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Analysis: Texas Legislature starts biennial race against clock

By Ross Ramsey, The Texas Tribune

This legislative session began quietly in January, during the state's worst peak of cases, hospitalizations and deaths from the coronavirus. With just six weeks left of the 140-day regular session, and the pandemic down to a pre-surge level, the pace is quickening.

Legislators are still working on the big problems that were apparent at the beginning — pandemic, voting and election laws, policing and the state budget among them. And they've added the disastrous electrical outages during a five-day February freeze that killed more than 200 Texans.

Their list of big and not-so-big things that still need doing is long and varied. The Texas Senate has been racing through Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's priority legislation in the last few days, but the obstacle course known as the Texas House is still ahead.

The state budget is on track, but what looked like a belt-tightening budget back in January has changed considerably, as the economy improved and federal COVID-19 relief came pouring in. Lawmakers started this adventure hoping to protect the improvements they made to public education two years ago; now they're trying to figure out the best way to use almost \$18 billion in federal funds directed to public and higher education. That's on top of \$16.7 billion in federal COVID-19 funds intended for the state itself.

Schools want that money to catch students up on "learning loss" that has resulted from a year of classes disrupted by virtual, half-virtual and face-to-face classes. Many of them hope to get it in time to help with summer school.

And lawmakers want to handle problems like that themselves, instead of leaving them to the governor and the executive branch. Before their time in Austin runs out, they're looking at legislation that would require a governor to get lawmakers to Austin if emergency executive orders need to run longer than 30 days. They're talking separately about small panels of legislators who would need to be consulted before the state spends any federal relief funds during times when the Legislature is not in session.

Both the House and Senate have passed legislation they hope will prevent the kinds of regulatory and market failures that caused the outages during the hard freeze that swept Texas in February. But they're not the same, and that needs work.

The legislative wishes still ungranted — everything from casinos to unlicensed handgun carry to police reform — are formidable. That's a regular feature of the last weeks of a session, but it's made harder by the slow start and the difficulty of conducting a very social process — legislating — during a dangerous and highly contagious pandemic.

Those constraints show in the work lawmakers aren't doing as much as in the work they'll complete before they leave.

An easy example: The House passed a bill delaying reviews of a dozen and a half state agencies for two years. Those "sunset reviews" are periodic examinations; technically, agencies go out of existence — the sun sets on them — if legislators don't review them and set new deadlines. It would be a must-do job, except that legislators can postpone the work by extending the deadlines to the end of the next legislative session.

Among the agencies that were supposed to get reviewed this year and now might not: the Department of Agriculture, the Commission on Jail Standards, the Office of State-Federal Relations, the Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, the Texas Racing Commission, and the Parks and Wildlife Department.

That means, in turn, that issues that might have been attached to those bills — gambling issues to the Racing Commission, for example — have one less road to consideration.

Sunset bills are magnets for special interests working to change or protect the agencies that most affect their industries or businesses. They can become time-consuming feeding frenzies. If House Bill 1600 passes, lawmakers won't have to worry about all of that until 2023, giving them some breathing room in a session that's almost two-thirds complete.

They don't have to worry about redistricting, either, which would normally have been one of the biggest chores of this session. The pandemic-delayed U.S. census means the numbers used to draw political maps in Texas won't be available until Sept. 30. The mapmaking has to wait until after that.

Some things won't. The governor has said he'll keep lawmakers in town until they've made winter electric outages much more unlikely. The state has to have a budget. Voters have demanded and legislators have promised much more.

This is the final sprint. The must-dos have a way of getting done. As for the rest, wait and see.



Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow and the city council thanked councilman Nick Foster for his service to the City at last Thursday's meeting. He was awarded a plaque of recognition that evening at his last official council meeting, since he will be unable to attend May's meeting. Foster's decision to not seek a third term resulted in Michael Webber and former city councilman Dennis Robertson seeking the Place 4 council seat. Election day is May 1 with voting held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall. Early voting began Monday and will run to April 27. Last week the Gladewater Mirror ran a Q&A on the two contenders for Foster's seat.

Photo by Christian Allen

Council votes to apply for \$2.9M water grant, refinance \$2.4M bond

The Gladewater City Council met last Thursday and approved a resolution authorizing the application for financial assistance from Texas Water Development Board for water system improvements and they authorized the issuance of City of Gladewater General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp explained that the city was just applying for the \$2.9 million grant at this point.

"At this point, we have only approved the application process. The application is for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for water system improvements.

"Repayment would occur over a 30 year period. We could qualify for up to 30-percent loan forgiveness which is why we chose this program for funding. Toll 49 (a new state highway project connecting Tyler and Longview and running through Gladewater) is upon us and we must acquire funding to perform the necessary projects to accommodate the moving of infrastructure and any other related water projects, repairs or maintenance which may compliment this work.

"For example, rehabilitation of the water tower at Allison St. Similar work has recently been performed on the Gay Ave water tower. Therefore, our request for funding was broad. It is listed as 'an application is hereby approved and authorized to be filed with the TWDB seeking financial assistance in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,900,000 for purposes of the planning, acquisition, design and/or construction of improvements to the City's water system, including repairs, rehabilitation, and/or improvements to water treatment plant, storage facilities, water lines and related infrastructure improvements.'

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Local man sentenced in sexual assault case

By Phillip Williams

115th District Judge Dean Fowler sentenced 10 defendants on felony charges, and two for misdemeanors, between April 6 and 13 in Gilmer, Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd's office announced Thursday.

Eleven pleaded guilty, while the other's probation was revoked when he admitted violating terms of it, the office said.

Details of the felony guilty pleas were as follows, Byrd's office reported:

James Michael Guin, 35, of Gladewater, received concurrent four-year prison terms April 6 for two counts of sexual assault.

He must also pay court costs, an attorney fee, contribute to the crime victims fund and register as a sex offender.

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office investigated Guin's Aug. 1, 2015, offenses. Byrd represented the state at sentencing; Longview attorney John Moore represented Guin.

Kaylie Brooks Jackson, 20, of Gilmer, was placed on five years "deferred adjudication" probation April 6 for possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

"Deferred adjudication" means no final conviction appears on a defendant's record if he/she successfully completes probation. If such probation is revoked, however, the person can receive up to the

maximum sentence for the offense.

Gilmer police probed Jackson's Feb. 23, 2018 crime. Like all others placed on probation, she was ordered to pay court costs and a fine.

Some other terms of her probation include paying a "Crime Stoppers" fee, a fee to the crime victims fund, a fee to the Texas Department of Public Safety for testing the drug in the case, 250 hours of community service, counseling and an alcohol/drug evaluation.

Byrd represented the state at sentencing. Gilmer attorney Michael Martin represented Jackson.

Christopher Ronnie Faulkner, 48, of Gilmer, received five years in prison April 6 for unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

The sheriff's office investigated his July 18, 2019 offense. He must also pay court costs.

Byrd represented the state in the case; Mt. Pleasant attorney Laura McCoy represented Faulkner.

Kara Kristine Wells, 25, of Longview was placed on five years deferred adjudication April 6 for evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

The sheriff's office probed the March 1 crime.

Some terms of probation include 300 hours of community service, "life skills" training, and participating in a "drug program" in Bowie County. Byrd represented the prosecution at sentencing; Longview

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US 271 wreck leaves 1 woman dead

By Phillip Williams

A Marshall woman was killed when her pickup, which was towing a stranded vehicle from a ditch, collided with a truck-tractor semi-trailer on U.S. 271 near Gladewater early Saturday, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Addison Claire Grace, 21, had stopped to help a motorist stuck in the highway's western ditch when she pulled into the path of the 18-wheeler, which was northbound in the inside lane and struck her 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup's left front, DPS sources said.

Driver of the 2019 Kenworth

rig, Luis Alejandro Ruiz, 23, of Lufkin, was wearing a safety belt and not injured, the DPS said. He was towing a 2014 utility trailer, said a DPS spokeswoman.

Grace's boyfriend was outside her vehicle when the collision occurred, and the woman was not wearing a safety belt, the spokeswoman said.

Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch said she pronounced Grace dead at the scene of the 3:28 a.m. accident 3.5 miles north of Gladewater, and that the victim was ejected from the vehicle.

Describing the crash scene as "one of the worst things I've ever

seen," Welch said Grace would not have survived even if she had not been thrown from the pickup.

DPS Trooper James Payne investigated the accident.

In an unrelated traffic incident, a woman who led law officers on a multi-county, high-speed daytime chase Friday was captured when she "just pulled over and stopped" in front of a Gilmer convenience store, said Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

The woman, who had been driving a Ford Fiesta auto, was being loaded into an ambulance afterward as it appeared authorities were "concerned

about her mental capacity," Hazel said Monday. "I know of no one who was hurt in this," he added.

He said the chase, involving Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, started in Morris County and that he understood it went through Pittsburg in Camp County.

He said he knew neither the woman's name nor whether she was charged with any crime.

She was apprehended at the CEFCO store at the intersection of Texas 300 and U.S. 271, he said. The Upshur County Sheriff's Office blocked some traffic in connection with the incident, Hazel said.

Upshur County special unit makes multiple arrests

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested six suspects on various charges in March after detaining and charging, but not arresting, two other persons in February, Sheriff Larry Webb announced on Wednesday of last week.

Details of the cases, based on a report from sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows, Webb said. All arrested suspects, who were all apprehended as the result of traffic stops, were taken to the Upshur County Jail in Gilmer.

While investigating suspicious activity at the Lucky 7 game room on U.S. 271 in West Mountain community Feb. 1, the unit made a traffic stop which resulted in Mark Shane McTyre, 59, of Gladewater, being charged with possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

With the assistance of the sheriff office's K-9 dog Marco, officers searched the vehicle after halting it at the intersection of 271 and Gum

Creek Road, and found less than a gram of the drug. Pending further investigation, a case was filed with District Attorney Billy Byrd's office in lieu of an arrest.

On Feb. 2, the SIU was investigating suspicious activity at the Country Store game room in the 1700 block of U.S. 259 in Diana when a traffic stop in the parking lot of the nearby Brookshire's Spring Market resulted in the driver, a 44-year-old Gilmer man, giving a fictitious name for a passenger who was wanted on a Rusk County warrant.

The driver was charged with misdemeanor hindering apprehension. The investigation continues, and a case was filed with Byrd's office in lieu of arrest.

A Henderson man and Longview woman were arrested March 1 on drug charges when the unit was probing suspicious activity at the Lucky 7.

Joshua Dale Castleberry, 33, and Kara Kristine Wells, 25, were

charged with possession of controlled substance--less than a gram of heroin--after officers seized that amount during the stop in the 2500 block of Silk Tree Road.

While again investigating suspicious activity at the Lucky 7 March 9, the unit arrested Edward Earl Davis, 55, of Big Sandy, on charges of possession of controlled substance--four grams or less of methamphetamine.

Four grams of the drug were seized during the stop at the intersection of 271 and Red Hen Road. Davis was also found to have arrest warrants on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance in Gregg County, and a misdemeanor possession of marijuana charge in Rusk County.

While conducting a narcotics investigation March 16 in the East Mountain area, the SIU arrested Jimmy Ray Gibson, 32, of Gilmer, on a charge of possession of controlled substance--less than one gram

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Early voting underway across state

Early voting began Monday for May 1 elections in county, city and school district elections.

Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs encourages all eligible voters to take advantage of the early voting period, which runs through Tuesday, April 27. Texas voters can contact their respective county elections office to view a sample ballot, locate their appropriate polling place, and plan their trip to the polls. Additional information is available at VoteTexas.gov.

New PUC commissioner confirmed

Will McAdams, nominated by Gov. Greg Abbott to a slot on the Public Utilities Commission, was unanimously confirmed by the Texas Senate last week.

McAdams formerly served as president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

Abbott has also nominated Peter Lake to be the new chair of the PUC, which regulates the state's power grid operations. Lake now serves as chair of the Texas Water Development Board.

All three previous PUC members resigned after February's winter storm led to massive power outages across the state.

House passes bill to allow handgun carry without a license

The Texas House voted 87-58 last week to allow handguns to be carried without a permit. Under current law, a permit is required to carry handguns either concealed or openly. If the bill becomes law, any Texas resident not already prohibited by state or federal law from owning a gun could legally carry a handgun.

According to the Texas Tribune, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, previously expressed qualms about easing handgun laws. Numerous law enforcement officials and concealed handgun license instructors opposed the measure, citing concerns over safety. A number of El Paso-area lawmakers opposed the measure, recalling the mass shooting that left 23 dead at a Walmart there in August 2019.

State halts distribution of J&J vaccines

Use of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines has been temporarily halted in Texas following a recommendation last week from the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration.

The Texas Department of State Health Services issued the notice following extremely isolated reports of blood clots in a half-dozen recipients of the J&J vaccine — all in women between the ages of 18 and 48, according to the CDC.

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the United States. There is no word of when the vaccine might be used again.

Number of Texans vaccinated edging toward 50%; cases steady

Even with the halt in distribution of the J&J vaccine, the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna two-shot vaccines hit 44.5% as of Sunday, according to DSHS.

A total of 6.37 million Texans are fully vaccinated — roughly 20% of the state's population. Texas is receiving more than 1.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas last week dropped slightly from the previous week at 23,521, while deaths dropped to 374, a decrease of 27%, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients currently in Texas hospitals increased slightly to 2,929. That number is down nearly 80% from the high mark in mid-January, when more than 14,000 Texans were hospitalized with COVID-19.

Jobless rate unchanged at 6.9%

The state's unemployment in March remained steady at 6.9%, with the state adding 99,000 total nonagricultural jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Positive job numbers for March continue to show Texas is on track for continued growth," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said. "TWC will continue to provide flexible and innovative training programs to help provide all Texans with skills they can use for workforce success."

The 6.9% rate is more than double the state's record low of 3.4% in May 2019. Jobless claims have risen since the mid-February storm, and the state has lost more than 400,000 jobs since the pandemic began early last year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Play & pixie dust...

Peter Pan had the right of it, adventure and fun keep you young... at least at heart. My feet on the other hand have a different story to tell. They need more than pixie dust. After long months of working through a pandemic, family accidents and illnesses, and never ending work, my Peter Pan and I were invited to the Swan & Dolphin Food and Wine Festival at Walt Disney World. We took the opportunity to play, to rejuvenate, to decompress. And of course, work.

Our Dolphin Hotel corner room on the ninth floor has two balconies overlooking a lake and sandy beach. I am sitting on the balcony working on this week's newspapers while Peter Pan returns to his more common alter ego, Clark Kent. He is inside hard at work writing for and designing the paper you are now holding in your hands. I can see people at the pool, people sunning on the sandy beach, people leisurely walking hand-in-hand around the gorgeous grounds.

Don't misunderstand and think we are chained, working in a gilded cage only. This morning we got up and made the rope drop at the Magic Kingdom at 8 a.m. We rode rides, ate delicious food and watched a lot of interesting people. All masked. All in compliance. And, all having a great deal of fun. My watch says I have walked nearly seven miles so far today which explains my aching feet.

On my bucket list was to see EPCOT's Spring Flower and Garden Show which coincided with our invitation from some of Jim's long-time friends who handle the marketing and promotions for the Swan and Dolphin. Their food and wine festival is a treat for the senses and just a whole lot of fun.

My green thumb mother gave me a deep love of flowers, plants and trees and what we have seen at the Spring Flower & Garden Show would take your breath away it is so beautiful. Topiaries of much loved Disney characters, mounds of blooming flowers and artful arrangements that just make me smile are everywhere.

If you think this might be your cup of tea, I will let you in on my budgeting secret...I never spend my change. I collect it in cans, jars and buckets. When I pour those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in the change machine my stash turns into some heavy duty cash that funds our fun. This time we also used points we had accumulated to pay our airfare. So, this is an almost guilt free, guilty getaway. Contradictory but accurate for a variety of reasons.

Besides, flowers, food and hard work, while here we have flown the Millennium Falcon, been in a cartoon with Mickey and Minnie Mouse, gone "under the sea" with Ariel, dipped into the pirate life

Suzanne Bardwell



with Capt. Jack Sparrow and hung out with Buzz Lightyear. Without kids in tow...and we had so much fun.

And that is the moral of this week's column, you may grow up, but you don't have to grow old. A little pixie dust, a little imagination, a little energy and some orthopedic tennis shoes and you, too, can fly away with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell. And if you are with someone you love it just doesn't get better than that.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Dollar Votes

Measures to restrict voter access are under consideration in Texas and elsewhere. Irrespective of politics, such laws have substantial adverse economic consequences. We recently examined this issue in detail. The costs could potentially include billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of Texas jobs over the next few years. (See the full report at www.perrymangroup.com.)



Research has shown that, controlling for other factors, decreases in voting access leads to lower earnings which, in turn, impact workforce participation and employment. Reduced earnings then negatively affect household budgets and spending. In addition, losses occur from reduced travel and tourism. Laws which decrease attendees, for example, often cause conference and event planners to avoid specific areas. Some organizations will also go elsewhere to remove the appearance of approval of the public policy (as indicated by the recent move of the Major League Baseball All-Star Game from Atlanta).

The loss of such major events brings significant costs. Both Dallas and Houston are under consideration for major roles in

the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the world's largest sporting event (and one which puts considerable emphasis on rights issues in selecting sites). If Texas were to miss the opportunity to be a primary host of the World Cup due to voter suppression, the state could sacrifice almost \$3.8 billion in gross product (compared to nearly \$1.8 billion for a Super Bowl and \$369 million for a Final Four).

Socially conscious consumers also seek to avoid discriminatory areas for business and leisure travel. Similarly, controversial laws diminish the ability to attract knowledge workers and the companies that employ them, thus reducing long-term economic development prospects.

We estimate that measures restricting voter access would lead to an overall decrease in business activity from lower earnings, employment, and household purchasing power in Texas by 2025 of -\$14.7 billion in annual gross product and -73,249 jobs (including multiplier effects). External losses (from tourism and economic development) could cause aggregate decreases of another -\$16.7 billion in annual gross product and -149,644 jobs by 2025. These losses compound over time.

Business activity also generates tax revenue. The potential effects associated with measures restricting voter access would cost

the State and local governments hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Access to voting improves earnings, consumer spending, tourism, and development. Conversely, laws restricting access lead to substantial economic and fiscal losses over time. While there are many other important advantages to and compelling

reasons for encouraging political participation by all eligible citizens, the economic ramifications are substantial and worthy of significant attention as restrictions on voter access are considered. It is unlikely that we will remove the politics from this discussion, but we should definitely be cognizant of the economics as well. Stay safe!



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RELIGION IN REVERSE

It is possible for one to be religious, and at the same time, teach and practice things that are reverse to what the Bible says and teaches. For example, on the subject of baptism, it is a fact that many people teach that a person is saved before they are baptized. But actually, such teaching is the reverse of where the Bible places salvation. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized SHALL BE SAVED..." (Mark 16: 16). The apostle Peter said, "Repent and be baptized...FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS" (Acts 2: 38). Saul of Tarsus (later became the apostle Paul), was told to, "Arise and be baptized and WASH AWAY YOUR SINS..." (Acts 22: 16). Again, Peter declared that, "baptism DOTHS ALSO NOW SAVE US..." (1 Peter 3: 21). I'm sure you have noticed the order is baptism BEFORE salvation and not AFTER! In every verse that has baptism and salvation, or it's equivalent, both in the verse, you will see that salvation always follows baptism.

Clearly, the Bible teaches that a LOST person is baptized IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. Why then are we told that a SAVED person is baptized to show he/she is ALREADY SAVED? To claim salvation (remission of sins) BEFORE baptism is the reverse of what the Bible teaches. If not, why not?

Also, those who teach that justification is by FAITH ONLY, independent of works, teach the reverse of where the Bible places justification. James 2: 24 says: "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." (Jas.2: 21). To separate faith and works with regard to justification reverses God's order. Think seriously on these things.

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attorney J. Brandt Thorson represented Wells. Michael Shane Wilson, 40, of Gilmer, received five years in prison April 6 for delivery of a controlled substance--one gram or more, but less than four, of methamphetamine. He was also ordered to pay court costs and an attorney's fee. The sheriff's office investigated the April 4, 2019 offense. Byrd represented the state in the case; Longview attorney John Moore represented Wilson. Tracy Neil Truelove, 42, of Wills Point, drew 18 months in state jail April 6 for possession of a controlled substance--less than a gram of methamphetamine.

He must also pay court costs and an attorney's fee. His sentence will run concurrently with one for a felony in Gregg County. The DPS investigated Truelove's Jan. 4, 2020 crime. Byrd and Moore handled the sentencing. Caleb York Gunter, 23, of Gilmer, was placed on five years regular probation of a 5-year prison term April 6 for evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

Gilmer police probed the April 20, 2018 offense. Some terms of probation include an attorney fee, Crime Stoppers fee, 600 hours of community service and life skills training.

Assistant District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace represented the state at sentencing. Moore represented Gunter.

Joel Dominic Hadley, 24, of Big Sandy, was placed on five years deferred adjudication April 6 for possession of a controlled substance--four grams or more but less than 200 of heroin.

Some of his terms of probation include a fee to the DPS for testing the drug; a Crime Stoppers fee, enrolling "in drug court treatment in Gregg County" and enrolling in a "Safe-P" in-patient treatment program.

The sheriff's office investigated Hadley's Aug. 15, 2019 crime. Assistant District Attorney Michael Northcutt represented the prosecution in the case; Longview attorney Jason Parrish represented Hadley.

Julie Leanne Gryder, 44, of Gilmer, was placed on five years deferred adjudication April 13 for tampering with physical evidence.

The DPS probed the Dec. 17, 2019 crime. Some terms of probation included a fee to DPS for testing the drug in

the case, a Crime Stoppers fee, attorney fee, 600 hours of community service, counseling for drug offenders, life skills training, and an alcohol/drug evaluation. Another charge against Gryder was dismissed under the plea bargain.

Wallace and Patton handled the sentencing. In the case in which probation was revoked, Richard Lee Olmos, 40, of Avinger, drew eight years in prison April 6 for possession of controlled substance--less than a gram of methamphetamine.

Ore City police investigated the Oct. 24, 2017 offense. Byrd and Patton handled the sentencing.

Details of the misdemeanor cases, said Byrd's office, were as follows:

A 52-year-old Gilmer man was placed on two years deferred adjudication April 6 for assault/family violence.

An Ore City man, who turned 20 April 17, drew 180 days in county jail April 6 for the same offense.



GHS students who placed in district UIL academic competition are Madisyn Bedair sixth place ready writing and feature writing, Garrett Defreese sixth in social studies and Brady Gales earned the silver medal in current events. Gales advanced to regional competition. Courtesy Photo

OBITUARIES

CINDY BLAND

Cindy Bland, born Cynthia Lee Morse, went to be with her Savior on April 8, 2021 at the age of 75. Cindy was born in Gladewater on January 24, 1946. She grew up in Gladewater where she graduated from Gladewater High School, and ultimately made her home there.



Cindy and her husband Tim were married for almost 55 years before her passing. She loved to travel, loved to cook, and loved being with her family more than anything.

She was preceded in death by her parents Julius (Bud) and Yvonne Morse, brother Tommy Morse, and infant son Jason Bland.

She is survived by her husband, Tim Bland, son and daughter-in-law Chris and Meredith Bland, son and daughter-in-law Kiley and Jill Bland, grandsons Jackson, Maverick, and Ranger Bland, sister-in-law Lynda Morse, sister-in-law Hattie Bland, and many other family members.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church Gladewater. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Upshur County special unit makes multiple arrests

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of methamphetamine. He was stopped at the intersection of FM 1845 and FM 726, where the unit seized less than a gram of the drug.

The unit arrested Cameron Wayne Jerden, 18, of Gilmer, March 18 on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance--four or less grams of methamphetamine.

The unit was probing more suspicious activity at Lucky 7 when it stopped Jerden in the 2500 block of Silk Tree Road. With Marco's assistance, 1.65 grams of methamphetamine were seized and during the investigation, the SIU discovered documents, digital scales and plastic bags consistent with illegal sale of drugs.

The unit also arrested Daniel Leo McKenzie, 59, of White Oak, on March 29 upon finding he had an outstanding warrant charging him with violating parole for a drug offense. The unit was investigating suspicious activity at the Outpost game room at the intersection of FM 1844 and Texas 300 in East Mountain when it arrested McKenzie at the intersection of Gamel Road and 1844.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UGISD Calendar

4/21, Wednesday
Administrative Asst. Day
Boys Regional Golf @
Jacksonville

4/22, Thursday
Boys Regional Golf @
Jacksonville

4/23, Friday
6:30 p.m. Softball warmup
game vs. West Rusk-H
Carter Blood Care Bus@JH/
HSCampus
Regional track@Palestine

4/24, Saturday
6 p.m. FFA Banquet @
Firehouse 9
Regional Track@Palestine

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The Gladewater boys tennis team decisively took the district championship with 110 points and qualifying for regional competition. In boys' singles competition Brett Vickers was champion and Michael Lewis was runner-up. Also winning the gold in boys' doubles was the team of Blake Holder and Gage Mitchell. The team is coached by Kelly Berry.

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The 4x400m relay team of Chase Mead, Grayson Barnett, Sabetay Fernandez and Aubrey Woodard placed third earning a ticket to regional competition. Courtesy Photo

Area team bronze goes to Lions

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Union Grove Lion track team placed third at the 21-2A/22-21 Area Meet last week. Individual results include a gold medal in the 200m dash for Aubrey Woodard with a 23.48 time. Woodard also struck gold in the 400m dash with a 52.92 time. Sabetay Fernandez earned silver in the 800m run with a 2:06.38 time while Kole Burns hit bronze with a 2:06.51 race. Burns also placed fourth in the 1600m run. Brenden Fuller placed fifth in the 3200m run.

Chase Mead sailed to gold in the 110m hurdles in 17.10 while Grayson Barnett struck silver with a 17.13 run. Mead placed third in the 300m hurdles with 42.97 and Grayson Barnett placed fourth. The team of Mead, Barnett, Woodard and Fernandez placed third in the 4x400m relay.

Woodard also placed fourth in the long jump with a 20'0 3/4" effort. Kenneth Johnson placed third with a 40'7" shot put throw while Blake Moore placed sixth in discus competition. Aubrey Woodard placed third in triple jump with a 41' 3 1/2" effort and Lane Turner placed sixth in pole vault.

Garrison placed first in the meet with 130 points, Beckville second with 120, Union Grove third with 98, Douglass fourth with 66, Alto fifth with 45, Hawkins sixth with 40, Big Sandy seventh

Sports Round-Up

with 39, Cushing eighth with 32 points, Carlisle ninth with 28, New Summerfield tenth with 16, Overton eleventh with 6 points, Mount Enterprise and Woden both twelfth with no points.

Lady Bears qualify for regionals

The Lady Bears placed fifth as a team in last week's 15-16 3A Area track meet. Individual results include a big gold medal for Kamryn Floyd in the 200m dash with a time of 25.34 and a ticket to regional competition.

Neria Jackson placed fifth in the 100m dash.

The team of Floyd, Jackson, Deja Martin and Makayla Police snared the silver medal in the 4x100m relay with a time of 50.05. In the 4x200m relay team silver was again scored with a time of 1:48.13 for the team of Police, Ebony Pipkin, Floyd and Calice Henderson. Makayla Police placed second in the long jump with a 16'9 1/4" effort.

Adasyn Williams placed fourth in discus with a 97'7" throw.

Daingerfield took first place in the meet with 100 points, White Oak second with 93, Sabine third with 69, Tatum fourth with 67, Gladewater fifth with 56 points, Jefferson sixth with 45, Troup seventh with 41, Hughes Springs eighth with 30, Waskom ninth at 29 points, Harleton tenth at 27 points, West Rusk eleventh with 21 points, New Diana came in twelfth with 20, Elysian Fields 13th with 10 points, Arp fourteenth with eight points and Ore City fifteenth with four points.



Gladewater's DJ Allen took 2nd in the long jump and captured gold in the 100 yard dash.

Bears qualify for region in 3 events

By Suzanne Bardwell

DJ Allen punched his ticket to regional competition in the 100m dash winning a gold medal with a time of 10.63. Also qualifying for region was the 4x100m relay team of Allen, Kollin Lewis, Triston Holmes and K'Havia Reese in a 43.58 time for the silver medal.

Allen also snared silver in the long jump and qualifying for region with a 21'5 3/4" effort. The team of Allen, Lewis, Reese and Tyrone Maddox placed fifth in the 4x200m relay with a time of 1:32.68. Tyler Smith placed fifth in the shot put with a 40'10" toss.

Tatum placed first in area competition with 85 points, White Oak second with 82, Elysian Fields third with 71, Daingerfield and Jefferson fourth with 70 points, Waskom sixth with 54 points, Gladewater seventh with 40 points, Hughes Springs eighth with 30 points, Sabine ninth with 26 points, West Rusk tenth with 25, Troup eleventh with 23, Arp twelfth with 18 points, New Diana thirteenth with 14 points, Ore City fourteenth with 12 points and Harleton fifteenth with no points.

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Second Team All District Nick Lincoln	Kamryn Floyd
Honorable Mention All District Tyrone Maddox	Kilona Parker
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Top legislative priorities on-track, Lt. Gov. says

AUSTIN - Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today applauding the Texas Senate for their hard work in passing 25 of the 30 priority bills he targeted for the 87th Legislative Session:

"This legislative session brought the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, which made it difficult for committees to meet as frequently as in the past, and the winter storm, which continues to require our attention as we sort through our analysis of what happened and put solutions forward. Still, the Texas Senate has managed to move our 30 conservative priority bills forward on time. The senators put in long hours and worked tirelessly to keep us on schedule. As of today, 25 of the priority bills are on their way to the Texas House and the remaining priority bills are in the process of being passed. We have passed all of Gov. Greg Abbott's emergency items and met my mid-April timeline, just as we did last session.

"The Texas Senate unanimously passed a conservative budget that does not exceed population times inflation, we have passed legislation reforming ERCOT and the PUC and laid out a path to fix the problems that caused the February power outages. We have expanded broadband access across the state and passed legislation to secure our elections. We have passed legislation to further protect life and strengthened the Second Amendment rights of all Texans. We have also stopped local governments from defunding the police and reformed the bail system, so that dangerous criminals will no longer be released with low bail or no bail at all. Also, in the same week that the NCAA threatened states that don't open women's sports to men, the Texas Senate took a principled stand in support of women and girls' high school and middle school sports.

"While the Texas Senate definitely has more work to do in the next several weeks, the reforms and legislation that the conservative majority of Texas elected me to enact are moving forward. The passage of my legislative priority bills will make our great state an even better place to live, work, run a business and raise a family."

A complete list of the priority bills passed so far is below. Priority Bills Already Passed

- Senate Bill 1 - The State Budget
- Senate Bill 2 - ERCOT Reform
- Senate Bill 3 - Power Grid Stability
- Senate Bill 4 - Star Spangled Banner Protection Act
- Senate Bill 5 - Statewide Broadband Access
- Senate Bill 6 - Pandemic Liability Protection Act
- Senate Bill 7 - Election & Ballot Security
- Senate Bill 8 - The Heartbeat Bill
- Senate Bill 9 - Abortion Ban Trigger
- Senate Bill 10 - Stop Taxpayer Funded Lobbying
- Senate Bill 12 - Protect Free Speech on Social Media
- Senate Bill 13 - Oil & Gas Investment Protection
- Senate Bill 14 - Business Freedom and Uniformity Act
- Senate Bill 15 - Ban Sale of Personal Data from Certain State Agencies
- Senate Bill 18 - Protect Second Amendment Businesses
- Senate Bill 19 - Stop Corporate Gun Boycotts
- Senate Bill 20 - Second Amendment Protections for Travelers
- Senate Bill 21 - Bail Reform
- Senate Bill 23 - Stop Local Police Defunding
- Senate Bill 24 - Law Enforcement Transparency Act
- Senate Bill 25 - Family Nursing Home Visitation Rights
- Senate Bill 26 - Protect Our Freedom to Worship
- Senate Bill 28 - Charter School Equity Act
- Senate Bill 29 - Fair Sports for Women & Girls
- Senate Bill 30 - Remove Racist Restrictions from Real Estate Deeds



Lady Bear Senior Sydney Spurlock, Gladewater Coach Kevin Clark, and Senior Livia Prince.

Photo by Chris Jones

Gladewater Lady Bears bomb Lady Tigers, 11-3

After honoring their senior players, Livia Prince and Sydney Spurlock, the Gladewater Lady Bears' bats got going.

Daingerfield struck first in the top of the 1st when top of the lineup C Boyd singled to open the game. Two stolen bases and two batters later, a sacrifice fly would bring her home. The Lady Bears began their scoring in the bottom of the 1st when Avery Glarborg singled, bringing Trinity Mooney in from 3rd. Gladewater would add another run before the Lady Tigers could close the inning.

Gladewater scored 4 more runs in the 2nd and 2 in the third in route to an 11-3 win. The Lady Bears rocked Daingerfield with 10 hits, scoring in every inning they came to bat with the exception of the 4th.

In other action, the Union Grove Lady Lions made short work of Union Hill coasting to a 16-0 shut-out.

Lainey Ledbetter gets the win for Union Grove, striking out 8 while allowing only one hit. Union Grove committed no errors throughout the game.

The Lady Lions remain undefeated in district play.

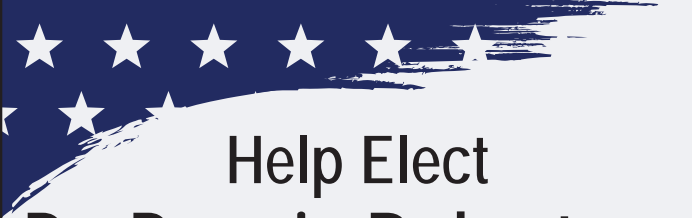
Hawkins woman guilty of stealing stimulus payment

MARSHALL - A Hawkins woman has pleaded guilty to federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas. Brianna Clarisse Banks, 24, pleaded guilty to theft of government money today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Roy Payne.

"COVID has been financially devastating for many East Texans, especially for those who were already struggling," said Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei. "Thieves who take the federal funds intended for the financially vulnerable will be aggressively investigated and prosecuted in the Eastern District of Texas."


According to information presented in court, in April of 2020, the U.S. Treasury issued an Economic Impact Payment (EIP) check in the amount of \$1,200.00, made payable to an individual and mailed it to that individual's post office box in Avinger, Texas. Banks stole the EIP check from the individual's post office box and then used the victim's name, social security number, and date of birth to open a checking account, but used Banks' mailing address for the address on the account. Banks deposited the stolen EIP check into the fraudulently opened bank account and then withdrew the funds and spent them for her own personal benefit.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment against Banks on Jan. 20, 2021. Under federal statutes, Banks faces up to 10 years in federal prison. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.



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Four members of ET meth and firearms trafficking ring sentenced

TYLER – A husband and wife, along with two other co-conspirators in a methamphetamine and gun trafficking ring, were sentenced to federal prison today, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei.

Amanda Rae Williams, 32, of Carthage, Texas, and Illona Annette Amburn, 41, of Longview, Texas pleaded guilty on August 4, 2020 to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. They were both sentenced to 120 months in federal prison today. Marvin Robert Williams, 38, also of Carthage, Texas, pleaded guilty on Sep. 22, 2020, to use, carrying, and possession of a firearm during and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Today, he was sentenced to 84 months in federal prison. Larry Demontrie Mock, a/k/a “Boogati,” 39, of

Houston, pleaded guilty on Dec. 7, 2020 to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison today.

The sentencing hearings were conducted before U.S. District Judge J. Campbell Barker. Judge Barker also ordered each defendant to pay forfeiture in the amount of \$5,000.00, which represents proceeds derived from their participation in the criminal conspiracy.

“The citizens of East Texas will not tolerate those who pump poison into our communities and traffic firearms in the process,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei. “The sentences imposed on the Williams, Mock, and Amburn organization send a strong message to those who would try to profit from the misery of methamphetamine addiction or the violence that comes with underground firearm trafficking. We will continue to investigate and prosecute the most dangerous members of our community, such as these individuals.”

According to court documents and information provided in court, beginning in April 2018, Amburn and Mock began brokering sales of methamphetamine and firearms that were being supplied by Amanda and Marvin Williams and others. During the conspiracy, Amanda and Marvin Williams, Mock, and Amburn sold at least 150 grams of actual methamphetamine and at least 13 firearms during more than 10 separate transactions. Marvin Williams, Mock, and Amburn are previously convicted felons who could not lawfully possess firearms.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; and the Panola County Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan Locker.



In honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week - last week, UT Health East Texas EMS recognized the pivotal role its emergency dispatchers play every day. Sheree Gates, an 18-year EMS veteran and recipient of the 2020 UT Health East Texas Telecommunicator of the Year award, said getting the right medical care to the caller is an important job. “As a dispatcher, we are one of the first voices a person hears when calling 911 during a medical emergency,” Gates said.



Lady Lions Makena Littlejohn, Macey Alston and Carleigh Judd were named to the TABC, TGCA and THSC Academic All State honors. Alston and Judd were named to the TABC All Region 2A Region III team and TGCA All State. Judd was named a TGCA Legacy All Star which is a top 20 player recognition 1A-4A Seniors in the State.

Courtesy Photo

Lady Lions place 4th in Area track

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Lady Lions placed fourth in a densely packed 21 2A-22 2A area meet at Beckville last week. Individual results include Gracie Stanford fifth in the 800m run and teammate Analice Jones sixth. Stanford also placed fourth in the 1600m run with Sophie Pyle placing sixth. Stanford earned gold in the 3200m run with a time of 13:06.70 while Pyle placed fifth.

The 4x100m relay team of Samantha Coleman, Macey Alston, Kayla Pullen and Ava Wightman placed fourth. In the 4x200m relay Coleman, Alston, Pullen and Wightman earned the bronze. Coming in fifth in the 4x400 relay was the team of Analice Jones, Kenia Velasquez, Ava Wightman and Jenna Scott.

Macey Alston placed fourth in the long jump with a 15’ effort. Macey Roberts placed second in the discus competition with a 107’6 1/2” sling. Samantha Coleman placed fourth in the high jump and Bailey Clowers earned the bronze medal in pole vault with an 8’ vault.

Hawkins placed first with 134 points, Alto second with 103, Beckville third with 88 points, Union Grove placed fourth with 66 points, Douglass fifth with 64, Big Sandy sixth with 50, Cushing seventh with 34, Woden 25, Garrison ninth with 24, Mount Enterprise tenth with 20 points, Carlisle eleventh with eight points, Overton four points and New Summerfield thirteenth with zero.

Pct. 1 residents take road problem to commissioners

By Phillip Williams

Dozens of citizens packed the Upshur County Commissioners Court meeting room last Thursday as several protested the condition of county-maintained roads in Precinct 1.

The court took no action since the item was listed on the agenda for discussion only, but before the citizens spoke, County Judge Todd Tefeller said that if the county received funds under the federal American Recovery Act, “I’m for spending every nickel on roads.”

He acknowledged that their condition is bad, but that the big problem is “lack of funds,” saying it would cost \$21 million to re-oil all 720 miles of county-maintained roads. Tefeller assured the audience of at least 45 citizens, however, that there was “nobody you’re gonna find more sympathetic” to their desire for good roads and “I’m with you.”

For about 20 years, the county has been under a unit road system, headed by either an engineer or administrator who is appointed by the court. Upshur voters have approved the system three times in lieu of the former one, under which each of the four commissioners was responsible for road work in their precinct.

Voters would have to vote to abolish the current system, which was hailed by its proponents as money-saving, to return to the old one.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle has said the unit system is flawed, and that the problems in his precinct are not the fault of current Road Administrator Andy Jordan, who said little during Thursday’s meeting.

Ron Cook, who gave the court photographs of road problems in leading off the citizens’ presentation, told commissioners that “Green Hills Road is in poor condition due to lack of maintenance” and that motorists were driving all over it to avoid potholes. He also complained there was “no drainage, and (it) has been this way for years.” Cook also complained of conditions on four other roads in the Glenwood Acres subdivision and said school buses will not drop off children “at their given roads,” forcing them to walk home unless parents pick them up.

In addition, he said, the bottoms of Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department trucks drag when the vehicles leave and enter the fire station. Cook further said the county “promised to keep them (roads) up and in good shape. This has not happened.” He asserted that “the road and bridge unit is broken,” crew members are rushed excessively, and commissioners “need to have more say-so” on road work.

Jerry Laden, a Lakeview division resident, said he has replaced two front ends in his vehicles due to potholes and “I’m sick and tired of it. Been going on 10 years or more.”

He also said road and bridge workers “skip about every other hole. They don’t fill them. . . a month later, it’s just like it was.” Laden also said he has been run off the roadway by motorists dodging potholes.

The next speaker, Yolanda Barren, said the road she lives on has not been resurfaced in 35 years and that “the road and bridge unit—it is failing” as roads are “inferior.” She cited “improper maintenance and drainage” and raised the possibility of having an engineer study the matter.

Tefeller responded, “I want you to have I-20 if I can figure out how to do it.” He said he didn’t know if the community was ready to approve a bond issue for road work, and told the assemblage “you can pray” the aforementioned federal funds will be spent on roads if the county gets the money.

Claire Glasscock, a Lakewood owners association resident, said Green Hills Road is “dangerous” and that motorists are “constantly weaving” to miss potholes on two other roads. She also said the intersection of her road, Forestwood, and Club Drive “is a mess” and that county workers’ spreading of oil dirt was “a joke.”

“We need something more than a shovel full of dirt” that is “not even pressed down,” Glasscock explained. “As taxpayers, we all deserve better.”

Bobby Jenkins suggested the court “lay out some plans,” saying the county cannot re-oil all roads, but “we need to see if we can work on our drainage” and “clean out ditches.”



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CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
4/11/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102043	0:16		517 MELBA MELBA
	10-50 MINOR	202102044	0:40	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	202102045	0:48		2816 UPSHUR UPSHUR W
	EMS	202102046	2:03		801 N GARY GARY
	EMS	202102047	8:41	JULIAWOOD HOMES	42 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	202102048	9:10		1628 E LAKE LAKE
	EMS	202102049	9:47		409 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102050	12:23	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102051	13:56	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102052	15:00	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102053	17:48	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102054	18:10		1006 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102055	18:50	DIXIE MOTEL	328 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202102056	21:01		407 JOHNSON JOHNSON
	EMS	202102057	21:20		343 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD LN
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102058	22:16		138 TEXAS TEXAS ST
	ASSIST	202102059	23:17		508 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102060	23:43	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	ASSIST	202102062	0:50	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102063	7:48		RODEO RODEO
	EMS	202102064	9:53		801 GARY GARY ST
	CREDIT/DEBIT ABUSE	202102065	10:03	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202102066	10:45	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARM/OTHER	202102067	11:03		300 JORDAN JORDAN
	CRIM TRESPASS	202102068	13:04	GRANNY B'S SHAVED ICE AND MORE	1820 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202102069	13:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	FIRE DEPT	202102071	15:15		FM 2685 FM 2685
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	ABANDONED 911	202102074	15:52		15 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
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	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102078	17:27		408 W MAPLE MAPLE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102079	19:50		1101 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102080	19:59	WARD PLAZA	501 N AMES AMES ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102081	20:27		508 JEANETTE JEANETTE
	10-50 MINOR	202102082	21:34		N MAIN MAIN ST
4/13/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102083	3:19		GODFREY GODFREY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102084	6:08		E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102085	8:04		FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	202102086	9:27	FRED'S	801 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102087	11:40		JEANETTE JEANETTE
	EMS	202102088	12:52		5377 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102089	13:37	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
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	FIRE DEPT	202102092	16:13	UNION GROVE ISD	11220 UNION GROVE RD POB 1447 UNION GROVE RD POB
	THEFT	202102093	16:43	TRADER'S MALL	355 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	ASSIST	202102094	16:57		407 N LIVE OAK LIVE OAK
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102095	17:08	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102096	17:30		1306 RODEO RODEO
	FIRE DEPT	202102097	17:54		200 JORDAN JORDAN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102098	19:45	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR	1709 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102099	20:16	GREENWAY VILLAGE	21 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	ASSIST	202102100	21:43	WALKER MANOR BED & BREAKFAST	214 E COMMERCE COMMERCE
4/14/21	EMS	202102101	0:04		801 N GARY GARY
	EMS	202102102	0:39		520 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	EMS	202102103	0:49		202 S CULVER CULVER
	ALARM/OTHER	202102105	2:23		2322 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102106	5:18		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	202102107	8:34		1106 N RODEO N RODEO
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102108	11:05		S TYLER S TYLER
	ASSIST	202102109	11:26		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	FIRE DEPT	202102110	11:59		203 W COMMERCE W COMMERCE
	TERROR THREAT	202102111	14:23	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	202102112	15:14		802 E LAKE LAKE
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	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102114	17:28		803 N RODEO RODEO ST
	ASSIST	202102115	18:08		126 GREEN GREEN ST
	ASSIST	202102116	18:20	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102117	20:26		308 W OLIVER OLIVER
	SEXUAL ASSAULT	202102118	21:01		1035 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102120	23:26	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
4/15/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102121	0:46	MCKAIG CHEVROLET	1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	SUICIDE	202102124	8:13		401 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
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	EMS	202102133	16:29	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102134	16:57	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202102135	17:19	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	202102136	18:40		402 SPENCER SPENCER
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102137	19:02	GLADEWATER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX	1006 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102138	19:32	GLADEWATER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX	1006 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102139	19:37		205 MILLS MILLS
	EMS	202102140	20:37		1100 N SHELL SHELL RD
	EMS	202102141	22:00		1108 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102142	22:04		HWY 135 HWY 135
4/16/21	ABANDONED 911	202102143	0:57	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
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	THEFT	202102145	1:57	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102146	2:23	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	202102147	3:02	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102148	4:35	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
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	EMS	202102157	15:31		1101 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
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	ALARM/OTHER	202102160	19:10	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102163	22:39	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
4/17/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102164	0:16		502 W LAKE DEVERNA LAKE DEVERNA
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102165	0:53		409 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102166	8:24		510 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	202102170	9:01	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	202102171	9:51		1106 N RODEO RODEO ST
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	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102173	13:20		205 HICKORY HICKORY ST
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202102174	15:37		2026 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	THEFT	202102175	15:47		522 NORTH NORTH ST
	FIRE DEPT	202102176	20:04		1115 N LYNN LYNN
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	ABANDONED 911	202102179	22:56		
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	EMS	202102181	23:27	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	THEFT	202102182	23:44		22 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
4/18/21	ABANDONED 911	202102183	0:23		
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	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102185	1:58	ZIPS LIQUOR STORE	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102186	2:24		22 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	202102187	3:20	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FIRE DEPT	202102188	9:10		5049 E LAKE LAKE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102189	9:29	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102190	9:53		911 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102191	11:14		520 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102192	11:31		MLK MLK
	EMS	202102193	11:47	LAMBERT'S LIQUOR	1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	202102194	12:01		801 GARY GARY ST
	RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	202102195	12:59	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
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GPD Arrest Report

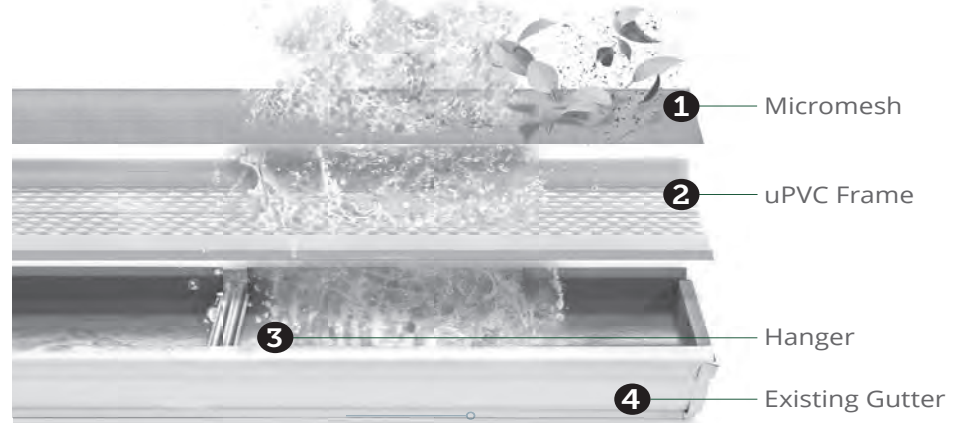
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4/13/21	4/13/21	21:58	VICKERS, SKYLAR PAIGE	W	F	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	213 S CENTER ST
4/15/21	4/15/21	22:22	LAWRENCE, JONATHON LEROY	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	26235 COUNTRY CLUB RD

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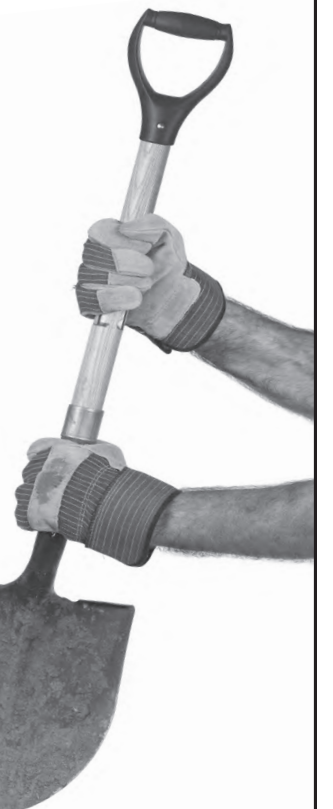
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The Red Rock Historical Association's dream has become a reality with the completion of the Red Rock Community Center. The adjacent building will house historic exhibits that preserve the stories of the Red Rock community which began around 1840. It featured a port or landing that had two active ferries. The community predated Gladewater and the railroad. The project lies on 4.2 acres donated by Carolyn McAlister and Marilyn Scott. Community members wishing to donate funds to help with development and maintenance of the facility may mail checks to the Red Rock Historical Assn., P.O. Box 230, Gladewater, 75647 or go online to redrockha.org to learn more about the association and its work as well as a link under 'Support' to make online donations.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Council votes to apply for \$2.9M water grant, refinance \$2.4M bond

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We will not know the results of the application process until late summer or early fall. Should we move forward with the loan, we would experience a water rate increase of approximately \$8 per month with zero loan forgiveness or approximately \$5 per month with 30-percent loan forgiveness. "Once again, this application process is being driven by the Toll 49 project and loan acceptance will also be dictated by the current status of the project at the time of loan approval. Funding through the TWDB has measures of accountability that work is performed for the purpose stated within the application preventing the rate increase from

being absorbed by the Enterprise Fund for purposes other than the intended."

The council agreed to refinance the 10 years remaining on a bond with a \$2.4M principal. The city council approved Hilltop Securities to seek refinancing opportunities and expect to experience over \$120k in savings over the remaining 10 year period.

In another possible big ticket item for the city, the council discuss the Lee Public Library, which sustained heavy winter storm damage to the roof and major water damage to the interior, and decided to pay around \$1,300 to have the building's asbestos surveyed before diving into the deep end of the pool and deciding on spending triple digit tax

dollars for roof repairs.

The city council and members of the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO) toured the library last week as part of a special workshop session to assess the damage and formulate a plan to save the library. City manager Ricky Tow said the city's insurance, through the Texas Municipal League, would not cover the roof because the roof wasn't properly maintained. They based their findings on multiple poorly executed repairs found on the roof.

Repairs are expected to cost between \$110,000 and \$224,000, depending on which roof design is chosen.

Suzanne Bardwell, a member of the Friends of the Library and co-owner of the *Gladewater Mirror*, has already reached out to several foundations in an attempt to secure grants to keep the library open. Thursday night the council will try and figure out what direction it will go concerning the library's future.

Library supporters want to modernize the Lee Library and add work stations and computer labs so more people can use the library to look for a job online or file for benefits.

In other business the council"

- Ratified the Investment Policy
- Heard the investment Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2021
- Approved a blanket permit for "The Oilfield Special" 1-day Car Show sponsored by the *Gladewater Mirror* to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021
- Approved a blanket permit for GHS Senior Graduation Parade to be held on Friday, May 21, 2021
- Accepted the HOT report for January 2021-March 2021
- Held a public hearing regarding a request for a variance to City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance in connection to City .
- The council heard from city department heads regarding the 2nd quarter.
- Consider changing the use of budgeted line-item from zero turn lawnmower to air packs

Letter to the Editor

A very small area of Gladewater had water pressure issues (low pressure to no water at all) since last Saturday night, April 10th. The area was Daniel, Gayle, Allison, Ames and Hancock Streets. Very mysterious problem and difficult to solve, as there were no above ground leaks to be found. City Manager Ricky Tow and the Public Works crew worked all week to find the problem. Finally, this Saturday, problem found and repaired to everyone's relief. Leak was completely contained underground, which was why it was so difficult to find.

Driving around town I have seen the Public Works crew working on water leaks late into the night. So many times, I've seen our City Manager Ricky Tow is there with them. This weekend, I personally witnessed his being one of two down in the hole doing the digging, getting soaking wet from head to toe, and muddy almost the same distance. Witnessing this, I am so much more impressed with his work ethic and how lucky Gladewater is to have him. I had to take pictures, at least one of which I hope will be posted or published, I am just so grateful for all the hard work.

My bragging on Ricky is not to take away any credit due the Public Works crew. They don't get enough kudos and gratitude for the work they do.

Thanks for the great work you and your staff do to produce such a top-notch newspaper for our town.

Mary Anne Cumbie



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