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City thaws, water service restored

Water service improved Monday after several days of outages. Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp said residents found on outer lines were reporting the return of water through both drips and trickles. "We have also had reports of excellent water pressure from other residents. We need to still conserve water as our system continues to recover and build pressure. Please use water only when necessary."

Shipp urged residents to refrain from washing their vehicles either at home or at a car wash. "This was an activity noticed today (Monday) by some residents. Remember that your efforts to conserve will help others with a drip or trickle gain pressure and the system will recover faster."

After working almost nonstop for six days, city crews found no new line leaks to repair on Monday.

"There were several residential and business cutoffs the city assisted in as lines thawed and leaks appeared," Shipp said. "Two of the leaks today (Monday) at residences represented 24,000 gallons of water use in a 24-hour period and another 17,000 gallons of water use in a 24-hour period. These are major leaks that negatively impact restoration of water pressure within the system. Please continue to call in any leaks so they may be investigated."

Water leaks should be reported to City Hall during the hours of 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8 am to noon on Friday. City Hall can be reached at 903-845-2196. After City Hall has closed, leaks can be reported to Dispatch at the Police Department at 903-845-2166.

"As a reminder, we are still under a boil water notice. Water treatment processes continued to improve again today," Shipp added. "We are still hopeful that the boil water notice will be rescinded by Friday with the progress today (Monday). We will attempt to pull samples for testing on Wednesday. We will update

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Fallout from storm rocks state

State targets ERCOT reform

By Suzanne Bardwell

Hindsight is 2020 and Gov. Greg Abbott is exercising that hindsight with a directive to power companies and legislators calling for funding and legislation to ensure that Texas' essential power infrastructure does not fail as it did last week amid the record setting snowfall and well below freezing temperatures.

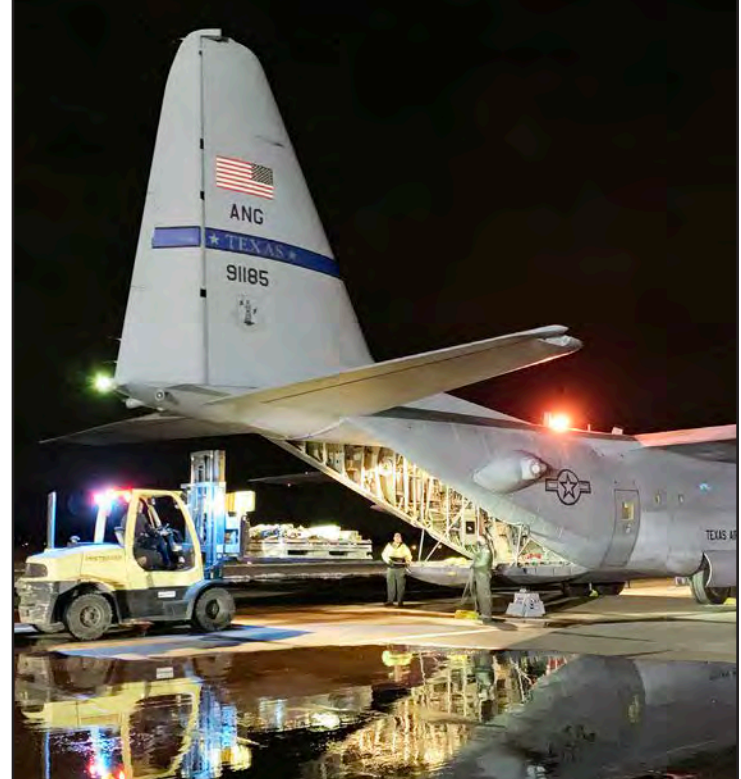
How the failure became so severe has many contributing reasons, including temperate Texas weather which led many energy plants to either ignore needed upgrades or skimp on them even after a severe 2011 winter storm caused extensive statewide power outages.

Millions of Texans lost power during last week's storm and millions more were either out of water or on boil water notice, including Gladewater and Kilgore residents. The outages began last Monday when the power grid failed to cover statewide energy needs. Natural gas plants, utility wind turbines, coal and nuclear plants all suffered failures as the temperatures became deadly cold.

Many Texans had to suffer through "rolling" outages to prevent the entire grid from failing which could have left much of the state without power for weeks if not months according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) officials. The rolling outages lasted for days for millions of people.

Without the regulatory requirement to ensure that power infrastructure can withstand the extremely low temperatures, Texas

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A multi-agency, multi service operation - that started with the Air Force, Navy, Army, National Guard at the Naval Air Station JRB in Fort Worth and ended with the Texas Task Force which included the Texas Forest Service and Gregg County Emergency Management brought 46 pallets of bottled water to Gregg County's East Texas Regional Airport Sunday night. Twenty pallets of water made it to Gladewater where it was distributed to residents who were still under a boil water notice. Photo by Josh Bardwell

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tristan Holmes leads by example

By Suzanne Bardwell

"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character," Martin Luther King Jr. said in his historic "I have a dream" speech. Character is something Gladewater High School senior Tristan Holmes is known to possess.

"Tristan has a good moral compass that has been instilled in him by his family," GHS Coach and GMS Principal Chris Langford said. "He has qualities you look for in a leader."

Holmes directly credits his family for his foundation and his success.

"My parents (Stewart and Deedi Holmes) and my grandmother are the strongest people I know," Holmes said. "My dad has been with me my whole journey through sports from coaching me through Little League all the way up until now."

His father Stewart, a GHS alum, played for the Bears from 1986 through 1989, earning All State and All District honors along the way. His son, Tristan Holmes, led the Bears as quarterback since his sophomore year with outstanding season and personal results.

Holmes earned All District Offensive Most Valuable Player and All State Academic honors. He broke GHS school records for passing touchdowns against Tatum and passing yards in the game against Sabine. And Holmes broke the passing touchdowns in a season record which resulted in his District 6-3A Offensive Player of the Year and All East Texas QB honorable mention honors.

"Leaving a legacy behind at GHS has always been a big deal for me," Holmes said. "I never want to go anywhere and not at least leave something behind for someone to remember me."

Holmes credits his former head coach John Berry for the maturity he gained on the field and off in his three years of playing for him.

"Coach Berry was always an amazing man to me, whenever I needed advice he was always there," Holmes said. "When I was going through things on the field he was the main reason I never gave up. No matter the situation in a game I always had faith in him, and my team."

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TRISTAN HOLMES

TRISTAN HOLMES FAST FACTS

What does being an American mean to you?
It means being able to chase my dreams and being whatever I want with no one standing in my way.

Do you believe that Dr. King's "Dream" has been fulfilled?
"I believe his dream as been fulfilled in part but has not fully been fulfilled until we all love each other as equals."

Surprise Facts:
Related to legendary superstar athlete Earl Campbell on his maternal family branch.
"He grew up in Tyler with my Granny and my uncles. The one vivid memory I have of him was visiting his home in Tyler and getting to talk to him and taking a picture with the Heisman Trophy. It weighted like 25 pounds but it was an amazing experience."

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Millions of Texans dealing with water supply issues

Warmer temperatures over the weekend and continuing this week melted most of the snow from the state's roadways and roofs. But Texans are still dealing with broken pipes that flooded homes and businesses, damaged municipal water systems, and continued power outages in scattered areas, mainly in East and Central Texas.

At the height of the power crisis, more than 4 million Texans were without electrical service — a number that shrank to less than 32,000 as of Sunday, according to the PowerOutage.Us website.

As of last weekend, more than half the state's population had some type of disruption in their water service, from having no water to low pressure, which made it necessary to boil water before safely using it for drinking, cooking or bathing. Tiffany Young, spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, reported Friday that more than 1,300 water supply systems and 62% of Texas counties were affected.

Federal disaster declaration partially granted

Gov. Greg Abbott's request for a federal disaster declaration was partially granted on Saturday. President Joe Biden granted the request for individual assistance in 77 Texas counties (<https://tinyurl.com/3doyhwnt>). Individuals and business owners in counties included in the federal disaster declaration can begin applying for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585. Biden had previously issued a state of emergency for all of Texas, allowing FEMA to go into action.

State's power grid 'minutes' from failing; Abbott urges legislative action

As electricity demand overwhelmed capacity last week during the height of the storm, the chief of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates the power grid for most of the state, told the media that the grid came close to having a catastrophic failure that could have taken months to repair. Grid operators began rolling blackouts to cut demand. "It needed to be addressed immediately," said Bill Magness, president of ERCOT. "It was seconds and minutes (from possible failure), given the amount of generation that was coming off the system."

Abbott last Tuesday added reform of ERCOT as an emergency item this legislative session, calling the organization "anything but reliable." Also, Attorney General Ken Paxton has issued civil investigative demands to ERCOT and 11 power companies demanding documents and data related to the power outages, emergency plans, energy pricing and other items related to the winter storm power failures. Paxton said in a press release that ERCOT and other entities "grossly mishandled" last week's winter disaster.

Abbott met with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dade Phelan and eight members of the Legislature on Saturday to discuss how to address the spike in energy bills affecting many Texans after the power outages.

The Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT, also has begun an investigation into the outages. Chairman DeAnn Walker, said, "We must act swiftly to discover not only how this crisis came together, but also take meaningful steps to protect electricity customers."

Tips on filing insurance claims for damaged homes

The Texas Department of Insurance offers several tips if filing a homeowner's claim for damage caused by broken water pipes, downed tree limbs or other damage from the storm. TDI advises contacting your insurance company or agent as soon as possible to file a claim. Also:

- Make a list of damaged property. Take pictures or video of the damage.
- Take steps to protect your home from further damage. Turn off the water, cover broken windows and holes in your roof if possible. Keep receipts on anything you spend to make temporary repairs.

What's next? The Zombie apocalypse? Really people I just want life to return to its usual 'abnormal'. I bet you do too. I was iced in in West Texas while you were shivering in East Texas, many of you without water or heat. God bless you all! As if you didn't know how tough you were to begin with.

The grocery shelves should be filling back up now that the interstates are open so get those dratted masks back out or start your online pickup shopping. I know that some of you are getting a little Grinchy out there if you are out of Oreos...or bread...or milk.

Here at the Bardwell INK main office in Gladewater despite last week's freeze up, the Henderson printing plant shutdown and my own ice-in in Lubbock left publisher Jim Bardwell depending on the internet to digitally produce our three community newspapers... alone. You can find them on the Gladewater Mirror website for both GM and the White Oak Independent, and the Lindale News & Times on its website.

In the last few days my Clark Kent has had his cape on along with a host of other folks who are busy getting tons of cases of water for the Gladewater community who remain on a boil notice. Our very good neighbors from White Oak City Hall delivered pallets of water today on a flatbed trailer pulled by a dump truck which surely saved the backs of Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp, Jim Bardwell, Scott Owens, Brandy and Scott Flanagan and a bunch more people who aren't getting paid to help unload the stuff. Heck even the Bear football team showed up today for a bit to exercise their Bear biceps.

The Flanagans have hosted food giveaways at GYM101 and today Czech Please was giving away soup. Our son Josh and his wife Jennifer were helping unload water from a plane last night at midnight. Water that had ironically been loaded at the other end by Jennifer's sister Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Bull and her crew.

All these good deed doers are just scratching the surface of thousands of neighbors helping neighbors all across Texas.

Nobody asked the folks who came for water, blankets or food if

Suzanne Bardwell



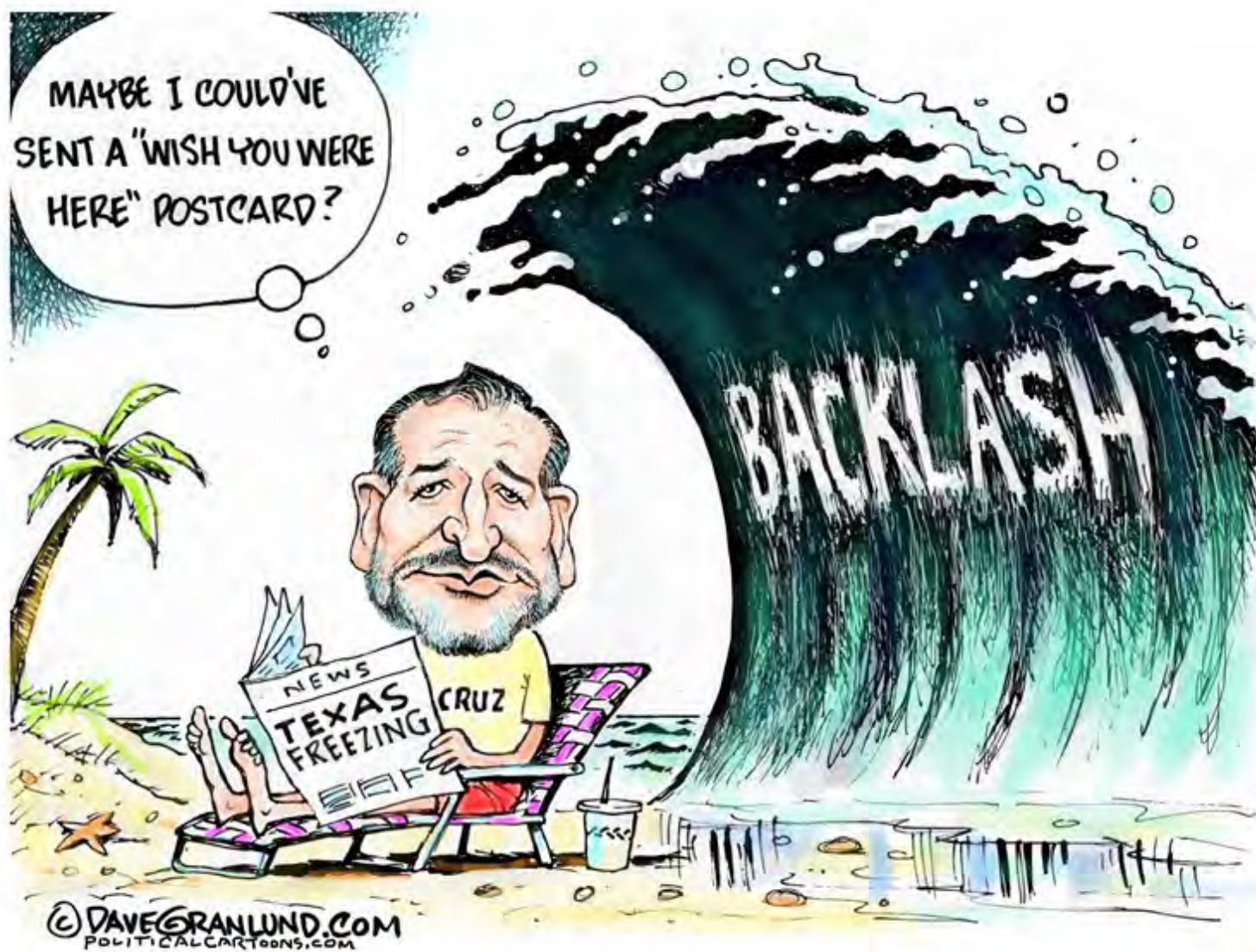
they were a Republican or a Democrat, how much money they had in their wallet, their faith affiliation, or what their thoughts were on global warming. Sometimes hard things are very, very good for us because they help to put all the 'other' stuff into perspective. And the bottom line is that we all need each other when the rubber, or in this case the ice, hits the road.

There are just a whole bunch of everyday people who care about each other. They don't care if they get their picture made while helping. They don't care that they have to go home and boil their own water or make do with a can of tuna. They just want to make sure their neighbors are okay.

Doesn't that make you feel good? Doesn't that give you hope? City, County, TXDOT and utility workers, not to mention plumbers, have been down in the snow, the ice, the mud and the misery of trying to find and fix roads and water leaks in all of our communities. I think they must be wearing their super hero capes too.

If you want to grab your cape there is plenty to do. Our community food ministries may need replenishment. Our libraries, museums and business neighbors may need our helping hands too. Hands at work in the world are a precious gift and we can all do a little to help a lot. It goes back to that good old Golden Rule where we are charged to "Love our Neighbor as we love ourself" Mark 12:31.

So what's next? No zombies, but we might just meet each other coming and going wearing our capes. I hope to see you in a fly by wherever you may be...and please, know that you are truly appreciated.



Letter to the Editor

We are blessed to have John JD Shipp as our Mayor

Dear Gladewater Friends, Family & Neighbors,

We have been through yet another "once-in-a-lifetime" event in less than a one year time period.

During the worse snow and freeze we have witnessed in our lifetime, where the majority of our community had little to no water supply, our Mayor, John JD Shipp:

- helped deliver food
- assisted in finding water leaks
- traveled to Longview to obtain water to bring back to residents
- took City employees back and forth to work
- prepared daily updates to be shared with the community
- performed needed tasks for our City to obtain the assistance needed from the State
- and so much MORE!

Gladewater Citizens, please know beyond a shadow of a doubt, your Mayor has been behind the scenes and on the front-lines through this entire ordeal. I have told Mayor Shipp multiple times through Covid-19 and now this... God appointed him for such a time as this.

Due to my position as City Councilwoman, I am privy to witness situations others are not. With no hesitation, I tell you, we are blessed to have John JD Shipp as our Mayor.

As we work towards a return to normal, I ask a favor of you. Next time you see Mayor Shipp, tell him "thank you for a job well done." Keep Moving Forward,

Brandy Flanagan
Gladewater City Councilwoman

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ENJOYING THE BIBLE

John Grisham, Tom Clancy, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million. What do all of these have in common? They all show that Americans love to read. Grisham's books: "A Time to Kill," "The Pelican Brief," "The Client," "The Firm," and others; Tom Clancy's "The Hunt For Red October," "Patriot Games," "Clear And Present Danger," "The Sum Of All Fears," and others; J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter Series," all can be found at Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, or ordered online at Amazon.

Many Christians enjoy reading the latest bestseller, but have never thought of actually enjoying reading the Bible. But the truth is, if you want to spend more time with the Bible, it isn't just about willpower or time management, it is about "WANT TO! Isn't it true, that basically we do what we want to do? When we come to enjoying the Bible, we will want to read the Bible. Paul told Timothy to "give attention to reading" (1 Tim. 4: 13). But if you do not enjoy the Bible you will not enjoy reading it!

Jeremiah said he "ate up" the Word of the Lord, because it was unto him "the joy and rejoicing of his heart." (Jer. 15: 16). Like some do bestsellers, Ezekiel "devoured" the Word of the Lord, because, as he said, God's Word was in his mouth "like honey in sweetness." (Ezek. 3: 3). There is joy in learning God's will, and taking it deeply into our heart. Those who love God delight in learning all they can of His will. Like the Psalmist, they too will say: "I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I love." (Psa. 119: 47). Bible study is genuine pleasure for the spiritually-minded. Ask yourself: "Do I enjoy reading and studying the Bible? Please think on these things.

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The heavy snow last week was too much for several downtown awnings, which collapsed. Photos by Chris Jones



Place 4 council seat draws two challengers

By Jim Bardwell

The slates are set for the Gladewater City Council or Gladewater ISD School Board set for May 1.

For the city council - seats Place 4, Place 5, Place 6 and Place 7 were up for grabs. Place 4 councilman Nick Foster decided not to seek re-election, leaving political newcomer Michael Webber and former city councilman Dennis Robertson tossing their hats into the Place 4 race.

Place 6 councilman Rocky Hawkins is unopposed, as are Place 7 incumbent councilman Kevin Clark and Place 5 incumbent councilman Elijah "Sonny" Anderson.

On the school side of the local elections, Place 6 board member Jamie Robertson is unopposed for re-election, and Jeff Cook is the lone candidate for Place 7, currently held by George Glenn, who chose to not seek re-election.

Also on the city's May ballot will be a request to reallocate some of the sales tax revenue collected by the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO) to "quality of life" projects. This is not a vote for new taxes - just voters' authorization to use the existing tax money already being collected for a broader range of projects.

Currently GEDCO operates under "Type A" rules. Type A sales tax funding is primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development. EDCs may use Type A revenue to fund land, buildings, equipment, facilities expenditures, targeted infrastructure and improvements for projects. The Type B sales tax may be used for any project eligible under Type A rules and several other project types, including quality of life improvements such as professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks; related store, restaurant, concession, parking and transportation facilities; related street, water and sewer facilities; and affordable housing.

19-year-old arrested after shooting

An 18-year-old man was wounded and a 19-year-old man was arrested following a shooting that occurred Feb. 16 at about 12:30 p.m. at 520 W. Marshall Ave. in Gladewater.

Gladewater Officer Wright made contact with the victim and secured the scene, so EMS could give medical treatment to the victim. EMS then transported the victim to the Rodeo Grounds off W. Upshur Ave. so he could be care flighted for his injuries to the hospital.

Officer Arteaga was able to locate the suspect who was identified as Clifton Henderson and detain him and transport him to the Gladewater Police Department. Officer Arteaga also recovered a stolen pistol used in the course of the assault.

The suspect was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - a 2nd degree felony, theft of a firearm - a state jail felony, and unlawful carry of a weapon - a Class A Misdemeanor.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Public Transit and COVID

With the spread of COVID-19 in early 2020, one of the vital services impacted was public transit. Ridership across the nation plummeted due to safety concerns, falling to 80% below normal early on and lingering around 60% below 2019 levels at the end of 2020. Public transit ridership in Texas was slightly more stable, ending the year at around 50% of prior rates in major metros such as Houston and Austin (hardly a distinction).

Transit agencies find themselves in a financial "lose-lose." Costs have escalated due to additional cleaning and protective equipment for employees.

Simultaneously, revenue is down from the sharp drops in ridership and fares, coupled with lower tax revenue from state and local governments. Even with \$39 billion from the two federal COVID relief bills, transit agencies could face shortfalls of over \$39 billion through fiscal 2023. More funding may become available if subsequent pandemic stimulus measures are enacted, but huge deficits are likely for several years, placing future service and capital spending in jeopardy.

While some have commented that the pandemic could signal the death of public transit, it is more an opportunity to evaluate whether the current structure is assisting the populations most in need of such services. Many people using transit systems do not have other options. Some areas (especially

in the South and Midwest) are not transit dependent overall, but nevertheless have sizeable populations that are. Low income and minority communities in particular tend to rely more on public transportation, and many agencies are evaluating how best to serve these groups.

The pandemic has also provided a catalyst to implement innovative methods of contactless fare collection and trip planning. Many agencies were already pursuing new technology and analytics, and the COVID situation created an incentive to bring such advances fully online, thus allowing riders to enjoy safer trip experiences. On-demand services have also been very popular over the past year; experts expect this to be an area of expansion for transit systems in the future. This structure permits

an approach to providing services where they are most needed even under fiscal constraints. Targeted efforts of this nature have the potential to improve the overall value proposition, thus generating increased prospects for public-private partnerships to provide needed capital resources.

Looking ahead, many key segments of the economy will need to modify their business models in a post-pandemic world. Things will definitely be different, and transit is no exception. Efficiency is going to become increasingly important, and COVID safety measures will be needed for the foreseeable future. In the midst of these challenges, however, the essential nature of public transit for some individuals is clear, and successful programs are crucial to their wellbeing.

Stay safe!



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- Atley Alston
- Creeann Bozarth
- Chloe Brooks
- Parker Haley
- Madyson Lowe
- Nicholas Scavone
- Garrett Staley
- Lyndsey Wallace
- Natalie Woodard

8TH GRADE:

- Thomas Branscom

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7TH GRADE:

- Kadence Brannan
- Hope Cannon
- Brianna Carrion
- Landon Clark
- Calab Day
- Geoffrey Driggers
- Kenneth Flanagan
- Carter Garmon
- Ryan Hickerson
- Ayden Johns
- Logann Long
- Moriah McTyre
- Thomas Navarro-Gonzalez
- Natalie Pritchett
- Laney Pullen
- Callysta Reeves
- Mason Stanley

- Josiah Sturkie
- Preston Travis
- August Vestal

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- Taylor Campbell
- Hannah Coulter
- Elise Daugherty
- Brendon Deary
- William Driggers
- Judson George
- Abigail Grace
- Izabelle Gregg
- Jacob Griffin
- Emma Holder
- Torryn Humber
- Gracie Lawrence
- Morgan Mayhan
- Sarah Prince
- Jenna Robertson
- Katherine Scudday
- Allison Smith
- Keira Taylor
- Brianna Westmoreland

HS A HONOR ROLL

9TH GRADE:

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- Rylee Graham
- Kathryn King
- Sydney Pritchett
- Jenna Scott
- Addison Smith
- Kameron Townsend
- Faith Woodall

UGISD HONOR ROLLS 3rd NINE WEEKS

10TH GRADE:

- Caden Handorf
- Carsyn Hudgens
- Lainey Ledbetter
- Kyler Littlejohn
- Emily Lynch
- Sumeet Mattu
- Brayden Pirtle
- Gracie Stanford
- Gracie Winn

11th GRADE:

- Avery Brooks
- Sydney Chamberlain
- Bailey Clowers
- Colin Cooper
- Kerigen Ellis
- Mireya Evans
- Sabetay Fernandez
- Kennedi Gordy
- Olivia Hudgens
- Emily Melton
- Brent Reeves
- Jolea Robertson
- Mia Rust
- Carter Smith
- Jace Smith
- Jocelyn Suarez
- Aubrey Woodard

12th GRADE:

- Macey Alston
- Jared Childress
- Noah Childress
- Catalina Colling
- CJ Demoss
- Carlos Escobedo
- Maya Huffman
- Saylor Jasper
- Carleigh Judd
- Makena Littlejohn
- Jayce Nutt
- Catherine Pritchett
- Wyleigh Wilson

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- Brayden Carter
- Sarah Clowers
- Brady Colby
- Jaxson Daniels
- Clason Dillard
- Esmeralda Escobedo
- Paulina Navarro-Gonzalez
- Katherine Potter
- Sophie Pyle

- Keeley Rust
- Michael Scavone
- Cade Sullivan
- Jeremy Taylor
- Lane Turner
- Emily Valdes
- Ava Wightman
- Rowdy Williams
- Weldon Wilson
- Grace Woodall

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- Mackenzie Arden
- Joshua Baker
- Ian Bell
- Emily Bible
- Gavin Boutin
- Reed Cooper
- Colton Cowan
- McKenzie Ellis
- James Evans
- Landon Goodman
- Analeice Jones
- Bailey Kirkland
- Nene Kutch
- Jordan Lee
- Stacy Leon-Ramos
- Angelina Leyva
- Natalie Martin
- Blake Moore
- Chloe Staley
- Kenia Velazquez
- Ian Vieira
- Courtney Vigneau
- Preston Woodall
- Alison Yohn

11th GRADE:

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- Sierra Breakey
- Emily Calhoun
- Hunter Cannon
- Samantha Coleman
- Buddy Ferguson
- Payton Haley
- Adam Hanson
- Harlee Kirbis
- Kadynce Matthew
- Trevor Moore
- Alexander Prince
- Tyler Rodgers
- Taylor See
- Clayson Thetford
- Katelyn Vaughn

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- Madeline Barnett
- Brooklyn Berry
- Isaiah Birch
- Kannon Childress
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PUC emergency actions to protect texas electricity customers

Austin – In an emergency open meeting, timed to prevent possible disconnections for non-payment this week, the Public Utility Commission of Texas issued a series of orders intended to protect Texas electricity customers while leaders in the state consider solutions for the financial aftershocks of the winter storm grid event.

The orders addressed the following:
 An immediate suspension of disconnections for non-payment until further notice, including ordering utilities not to process disconnection.

Continuation of the COVID-19 measure under which REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to customers when requested.

The orders are applicable to customers of investor owned utilities (IOUs) across the state that fall under the PUC's jurisdiction (namely Oncor, AEP, CenterPoint, and TNMP). (Note: these provisions do not apply to municipally owned utilities or electric cooperatives that are not within the PUC's jurisdiction in this area.)

In the meeting deliberations, the Commission strongly urged retail electric providers to delay invoicing for residential and small commercial electricity customers, including invoices with estimated meter reads

"Our absolute top priority as a commission and a state is protecting electricity customers from the devastating effects of a storm that already affected their delivery of power," said Chairman DeAnn Walker. "The order and directives are intended to be temporary, likely

through the end of this week, to address the potential financial impacts that are especially challenging during this extremely difficult time."

The meeting's second order was directed at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, calling on it to exercise the discretion under ERCOT

protocols to deviate from protocol deadlines and timing related to settlements, collateral obligations, and invoice payments (which could lead to further market instability) while leaders in the state consider solutions to the financial challenges caused by the grid event.

Red Cross calls for healthy blood donors after severe weather

Following record-breaking cold and winter storms that forced the cancellation of more than 10,000 blood and platelet donations in parts of the U.S. in February, the American Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can't wait.

Every day thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant, even during snowstorms and the COVID-19 pandemic. To help ensure lifesaving patient care isn't impacted, individuals are urged to make appointments to donate in the coming days and weeks by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Tina Rocco knows firsthand how important it is to have blood on hospital shelves. After welcoming baby Gemma by cesarean section, she began hemorrhaging badly and was rushed back into the operating room. "I was later told it was several pints of blood and an amazing doctor that saved my life," Rocco said. "That allowed me to hold my first daughter and go home all together as a family of three."

Before that day, Rocco hadn't known anyone who needed blood transfusions. Now, this grateful mother says, "You truly never know

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American Red Cross

when you, or someone you love, might need it."

Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

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B. Johnson. She could never stay in her seat, but walked up and down the church with her Bible (ticket) in her hand. On Tuesday, February 9, 2021 with her ticket in her hand, she got on board the morning train.

Pearlie B. Johnson was known throughout the North East Texas area as MaDear, Dear,

Sister, Auntie, Sis Johnson, and Cousin Pearl B. Whatever the title, an abundance of love flowed from the person addressing her. Another of her favorite church hymns was "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let it Shine." Mother Johnson's life truly reflected a caring spirit for all the world to see.

Mother Pearl B. Johnson was born in Hallsville, Texas to the parents of Leavie and Flora Cooks. She had five siblings, 3 girls and 2 boys, all who preceded her in death. On December 23, 1933 Madear Pearl B. joined in holy matrimony with Luther Johnson. To this union 8 children were born. After marrying, she and Luther moved to Gladewater and became members of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, and remained faithful members for over 80 years.

She was very active in several ministries including: benevolent fund, kitchen ministry, food pantry, building fund, missionary society and deaconess ministry. Mother Johnson worked as a Domestic,

having worked in the homes of the Pritchett & Geter Families and the home of former Mayor Harold Wells. However, she and husband Luther Johnson were best known to most in Gladewater because of their dedicated years of employment at the First United Methodist church.

Mother Johnson was an avid gardener who had beautiful plants year round and a flourishing garden for every season. She shared this pastime with her late husband and best friend, the late Ruby Johnson in a Gladewater Community Garden Club. Mother Johnson was a staunch Weldon Bumble Bee Elementary/High School supporter. She was also an active member of the City Wide Food Committee and Red Rock Historical Association until her health began to fail her. She loved to travel, even though she never learned to drive. After the death of her late husband and the retirement of her church sister and dear friend, Margaret Bell, she and Mrs. Bell explored all of East Texas.

Mother Johnson leaves to cherish her memories 2 daughters, Mary Turner and Myrtle Hampton, and 2 sons, Robert and Raymond Johnson; 15 grandchildren, dozens of great grandchildren; 4 nieces and 3 nephews; a host of cousins, her New Hope Baptist Church Family; Gladewater community Churches Family and friends.

Mother Johnson epitomized the Proverbs 31 woman, "10 Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou exceltest them all. 30 Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Services are under the direction of McCauley and Son Funeral Home.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tristan Holmes leads by example

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But Holmes isn't just an outstanding football and track athlete. The National Honor Society member also was a Spotlight on GHS Outstanding Student twice, Sophomore Class Favorite and a Student of the Month.

"I would like my underclassmen to remember me as someone who was dedicated to whatever I was a part of," Holmes said. "As someone who was always approachable about anything, and as someone who could be there whenever needed. As someone selfless."

He is also humble as evidenced by his speech to the team immediately following the heartbreaking 2020 playoff loss to Mt. Vernon.

"We were all extremely hurt after the Mt. Vernon loss, especially the seniors," he said. "I told everyone to keep their heads up and that we had a good season, but also that this loss falls on the seniors for not being hard enough on the team this season. And, I told them this is

what happens when you don't take every practice like it can be your last."

This humility and accountability has demonstrated Holmes' gifts as a leader to many including his head coach this past season.

"Tristan was a great football player, but his leadership and work ethic is what made him the player that he was," Bear Head Coach Jonny Louvier said. "He wasn't the biggest, fastest or strongest, but he was always here and led by example."

That example was learned as a child from his closest family members.

"My dad has been with me all the way and my Mom has always been my support system, whenever I needed something I could go to her. My Granny Helen has always been a hero to me. Every person she meets she touches them in a special way and I have always admired her."

Holmes said his grandmother taught him that the things that matter in life are the intangible things. One of those intangibles is Holmes' deep faith. He is an

active member of Powell Baptist Church and serves in the Ushers' Program.

"I try to put God first in all I do and I know I would be nothing without Him," Holmes says.

He credits Coach Austin Karcher on helping to grow his faith.

"We had great conversations no matter the topic, but our favorite topic of them all was faith," Holmes said. "We talked about the importance of it and our purpose in life. He wasn't ashamed ever of talking about God to anyone and seeing that really amazed me."

Holmes also says that seeing people helping people touches and motivates him. That quality of caring may eventually lead to include not only his daily life choices but a career as well. His goal is to attend Kilgore College and pursue a career in the medical field eventually completing his work at a university.

"You can't sit around envying other people's world," Holmes said. "You have to go out and change your own."

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A National Disaster Response Team comprised of eight crew members arrived Sunday to begin the hard work of saving Lee Library's resources after extensive damage caused by last week's snow and ice. The team is out of Clearwater Florida and expect their work to take up to 15 days. Photos By Suzanne Bardwell

SNOVID smacks Lee Library

By Suzanne Bardwell
 Lee Public Library is down but not out after being hit hard by SNOVID 2021. As a part of the National Disaster Response Team, project manager Stephen Wagner was hard at work Monday with his crew of seven attempting to save the books, computers and other resources housed in the community library. He expects their part of the job will take about 15 days.

"The humidity was about 80% when we got here and the books just soaked up the moisture in the air," Wagner said. "There are at least two roof leaks and a pipe burst above the ceiling line. There was water running out of the electrical sockets."

Wagner said that there was over six thousand gallons of water on the roof with the snow and ice.

"We will have to cut all the walls that are drywall up to a height of four feet," Wagner said. "We hope to minimize book loss to 10%. The books will be sent to Dallas where they will be frozen and then shipped to the next

point for pressurizing, then the books will come back in boxes somewhere between nine and 18 weeks."

The crew, who arrived Sunday from Clearwater, Florida was busy trying to save the library's computer center and office computers but needed heat to do so. Monday, they were waiting on CenterPoint Energy to get the natural gas flowing so that their heaters could be employed in safely drying out the computers and other machines.

"Obviously we aren't going to plug anything in until the moisture is completely out or it will short out the machines," Wagner said.

City Manager Ricky Tow and Code Enforcement Officer Al Harrison after multiple contacts with CenterPoint finally received confirmation around noon on Monday that CenterPoint would move the library to a priority status.

"We need heat to save the library," Wagner said. "We have our own heating units, everything we need for the job, we just need

the natural gas turned on."

Lee Library is used extensively for computer access for many members of the community who pay bills, apply for benefits and jobs through the library's adult computer center. The Children's Library is also heavily used, as well as homeschoolers using library resources, along with the usual community library users. East Texas Workforce and other community and area groups also use the facilities to serve clients or for meetings.

City Manager Ricky Tow said that the library is insured through the Texas Municipal League which would be assessing the damage cost and coverage. Despite the efforts of the response team, Wagner said it may be up to a year before the library is fully functional. He said that the back office and storage areas received extensive damage. And one of the things that has to be repaired, correctly, is the roof.

"We have to leave the building safe," Wagner said. "We are not going to leave until it is safe."



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What's Happening

City Council to meet

The Gladewater City Council will meeting this Thursday at 6 p.m.- after inclement weather canceled last week's regularly scheduled meeting:

- * Consideration of budget amendment pertaining to the Lee Public Library a/c & heating unit
- * Consideration of 95-gallon poly cart requirement for citizens serviced by Allied Waste
- * Consideration of Resolution

R-21-01 Denying Southwest Electric Company's Proposed In-crease in Rates

* Consideration of Resolution R-21-02 Office of the Governors' Homeland Security Grant Division - Emergency Services Radios

* Consideration of lien forgiveness at 1000 N. Culver Street

* Consideration of Ball Park RFP Committee recommendation

regarding Ball Park Operation Agreement

* Consideration of Gladewater Union Grove Youth Baseball Association Agreement for 2021 Season

* Consideration of Gladewater Girls Softball Association Agreement for 2021 Season

* Consideration of Lake RFP Committee recommendation regarding lake store and house

* Consideration of Service

Agreement between Lee Public Library and Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) for internet access

SBDC ready to help following snow storm

Due to the recent winter storm 77 counties in Texas have been declared disaster areas including two of the counties served by the UT Tyler-Longview SBDC. This affects contiguous counties, as well. Please see the attached information.

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Panola and Upshur Counties are part of the 77 county disaster declaration and small businesses may qualify for physical damage AND economic injury disaster loans.

Small businesses in Gregg, Harrison, Marion and Rusk Counties (contiguous counties) may qualify for economic injury loans ONLY.

Virtual Recovery Centers were scheduled to open Tuesday, Feb. 23. The types of loans available are:

- * Business Physical Disaster Loans
 - * Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)
 - * Home Disaster Loans
- Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>. If you have any questions about these programs and loans please call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

City thaws, water service restored

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again tomorrow (Tuesday) on this schedule."

Shipp said the city distributed almost 11 pallets of water Monday from the former Fred's parking lot. "Thank you Superintendent Sedric Clark, Head Football Coach Jonny Louvier and Athletic Direct Scott Clowers for sending some mighty, mighty Gladewater Bears to assist in the water distribution. We also had Sandy Ferrell, owner of Czech Please Microbakery, hand out her incredible chicken noodle soup for families. We will distribute another 11 pallets of water from 3 pm to 7 pm tomorrow (Tuesday) but at a new location."

Residents are urged to check the City of Gladewater and Gladewater Mirror Facebook pages for future announcements.

"We need to give a big shout out and thank you to our neighbor, the City of White Oak! White Oak picked up the water for us so that our staff could remain focused on our water system. White Oak also offered the assistance in man power to repair city line leaks should we need it. It was not necessary today but it is very much appreciated! Thank you City of White Oak for being the best neighbor we could ever ask for!"

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Fallout from storm rocks state

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was left with its doors and windows wide open leaving its citizens in a dangerous situation. As weather worsened last Monday and Texans turned up the heat, energy demand surged. Power plants fell offline in rapid succession as they were overcome by the freezing weather and ran out of fuel. Within hours, 40% of the state's power supply had been lost. The entire grid, which carries 90% of the state's electric load was headed toward collapse.

That dangerous situation, according to many energy and policy experts, was a result of limited regulation on companies that generate power and the state's history of isolating the state from participating in other power grids and thus avoiding federal oversight were primary contributing failure factors. The tradeoff to those facts is that the state's energy costs are typically much lower than in many other regions of the country. Texas is the only state in the continental United States to operate its own power grid.

Despite initial reports about wind and solar source failures, the majority of Texas' power failures had to do with natural gas operation disruption and supply chain issues due to transportation limitations during the storm.

ERCOT estimates that wind energy comprises only about 24% of its overall winter energy capacity. Natural gas and coal making 66% of the state's electricity.

In one of the governor's press conferences last Tuesday during the winter storm crisis he said, "The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has been anything but reliable over the past 48 hours."

The disaster proved to be so great that all 254 counties in the state were listed as emergency disaster areas. Insurance experts are predicting that the cost of the winter storm will be in the billions. After last week's failures Gov. Abbott has supported calls for ERCOT's leadership to resign and made ERCOT reform a priority for this legislative session. Lawmakers will hold hearings in Austin this week to investigate the agency's handling of the storm and the rolling outages.



Photo by Christian Allen



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Cynthia Merritt Ward shared this photo of a frozen pond west of Gladewater. Temperatures dropped down into single digits and wind-chills were at 0 degrees

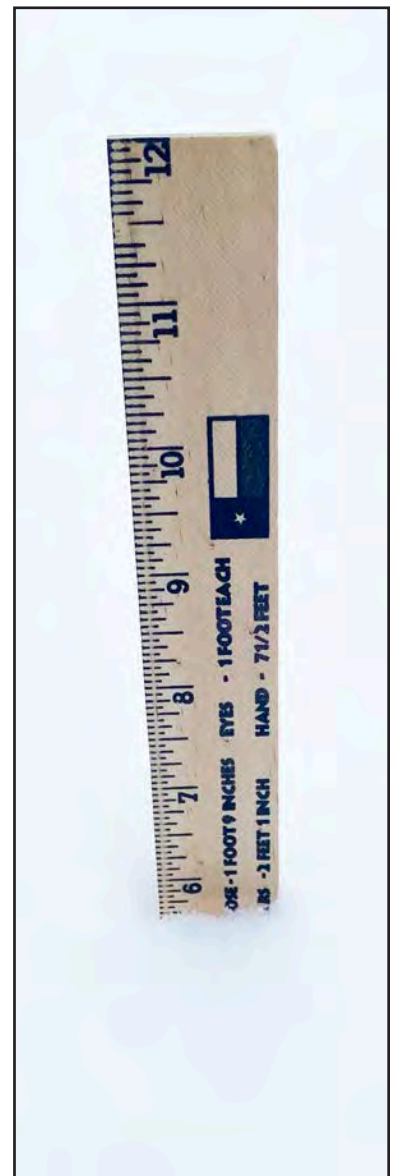


Photo by Jim Bardwell



The rare Arctic storm that hit Texas last week carried falling frigid temperatures to the point that natural gas well, wind turbines and coal plants ground to a halt. Even the South Texas Nuclear Generating Station had to stop producing power after a small section of pipe froze in temperatures that averaged 17°. With limited access and stalled transportation systems the state came to the brink of a total statewide power failure that would have taken possibly weeks or months to recover from. It is estimated that only 13% of power failures were due to frozen wind turbines according to ERCOT Senior Director of System Operations Dan Woodfin. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

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Commissioners to end broadcasts of Upshur meetings

By Phillip Williams

Unfazed by several inches of accumulated snow and sub-freezing temperatures, the Upshur County Commissioners Court met as scheduled Feb. 16 and, among several other actions, commissioners voted to immediately end live Facebook broadcasts of their meetings.

The live Facebook broadcasts were instituted nearly a year ago when the COVID-19 pandemic began and attendance was limited.

County Judge Todd Tefteller dropped the attendance restrictions in recent months and Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller noted that the "court's been open for a while" and that Facebook viewers who are not even Upshur Countians had been complaining about seeing court members not wearing masks as a precaution against COVID.

Citing "some vulgar comments" from viewers, and saying that airing the meetings was not designed for "cursing" someone on the court, Miller said that "right now, I don't feel like it's productive" to continue broadcasting the gatherings.

Tefteller said the meetings were aired because he had to restrict attendance due to COVID regulations at the time, and "if you've got something to say to us," come before the court. If that is a "hardship" for certain persons, he added, the court can "find a way to let them know what's going on."

After the meeting, Nicholson complained that commissioners cannot talk through masks.

The court also tabled for research on a proposal to purchase a new fuel system for the Road and Bridge Department because the current one "has failed" and was "antiquated."

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Hugh Bowden might be in line for a special award for braving the ice and snow to help his customers refill propane tanks so they could keep their homes and families warm.



Some Lifegroup Men hit the streets to deliver water for flushing over the weekend at the Gladewater Housing residences.

Photo by Tim Barnett



Over 300 pallets of food was distributed over a two-days period in Gladewater at Gym 101, thanks to Brandy and Scott Flanagan, all the volunteers who helped and most importantly - thanks to Mg Foods Texas in Longview for providing four trailer loads of pre-packaged Deli-Type meals - sandwiches, breakfast tacos, fruit cups, salads, yogurt, etc, - all for free. THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped, You are a blessing to this community.

ABOVE - Michael Webber unloads a truck load of bottled water, which the City of White Oak generously went and picked up Monday for the City of Gladewater from the Gregg County Emergency Management. BELOW - Gladewater coaches and players pitched in and helped load cases of water in cars. Photos by Jim Bardwell



Lady Bears advance to meet Mt. Vernon; Lady Lions, Lady Cards in post season

Despite record low temperatures, the Lady Bears have been hot since the start of district play. Going a perfect 12-0 and winning the 15 3A District Championship, Gladewater went on to win their Bi-District Championship against Elysian Fields.

This has earned them a showdown with a 12-12 Mount Vernon squad that is currently on a 2-game winning streak. Tip-off was set for 6:30 p.m. Feb 23 in Mount Pleasant. Results of that game were not available at press time.

The 15 3A runner-up Sabine, 21-2, will square off with De Kalb, who is 16-5 and currently on 10-game winning streak. The Lady Cards are on a 5-game streak after their comeback win over Harleton in their Bi-District Championship. Sabine and De Kalb headed to Prairieland Feb 22. Results of that game were not available at press time.

The Lady Lions of Union Grove also were set to play Feb 22 in Cushing. The Lady Lions are 24-4 and will take on a Broadus team that sits at 10-3. The Lady Bulldogs squeezed by Shelbyville by 1 to advance to the Area round while UG cruised past Cushing. Game begins at 6.



Senior Hai'leigh Oliver has been instrumental to the Lady Bears success.

Photo by Chris Jones

Playoff time for Lions, Cards and Bears- Oh my

Breydan Pobuda accounted for 19 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 blocks as Sabine knocked off Daingerfield 61-40 in the 15 3A third place Tie-Breaker Saturday night in Spring Hill.

Senior David Robinson netted 8 along with 8 assists and 2 steals. Jackson Strait and Kaden Manning (both seniors) also had 8 points apiece with Straight grabbing 3 rebounds and Manning offering 3 assists. With the win, Sabine will enter the playoffs against 16 3A Runner-up Jefferson. The Bulldogs enter the contest at 16-3 and on a 4 game winning streak.

The Cardinals, at 10-9, are on a 3 game winning streak and seem to be peaking at the right time. The game was set to tip-off at 7 p.m. Feb 23 in Hallsville. Results of that game were not available at press time.

With the loss, Daingerfield gets the task of taking on Tatum and their 15 game winning streak. After historic snowfall, 15 3A Runner-up Gladewater was set to finally have their match-up with Arp in Winona on Feb 23 at 6 p.m.. Results of that game were not available at press time.

The Bears are 10-4 and looking to get past a formidable third place team. The Tigers sit at 16-6 with two of their latest losses coming from their district's champion and runner-up. The winner will advance to face either Atlanta (16-4) or Winnsboro (13-8).

Union Grove will represent 21-2A as District Champions when they face Woden on Feb 23 at 8 p.m. in Tenaha. Results of that game were not available at press time.

The Lions enter the contest at 19-8 and on an 8 game winning streak. The Eagles won their final game of the regular season to improve to 12-11.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010433001

APPLICATION. City of Gladewater, P.O. Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010433001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0002089) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 490,000 gallons per day. The water treatment facility is located at 1509 East Lake Drive, Gladewater, in Upshur County, Texas 75647. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Glade Creek; thence to Sabine River Below Lake Tawakoni. TCEQ received this application on November 17, 2020. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Upshur County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 West Tyler Street, 2nd floor, Gilmer, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afb-c468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-94.954444%2C32.556666&level=12>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing 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; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at 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. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at 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 City of Gladewater at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Travis Reed, P.E., Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., at 903-595-3913.

Issuance Date: February 3, 2021

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010433002

APPLICATION. City of Gladewater, P.O. Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010433002 (EPA I.D. No. TX0022438) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 1,400,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 1025 South Roden Lane, Gladewater, in Gregg County, Texas 75647. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to Sabine River Above Toledo Bend Reservoir. TCEQ received this application on November 17, 2020. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Gladewater City Hall, 519 East Broadway Avenue, Gladewater, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afb-c468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-94.944444%2C32.520555&level=12>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing 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; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at 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. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at 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 City of Gladewater at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Travis Reed, P.E., Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., at 903-595-3913.

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Photos by Chris Jones



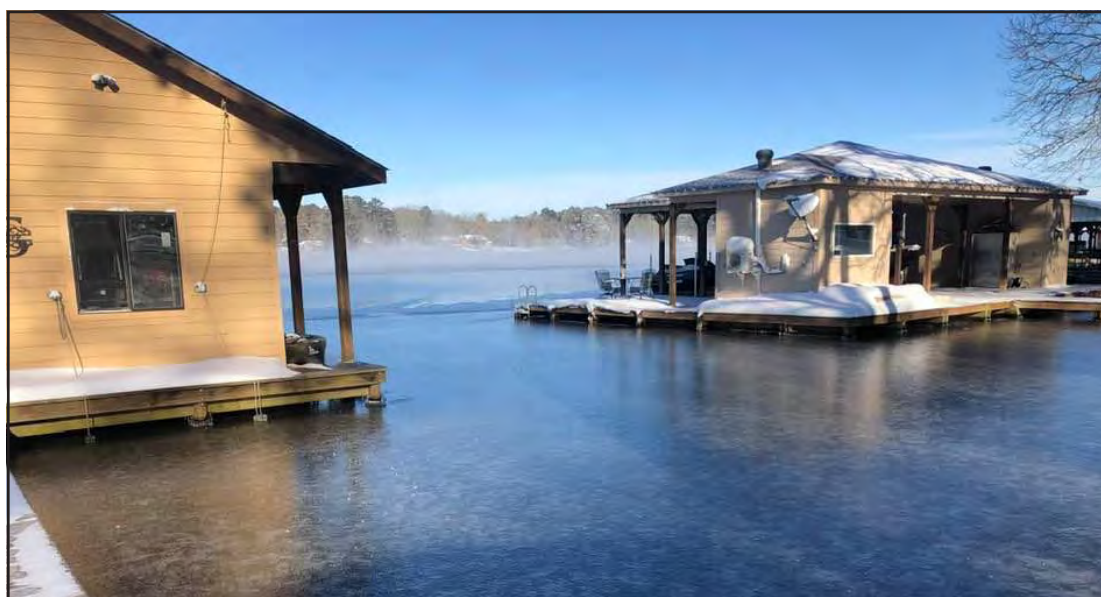
DPS Trooper Brandon Love and Upshur Co Lieutenant Chase Mullins, Deputy Tony Gatwood, & Deputy Michael Barton rescued a calf stuck in an icy pond on Willet Rd in Upshur County. West Mountain VFD responded as well. The cow would've drowned had not been for the rescue efforts.

Photo by Josh Bardwell





ABOVE - Lake Gladewater froze over last week during the freak arctic storm that bkw through Texas dropping temperatures to zero in some parts of the state. RIGHT - Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp shared these photos of Lake Gladewater, which is frozen near the shoreline. BELOW - He said it was the worst he had ever seen and the ice was so thick he was able to walk out on the lake a few feet.



GISD Celebrates its dedicated campus counselors in recognition of National Counselor's Week



STUART SUTTON is the counselor at Gladewater Primary School. He has been a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator at all levels and is really enjoying the administration, teachers, staff and the "littles" at GPS! Mr. Sutton earned his Bachelor of Arts in education, Master of Science in Counseling and Administration, all in Kansas. He is beginning his 6th year in Texas and loves working to help young children be successful in their early years, in order to set a positive course for the rest of their lives!



BRANDY HUMPHREYS is the new junior and senior grade counselor at Gladewater High School. She served as counselor at Weldon Elementary last year. She is also a Licensed Professional Counselor. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from LeTourneau University and her Master of Arts Degree in School Counseling from Stephen F. Austin State University. She served as a United States Navy Reservist. She says that she became

a school counselor to help students with not only a post-secondary plan, but with the social and emotional issues that affect our teenagers on a daily basis.



KATIE SMITH is the counselor of Weldon Elementary School. This is her first year in the position. She taught for three years at Pine Tree and Gladewater Primary schools before becoming a counselor. She graduated from Mississippi State University with a Master's Degree in School Counseling. She says that she knew her calling in life was children. She wanted to work with them on a more personal level than academic. She says



SHANIQUA JETER is the freshman and sophomore grade counselor at Gladewater High School. She served in the United States Navy for four years. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Wiley College and her Master's Degree in school counseling from Lamar University. With 10 years of experience in education, she says that she looks forward to working with students, teachers and parents, who each play a

critical role in the student's academic success.

that she wants to be that positive and encouraging interaction that children experience in their day. Her goal is to become a Registered Play Therapist and bring play therapy into the school system.



KACY RODGERS is the counselor for Gladewater Middle School. She began her teaching career in Longview ISD after graduating from East Texas Baptist University. In 2011 she earned her Master's of School Counseling degree from Stephen F. Austin University followed by her License of Professional Counseling.

We appreciate our campus counselors!
GISD Supt. Sedric Clark, Faculty & Staff

