

OPINION/EDITORIAL

...work of heart

Teaching at its best is a work of heart. It is one of the few professions that requires a high level of knowledge, a skill set that includes communication, empathy, compassion, patience, and to be truly successful, an authentic relationship. Teachers who connect with their students also parent, serve as counselors, social workers and a watchful presence of protection when needed. That's a LOT of responsibility.

Top that with state requirements within time constraints with a one day test serving as evidence of students' knowledge and the teacher's ability to teach. That is pressure, at an exploding pressure cooker level.

When you throw in a certain percentage of neglectful or abusive parents, poverty, learning gaps, substance abuse, physical, mental and learning disabilities, and varying abilities of students all within one classroom, well, the job becomes mind boggling. Kinda makes you wonder why anyone chooses to become a teacher doesn't it?

For most who go into the profession, the answer to that question is that teaching is a calling, an avocation, not just a job.

This is National Teacher Appreciation Week and having worked as a teacher for 35 years teaching sixth graders to college

students over that span of time, I am here to tell you I wouldn't trade my career for a million dollars. No kidding.

True, there are days that break your heart and threaten to consume you. There are days that are full of laughter and learning and all good things. There are days when the frustration, the stress and the problems ball teachers up into tightly coiled springs or puddles of exhaustion.

When that happens teachers support each other. They take a step back. They get a cup of coffee and begin again...and again...and again. The best of campus faculties are families who celebrate, mourn and share life in the moment together while supporting one another and teaching.

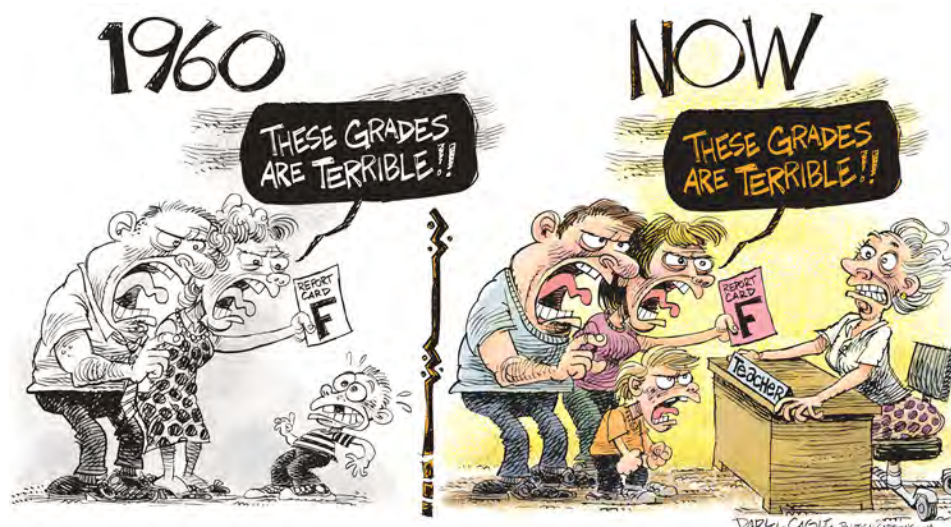
Teaching high school juniors and seniors was my sweet spot. Preparing to launch kids into their next phase of life was one of the most important parts of my job and one of the most bittersweet and joyous. I don't know who said this but it has stuck with me, "the best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see".

My number one goal as a

teacher was to make sure my students knew they were cared for and safe, and the second was to teach them to think. Not what to think, but to think critically and independently. It is the most fun I have ever had, or ever will have outside of time with my family. And yes, I miss teaching every day, but I must admit I don't miss the standardized testing, the regimented routine, or the mounds and mounds of essays to grade late into the night after very challenging days. But I do miss those eager young minds... and even the ones who weren't so eager. Those kids that were a challenge to inspire were often the most satisfying to teach and to reach. When you reach those kids they begin to understand the possibilities available for their lives...and that is like planting a flag on Everest after a long and risky effort.

To the good teachers in the trenches I salute you for your heart, your dedication and your skill. You are writing the future of so many kids. God bless you for all you do and all you are. What you do is one of the most important jobs on the planet and don't you forget it.

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State shows largest numerical population gain

Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the largest numerical gain of any state since the 2010 census. The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

Abbott gets bill allowing to-go alcohol sales from restaurants

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs in the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

ERCOT announces interim CEO

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has picked Brad Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than

30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT. The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year. ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas Senate.

State releases \$11.2 billion in federal funding for schools

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

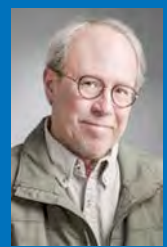
Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the feds is now available under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas already had received roughly \$2.2 billion in federal funding to help school districts respond to COVID-19. School districts and others have been calling for the state to release the money so they could begin budgeting for the next school year. The federal government requires the state to maintain both public school funding and money for public colleges and universities at the same levels as in the three years before the pandemic to tap into the K-12 stimulus dollars.

Vaccination pace slowing; new COVID-19 cases, deaths steady

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 11.1 million Sunday. As in the rest of the country, the

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pace has slowed — up just a bit over 4% from the previous week. A total of 7.92 million state residents are now fully vaccinated — more than one-fourth of all residents, according to DSHS.

Meanwhile, a total of 23,054 cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a drop of about 600 people; 353 deaths were reported, down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 patients hospitalized dropped slightly to 2,648, according to DSHS.

Texas gets \$79 million to protect coastal areas

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced last week the state will receive an additional \$79 million as part of the RESTORE Act, which is the law passed in response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout and the resulting massive oil spill. The money will be used for land acquisition for coastal conservation; shoreline protections; restoring water quality and freshwater inflows on the Texas coast; and restoration of high-quality coastal habitats in the Texas portion of the Chenier Plain complex, which extends from Galveston Bay to Vermillion Bay, Louisiana.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

I read a story about a young man who was a Christian, who was confronted with temptation. He continued to resist. Some of his fellow-students pressured him to yield. One of them said: "Come on and do it! Who will know the difference?" His answer is classic. He said: "I will know, God will know, my Christian friends will know, and when Christ comes, everyone will know. Sorry fellows, but you will have to count me out." Think about his answer.

"I will know." We need to always conduct ourselves in such a way that we can lay down at night with a clear conscience, and be able to look ourselves in the mirror in the morning without shame.

"God will know." When faced with the seductive advances of Potiphar's wife, Joseph looked temptation square in the face and refused to yield. He said: "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Gen. 39: 9). We cannot escape God's all-seeing Eye. (Heb. 4: 13).

"My Christian friends will know." Sin inevitably hurts our influence. Christians are a part of the Lord's church, the greatest institution in the world, and we should never do anything to bring shame and reproach upon His blood bought body. (Acts 20: 28).

"When Christ comes everyone will know." When He comes, He "will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the heart." (1 Cor. 4: 5). Secret sins will no longer be secret. In this life we may succeed in hiding our sin, but not so on the Day of Judgment. On that day we will look the Lord in the eye and will be rendered defenseless before His scrutinizing gaze. Nothing escapes the scrutiny of God. Before Him everything lies exposed, and it is with Him, not our fellow man, or our conscience, before whom our final reckoning has to be made. Please remember, the record you are writing in this life, is the record you will see when you stand before Christ, the great Judge, at the bar on high. Think on these things.

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OBITUARY

GARY FOSTER

Gary Foster, 70, unexpectedly passed away Wednesday, March 10th, 2021. Graveside services took place Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Gladewater Memorial Park.



Born in Greencastle, Indiana, December 25th, 1950, Gary's family moved to Longview in January, 1969.

Gary graduated from Imperial High School, Big Sandy in 1970. He then went on to college and graduated from University of Texas, Tyler with a bachelor's degree in teaching, then worked toward his master's degree.

Gary was a very kind hearted person, who always treated people right. He was a wonderful brother. Gary was in the construction business locally for 45 years and worked on many area homes and apartments. He was hardworking, honest, well liked

and earned the trust of many people.

Gary liked being outdoors, feeding deer on his property, fishing, and making creative pieces of art.

Gary is survived by his older brother, Larry Foster, younger brother Morris Foster, Gary's son Chad Foster and wife Autumn, grandchildren Torri Foster, Tracie Foster, Tera Daniels, Dasia Foster, Wyntur Foster, Elija Foster, and great granddaughter Marce Daniels.

Gary was preceded in death by infant siblings Donna Jo Foster and Warren B. Foster Jr. He was also preceded in death by parents Warren & Betty Foster.

Gary was a kind and gentle soul, and will be truly missed, by many. We look forward to being reunited with you.

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Although the pandemic has spared no one, it has had a disproportionate impact on working women. Over the past year, females have been more

likely to leave the workforce due to job losses or conflicts with the added responsibilities surrounding childcare and household sustainability. As the economy recovers, these valuable members of the workforce will be essential.

The latest Census numbers make that abundantly clear. Moreover, for many, working is indispensable for financial stability.

From February to April of 2020, employment for women aged 20 and over fell by 12.2 million, a 17.0% decrease. Over the same period, female unemployment increased by 8.6 million and 3.8 million left the labor force altogether. Since then, the situation has improved somewhat, but there remain 3.7 million (5.1%) fewer women employed as of March 2021 than at the pre-pandemic peak. In addition, women, specifically

mothers with school-aged children, have been slower to re-enter the workforce. Current projections from numerous sources estimate that female employment might not fully recover until 2024, a full two years after their male counterparts.

One critical issue is childcare. About one-third of working women in 2019 had children under 18, and pandemic-induced disruptions caused some to decide they could not (or did not wish to) continue. Even for many who had options for remote employment, the additional responsibilities of

assisting with remote education have been substantial. Affordable childcare, already lacking prior to the pandemic and much worse in its wake, would help women return to work, as will reaching the point with vaccines and therapeutics that schools can fully open across the nation.

The continuing trend for flexible work arrangements will be beneficial, but challenges remain. There are legitimate concerns that staying out of the office could not only place an additional burden on professional women, but also reduce

their prospects for advancement. (Evidence suggests that males are more likely to opt to work in the office, interact with management, and maintain visibility.)

For our economy and society, there is clear value to work-life balance irrespective of gender. For women, these boundaries can be particularly difficult to navigate for a variety of systemic reasons. Facilitating the return of women to the workforce in a complex post-pandemic environment will be difficult. Initiatives such as improved, affordable, and accessible

childcare and innovative office situations are essential elements of the solution. With the lowest population growth rate since the 1930s (with counting occurring prior to the effects of COVID) and shortages already appearing in many industries and areas, the long-term need for an abundant workforce is obvious. Maintaining viable options for women will improve growth and productivity and, more importantly, enhance the lives of countless women, children, families, and communities.

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DJ Allen among local state track qualifiers

Listed are the state qualifiers from the area along with the dates and times they will compete at the UIL State Track and Field Meet this week in Austin.

Thursday, May 6

9 a.m.: Dennis DJ Allen, Gladewater, Class 3A boys long jump

10:30 a.m.: Kaden Kenny, Kilgore, Class 4A boys shot put

11 a.m.: Lexi Baker, White Oak, Class 3A girls pole vault

12:30 p.m.: Genesis Allen, Daingerfield, Class 3A girls shot put

1 p.m.: Brooklyn Scrofani, Pittsburg, Class 4A girls discus

1 p.m.: Jenci Seahorn, Harmony, Class 3A girls triple jump

2:45 p.m.: Corey Rider, Kilgore, Class 4A boys triple jump

3 p.m.: Callie Ward, Gilmer, Class 4A girls pole vault

5:45 p.m.: Matthew Tyeskie, Kilgore, Class 4A 110 hurdles

5:45 p.m.: Savion Bush, Tatum, Class 3A boys 110 hurdles

5:45 p.m.: Ty Bridges, Tatum, Class 3A boys 110 hurdles

6:05 p.m.: Chrishlyn Boyd, Daingerfield, Class 3A girls 100 meters

6:05 p.m.: Dennis DJ Allen, Gladewater, Class 3A boys 100 meters

6:25 p.m.: Gilmer boys Class 4A 800 relay (Will Henderson, Parker Gilow, Rohan Fluellen, Ladaylon Jackon, Davion Smith, Marshea Spraglin)

6:25 p.m.: Daingerfield girls Class 3A 800 relay (Joi Akinsuroju, Chrishlyn

Boyd, Ashlyn Bruce, Sanaa Fields, Za'mya Wilbarger, Jakhya Connor

6:25 p.m.: Daingerfield boys Class 3A 800 relay (Skylar Smith, Caleb Nixon, Jakevion Rodgers, Devin Wilson, Ty Byrd, Aaron Lewis)

7:10 p.m.: Matthew Tyeskie, Kilgore, Class 4A 300 hurdles

7:30 p.m.: Caine Stanley, Kilgore, Class 4A 200 meters

7:30 p.m.: Kamryn Floyd, Gladewater, Class 3A girls 200 meters

8:20 p.m.: Gilmer girls Class 4A 1600 relay (Alex Chamberlain, Leslie Jones, Tai Reid, Abbey Bradshaw, Neveah Perry, Sydnee Parker)

8:20 p.m.: Tatum boys Class 3A 1600 relay (Drenon Fite, Jackson Richardson, Nathan Parker, Savion Bush, Ty Bridges, Remington O'Bryan)

Friday, May 7

9 a.m.: Macey Roberts, Union Grove, Class 2A girls discus

11 a.m.: Michael Jitjaeng, Big Sandy, Class 2A boys discus

11:30 a.m.: Jeremy Dezelle, Big Sandy, Class 2A boys high jump

1 p.m.: Aubrey Woodard, Union Grove, Class 2A boys triple jump

2 p.m.: Michael Jitjaeng, Big Sandy, Class 2A boys shot put

7:35 p.m.: Zoey Messick, Big Sandy, Class 3A 300 hurdles

6:25 p.m.: Union Hill boys Class A 800 relay (Trey Venters, Jayke Bass, Lawton Flinn, Zach Hatcher, Matthew Massingill, Daniel Roberts)



Dr. Josh Russell of the Longview Orthopedic Clinic presented Bear Standout D.J. Allen with the Area Athlete of the Week in recognition of his achievements in track. Allen will be participating at the state meet in Austin this week in both the long jump and 100m dash. Allen took regional gold in both events with a 22'8 1/4" jump and a 10.82 second time in the 100m race. Courtesy Photo

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 - 5/6, Thursday STAAR, EOC Alg.1 4-9 p.m. HoneyBear Rehearsal-Aud. State Trade Meet Austin
 - 5/7, Friday STAAR EAOC Make Up Test Day State Track Meet@Austin 6:30 p.m. HoneyBear Spring Show
 - 5/8, Saturday State Track Meet@Austin 6:30 p.m. HoneyBear Spring Show
 - 5/12, Wednesday 6 p.m. Athletic Banquet
 - 5/15, Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday School Parent Sponsored Prom
 - 5/17, Monday 6:30 p.m. Choir Spring Concert
 - 5/18, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Band Spring Show
- UGISD Calendar**
- 5/21, Friday Ag Banquet-Cafe
 - 5/27, Thursday 8 a.m. Senior Awards Ceremony-Auditorium 12:55 p.m. Early Release 3:30-6 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 5/28, Friday Teacher Work Day 8 a.m. Graduation

Voters approve EDC propositions, elect Robertson to Place 4

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into our community. The GEDCO board will continue to make the decisions on these investments. These new opportunities include investments in retail development, tourism, water infrastructure upgrades, and the airport. We appreciate the help and support of former Kilgore EDC Director Amanda Nobles as current and future needs were discussed and ballot options were drafted based on the discussion. The GEDCO board now has more tools in the tool box for economic development."

Here's how voters decided by proposition:

Proposition A: (For - 136, Against 58) The use of a portion of the existing one-half cent sales and use tax for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements found by the board of directors to be required or suitable for use for professional and amateur sports, including children's sports, athletic, entertainment, tourist, convention, and public park purposes and events, authorized by Section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

Proposition B: (For - 121, Against 75) The use of a portion of the existing one-half cent sales and use tax for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements found by the board of directors to be required or suitable for the development or expansion of airport or railport facilities, including hangars, maintenance and repair facilities, cargo facilities, and related infrastructure located on or adjacent to an airport or railport facility, authorized by Section 505.1561 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

Proposition C: (For - 143, Against 50) The use of a portion of the existing one-half cent sales and use tax for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure, and improvements found by the corporation's board of directors to promote new or expanded business development, authorized by Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

Proposition D: (For - 158, Against 37) The use of sales and use tax proceeds for infrastructure relating to water supply facilities.

Proposition E: (For - 143, Against 50) The use of sales and use tax proceeds for infrastructure relating to water conservation programs.

"I am very thankful that the voters chose to grant this change that will allow GEDCO to help in more ways than is currently allowed by law," said Jim Bardwell, GEDCO board president. "Taxpayers can rest assured that this vote does not mean GEDCO will simply open up its pocketbook to the city. Our primary focus will be to bring jobs to Gladewater. But we must have the proper infrastructure and quality of life for families so an industry will want to move to Gladewater. I believe this vote will set us on the right path to helping Gladewater grow and prosper."

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CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
4/25/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102336	0:15	RISE STAR CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	801 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102337	0:57		303 TYLER TYLER
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102338	2:26		1300 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102339	5:30	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	202102340	10:11		MCCOMIC MCCOMIC
	10-50 MINOR	202102341	10:28		PHILLIP SPRINGS PHILLIP SPRINGS
	EMS	202102342	10:48	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	202102343	10:48		1002 E LAKE LAKE
	MISSING PERSON	202102344	13:15	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	202102345	14:12		531 TEXAS TEXAS ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102347	15:02		GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102348	15:43	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102349	17:44	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102350	18:10		2211 OAKRIDGE OAKRIDGE
	TERROR THREAT	202102351	20:01		2211 OAKRIDGE OAKRIDGE DR
	ASSIST	202102352	21:18		HWY 80 HWY 80
	FIRE DEPT	202102353	21:29	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	EMS	202102354	23:14		1104 FOREST HILL FOREST HILL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102355	23:51		899 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE DR
4/26/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102356	0:36	COMPASSION HOUSE	302 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	202102357	2:43	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102358	7:07		10189 FM 2685 FM 2685
	10-50 MAJOR	202102359	7:38		801 N RODEO N RODEO
	10-50 MINOR	202102360	7:44	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202102361	9:39	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102362	10:08		310 GODFREY GODFREY
	EMS	202102363	12:22		601 TENERY TENERY
	ALARM/OTHER	202102364	14:07		109 HWY 80 HWY 80
	INCIDENT W/REPORT	202102365	14:53	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102366	15:55		271 271
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102367	15:56		HWY 135 HWY 135
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102368	19:02		1006 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ABANDONED 911	202102369	19:16		308 MAPLE MAPLE
	10-50 MINOR	202102370	19:20		HWY 259 HWY 259
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102371	19:31		1520 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD
	FIRE DEPT	202102372	19:37		210 HURLEY HURLEY
	EMS	202102373	22:10		29 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
4/27/21	EMS	202102374	6:52		218 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT
	ALARM/OTHER	202102375	8:04		512 RODEN RODEN
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102376	8:17		S LOOP 485 S LOOP 485
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102377	8:58		COMMERCE COMMERCE
	CREDIT/DEBT ABUSE	202102378	10:00	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202102379	10:07		9 MCKAIG MCKAIG CIR
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102380	10:57		225 EDDY EDDY
	ASSIST	202102381	10:58	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102382	13:01		
	MARINE SAFETY INSPECTION	202102383	13:16	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202102384	13:36	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARM/OTHER	202102385	14:49		404 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	202102386	15:59		700 W MELBA MELBA
	10-50 MINOR	202102387	17:18		E LAKE LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102388	18:54		2740 E LAKE LAKE
	10-50 MAJOR	202102390	19:24	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102391	20:42		108 MORGAN MORGAN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102392	21:36		104 PYEATT PYEATT DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102393	21:51		1614 N RODEO RODEO
4/28/21	BURGLARY/BUILDING	202102395	1:32		795 TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	202102396	7:41		2806 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	EMS	202102397	9:00	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	HARASSMENT	202102398	9:03	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	CRIM MIS	202102399	11:04	ANTIQUES II	112 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202102400	11:20		2250 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102401	13:48		600 TENERY TENERY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102402	16:10		308 WALTON WALTON W
	EMS	202102403	16:32	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102404	18:12	JULIAWOOD HOMES	JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	ASSIST	202102405	18:28	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102406	19:11		524 MARSHALL MARSHALL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102407	19:35		1106 N RODEO RODEO
	EMS	202102408	21:44		362 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND RD
	EMS	202102409	21:48	GREENWAY VILLAGE	21 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EXTRA PATROL	202102410	23:07		TENERY TENERY
4/29/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102412	9:27		EDDY EDDY
	ASSIST	202102413	11:54		1003 E PACIFIC E PACIFIC
	EMS	202102414	12:40		212 S PINE S PINE
	FIRE DEPT	202102415	16:16		CANFIELD CANFIELD
	ALARM/OTHER	202102416	16:28	BODY OF BELIEVERS	2822 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102417	16:35		1204 N RODEO RODEO
	ALARM/OTHER	202102418	18:16		1802 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	202102419	18:57		402 MUSTANG MUSTANG DR
	ASSIST	202102420	19:46		120 OAKBROOK OAKBROOK DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102421	20:22		13 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	202102422	20:29		111 PAUL PAUL
	10-50 MINOR	202102423	21:46	CVS PHARMACY	1402 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102424	22:29		26 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102425	23:06		204 EDDY EDDY
	CRIM MIS	202102426	23:13		713 SPENCER SPENCER
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102427	23:37		22 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	202102428	23:57	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
4/30/21	EVADE	202102429	1:28		LIVE OAK LIVE OAK
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102430	5:33		TYLER TYLER
	THEFT	202102432	8:36	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102433	9:23		211 LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE
	FIRE DEPT	202102434	11:49		211 LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102435	13:22		2813 GUY GUY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102436	14:50		2026 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102437	16:00	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102438	16:03		707 MELBA MELBA
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102439	16:03		705 MELBA MELBA
	ABANDONED 911	202102440	16:29		
	FIRE DEPT	202102441	16:33		310 W OLIVER OLIVER
	ABANDONED 911	202102442	17:01		
	EMS	202102443	17:27	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102444	17:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102445	18:04		708 W CLAIR CLAIR
	FIRE DEPT	202102446	19:08		US HWY 271 US HWY 271
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102447	20:54		2709 W GAY GAY
	FIRE DEPT	202102448	21:02	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102449	21:13		1020 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102450	21:14	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
5/1/21	ALARM/OTHER	202102451	1:20		601 TENERY TENERY
	CRIM TRESPASS	202102453	3:43		601 TENERY TENERY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102454	6:03	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	10-50 MINOR	202102456	10:22	LULLY'S DOG DAYCARE AND BOARDING	719 N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102457	12:29		300 S LEE LEE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102458	13:06	O'REILLYS AUTO PARTS	901 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102459	13:46	CASH STORE	101 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202102460	14:38	WALKER PHARMACY	402 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102461	16:22	SONIC DRIVE-IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102462	17:19	BOOSHAY'S	103 N MAIN MAIN ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102463	17:31		316 W MELBA MELBA AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202102464	20:39		1005 N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102465	20:45	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
5/2/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102467	0:28	POST OFFICE	101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	ASSIST	202102469	8:43	POST OFFICE	101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	FIRE DEPT	202102470	9:02		N LOOP 485 LOOP 485 AVE
	EMS	202102471	9:34		503 W MELBA MELBA ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102472	13:09		HWY 271 HWY 271
	FALSE 9-1-1	202102473	13:35	JULIAWOOD HOMES	80 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	ALARM/OTHER	202102474	13:54		700 MELBA MELBA AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102475	15:38		802 N POST POST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102476	17:08	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102477	17:19		1083 VESTA VESTA
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102478	17:32	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102479	18:48	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102480	19:22	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	1409 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR

GPD & GFD Monthly Report

For the month of April The Gladewater Fire Department responded to the following calls: 79 calls for service those were,, 53 - Medical, 7 - Public Service, 4 - Fire, 4 - Accident, 1 - Controlled Burn, 1 - Rescue, 1 - Smoke Investigation, 1 - Alarm 1 - HazMat, 6 - Canceled

For the month of April, the Gladewater Police Department responded to 60 Criminal Investigations, arrested 13 people for various offenses or warrants, conducted 107 Traffic stops, worked 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents, responded to 424 Calls for Service and Answered 578 9-1-1 calls.

Incident Category	# Incidents	% of Total
Medical	53	67.08%
Canceled	7	8.86%
Public Service	6	7.59%
Fire	4	5.06%
Accident	4	5.06%
Controlled Burn	1	1.26%
Rescue	1	1.26%
Smoke Investigation	1	1.26%
Alarm	1	1.26%
HazMat	1	1.26%
Total	79	100%

Ore City man arrested in shooting death

By Phillip Williams
A 41-year-old Ore City man has been charged with murder in connection with the Saturday night shooting of a 32-year-old Ore City man in northeastern Upshur County, said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.



Robert Lee Travis is charged with killing Braiden Ray Robinson, who was shot about 10 p.m. during a "disturbance," Hazel said in press releases.

Travis remained in county jail at Gilmer Monday under \$100,000 bond set by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter, who had

pronounced Robinson dead at the scene, said Hazel.

The chief deputy's initial press release Sunday said the shooting occurred in the 8000 block of Salvia Road, but issued another release Monday listing the site as Trail Road.

Sheriff Larry Webb said Monday that Travis was arrested at the sheriff's office in Gilmer after turning himself in "in a roundabout way."

Travis and Robinson were "known to each other," said Hazel.

Potter, who ordered an autopsy performed at Forensic Medical Management Services of Texas outside Tyler, said Monday afternoon he had not yet received autopsy results

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ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
4/27/21	4/27/21	22:15	KOA, DALLAS	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	6141 NORTH RODEO
4/29/21	4/29/21	20:00	SUDDUTH, ZACHARIAH EDWARD	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	120 OAKWOOD
	4/29/21	20:00	SUDDUTH, ZACHARIAH EDWARD	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	120 OAKWOOD
4/30/21	4/30/21	5:41	DUNCAN, TRACY JO	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 S TYLER
	4/30/21	5:41	DUNCAN, TRACY JO	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 S TYLER
	4/30/21	5:41	DUNCAN, TRACY JO	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 S TYLER

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 Henry Pharr - 1965 Chevy Nova
 James Lirkland - 1932 Plymouth
 Edward Kranzman - 1978 Corvette 25th Anniversary Indy Pace Car
 Shawn Daughtrey - 2019 Ford Mustang
 Nathan Wood - 1980 Chevy El Camino
 Dewayne Pullen - 1940 Ford
 Bryan Tippit - 1985 Mazda RX7
 Bill Bobbitt - 1957 Ford Custom
 Richard Charon - 1992 Chevy Custom Van
 Tim McQuigg - 1986 Chevy El Camino
 Ross Morgan - 1951 Chevy Truck
 George Marshall - 1978 Pontiac Firebird
 Tim Smith - 1970 Dodge Convertible
 Wes Allen - 2010 Camaro
 Paul Garrison - 965 Chevy Carry All
 Josslyn Morgan - 1969 Chevy Camaro
 Duane Waldrop - 1983 Datsun 280ZX
 Gary Morris - 1966 Fastback Mustang
 Frank Cervera - 1966 Chevy Malibu
 Kayla Williams - 1939 Ratrod
 Peyton Morgan - 1956 VW Bug
 David Sale - Ratrod
 Beth York - 2017 Polaris Slingshot motorcycle
 Walter Treat - 2017 Jeep Rubicon
 Jerry Thornton - 2005 SSR Truck
 Carl Vannatta - 2017 Chevy Corvette
 Wayne Bissen - 2019 Chevy Corvette
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: The Unknown Heirs of RICK DELWIN GILL
You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #2 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Wendy Johnson Gill in said court on the 15th day of April, 2021, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled In the Estate of RICK DELWIN GILL the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2021-0167-E, the nature of such application being for Application for Determination of Heirship and Request for Letters of Independent Administration If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 15th day of April, 2021

MICHELLE GILLEY
Clerk of County Court at Law #2.
Gregg County, Texas

LEGAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: The Unknown Heirs of VALENTINE JOSEPH GALLEGOS
You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #2 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Michelle Stroman in said court on the 23rd day of April, 2021, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled, "In the Estate of VALENTINE JOSEPH GALLEGOS" the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2021-0181-E, the nature of such application being for Application to Determine Heirship and for Letters of Administration If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 26th day of April, 2021

MICHELLE GILLEY
Clerk of County Court at Law #2.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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The City of Pleasanton is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to solicit and receive Proposals from qualified firms interested in leasing a maintenance hangar for the purposes of providing A&P mechanical services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport (KPEZ).

Please submit one (1) marked original and three (3) exact duplicate copies of your complete proposal, labeled and clearly marked Request for Proposals (RFP) for an A&P Mechanical for the Pleasanton Municipal Airport. Bids sent via courier must be sealed in a separate envelope inside of the mailer.

POINT OF CONTACT: All inquiries regarding this RFP must be made, in writing, to Andres Aguirre, at aaguirre@pleasantontx.gov. The City shall not be responsible for any verbal communication between any employee of the City and any potential firm. Only written requirements and qualifications will be considered. The City of Pleasanton reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept the proposal deemed the most advantageous to the City.



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Upshur hears good news concerning county's employee health insurance

By Phillip Williams

The head of the Tyler firm which acts as third-party administrator for Upshur County employees' health insurance plan told the county commissioners court in Gilmer on Friday that she had "all good news right now" as "we're running under budget."

Rachel Means, chief executive officer of Employee Benefits Consulting, reviewed how the plan is working six months into the county fiscal year, which begins each Oct. 1.

"Luckily, we didn't have any huge COVID claimants," she said, adding that she thought there was one case which cost \$150,000. Means said, however, she had seen a COVID case cost \$2 million elsewhere.

David Womble, the county's building maintenance supervisor, told the court it needed to "push" the idea of county workers who are eligible for Medicare going onto that and off the county insurance plan. He noted he had done so and that he had "paid zero" for a recent \$65,000 medical procedure.

Cathy Mullins, a deputy in the county treasurer's office, told the court she thought six employees

had chosen to leave the county plan to go onto Medicare, and all were "happy." Means pointed out, though, that the court cannot force employees to make that change.

She also praised the court's arrangement with Med-Shop Pharmacy in Gilmer, saying her firm resolved a problem with it within 30 minutes when "we can't do that with Walgreen's in Longview."

In other business, the court approved a contract between Sheriff Larry Webb's office and Codex Corporation (doing business as GUARDIAN RFID) for a GUARDIAN RFID electronic monitoring system in the county jail.

Webb told the court this was an "upgraded change" from the current such system involving electronic monitoring of cells, and that the \$29,835.35 initial payment will require no increase in his budget. He said the system documents that jailers are doing required checks of cells and reduces use of paperwork.

In another matter, commissioners approved notifying all utility companies (such as phone and water

companies) of a limit on the county's liability for damage to the firms' lines.

The agenda item stated that when utility lines are above 24 inches on the county right-of-way, the county will not be "liable for any damages or losses occurring" while the county is "ditching county ditches on county right-of-way."

In other business Friday, the court:

- Approved the county investment policy for the rest of the 2020-21 fiscal year.

- Named current members Polly Hawthorne and Jan Frost, and new member Brittany Bunn, to the county's Sick Leave Pool Board.

- Approved adding a Bomag reclamer machine, which County Road Administrator Andy Jordan called a "money pit," to the surplus list for auction.

- Accepted, for recording, the Indian Rock Estates subdivision plat.

- Approved Alise Goudarzi's request to use the courthouse lawn and sidewalk for the May 15 Cherokee Rose Festival.

- Named Cloddie Henson to a vacancy on the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 board after having his name drawn from a hat containing the names of three candidates for the post (see separate story). He replaces Gaston (Bubba) DeBerry, who was no longer eligible to be on the board since he is now on the board of the county's newly-created second ESD.

- Heard Gaye Beard, representing U.S. Rep. Pat Fallon, announce he plans to hold a "town hall" meeting in the county sometime this year.

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Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
US 271 AND LOOP 485
From FM 16 north to Upshur County line
CSJs: 0165-02-061, 0165-03-036, 0248-06-017, 3290-02-008 and 3290-02-009
SMITH AND GREGG Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 271 from FM 16 in Smith County, Texas, north to the Upshur County line, for a total distance of approximately 10 miles. The widening will follow Loop 485 around the city of Gladewater rather than continuing through the downtown district. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing will be held on May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** To log into the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and in the upper right-hand search box, enter the keywords "US 271 Public Hearing". The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. The presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until June 4, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on May 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at TxDOT Tyler District Office, 2709 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only.** Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call (903) 510-9100 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to have an appointment and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the hearing room.

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (903) 200-1700 to provide verbal testimony from May 20, 2021 through June 4, 2021. Written comments may also be provided by mail or email, as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbal testimony and written comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at www.txdot.gov, keywords "US 271 Public Hearing" once they are prepared.

The proposed project would reconstruct and widen approximately 10 miles of US 271 and Loop 485 from two-lanes to four-lanes, with opposing traffic separated by either a 76-foot depressed median, or a 16-foot flush median. The depressed-median section would begin at FM 16 in Smith County, continuing north to SH 135. The flush median would serve as a continuous two-way left-turn lane along Loop 485, continuing north along US 271 to the Upshur County line. The proposed project would incorporate 6-foot sidewalks and curb-and-gutter along the US 271 section north of Loop 485, and include space for a 12-foot shared-use path inside Loop 485 to be developed in the future. The proposed project redesigns US 271 and Loop 485 alignment to meet current design criteria.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 123 acres of additional right of way, and potentially displace 37 residences and 15 non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the project webpage, or by calling the TxDOT Tyler District Office at (903) 510-9100.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and action in a floodplain. The draft EA, maps and drawings showing the project location and design are available for review online at the project webpage, and on file at the TxDOT Tyler District Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. These project materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact TxDOT Tyler District Office, at (903) 510-9100 no later than 4 p.m., May 17, 2021.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Tyler District Office, Attention: APD, 2709 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702. Written comments may also be submitted by email to dylan.mccord@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before June 4, 2021.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (903) 200-1700 and verbally provide testimony from 12:01 a.m. on May 20, 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on June 4, 2021.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Dylan McCord, Environmental Project Manager, by email at dylan.mccord@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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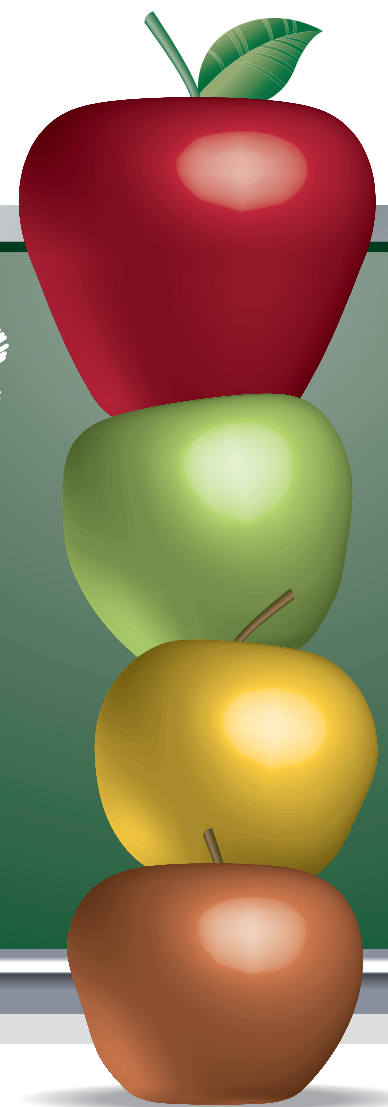


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Photos By Suzanne Bardwell

Thanks to all those who participated in the May 1 City election.

Dennis Robertson
Place 4
Councilman-elect

Pd for by Dr. Dennis Robertson



As school winds down to summer vacation, kid friendly food donation items such as cereal, Mac & cheese, peanut butter, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Beans & Franks are especially welcome. Items may be dropped off Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Manna House in the southwest corner of City Hall from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. or at the *Gladewater Mirror* newspaper weekdays 8-5 at 211 N. Main St. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater 75647.

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Todd Tefteller
Upshur County Judge

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