in it to win it."

However, Abbott has not said whether he will call a fifth special session. He has previously said that he would back primary opponents to those who rejected the voucher plan.

"I don't know whether the Governor will call us back for a 5th special session or not," state Rep. Cody Harris, R-Palestine, said in a Facebook post Sunday. "Either way, I look forward to the next time I have the opportunity to provide much needed teacher pay raises, increased funding for our local schools, and parents with the opportunity to choose the system of education they believe is best for their child."

The filing period for the March primary is underway and ends

Widespread power outages possible

The agency in charge of the state's power grid is warning that Texas could face widespread power outages this winter if temperatures plunge below freezing for several days in a row, as occurred last year. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas raised the alarm after canceling a plan to ask power plant operators to reactivate some closed natural gas and coal plants. It received few offers to do so, The Dallas Morning News reported.

ERCOT is predicting a 14.4% chance of rolling blackouts if the state experiences a severe cold snap such as occurred just before last Christmas. Those chances grow to 16.8% in January, according to the report.

Population and business growth are the main drivers of energy shortages on the ERCOT grid, The News reported.

Texas State to host first presidential debate

The first presidential debate for the 2024 general election will be held at Texas State University in San Marcos, the Statesman reported. The Sept. 16 debate will be the first of four to take

Kelly Damphousse, president of Texas State since July 2022, said he believes the university, with nearly 39,000 students,

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SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2: 8). Grace is the summation of all that God has done to bring salvation to humanity. Grace summarizes God's part in man's salvation, faith summarizes man's response to God. You will notice that "grace alone" or "faith alone" is not found in the text.

In the New Testament the idea of having "faith," or "believing" is often used in a general or comprehensive way to include one's entire response to God. For example, in Acts 16: 24-34 is recorded the conversion of the jailor at Philippi. When the jailor asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" he was told, "Believe in the Lord Jesus" (vs 30-31). Paul then spoke unto him "the word of the Lord," and he and his household were baptized (vs. 32-33). After the jailor was baptized he rejoiced, "having believed in God" (v. 34). This illustrates clearly that belief included obedience in baptism.

Why then, do people insist, that the proper response of faith, is "faith ONLY" or "faith ALONE?" The only time "faith alone" or "faith only" appears in the New Testament in connection with salvation or justification is Jas. 2: 24, which says, "You see then how that by works a man is justified, and NOT by faith ONLY."

The concept of belief includes "conviction, trust, and obedience." In the Bible, faith approved by God is always characterized by these comprehensive elements i.e., "conviction, trust, and obedience." Faith is always demonstrated in obedience i.e., the faith that saves is always the faith that obeys! Since the Ephesians were saved by grace through faith, what did that involve? Acts 19: 5 says that when they were told that they should believe on Jesus Christ (v. 4), "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Thus, salvation by grace through faith, includes baptism rather than excluding it, as many teach. Think on these things.

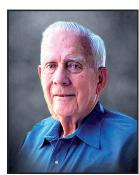
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OBITUARIES

ADRON LEE DUNNAVANT

Adron Lee Dunnavant, 91, of Gladewater, was born August 21, 1932, to Tommie Adron Dunnavant and Roxie Allie Hodge Duncan and passed from this life on November 13, 2023.



Adron worked as a machinist for 39 years before retiring from Stroh Brewing Company in 1994. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Pamela Jackson, Daniel Dunnavant, and Patricia Arden (David); grandchildren, Christopher Arden, Megan Sanchez, Justin Arden, Evan Jackson, Carmen Rodriguez, and

John Dunnavant; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; spouses, Johnette Thornton Dunnavant (mother of his children) and Dorothy Turner Dunnavant; brother, Lee Roy Dunnavant; and his half-brothers, Arthur Dunnavant and James Dunnavant.

A visitation was held Saturday, November 18, 2023, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Please visit Adron's online registration book at www. mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.



The Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal was held again at First Methodist Church Gladewater, in the Christian Life Center on Wednesday November 22, complete with turkey and all the trimmings.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

Upshur commissioners to meet Thursday

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court will consider discussing, and acting on, the upcoming major renovation of the county courthouse Thursday (Nov. 30). Part of the potential discussion, and all votes, if any, are to take place in open session at the 10 a.m. meeting at the temporary courthouse, 150 E. Jefferson on the downtown Gilmer square.

Among other items on the agenda is discussing nominees for boards of the county's two emergency services districts. Some members' terms expire Dec. 31. The court will also consider the \$124,900, 5-year lease/purchase of a backhoe with annual base payments of about \$15,000. The agenda doesn't list the seller. In other business, the court will consider casting votes for the Upshur County Appraisal District's Board of Directors.

The court will also consider contracting with the Kilgorebased East Texas Council of Governments to provide the county with certain services. In addition, commissioners will consider approving auctioning off some Road and Bridge Department equipment, and accepting a bid on scrap metal disposal for that department.

2024's Best & Worst College **Towns & Cities in America**

With application season in full swing and student living expenses reaching over \$35,000 per year in some regions, WalletHub today released its report on 2024's Best & Worst College Towns & Cities in America, as well as expert commentary. This report is a follow-up to WalletHub's College & University Rankings.

- 3. West Lafayette, IN 4. College Station, TX
- 5. Provo, UT 6. Laramie, WY
- 7. Wilmington, NC
- 8. Santa Barbara, CA
- 9. Oxford, OH 10. Boca Raton, FL
- *For simplicity, we used the term "Towns" to refer to both cities and towns.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND **DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM**

General Permit Authorization No. TXR040680



PRELIMINARY SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of White Oak, 906 South White Oak Road, White Oak, Texas 75693, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a new authorization number TXR040680 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the City of White Oak MS4. The new authorization would replace expired authorization number TXR040629. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on January 22, 2020.

The MS4 is located within the City of White Oak city limits located within the Longview Urbanized Area in Gregg County, Texas. The discharge from the MS4 will eventually reach Sabine River Above Toledo Bend Reservoir in Segment No. 0505 of the Sabine River Basin.

A copy of the NOI, SWMP, general permit, and general permit fact sheet are available for viewing and copying at City of White Oak City Hall located at 906 South White Oak Road, White Oak, Texas 75693. The SWMP can also be viewed online at the City of White Oaks's website at https:// www.cityofwhiteoak.com/. Substantial changes to the MS4's SWMP during the permit term will be posted on the same website.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and SWMP. The SWMP, if approved, would establish additional terms and conditions, not included in the general permit, under which the MS4 must operate. The Executive Director has made the preliminary decision that the SWMP meets all statutory and regulatory requirements and made a preliminary decision to approve the small MS4's authorization under the TPDES Small (Phase II) MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the MS4 is located. If the MS4 is located in more than one county, the applicant must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county containing the largest residential population.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, or significant public comments. The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Any personal contact information you provide to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's records; this includes your name, phone number, email address, and physical address. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from the City of White Oak at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Tracey Fears at 903-759-3936.

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Best Large College Towns*

- 1. Austin, TX 2. Orlando, FL
- 3. Tampa, FL
- 4. Las Vegas, NV
- 5. Raleigh, NC 6. Atlanta, GA
- 7. Miami, FL 8. Pittsburgh, PA
- 9. Columbus, OH
- 10. Seattle, WA

Best Midsize College Towns*

- 1. Scottsdale, AZ
- 2. Gainesville, FL
- 3. Boise, ID 4. Tempe, AZ
- 5. Charleston, SC
- 6. Salt Lake City, UT 7. St. Petersburg, FL
- 8. Tallahassee, FL
- 9. Cary, NC 10. Irvine, CA

Best Small College Towns*

1. Ann Arbor, MI 2. Charlottesville, VA

FENCING DONATORS NEEDED

Do you want an opportunity to create a lasting memory in **Downtown Gladewater?** Now may be your time...

Gladewater is seeking promissory donations for purchase of to-be-fabricated metal fencing panels for the

railroad area, downtown. These panels will be along one side of the railroad and have a family name of the donators fabricated in to them. The cost of one panel, 8' section, is estimated to be \$1500.00. If you are interested or need more information check out our sign-up form, at:

https://bit.ly/rail-fencing-signup2023



Upshur Special Investigations Unit makes arrests

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested five suspects on felony drug charges in October, including four at one time, Sheriff Larry Webb

Details, based on a report from sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows, and all those arrested were taken to the county jail in Gilmer, Webb announced on Wednesday of

Four persons were apprehended in a Oct. 10 traffic stop

which resulted in seizing two suspected drugs in the Pritchett community.

Arrested were Meonca E. Jones, 26, of Ore City, and three from Gilmer - Kaylie B. Jackson, 23, Autumn S. Livas, 21, and Brandon C. Barnes, 28.

All were charged with two counts each of manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance--between four and 200 grams of cocaine, and the same amount of Adderall, a pre-

The unit was working drug interdiction in the Pritchett

area when it confiscated eight grams of suspected cocaine, and 37.6 of suspected Adderall. The suspects were stopped at the intersection of FM 1404 and Texas 155.

Joshua Allen Lewis, 32, of Ore City, was arrested Oct. 2 on a charge of manufacture/delivery of controlled substance--between one and four grams of methamphetamine.

The unit was performing drug interdiction in the Ore City area when it stopped his vehicle at the intersection of U.S. 259 and FM 557, resulting in seizing 3.29 grams of the drug and a "large amount of cash."

GPD POLICE ACTIVITY

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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236434	10:27		519 1/2 W MARSHALL AVE MARSHALL AVE
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	FIRE DEPT	20236445	13:09		1400 N MAIN MAIN ST
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	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	20236472	19:49		55 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
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	ASSIST	20236475	8:59	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20236477		SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ASSIST	20236478	12:19	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	ASSIST	20236494	10:11		2715 W COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236495	15:36		15331 SIMMONS SIMMONS LN
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236496	17:26		219 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20236497	19:30		16 W ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236498	20:25	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

GPD POLICE ARRESTS

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
11/19/23	11/19/23	11:41	ALEXANDER, JOURDYN DESHAUN	В	M	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	519 W MARSHALL AVE
11/25/23	11/25/23	6:22	FOSTER, JAMES TRAVIS		М	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	201 W UPSHUR AVE

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	EMS	20236500	22:40		601 W GAY GAY AVE
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11/24/23	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236502	0:31		1016 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20236503	0:35		1320 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20236504	1:20		2660 WILLOW OAK RD WILLOW OAK RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236505	1:52		187 PYEATT PYEATT DR
	FIRE DEPT	20236506	3:23		16177 COUNTY ROAD 363 COUNTY ROAD 363
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236507	4:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20236508	11:32		613 RODEN RODEN
	TERROR THREAT	20236509	11:45	OREILLYS AUTO PARTS	901 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
<u> </u>	ALARM/OTHER	20236510	16:28		2105 PINECREST PINECREST DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236511	16:41		4 GARDEN GARDEN LN
	FIRE DEPT	20236512	17:40		MARY MARY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236513	17:56		63 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	EMS	20236514	18:10		601 GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20236515	19:59		207 W ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	EMS	20236516	20:04		202 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236517	21:41		69 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20236530	14:29		43 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD ST
	EMS	20236531	16:14		503 MLK JR MLK JR DR
	EMS	20236532	17:23		608 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236533	17:36		63 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236546	16:00		69 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES

WOPD POLICE ACTIVITY

For the reporting period of November 13th through the 19th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 171 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Animal Complaints, Burglar Alarms, Domestic Disturbances, Noise Disturbances, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Two traffic collisions were investigated which resulted in no injuries or continuing criminal investigations. Two people were arrested by White Oak Police during the reporting period: Jalen Qywon Overstreet, 30, of Longview on an outstanding White Oak warrant for Expired Registration, and

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SPORTS

Gladewater, White Oak basketball holiday action

By Tyler Sutton

The high school basketball season continued during this Thanksgiving week as the Gladewater and White boys and girls teams where in action.

The Gladewater Bears boys basketball team was in action on Monday, November 20th as they hosted the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Bears fell 43-40 in a overtime affair. Caleb Balcorta had 13 points in the loss for Gladewater. Kyron Wilson and Kayson Harris scored seven apiece, Brayson Woods five, Cameron Taylor four and Dion Patton and Jiebron Ross two each. The loss drops the Bears to 0-2 on the season. They will be back in action this coming week. First a trip to Paul Pewitt on Tuesday, November 28th then they will head to Grand Saline for a tournament November 30th-December 2nd. The Gladewater Lady Bears also took to the court over the Thanksgiving week holiday. The Lady Bears headed to Longview to take part in the Aldridge Classic where they went 1-2. Gladewater opened up with a 61-42 win over Fruitvale. Four Lady Bears scored in double figures. Calice Henderson led the way with 18 points, seven rebounds, two assists, two steals and three blocks.

Karlee Moses and Paytin the loss for White Oak. Ty-Thompson added 11 points apiece, with Thompson pulling down seven rebounds to go along with four assists and three steals and Moses finishing with nine rebounds and three blocks. Kyla Lincoln recorded 10 points, nine assists, six steals and three rebounds. The Lady Bears would fall in their other two games. Falling to Longview 84-24 later in the day on Monday and then 91-22 to Wylie on Tuesday, November 21st. The Lady Bears now sit at 3-3 on the season. They will be back in action on Monday, November 27th with a trip to Central Heights. Then later in the week they will make the short trip to Longview again, this time to compete in the Pine Tree tournament November 30th-December

Moving over to White Oak, the Roughnecks were in action twice this past week. First on Tuesday, November 21st when they fell to rival Spring Hill 42-33. White Oak led 21-20 at the half but the Panthers went red hot from the field in the 3rd quarter outscoring the RoughNecks 19-4 and that was the difference. Kaleb Sorgee had seven points and three rebounds and Braydon Bratcher and Kanaan Moore added seven points apiece in

sen McClain had five points, Scotty Breitenberg three points and four rebounds and Gavin Sipes two points and three assists. White Oak was again in action on Saturday, November 25th as they fell to Beckville 51-31. White Oak falls to 0-3 on the season and will back in action on Tuesday, November 28th when they host West Rusk. The White Oak LadyNecks basketball team was also on the court during the holiday week as they fell 53-38 to Beckville on Monday, November 20th. Then the next night they took on their rivals the Spring Hill Lady Panthers and had a frustrating night on offense as they were held to 15 points in a 41-15 loss. White Oak drops to 4-6 on the season with the pair of losses. They will be back on the court this coming Tuesday, November 28th

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"Coot's Corner" By Coot Putley

Rangers Thanksgiving

During this time of year when we observe the Thanksgiving holiday, we have so many things to be grateful for. Since Coot's Corner is a sports column. I would like to give you some reasons I'm thankful to be a Texas Rangers fan.

<u>Tom Grieve</u>. "Mr. Ranger" worked for the team for over fifty years – as a player, in the front office, as the general manager, and as the longest tenured broadcaster. In every role, he was kind and gracious. When Grieve was the general manager, I was with a group of friends attending a game which had a long rain delay. Imagine our surprise when he came and introduced himself to us, asked us where we were from, and thanked us for being there. As a broadcaster, he made you feel like you were listening to a friend tell you

Nolan Ryan and Pudge Rodriguez. What a treat to be able to see significant parts of the careers of the two first ballot Hall of Famers. Nolan achieved his significant milestones as a Ranger, and we literally got to watch Pudge grow from his teenage years.

Rusty Greer. An all-time fan favorite. He was admired for his playing ability, his all-out hustling and clutch hitting, and the way he treated people. In Spring Training, I saw some players avoid fans, but Rusty would go out of his way to walk close enough to speak to us.

<u>David Murphy</u>. Another player who is a good role model. One hot August day David signed autographs for the fans gathered above the dugout after batting practice. After about 15 minutes, he looked up into the crowd and asked, "Did I get everybody?" I've never seen another player do that.

Adrian Beltre. My all-time favorite Ranger because he gave you something special every game. It might be a timely hit or an outstanding defensive play. Or it might be pure entertainment like moving the on-deck circle, waving his arms when he ran the bases, or cutting up with Elvis Andrus. Beltre enjoyed the game, and he showed us his fun side.

Evan Carter. I know we've just seen him for a few weeks in the major leagues, but I'm grateful that he is an example of small-town values who is proud to proclaim his faith in God.

Obviously, the World Series Championship is a big reason I'm thankful to be a Texas Rangers fan, and there are many other players that come to mind, but these players stand out for me.

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INVITATION

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All bids must be electronically filed no later than 12:00 P.M., Friday, December 15, 2023. Bids must be emailed submissions only. Details can be found on the Business Department page under Bids on the White Oak ISO website at www.woisd.net.

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20 Emmitt's home state (abbr.) 21 this TX David was

Colorado Rockies pitcher (1993-96) 22 pizza toppings

24 this moves "Big Tex's" jaw (2 wds.) 29 archaic plural of

30 historic Texas R. Swenson Cattle Co.'

31 TXism: "grabbing _straws"

32 "Tapestry" artist (2 wds.)

34 NM ski destination for some Texans 35 init. of Gov.

Runnels (1857-59) 36 first newspaper in Texas territory:

37 TXism: "scared out of my wits"

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38 EI , Texas 39 what UT's Darrell Royal called the goal line (2 wds.)

41 preowned vehicle:

42 this Linares was first director of the Texas Lottery

43 TXism: "____ tailed tooter" (party animal)

44 Indian warrior (2 wds.)

45 ex-Cowboy Dorsett 46 TXism: "___ as dirt"

47 mother of ex-Cowboy

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51 brandin' or shootin' 52 TXism: "___wit" (stupid)

53 explosive letters?

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1 first chance for a score in football (2 wds.)

2 very old Lockhart church: Episcopal

3 south Dallas suburb

4 TXism: "hard as putting up _ in a windstorm"

9 actor Ngor of film "Vietnam, Texas"

the pond" (VIP) 13 TXism: "never sign anything in the

a neon light"

14 TXism: "dusters" (dry

15 Houston's Pennzoil Place has ____ towers

16 great TX blues guitarist Vaughan (init.)

19 a night to stay up: New 21 a club to use near

the green (2 wds.) 23 walked with long

See Answers On This Page

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24 Texas need (abbr.) 25 "Texas Monthly," e.g. (abbr.) 26 TXism: "don't give

a hoot __ _ holler" 27 TXism: "works from can't see ___

see" (hard worker) 28 Houston married daughter of Chief _-te-ka

29 Kerrville event: '_ Ewe & Lamas, Too'

30 cattle auction, e.g. 33 in Wichita County on highway 258

34 NASA drink 35 TXism: "he

itchy trigger finger" 37 sauropod track in Glen Rose (2 wds.)

38 grinds food finely 40 TX Cyd Charisse first stage name

41 TXism: "she talks _ streak"

44 bet the lot (2 wds.) 47 TX Willie Nelson hometown

49 singer/actor Bobby in TX-filmed "State Fair" (1962)

First responders get ready for water rescues

Continued from Page 1

from the Sabine River Authority. The training was prompted, in part, by the development of the Sabine River Paddling Trail through Gregg County.

"The firefighters have done their bookwork, now they're doing the physical skills," Simmons said. "We're basically the three departments that have boats and cover the river. If we have an incident on the Sabine River, we're all going to be involved together.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

County library hosts craft fair

The Upshur County Library in Gilmer will hold a Dec. 2 "Holiday Craft Fair" with free admission for the general public, said library spokeswoman Victoria Antonmarchi.

Set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it will feature craft vendors, a food truck, a photographer taking "holiday pictures," and hourly raffles, she said.

For more information, contact it at 903-843-5001.

Also two books by Julia Donaldson will be read at both of the Upshur County Library's "Storytime" sessions for children in Gilmer on Thursday (Nov. 30.)

"The Gruffalo" and "The Gruffalo's Child" will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions.

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

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

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

Jingle Jog set for December 22

Grab some sporty sleepwear this season – a Jammie Jingle Jog is racing toward downtown Gladewater next month. Set for 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, the kid-friendly event is centered on 109 N. Main Street, headquarters of a newly-minted open-air venue, The Labrador.

Organized by Gladewater

Chamber of Commerce, participants of all ages are encouraged to "Wear your jammies and join in the fun" for a short sprint during the hour-long event. Hot chocolate and cookies will be waiting for runners at the finish line that night.

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

Blood drives scheduled

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will hold three blood drives in Upshur County in December, said Carter field recruiter Donna Russell.

The first, sponsored by the Big Sandy Lions Club, is scheduled at Austin Bank at 108 E. Broadway (U.S. 80) in that city from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

Contact person for it is



The City of White Oak is proud and excited to announce that the city has a community building again thanks to White Oak Economic Development. The contract was signed yesterday with Vera Bank and will soon be ready to rent out.

Rickey Caughron at 903-918-9393.

The other drives are in Gilmer, beginning Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Tractor Supply on U.S. 271.

Contact Russell for more information at 903-574-

The final drive is at Credit Union of Texas, located at 755 U.S. Hwy. 271, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. The bloodmobile will be in the credit union's parking lot which faces Titus

For more information on that drive, contact Lindsey Hitt at 903-790-4415.

Russell said all types of blood are needed, especially "O negative," the type which can be used for treating any patient.

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THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALMA LEE CHRISTIAN, OSCAR CHRISTIAN, JOSEPH L. CHRISTIAN, WILLIE MAY CHRISTIAN, LORENZO CHRISTIAN, LOREN-ZO CHRISTIAN, JR., RUBY RUTH CHRISTIAN, GLASCOW CHRISTIAN, RUBEN CHRISTIAN, BILLY LEE CHRISTIAN, ODIE D. CHRISTIAN, PATRICIA ANN CHRIS-TIAN, 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. Methvin 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, OS-CAR 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, PA-TRICIAANN 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 00 deg. 20 min. 35 sec. West, 500.93 feet from the Southwest comer 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 a1/2" iron rod set for the northeast comer of the tract described herein;

THENCE North 85 deg. 46 min. 18 sec. West, 331.84 feet to a1/2" 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 a1/2" 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 ½" 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 long the East R.O.W. line of Jamerson Road to a ½" 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 a1/2" iron rod set at a point in the East R.O.W. line of

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 containin 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

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<u>PUBLIC</u> **HEARING**

There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on December 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to rezone the north 3/4 acre of property located at: LT 8 BLK 2 C O SPENCER & AB 56 MARTHA DILLARD SUR TR 27; more commonly known as 426 S. Tyler Rd., from residential to commercial. There will be a second public hearing held by the Gladewater City Council on December 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings. If you are unable to attend these meetings you may send written comments to Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, City of Gladewater, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

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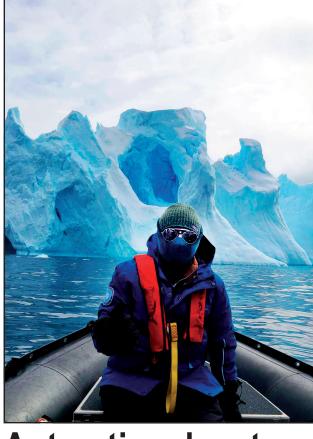
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The Union Grove High School Student Council recently organized a clothing drive contest, and the biggest winner was Gladewater's Manna House. Two truckloads of clothes were delivered Thanksgiving week, much of it being warm clothes for children.

(Courtesy photo from Ann Hinds)



Antarctic adventure welcomes WO alum

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At this point in the adventure, though, Danielle's reveling in the snapshots she's collected: Robert unfurling an Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Company A2 flag, dipping a hand in the frigid waters or posing with a 'White Oak FFA' sign and a cool smile amid the barren landscape while penguins photo-bomb the shot.

Double majoring in Psychology and Anthropology, Robert recently described tentative research plans for the trip, such as studying the growing effect human observation has on the species of Antarctica that were previously isolated from the Anthropecene or analyzing social behavior of penguins exposed to Avian influenza."

He's attempted to explain it all before, Danielle said, but "I can't really explain it to you," she adds with a laugh.

She's hungry for more details but being patient. For now, Danielle understands the team is visiting different spots on their itinerary and spending their nights on the ship, water and weather permitting.

Important for mom, "He will be back in time for Christmas, about the middle of December."

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