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Front Row (Left to Right): Sydni Coats, Meagan Hodge, Sierra Blankenship, Back Row (Left to Right): Kallie Rogers and Alexis Howard. Photo by Jim Bardwell

84th Round-Up Rodeo a month away, queen's contest reintroduced

After having to cancel last year's rodeo due to COVID-19 health concerns - a first in the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo's eight decade-plus run - this year's rodeo promises to be a barn burner - June 9-12.

Gates open at 6 p.m. daily, with rodeo action starting at 8:15 p.m. at the Gladewater Rodeo Arena off U.S. 80 here in Gladewater. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children ages 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased online at GladewaterRodeo.com.

With 8-time world champion Don Gay providing the color commentary from the arena floor aboard his horse and veteran rodeo announcer Greg Simas perched up in the booth fans are sure to get an education about rodeo and all the skills it has to offer for four full nights. Also on hand this year will be the men who keep the rodeo athletes safe - professional rodeo clowns and bullfighters Mike Driver, Wacey Munsell and Judd Napier.

The Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo's also will feature its nightly Mutton Bustin' at 7:45pm for little Buckaroos between the ages of 5 and 7 and who weigh 50 pounds or less. This year entries will be taken ONLINE ONLY between the dates of May 31st at noon and June 7th at noon. Go to: <https://gladewaterrodeo.com/info/muttonbustin> to register.

The rodeo will once again feature its nightly calf scramble which is free to kids in two age groups: 10 & Under and 11 & Up. No pre-registration is required.

After a lengthy absence, five ladies will be competing for the title of Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo Queen at this year's rodeo. The winner will be crowned at Saturday's finale.

The Rodeo Queen contestants include:

Alexis Howard is a 17-year-old junior at Gilmer High School. She is involved in the school's JROTC program and the Buckeye Brigade, a spirit group of the school. Alexis has a deep interest for equine science, and enjoys volunteering at local equine rescues and handicapped rodeos. She is a member of Sit 'Em Down Cowboy church, where she is on the youth and arena teams. In her spare time, Alexis loves reading, writing, art and music. In the future, she would like to attend Texas A&M University to become a veterinarian, and eventually open her own practice and equine rescue. If Alexis were to win the title of Miss Gladewater Rodeo, she says that she "would like to visit schools to teach students about western heritage and the culture of the 'cowboy/girl way,' and "promote more handicapped opportunities in the rodeo world."

Sydni Coats is an 18-year-old resident of Big Sandy, Texas, and is homeschooled. Some of the school activities she participates in are horse judging, horticulture, photography, art, music and is a member of the FFA. Sydni is passionate about horsemanship

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Center Street's historic red brick streets were under repair last week to return them to level heights and to their original brick design eliminating the patching done by city and utility crews after water and gas line breaks. Work has been completed on Quitman Street. The project is sponsored by the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

Sen. Hughes gets 2 major bills passed

The Texas House has passed State Sen. Bryan Hughes' sweeping election reform bill following a marathon session which ended after 3 a.m. Friday.



HUGHES

The House returned Friday afternoon and gave the bill final passage after about 90 more minutes of testimony.

According to the *Austin American Statesman*, SB 7, authored by Sen. Hughes (R-Mineola) passed on an 81-64 vote. The passage came with 18 amendments after the bill authors met with Democrats behind closed doors to come up with an agreement. This made the bill look much different than the version passed by the Senate.

The bill passed after a third reading on a 78-64 vote on Friday afternoon.

SB 7 would require applicants
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The National Day of Prayer was held locally last Thursday at noon at the Gladewater veterans' memorial plaza with Body of Believers Ministries' Kelton Wilson serving as emcee and concluding the service with a prayer for unity. Other pastors participating were Bruce Beam of Elevate Worship Center, First United Methodist Church's Bud Miller, Union Grove Baptist's Brian Zappa and Farrell Alexander who pastor's Eastview Baptist in Kilgore as well as serving in a variety of volunteer position in his hometown of Gladewater. Chamber of Commerce President Lois Reed organized the event which the chamber hosted. Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp opened Thursday's local celebration of the National Day of Prayer with a proclamation recognizing the importance of intercessory prayer locally and nationally. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



GHS Senior activities/graduation plans announced, car parade set for May 21

Gladewater High School principal Derrick Floyd has announced that on Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Kilgore College will present a FAFSA night with Butcher Shop hamburgers served. The workshop is to open to seniors and their parents to help them complete financial aid applications.

On Friday, May 21 seniors will line up on Pacific Street at 6 p.m. for the Senior Parade which will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Top 10% will lead the procession and line up in rank order. Seniors will wear caps and gowns but may wear casual attire under their gowns. Each graduate is limited to one car and no trailers will be permitted. The parade route will be posted on social media and in the *Gladewater Mirror* newspaper. The parade will end at the back of the GISD Administration office on the Broadway Campus where every senior will receive 10 guest tickets to the graduation ceremony.

On Wednesday, May 26 the seniors will need to arrive at school by 8:30 a.m. in their caps and gowns ready to board buses at the back of the school for the traditional Senior Walk. The first stop will be Weldon Elementary followed by GMS and Gladewater Primary School stops.

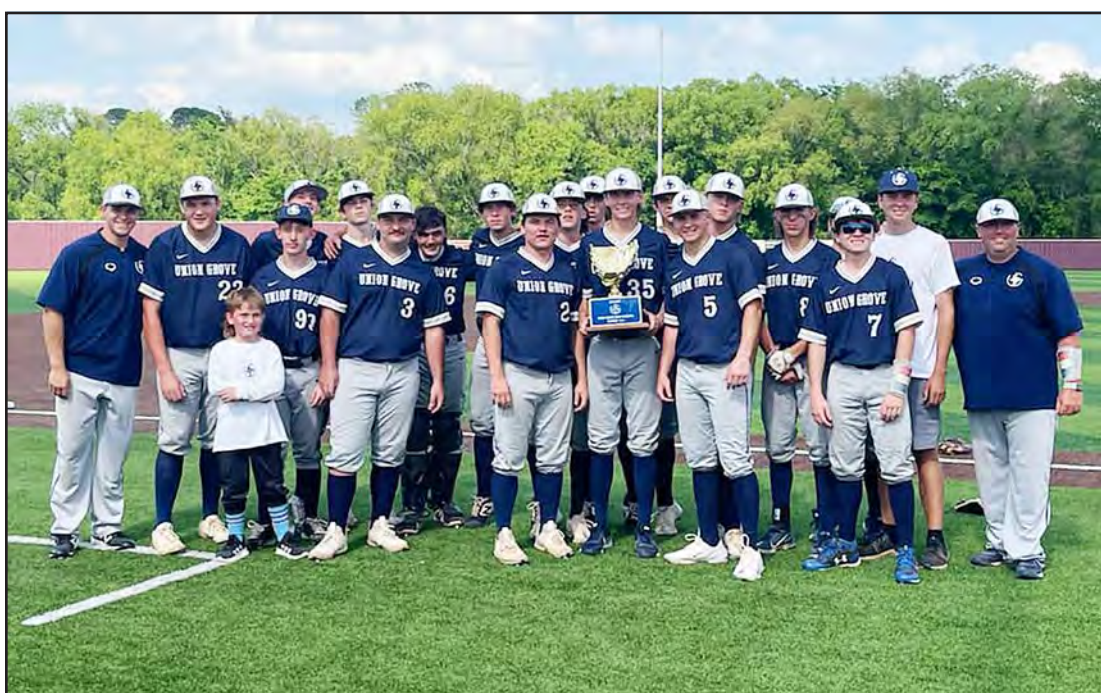
The last stop will be back at the high school where the seniors will parade the halls for the final time. The soon-to-be graduates will be dismissed after the Senior 2021 picture is taken.

On Thursday, May 27 the seniors will meet in the GHS Cafeteria at 8:40 a.m. in business attire and proceed to the auditorium for the Senior Awards Assembly at 9 a.m. Parents are warmly encouraged to attend.

On Friday, May 28, the seniors will meet in the gym before commencement at 7 p.m. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium beginning at 8 p.m. Seniors will be required to attend graduation practice at 9 a.m. in the gym, as well as return the letter signed by student and parents previously sent home. Students owing fines will not receive a diploma or final transcript until all fines are paid.

The dress code for graduation requires that boys wear a collared shirt and tie or bowtie (white shirt works best for photos), with dress pants and dark dress shoes. Girls should wear modest heels (walking

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The Lions swept LaPoynor to earn a Bi-District Championship last week. The Lions will travel to Rains for a best-of-3 against Maud in an Area match-up. Game 1 begins Thursday at 7 p.m. with Game 2 on set for Friday at 7 p.m.. If necessary, Game 3 will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Photo by Chris Jones



The Union Grove Lady Lions make school history in dramatic fashion last week, winning the Area Round championship by beating Linden-Kildare. For the first time, Union Grove will advance to the Regional Quarterfinals. They will face off against Alba-Golden Friday at Rains High School. Game 1 starts at 6:30 p.m. Photo by Chris Jones

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



...strong women & life lessons

Another Mother's Day has come and gone with its rain and storms and memories. After talking to my 93-year old Mom, who is at my brother's home in far West Texas, I had to run a couple of errands. Before I left the grocery store's parking lot I scrolled through my voice mail. As that time machine scrolled...I found myself listening to every recording I could find from my Aunt Gwen. Growing up she was my occasional champion. Once I reached adulthood she was one of my best friends and sounding boards. I miss her every day.

Her distinctive, laugh-laced voice got me to thinking about all the strong women I have been blessed with as family and as friends. My great-grandmother Evelyn was a blur of motion, always working, cooking or taking care of someone. Her half-sister, my spinster great-aunt Spike (my Dad nicknamed her) taught me things from another age...marbles, mumbeldy peg (yes, little kids used to play with knives), and gosh, so much more. She shared stories about outlaws, history and our family that went back before the Civil War, and for her, they were only second-hand stories. She lived to love us and I will regret to my dying day relying on a phone call instead of a visit in what turned out to be my last opportunity to be with her.

My apron wearing, dresses only Mam'maw showed love through cooking and man, could she cook. She also bought me fuzzies, pixie sticks and other utterly disgusting kid treats that no one else would. I still remember being cradled in her lap when I was sick and her singing "Up on the Rooftop". It was nowhere near Christmas, but it was my favorite song at age five.

My Nanny Brown was a self-made, career woman who when widowed in her early 40s went to nursing school and rewrote her life as a 50s housewife and farmer to sole provider and professional. With a steel straight backbone and a sense of humor that covered over a great deal of pain, Nanny became my role model in so many ways. I lived with her for two years when I was in community college because I worked until 9 p.m. and my parents didn't want me driving late at night deep into the country. That time with my grandmother is a much cherished gift.

Suzanne Bardwell



My Mom is the smartest woman I have ever known and I have known some smart women. She could have gone anywhere and done anything, but she fell in love with a handsome, black-haired boy who swept her off her feet and into a ranch house. She taught me about love, fairness, injustice, loss and love. The women who raised me were rock solid. They were also honest. They spoke of hard things. They lived how to overcome. Their collective faith was at the center of their strength.

Another Mother's Day has come and gone and I just wish I had recordings of all their voices. To hear Aunt Gwen say, "we can get through anything, that is what we do". To hear Mam'maw's soft voice proclaim someone 'sick' when what they were was bad. To hear Aunt Spike's stories and Nanny's laughter. Sweet Lord above, I was blessed beyond compare and for that I am grateful.

I just pray that my voice matters as much to someone as theirs do to me. That my words will last beyond my body and that my faith will be an example of a life lived with love...a life that matters.

The great heroes of this world are everyday people living everyday lives with love, justice, compassion and joy. That seems to me to be lives well lived. What more can we ask than laughter, love and enough heartbreak and trouble to overcome to give us compassion, to grow our strength and give us lives with depth?

So, to all of you women who sacrifice to make life a little better for those you love, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are writing the future with your sacrifices. For the women of my life, I thank God every day for the love I have known and the lessons I learned. Those lessons turned out to be for a lifetime.

'Constitutional carry' bill close to becoming law

It is a near certainty that Texans will be allowed to carry handguns without a license in the near future as House Bill 1927 passed both chambers and heads to a conference committee to hash out amendments added in the Senate version.

Gov. Greg Abbott has said he would sign the bill, which means Texans would no longer be required to obtain a license to carry a handgun either openly or concealed.

Ultimate passage of the bill means Texas would join at least 20 other states with similar laws.

A University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll indicates most Texans oppose unlicensed carry and support criminal and mental background checks before all gun sales.

Drought conditions continue to improve

Much-needed rain in April has continued to ease drought conditions, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

Midland, for example, received 2.2 inches last month, more than the previous six months combined. Right now, 65% of the state is experiencing drought conditions, mainly in South and West Texas.

More rainfall in early May should improve the drought situation even more, according to TWDB.

Oak trees still recovering from winter storm

Winter Storm Uri didn't just wreak havoc on homeowners and businesses that suffered from broken pipes and the extended power outage. The Texas A&M Forest Service notes that oak trees across the state are slow in leafing out, prompting many property owners to contact horticulturists, worried their trees have died.

Maybe so, maybe not, says veteran TFS forester Courtney Blevins. He advises property owners to wait before taking down an oak tree that still might come to life. "I think most of the oaks are going to come through okay," Blevins said. "If your tree is leafing out really late, it's obviously stressed. But most trees die from a combination of stressors, not just one thing."

Blevins and longtime horticulturist and syndicated columnist Neil Sperry both say there is no hurry to take down an oak tree, even it is actually dead. The best time to plant is in the fall or early winter, and even dead trees rarely pose an immediate danger.

"If your tree is dead, there's no rush to take it down," Blevins said. "That's one big mistake people are making. They're in a big hurry to take that thing down, thinking it's dangerous to leave a dead tree standing, and it's not."

Outreach programs aimed to boost vaccine rate

As the rate of COVID-19 vaccinations continues to slow, several outreach programs are attempting to reach Texans where they work and live.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Military Department have opened the State Mobile Vaccination Team Call Center. Texas businesses or civic organizations can call 844-90-TEXAS to schedule a visit from a state mobile vaccine team.

To qualify, a business or organization must have 10 or more employees, visitors or members who wish to be vaccinated.

"Vaccines are the most effective tool in Texas' fight against COVID-19, and we are committed to making COVID-19 vaccines even more widely available to Texans across the state," Abbott said. "The State Vaccine Call Center will help connect businesses and civic organizations with these life-saving shots and ensure that more Texans have an opportunity to get vaccinated."

The Texas Department of State Health Services is inviting pediatric health care providers to enroll in the COVID-19 vaccine program, in anticipation of the expansion of the Pfizer vaccine emergency use authorization to include adolescents 12 years and older.

DSHS sent a letter to more than 3,000 pediatric providers who already give vaccines to children.

With vaccine supply exceeding demand, DSHS will now fill vaccine orders as they come in and discontinue allocating the vaccine weekly. The vaccine is available more widely than ever at hundreds of Texas locations.

Nearly two-thirds have received at least one dose

More than 19.3 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine — more than two-thirds of the state's population — while 8.59 million are fully vaccinated, according to DSHS.

The number of new cases continues to drop, with 17,999 reported in the last week, along with 364 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. At its peak in mid-January, nearly 159,000 new cases were reported in a single week along with 2,311 deaths. Lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients who are hospitalized across the state remained steady last week at 2,508, according to DSHS.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Let It Roar!

In a few speeches and scribbles of late, I have noted that we appear on the cusp of a new Roaring Twenties, similar to that emerging a century ago in the wake of the Spanish flu (hopefully without any expectation that I will master the Charleston). That modest projection inevitably raises the question: "If we roar like the 1920s, will we then fall through the floor like the Great Depression of the 1930s?" The answer is quite simple — No!!

During the 1930s, we had neither the knowledge nor infrastructure for an effective monetary response. At the onset,

the Federal Reserve was less than 20 years old with no mandate to support economic growth (until 1948). The tools that it routinely uses are largely the product of research in the ensuing decades. We now have a most competent monetary authority with proven capacity to jump into the breach.

Similarly, we didn't understand how to use fiscal policy in the early stages of the Depression. Economists generally clung to Cambridge tradition of Alfred Marshall (whose textbook from the early 1890s still dominated) which held that markets would solve any economic problem if left alone. Some outstanding scholarship in the 1930s taught us that, although among the most powerful and useful concepts ever conceived, markets are not

perfect. At times, they must be helped along; at others, they must be constrained. With those realizations, the era of proactive fiscal policy was born.

Despite the New Deal's aura — and its importance to our social fabric cannot be overemphasized — it was not remotely grand enough to stem the calamity of the 1930s. That took the much greater stimulus that accompanied World War II. We have since learned the value of a well-timed fiscal surge, as is apparent at this crucial juncture of the pandemic recovery.

In addition to those major advances in our understanding, there are many other elements in place now that were not around then, including, among others, financial market safeguards and circuit breakers, deposit insurance,

more stable currency systems, and retirement security. We are also now a more advanced economy with countless technological breakthroughs to inform and enhance our efforts.

I am not suggesting that we know everything, or even that we will apply existing knowledge perfectly. There remains much to learn, and undoubtedly our response to anything that arises will be less than optimal (it always is). I certainly feel comfortable in saying, however, that we have sufficient tools and deployed them well enough over almost a century of subsequent crises to avoid another Great Depression. If necessary, we will do so again.

Simply stated, then is not now and now is not then. Let it roar!! Stay safe!!

Jeremiah, after listing Israel's sins, said: "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush." (Jer. 6: 15). Israel, like many today, stuffed cotton in their ears, as it were, refusing to listen to God. They glossed over the nations real condition, saying "Peace, peace, when there was no peace," and when they sinned, they were not at all ashamed.

Sounds like today, doesn't it? Sin is having a heyday, and people engage in it without the slightest embarrassment or blush. My, how things have changed. When just one curse word was used in the movie, "Gone with The Wind" people gasped, and the nations face turned red, and people were up in arms. But as you know, that's gone with the wind, and today, that is mild stuff! Look at, even family shows, that are salted with profanity. Gutter language spews forth in the family room today via TV, radio, the internet, books, and magazines. Movies today have no limits as far as sexual immorality, and filthy language is concerned. Immodesty, in actions and apparel, abounds today.

What has happened? More and more people are becoming alienated from God, and we are seeing the dark side of living without Christ. They have become callous to sin, and hard-skinned toward the reception of truth, having lost the sense of shame, feeling no pain of conscience. They rationalize their sin as acceptable behavior, and therefore no longer blush or feel grief at sin. It appears that nothing is dirty enough to make some people blush. Such has become old-fashioned in our enlightened society. You know, what embarrasses us, and makes us blush, says a lot about us, and what it says is not good!

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Hugman, Webb exchange vows

At two o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, April 17th, Elissa Anne Hugman and Christopher Wayne Webb, in the presence of family and friends exchanged wedding vows in St. Matthews Catholic Church, Longview. Monsignor Xavier Pappu officiated the marriage with a Nuptial Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Anne and Jim Hugman of Longview. The grandparents are the late Dr. G.R.Hugman, Jr. and Joyce Hugman of Gladewater and the late James Threadgill and the late Patricia Threadgill of Arizona.

Parents of the groom are Matt and Theresa Kates of Gladewater. Grandparents are the late Jerry Kates and Shirley Kates, and the late Willie Pearl Turner.

Guests were greeted by Elizabeth Pistone and Jersey Turner. Ushers were Dominic Pistone, Tyler, Mark and Matthew Smith, and Luke Hugman.

Music was provided by The Longview String quartet along with Beth Kennedy on the piano and vocalist, DeJuan Johnson.

Alexandria Taylor was Maid of Honor, Bridesmaids were Rebecca Berringer, Corrine Hugman, Rachel Hugman, Ana Nelson, Bobbi Daniels and Jacqueline Smith. Georgia Lee Hugman was the flower girl, and Parker Berringer the ring bearer. Kevin Gillette was Best Man. Groomsmen were Robert Hugman, Bruce Kates, Nicholas Kernohan, Nathan Manley and Caleb Turner.

The reception immediately followed at the St. John Paul Family center with cocktails, a seated dinner catered by Perfect Catering and dancing to music provided by CMB Productions.

The happy couple was feted with wedding showers in Longview and San Antonio. The day preceding the wedding, the bridesmaids and close relatives were treated to a luncheon at Barron's Cafe. The hostesses were Elissa's aunts, Lou Hugman, Elaine Berringer, Lisa Hugman and grandmother, Joyce Hugman.

Following a honeymoon in Cancun Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Webb will reside in Longview.

Upshur sheriff to host open house Tuesday

Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb's office invites the public to its "open house" at the Upshur County Justice Center in Gilmer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The event at 405 N. Titus "will provide booths/stations to showcase the agency's equipment and capabilities, including our new communications room, patrol, criminal investigations, drug enforcement, drone, K-9, jail and other services," said sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel in a press release.

"Weather permitting, we anticipate demonstrating our Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) and K-9 (dog) unit," Hazel added.

At 11 a.m., he said, the office will recognize businesses and persons who have assisted the agency with equipment or the financial resources to obtain it, the chief deputy said.

Webb said Monday that inasmuch as his office's new radio and computer systems had begun operating in September, 2019, the open house was originally planned last March or April "to show the new upgrades." The event was delayed, however, due to COVID-19.

"Basically, it's just showing the citizens where we've come since I've taken office (on Jan. 1, 2017)," said Webb, who was re-elected to a second 4-year term without opposition in 2020. The open house will also display "resources available to" citizens and let them "interact with us. They can ask questions about what we do."

"This is their sheriff's office," Webb said.



Gladewater FFA standouts Adasyn Williams and Lyndsey Roberson are finishing up their year with both advancing to the Lone Star Area degree check. Roberson also qualified for area advancement as the Livestock Production Proficiency winner.

Courtesy Photo

Cherokee Rose Festival on tap Saturday

The Cherokee Rose Festival, featuring attractions ranging from live music, contests with cash prizes, and vendors to a "petting zoo," is scheduled on the downtown Gilmer square from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

The event, sponsored by local businesses, will include a turtle race, and contests for jump rope, hula-hoops, bubble gum blowing, baby crawling, ice cream cranking, Cherokee Rose prince and princess, "Paws for a Cause" dog show and costume contest, and a "washer and cornhole" competition.

Music includes Trinity and Grace about 4 p.m., Borderline (of Big Sandy) about 5:30 or 6:30 p.m. and Texas country singer Kevin Jackson from 7-9 p.m..

What's Happening

- GISD Calendar**
 5/12, Wednesday
 6 p.m. Athletic Banquet
 5/13, Thursday
 BNN Field Trip to KLTV
 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
 5/20, Thursday
 Senior Finals
 1-3:30 p.m. HS Awards Assembly Practice Fields
 4-7 p.m. HS/MS Majorette Practice-gym
 6 p.m. Ag Banquet GHS Cafe
 6-9 p.m. GMS Band Concert
 5/21, Friday
 First Grade Awards Ceremony Senior Finals
 Life Skills to Shreveport Aquarium
 4-7 p.m. HS/MS Majorette Practice
 6:30 p.m. GHS Senior Parade ends@GISD Admin
 5/24, Monday
 First Grade Outdoor Activity Day
 5/25, Tuesday
 Kindergarten Graduation
 5/26, Wednesday
 Senior Walk
 5/27, Thursday
 8 a.m. Senior Awards Ceremony-Auditorium
 End of Year primary school parties
 12:55 p.m. Early Release
 3:30-6 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 5/28, Friday
 Teacher Work Day
 8 a.m. Graduation
- UGISD Calendar**
 3/13, Thursday
 7th-11th grade physicals
 5/14, Friday
 JH Band Trip/Performance@ Canton
 FFA Reward Trip

- 5/15, Saturday
 FFA Area VI Degree Check
 5/16, Sunday
 2 p.m. JH Musical@Lion Center

Lady Lion BB community camp

The Lady Lions will hold a basketball camp on June 1-3 for incoming second through sixth graders from 9 a.m. until noon.

The camp will focus on fundamentals, learning drills and skill competition. Incoming seventh through twelfth graders will meet from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and will focus on drill execution, skill refinement and decision making. Cost per camper is \$35 and \$50 for two siblings. The campers will receive a T-shirt. To register email: littlejohnj@ugisd.org by June 1.

Kilgore College offers free safety courses

The Risk Management Institute at Kilgore College will provide several free safety classes in May and June that will help train and educate local employers, employees and the general public about proper workplace safety practices.

Classes will be held in Kilgore in the Student Support Building (Room 208) on the Kilgore campus, or in Room 510 in the Hendrix Building at KC-Longview.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of each course.

The courses are funded by a grant from Texas Mutual Insurance Company to KC Workforce Development Continuing Education.

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Man sought by deputies

On May 4th the Gregg County Sheriff's Office began investigating, what has now been determined to be a homicide at a location on North White Oak Rd., in White Oak.

Investigators have identified individuals believed to have information regarding the homicide.

Investigators are currently looking to speak with a subject identified as Brandon Allen Gilliam W/M 39-years of age.

Gilliam is described as being 6'2", 270 lbs with brown hair and brown eyes. Gilliam is a registered sex offender, who is believed to be non-compliant with the conditions of his registration.

Gilliam shows to be wanted by the state parole board for a parole violation as well.

Should you have information concerning Gilliam's whereabouts, please contact the Gregg County Sheriff's Office, Investigator Jennifer Nieves, or submit your information to Gregg County Crime Stoppers at 903-236-STOP.



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11 sentenced on felony charges in 115th District Court

By Phillip Williams

115th District Judge Dean Fowler sentenced 11 defendants on felony charges and three for misdemeanor crimes between April 26 and 28 after all either pleaded guilty, and/or admitted violating terms of probation, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd's office.

In one case, a defendant had his probation revoked on one felony charge and pled guilty to another April 28, said the office, which gave these details of the sentencing in Gilmer:

Jorge Tomas Chavez, 39, of Homer, La., received concurrent terms of eight years in prison for assault/family violence with previous conviction when his probation was revoked on that charge, and one year in state jail for theft of firearm when he pleaded guilty to that.

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office investigated the Oct. 7, 2015 assault. Gilmer police probed the Dec. 24, 2018 theft. Under the plea bargain, Chavez was ordered to pay court costs and a fine in the theft case.

Assistant District Attorney Catherine McQueen represented the state in the revocation, while Assistant District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace represented it in the plea. Longview attorney Craig Bass represented Chavez in both cases.

Details of the felony guilty pleas, all on April 28, were as follows, the office reported:

Ashley Michelle Alsobrook, 41, of Ore City, was placed on five years regular probation of a two-year state jail term for two counts of forgery.

Ore City police investigated the July 8, 2019 crimes. Like all others placed on felony probation April 28, she was assessed court costs and a fine.

Some other terms of her probation include 250 hours of community service, and paying an attorney's fee, a fee to the Texas Department of Public Safety for drug testing, a fee to Crimestoppers, and restitution to the victim.

Under the plea bargain, a charge of credit card/debit card abuse was dismissed.

Wallace represented the state at sentencing. Longview attorney Carl Dorrough represented Alsobrook.

Jeffrey Willie Sistrunk, 57, of Big Sandy, was placed on two years "deferred adjudication" probation 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 defendant can receive up to the maximum sentence for the crime.

Some terms of Sistrunk's probation included 200 hours of community service, a DPS drug fee, Crimestoppers fee, contributing to the crime victims fund, an attorney fee, training in "life skills," counseling for drug offenders, and an alcohol/drug evaluation.

Gladewater police investigated Sistrunk's May 8, 2019 crime. Assistant District Attorney Catherine McQueen represented the state at sentencing, while Longview attorney Craig Bass represented Sistrunk.

Stephen Dale Thorpe, 61, of Gilmer, received 10 years in prison for possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine. The charge was "enhanced" due to his past record.

Under the plea bargain, Thorpe was also ordered to pay a fine, court costs, a DPS drug fee and attorney fee. Gladewater police probed his June 22, 2020 offense.

Wallace represented the state at sentencing. Marshall attorney Brendan Roth represented Thorpe.

Joe David Endsley, 44, of Gilmer, drew five years in prison for assault against public servant. He was also ordered to pay court costs, a fine and attorney's fee.

The sheriff's office investigated the Oct. 10, 2018 crime. Byrd represented the state, while Longview attorney John Moore represented Endsley.

James Leo Chasteen III, 39, of Gilmer, was placed on seven years regular probation of a 10-year prison term for driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense.

The DPS probed the June 2, 2019 crime.

GHS Senior activities/graduation plans, car parade set

Continued from Page 1

on turf can be difficult in heels) and clothing should not extend below the graduation gowns. No jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, work boots or flip flops. No stoles or cords not awarded by GISD will be allowed and no decoration on graduation caps. Any senior who does not attend the practice and return the signed letter will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

"We are looking forward to a very meaningful ceremony," GHS Principal Derrick Floyd wrote in his letter to parents. "Therefore, the integrity of the ceremony is something we hold in high regard. It is our

goal to provide an atmosphere of honor and reverence for all of our graduates and their families. In order to fulfill this goal, we are asking that all seniors and guests refrain from bringing any foreign objects into the stadium which may disrupt the ceremony. Noisemakers, airhorns, balloons and the like will not be allowed into the stadium. Security will be very strict concerning this matter, and we would regret any embarrassing consequences which might occur for your family and our school. Thank you for helping us to make our graduation a beautiful and memorable event for all those who attend."

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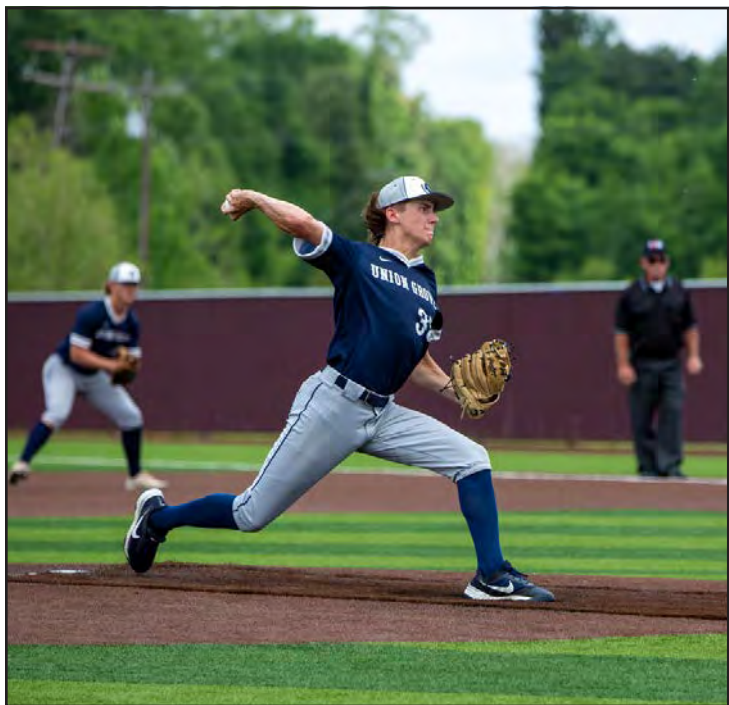


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Hunter Cannon earned the win in Game 2 with 12 strike outs on LaPoynor for the Bi-District championship. Photos by Chris Jones

Lions Bi-District champs

The Lions swept LaPoynor to earn a Bi-District Championship last week.

After getting blown out 9-2 in game 1, the Flyers made things more exciting in game 2. Trailing by 3, C Solis of LaPoynor doubled to left field bringing in two runs with only one out. Representing the tying run, Solis would advance to 3rd on a ground out throw from 2nd baseman Colton Cowan to 1st baseman Cannon Cowan.

Hunter Cannon, however earned the 8-7 win by catching C Young looking for his 12th strike out of the game. Colton Cowan went 3 for 4 at the plate with 2 runs and a RBI.

The Lions will travel to Rains for a best of 3 against Maud in an Area match-up. Game 1 begins Thursday at 7 p.m. with Game 2 on set for Friday at 7 p.m.. If necessary, Game 3 will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Tyler Barkley races around 3rd to score for the Lions.

Lady Lions Area champs

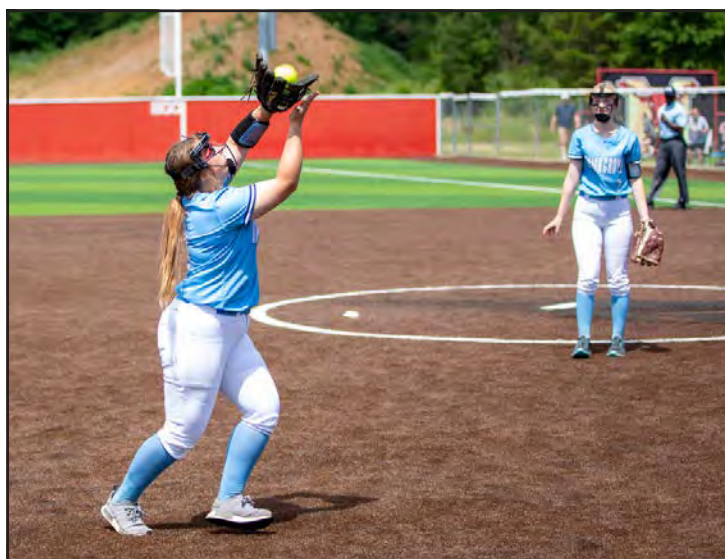
The Union Grove Lady Lions make school history in dramatic fashion last week, winning the Area Round championship by beating Linden-Kildare.

For the first time, Union Grove will advance to the Regional Quarterfinals. They will face off against Alba-Golden Friday at Rains High School. Game 1 starts at 6:30 p.m.

In their Area victory, Jocy Saurez gave the Lady Lions the lead, scoring from 3rd when Katelyn Vaughn singled in the bottom of the 6th. Down by two, Union Grove began their rally off a double from Sydney Chamberlain that scored Jolea Robertson from first.

Chamberlain tied things up, scoring on a passed ball. Saurez advanced to 3rd on the same play. Lainey Ledbetter got the save, recording nine outs over three innings, including a 3-up 3-down in the top of the 7th.

The 9-8 win over Linden-Kildare capped off a 2-1 series win for Union Grove. UG dropped game one 23-17 in a batter's melee giving up 7 runs in the 7th. The Lady Lions' bats remained hot in game two to even up the series with a 18-5 rout of the Lady Tigers.



Pitcher Katelyn Vaughn watches as 3rd baseman Sydney Chamberlain catches a pop fly for the out.



Katelyn Vaughn (2) gets the out with a throw to 1st baseman Paige Parman. Photos by Chris Jones



Joccy Saurez earned 4 RBI's in game 2 and represented the winning run in game 3

Lindale Rodeo saddles up again May 13

The Patterson Ram Lindale Championship Rodeo, presented by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 13 at Crossbrand Cowboy Church arena, LACC officials announced.

The rodeo will continue through Saturday. Admission is free due to the generosity of the event's ticket sponsors, chamber officials noted. Crossbrand hosted the rodeo last year and was such as success LACC officials have made it the permanent location.

The church is located at 11915 FM 2015 in Tyler.

Gates open each night at 6 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. Muttin Bustin will get under way. Live music is scheduled beginning at 6:45 p.m., followed by a devotional and the national anthem at 7:25 p.m.

Rodeo activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Officials said registration at the gate is required to enter the Muttin Bustin competition with each participant required to pay \$10. The event will take place only if the UPRA's ordinances allow it at the time of performance.

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RESULTS		RECORDS							
PLACE	ATHLETE	RESULT	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	POS
1	Jarred Kerr Lexington	22-8.75 w: 1.0 10 Pts	X w: 2.4	22-8.75 w: 1.0	21-8.75 w: 2.1	X w: 1.8	21-7.75 w: 0.8	-	2
2	Chris Preddie Little River Academy	21-11.75 w: 0.4 8 Pts	21-9.50 w: 2.2	21-3.75 w: 1.5	21-10.50 w: 0.1	21-11.75 w: 0.4	21-10.00 w: 1.1	20-3.25 w: -0.5	9
3	Kash Bradley Husland [11]	21-10.75 w: 1.1 6 Pts	X w: 1.3	21-7.00 w: 1.8	21-2.25 w: 1.6	X w: 1.7	21-6.00 w: 1.5	21-10.75 w: 1.1	3
4	Robert Brooks Wichita Falls City View [12]	21-9.75 w: 1.9 4 Pts	21-9.75 w: 1.9	21-6.75 w: 1.5	15-1.00 w: 1.3	21-4.00 w: 1.3	X w: 2.1	X w: 0.3	7
5	Donyae Castaneda Corpus Christi London [12]	21-9.00 w: 2.2 2 Pts	21-9.00 w: 2.2	21-8.50 w: 1.2	21-6.00 w: 1.5	21-8.00 w: 1.4	21-6.25 w: 1.6	21-6.75 w: 0.2	6
6	Eli Potts Brook [11]	21-7.75 w: 1.8 1 Pt	X w: 1.1	20-4.00 w: 0.5	X w: 1.6	20-8.00 w: 0.9	21-7.75 w: 1.8	21-6.75 w: 1.7	1
7	DJ Feaster Waskom [11]	21-5.00 w: 1.8	21-5.00 w: 1.8	20-2.75 w: 0.9	21-0.75 w: 1.4	20-4.75 w: 1.5	20-9.00 w: 1.9	20-4.00 w: 1.3	4
8	Dennis Allen Gladewater [11]	20-9.00 w: 2.0	20-4.75 w: 1.3	19-6.50 w: 1.7	20-1.50 w: 0.6	19-9.50 w: 1.5	20-9.00 w: 2.0	19-6.50 w: 0.1	8
9	AJ Haines Universal City Randolph [12]	20-7.75 w: 2.0	20-1.00 w: 2.5	20-7.75 w: 2.0	20-0.00 w: 1.9	19-4.00 w: 1.6	17-9.75 w: 2.1	20-5.00 w: 0.7	5



THURSDAY 7:30 PM | FINAL
Girls' 200m 3A

RESULTS		RECORDS	
PLACE	ATHLETE	RESULT	LN/POS
1	Jayla Franklin Newton	24.24 10 Pts	7
2	Jaysa Coney Palestine Westwood	25.22 8 Pts	2
3	Brandi Drake Cameron Yoe	25.32 9 Pts	9
4	Tashia Bell Dallas Madison [12]	25.33 4 Pts	3
5	Kamryn Floyd Gladewater [10]	25.59 2 Pts	5
6	Makki Hart Shallowater [9]	26.03 1 Pt	1
7	Saydie Kassell Lago Vista [10]	26.04 3 Pts	8
8	Greia Yebra Early [12]	26.07 4 Pts	4
9	Jordan Lyssy Poth [12]	26.24 5 Pts	6



Gladewater's DJ Allen ran a 10.92 second in the Class 3A 100 meters at the Texas State Track and Field Meet held last week in Austin and placed 4th. Allen also placed 8th in the long jump competition with a leap of 20' 9" - 8th place. Lay Bear Kamryn Floyd placed 5th in the girls 200 meters with a time of 25.59 seconds.

Photos by Mike Peery

THURSDAY 6:05 PM | FINAL
Boys' 100m 3A

RESULTS		RECORDS	
PLACE	ATHLETE	RESULT	LN/POS
1	Demari Wilson Whitney	10.38 10 Pts	4
2	Brenen Thompson Spearman [11]	10.40 8 Pts	7
3	DreLyn Washington Hemphill	10.83 6 Pts	8
4	Dennis Allen Gladewater [11]	10.92 4 Pts	6
5	Isaac Sebastian Merkel [12]	10.94 2 Pts	2
6	Sean Cooksey Breckenridge [10]	11.03 1 Pt	9
7	Xavier Cox-Dunlap Whitesight [12]	11.04 3 Pts	3
8	AJ Haines Universal City Randolph [12]	11.12 5 Pts	1
9	Donovan Hawkins Natalia [12]	11.15 6 Pts	5



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UG Lion Aubrey Woodard advanced to state competition in the triple jump after placing second at the regional track meet. He placed eighth at state competition at the University of Texas at Austin this past weekend. Courtesy Photo

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	MISCELLANEOUS	202102494	17:33		308 S CENTER CENTER
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Deaths of Texans not wearing seat belts spiked 16% in 2020

"Click It or Ticket" campaign urges Texans to always wear a seat belt

AUSTIN— Despite a drop in the number of traffic crashes throughout the year, 2020 saw a spike in the number of fatalities overall and deaths of people in Texas from not wearing a seat belt. That's why TxDOT is reminding everyone that buckling up is the best defense in a crash.

Last year, the simple act of buckling up saved many Texans from death or serious injury in crashes. Unfortunately, in 2020 there was a 16% increase in deaths of unbuckled motorists. There were 1,073 fatalities in 2020 and 926 fatalities in 2019 due to people not wearing seat belts.

Putting on a seat belt only takes a few seconds and doing so reduces the risk of dying by up to 45% for people in the front seat of passenger cars and up to 60% for people in pickup trucks.

"This past year we have all been reminded of the simple acts we can take to protect our lives

and those of our loved ones," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Wearing a seat belt is the most important step we can take to protect ourselves from serious injury or even death in a traffic crash. Instead of putting yourself and others in danger, remember: buckle up day and night, every rider, every ride."

Research shows pickup truck drivers and passengers continue to lag in seat belt use. Close to half of all pickup drivers killed in crashes last year in Texas were not wearing a seat belt. Additionally, people driving at night wear their seat belt less often, even though it's a more dangerous time to drive. Last year, 59% of all crashes in which unbuckled drivers or passengers died occurred at night.

From May 24 to June 6, as the summer driving season starts and families head out to celebrate Memorial Day, Texas officers and deputies will step up enforcement

of the state's seat belt and child car seat laws. Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be properly secured in the front or back seat or face fines and fees up to \$200. Children younger than 8 years old must be restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If a child isn't secured, the driver faces fines of up to \$250.

From 2002 to 2019, the Click It or Ticket initiative in Texas is estimated to have saved more than 6,000 lives, prevented more than 100,000 serious injuries, and resulted in \$23.6 billion in economic savings, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Click It or Ticket campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving, and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

Registration underway for KC Fire Academy set to begin in June

Registration is underway for Kilgore College Fire Academy No. 113 beginning June 1.

Deadline to apply for the Basic Structural Firefighter program is May 18. Classes will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with a possibility of evening and/or weekend classes. The 474-hour, 12-week academy will run through Aug. 25. Tuition is \$1,200 for in-state students and \$1,750 for students out-of-state.

The program is physically demanding as well as academically challenging and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) strongly recommends all students be able

to read and comprehend with at least a 10th grade reading level.

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Permitless carry bill headed to Gov's desk

Texans will soon be able to carry a handgun without needing a permit or any training once Gov. Greg Abbott signs a 'permitless carry' bill into law.

The measure, which has never had widespread public support, passed easily in the Texas House this session. But it had appeared to be roadblocked in the Texas Senate as Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick suggested it did not have enough votes to pass in that chamber.

So, what changed?

"What changed is that I think that [Texas] House passed a good bill, and I think we made it stronger," Patrick explained on Sunday's Inside Texas Politics. "We received the bill, I formed a committee called 'Constitutional Issues,' which I knew would move the bill to the floor because all the Republicans on the committee supported the bill. Then we passed the bill last week."

Dallas Police Chief Eddie Garcia and the Dallas Police Association lobbied against the legislation in Austin, saying it is irresponsible to let untrained people carry firearms. But Patrick claimed more than 100 Texas sheriffs supported the bill.

But the bill also gave law enforcement a new tool to use against offenders, Patrick claimed.

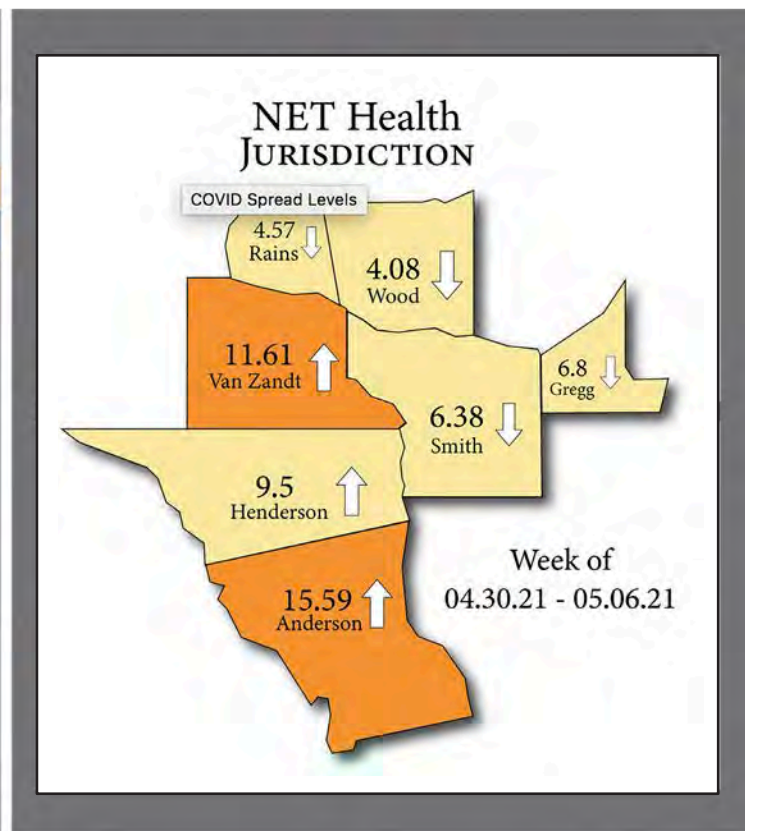
NET HEALTH NORTHEAST TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT					
May 10th 2021					
Gregg County	Total Cases	New Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
	11176	19	223	10757	196
Confirmed	6141	4	91	5942	108
Probable	5035	15	132	4815	88

COVID 19 Positive Antigen Test
* All listed data includes Probable, and Confirmed cases.

CITIES	CASES	DEATHS
LONGVIEW	8270	141
KILGORE	1617	30
GLADEWATER	689	14
WHITE OAK	356	9
GILMER	8	1
GREGGTON	6	0
JUDSON	21	0
LAKEPORT	8	0

Individual cases associated with a city may be outside of the city limits.

Gender	Male: 4717	Female: 6162
County Jail Inmates	Active Cases: 0	Deaths: 0



Sen. Hughes gets 2 major bills passed

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to affirmatively indicate eligibility when they register to vote and when applying for mail ballots. Also, it would standardize polling hours across the state as well as prohibit dropbox locations for mail ballots. The bill would also allow cameras into rooms where vote counting is taking place.

State Rep. Briscoe Cain (R-Deer Park) began the debate shortly before 6 p.m. Democrats immediately began lining up with questions for Cain on the bill. Cain was visibly frustrated for several hours. According to the Statesman, Cain announced at 10:30 p.m. that action on SB 7 would be postponed while amendments were negotiated. More than three hours later, the House approved 18 amendments.

Sen. Hughes' other high-profile bill - Senate Bill 8 - would stop certain abortion procedures from taking place, was heard on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives Wednesday and passed its second reading. The bill went to the House after receiving approval in the Texas Senate.

Senate Bill 8, authored by Senator Bryan Hughes, would ban all elective abortions as soon as the fetus' heartbeat is capable of being detected, which is typically around six weeks. The bill passed in an 81 to 63 vote.

The bill's sponsor in the House, Rep. Shelby Slawson, laid out the purpose of the bill before House members. Lawson said "the heartbeat is a clear and unequivocal evidence of human life and the fetal heartbeat is a key medical predictor of whether an unborn child will reach live birth. The Texas Heartbeat Act will protect the lives of our most precious Texans starting at the moment their heart begins to beat."

84th Round-Up Rodeo a month away, queen's contest reintroduced

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and training, equine photography, and rodeo drill team. Besides being involved with horses, she enjoys training dogs, reading, volunteering locally, and is involved with the arena team at Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church. In the future, Sydni would like to own and operate a rescue and rehabilitation ranch that provides therapeutic riding, lessons and camps for children and adults with disabilities. If she were to win the title of Miss Gladewater Rodeo, she says that she would "share the love of rodeo history and encourage the younger generation to participate." She feels that "rodeo teaches valuable lessons."

Meagan Hodge is a 20-year-old student at Tyler Junior College. Prior to TJC, she attended Bullard High School, where she was a twirler, band member, and FFA, where she competed in horse judging. Meagan barrel races, trains horses and gives riding lessons. She also enjoys hunting, fishing, volunteering at the vet's office, and doing leather work. She hopes to graduate TJC with an Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technician. If Meagan were to win the title of Miss Gladewater Rodeo, she says that, "she will attend as many rodeos as she can," and "volunteer in community events," to promote the rodeo.

Kallie Rogers is an 18-year-old resident of White Oak and attends the Texas Virtual Academy of Hallsville. She is involved with the FFA, Girl Scouts, Student Council, is 4-H president, and is on the FFA Council. She is the current Southwestern Miniature Horse Club Youth Secretary, and is a former American Miniature Horse Youth Association National Secretary. Kallie has also competed in horse judging, barrel racing, ranch horse competitions, and mustang makeover competitions. She also enjoys showing livestock, playing softball, doing karate, gymnastics and dance, and fishing. In the future, she would like to be a veterinarian, specializing in equine surgery. If Kallie were to win the title of Miss Gladewater Rodeo, she says that she would, "promote the association by respecting and honoring the title," and "strive to make people aware of the deep history and origin of the Gladewater Rodeo."

Sierra Blankenship is a 22-year-old resident of Big Sandy, Texas and is graduate of Salon Professional Academy and Hughes Springs High School. She is currently employed as a cosmetologist. While at Salon Professional Academy, she was on the student council and was an Honors Cutter. While at Hughes Springs High School, she was class president, an FFA officer, HOSA Officer and an FCCLA officer. She also was varsity cheer captain and participated in varsity athletics. Outside of school, she competed in barrel racing, was the Blue Ridge Rodeo Club Queen for 2013-2014, was Miss Wildflower Trails, and Miss March of Dimes. Sierra enjoys crafting, and volunteering, along with church activities at Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church. She founded the Cinderella's Closet Prom Dress Drive for those in need, as well. Sierra's goals are to be successful in her career, and be a positive impact on people's lives. She would also like to run for Miss Rodeo America someday. If she were to win the title of Miss Gladewater Rodeo, Sierra says that she will, "promote the association in a positive light," and "go above and beyond to show gratitude and humbleness" of the title.



The home of Lori and Danny Bugh at 303 South Lee Street is the May Yard of the Month. With bright knockout roses, blooming seasonal annuals and heritage perennials, the beds are filled with color now and in the months to come. Hanging plants and accents add charm as well. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

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NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- CHILD'S CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD
- PROOF OF RESIDENCE (ELECTRIC, WATER GAS, OR LEASE AGREEMENT)
- PARENT/GUARDIAN DRIVER'S LICENSE

- ✓ **HEADSTART STUDENTS MUST BE 3 BY SEPT 1, 2021**
- ✓ **HEADSTART AND PRE-K STUDENTS MUST QUALIFY!**
- ✓ **KINDER STUDENTS MUST BE 5 BY SEPT 1, 2021**
- ✓ **REGISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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