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Toll 49 virtual meeting set for Thursday at 7 p.m.

Toll 49 is coming through Gladewater and if you want to voice your opinion on the TxDOT project plan to tune in to the virtual public meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. 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.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen US 271 from FM 16 in Smith County, 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.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and 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 at 7 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. TxDOT officials said the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. However, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until June 4 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 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at TxDOT Tyler District Office, 2709 W. Front St. in Tyler. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only.

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Lady Lions advance in playoffs

The Union Grove Lady Lions continue their historic playoff run beating Alba-Golden 9-7 in a one game playoff for the Regional Quarterfinal Championship. Union Grove moves on to face West Sabine in the Regional Semifinals. The first game in the best 2 out of 3 series begins Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.. Game 2 will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Game 3 will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (if necessary). All games will be held at Rusk High School.

Union Grove dug a deep hole, giving up 6 runs in the first two innings without scoring any of their own. The Lady Lions began the rally in the bottom of the 3rd when Joey Saurez doubled to left field, scoring Sydney Chamberlain from 1st. Mia Rust also doubled to left field to bring Saurez home.

Saurez would double to left field again in the bottom of the 5th to get Jolea Robertson in for Union Grove's 3rd run. The Lady Panthers padded their lead with a run in the top of the 6th, but it wouldn't hold.

With one out, AG loaded the bases, giving up a double to Gracie Winn, walking Ali Yohn, and allowing Daytona Vaughn on base on an error. Robertson reached on a walk, scoring Winn. Yohn and Vaughn scored off a double to center field by Chamberlain. Saurez doubled to left field on the next pitch to score Robertson and Chamberlain, giving the Lady Lions their first lead of the game. Saurez scored an insurance run on a ground out by Katelyn Vaughn before AG could get out of the inning. Rust would get the final out, tagging the runner attempting to steal home from 3rd.

Gladewater's local sales tax revenue up 21.52%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.06 billion in local sales tax allocations for May, 28.4 percent more than in May 2020 and 21.9 percent more than in May 2019.

These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

Gladewater's local sales tax posted double-digit increases, showing a 21.52-percent rise over the same period last year. Gladewater's sales tax posted \$125,178.82 in March 2021 compared to \$103,007.99 for March of 2020. For the year Gladewater is down -5.65-percent.

Kilgore posted a 8.54-percent increase in sales tax revenue, while neighboring White Oak slipped -3.39-percent. Gilmer posted a 15.78-percent increase and Warren City was up 38.31-percent. Clarksville City was up 36.36-percent.



It's official now - the banners have been hung and the chutes have been painted. The 84th Annual Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo will bust out of the gate 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. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children ages 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased online at GladewaterRodeo.com.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

City under Boil Water Notice

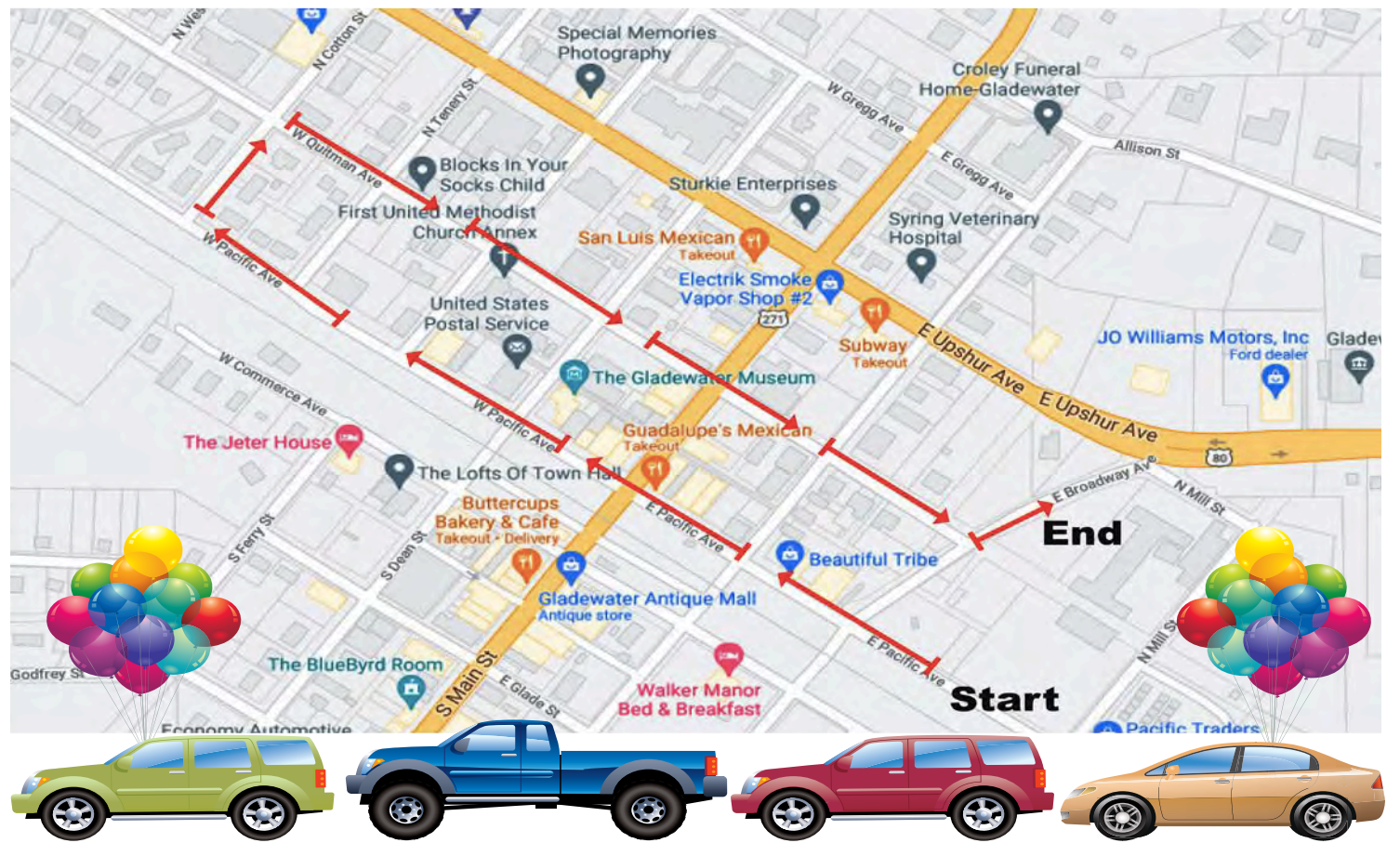
At presstime, water customers in Gladewater remained under a boil water notice. The notice is due to reduced pressure and a water outage and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires the city to notify customers of the need to boil their water prior to consumption.

City Manager Ricky Tow said Monday water samples were being pulled and he hopes to have results back by Wednesday which could lift the boil water notice.

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and making ice should be boiled and cooled prior to use. The water should be brought to a vigorous, rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source.

If you have questions call City Hall at 903-845-2196.

Gladewater High School Graduation Parade Downtown Gladewater Class of 2021!



AD Clower proposes athletic updates

By Suzanne Bardwell

Athletic Director Scott Clower spoke at Monday's GISD school board meeting about repairs, refurbishments and repurposing that needs to be done to bring high school athletic facilities safe and up to par. Clower pointed out that GHS is the only school in the district that has six tennis courts and could be hosting tournaments if they were resurfaced. Clower said that the gym floor needs reconditioning and needs a new sound system, that the track has problems, as well as the press box, field house and ballfields. He said that the field house needs to be updated to meet the needs of the girls' and boys' teams now sharing space.

"This is a very, very significant amount of money we are talking about," Garth Cockerell said. "I would like some time to come out and look at these issues."

Board President Jon Keller asked Clower how he would prioritize the projects.

"To be honest they are equal in my sight," Clower said. "It's all

important in my opinion. It will take time to get there. If it is the gym or track, we need to start immediately because those are going to be used at the start of school. Whatever we decide to do it is going to be real important and make a difference for our kids."

Clower said that the projects are going to take time and planning in moving forward.

"I appreciate everything you have done to bring this to our attention," trustee Ross Morgan said. "You are the right person for the job."

Trustee Rickie Blackmon recommended gathering quotes, as well as warranty and maintenance requirements for the projects.

Supt. Dr. Sedric Clark told the board that the projects would come from the fund balance which sits at about \$4.7 million at this time.

The board voted to table the request while they studied the list of projects to be done and gathered more information. The board will possibly hold an emergency meeting to vote on moving forward on some of the projects this summer.

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City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG COUNTY							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$12,634.46	\$9,265.27	36.36%	\$35,094.67	\$29,995.93	16.99%
Easton	1.000%	\$6,274.67	\$4,852.83	29.29%	\$20,438.88	\$17,753.79	15.12%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$125,178.82	\$103,007.99	21.52%	\$483,990.83	\$513,020.90	-5.65%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$777,260.54	\$716,084.29	8.54%	\$2,973,598.08	\$3,366,089.86	-11.66%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$26,568.33	\$23,762.02	11.81%	\$98,584.57	\$90,477.92	8.95%
Longview	1.500%	\$3,938,681.05	\$2,995,536.81	31.48%	\$15,234,616.57	\$14,104,439.36	8.01%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,811.18	\$1,309.48	38.31%	\$6,960.36	\$7,218.74	-3.57%
White Oak	1.500%	\$93,807.57	\$97,106.91	-3.39%	\$441,334.00	\$432,107.57	2.13%
UPSHUR COUNTY							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$27,994.22	\$21,677.79	29.13%	\$112,290.03	\$88,664.37	26.64%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$5,151.99	\$3,204.66	60.76%	\$20,252.68	\$17,421.23	16.25%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$241,500.61	\$208,572.21	15.78%	\$926,039.49	\$859,643.11	7.72%
Ore City	1.500%	\$21,086.26	\$23,176.18	-9.01%	\$93,936.78	\$89,627.36	4.80%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$574.48	\$268.49	113.96%	\$2,044.88	\$1,641.64	24.56%



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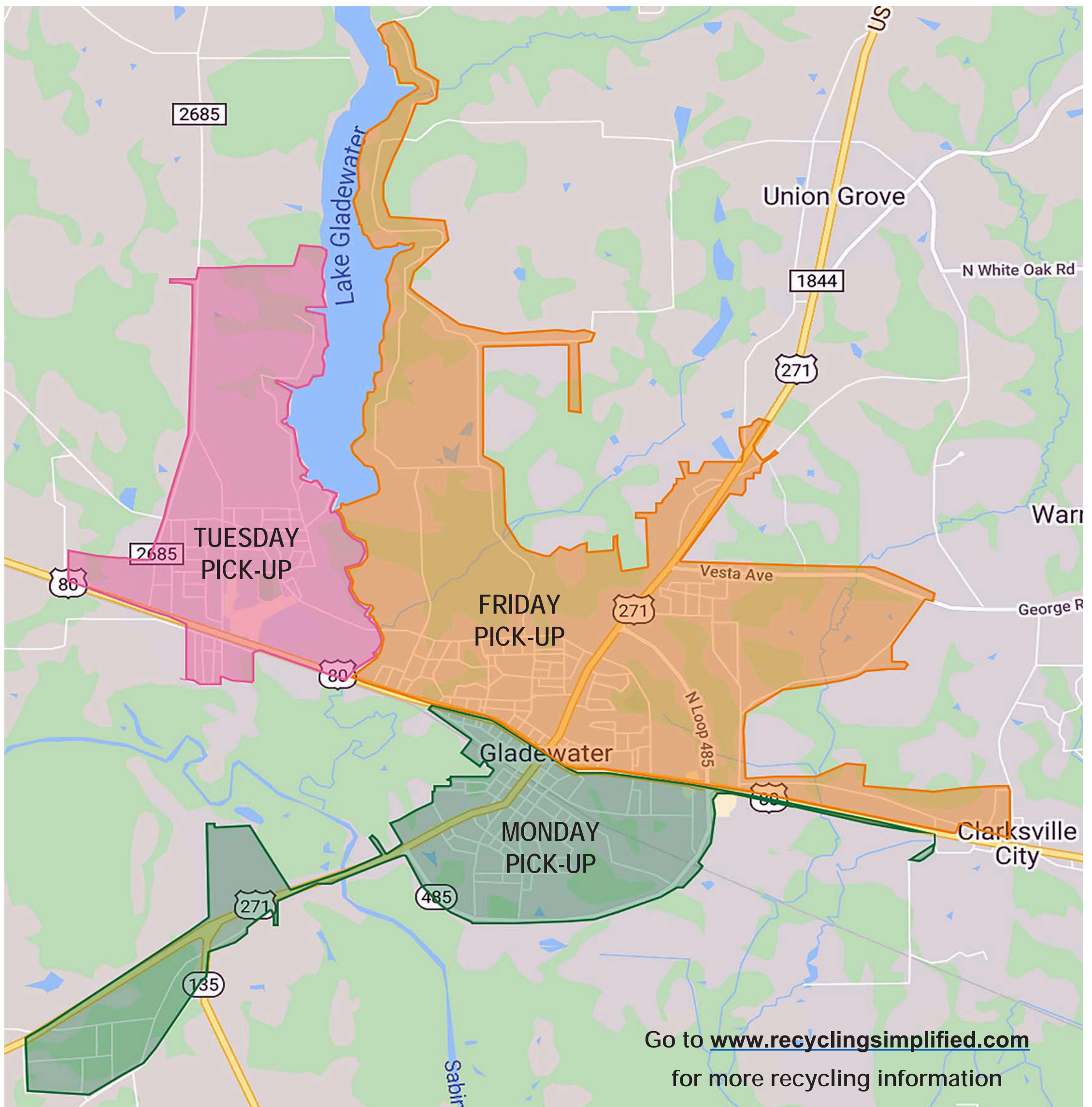
New Residential Trash Service

(Effective Monday, May 31, 2021)



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- One 95-gallon trash cart will be delivered to residential and commercial hand collect addresses prior to May 31, 2021.
- Trash will be collected once per week. If your trash was previously collected Monday- Thursday your new route day will be on Monday. If you previously had Tuesday -Friday trash collection your new route day will be either Tuesday or Friday. Please review the map for your designated trash collection day or call for assistance with your address ready.
- All trash must be bagged and placed inside the cart to be picked up. Bagging your trash and keeping it in the provided container helps keep the city clean and litter free by preventing trash from blowing before and during service. Carts must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your service day or the night before route day. All trash must be inside Republic Services issued trash poly-cart to be picked up by the automated truck.
- Additional trash carts will be available for order after June 1, 2021 for an additional charge per month. Call Republic Services at 903-986-5324 for details.
- Carts must be at least Three feet away (for safety) from any other objects including other trash carts, mailboxes, parked cars, meters, fire hydrants and utility poles with handle facing opposite of street. Please note that personal containers may not be used and Republic Services will not be responsible for damage to personal trash containers.
- Republic Services issued broken and/or damaged carts will be replaced or repaired by Republic Services.
- Republic Services will not be responsible for any personal trash containers.
- Republic Services stolen carts will be replaced after a police report is filed.
- Carts are numbered and are the property of Republic Services and must remain at the designated address.
- Assistance for the disabled: Assistance will be provided to those households that have no able-bodied persons to transport the cart to the curb and back. Please call Republic Services at 903-986-5324 or the City of Gladewater 903-845-8621 to set up this service.
- Residential water customers may take 6 cubic yards of bulk items to the Pinehill Landfill each month with a copy of the most recent City of Gladewater water bill at no charge.
- Watch for City notices regarding FREE Spring and Fall clean up days for bulky items!
- A recycle container is located behind Gladewater city hall for Gladewater residents to recycle.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Deaths of unbuckled Texans spike

The number of traffic accidents decreased in 2020, but the number of Texans killed while not wearing a seat belt increased by 16%, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

In 2020, 1,073 fatalities were attributed to not wearing seat belts, up from 926 fatalities in 2019. Buckling up reduces the risk of dying in a traffic accident by 45% for people in the front seat of passenger cars and 60% for people in pickups, according to TxDOT.

"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."

Texas officers will step up enforcement of the state's seat belt and child car seat laws May 24 through June 6. Fines for not having everyone properly secured range up to \$250.

Over half of eligible Texans vaccinated

More than 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Texas as of last week, fully covering more than half of eligible Texans 12 and older. Gov Gregg Abbott hailed the effort.

"Vaccines are the most effective defense against the spread of COVID-19, and I continue to urge all eligible Texans to get the vaccine," Abbott said. "The COVID-19 vaccine will always remain voluntary and never forced in Texas, but it is up to all of us to ensure that we defeat this virus — which is why it is so important for Texans to seek out these safe and effective shots."

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced last week that the Pfizer vaccine is now authorized for anyone 12 years and older. Also last week, the federal Centers for Disease Control announced that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing.

Local businesses still have the option of requiring employees and patrons to wear masks while inside their establishments.

Wholesale electricity plans to be banned

With time running out in the legislative session, which ends May 31, just one bill addressing the blackouts during February's winter storm has made it to the governor's desk thus far.

House Bill 16 bans residents or small businesses from signing up for the type of electricity plans that allow wholesale electricity prices to be passed to customers. Those plans resulted in huge electric bills for some customers after the power outage, in some cases more than \$15,000.

Griddy, the main company offering such service to about 29,000 Texas customers, has filed for bankruptcy and ceased operations.

Meanwhile, the interim CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas testified before a Texas Senate committee that ERCOT overrode its protocols in deciding to set prices for wholesale electricity.

Library, fire chief and oath of office top council agenda

Newly elected Gladewater City Council members Dennis Robertson, Elijah Anderson, Rocky Hawkins, and Kevin Clark will be sworn into office at Thursday's 6 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

Among the agenda items will be the Lee Public Library project, which involves getting bids for roof, a/c, and interior remodeling following the February ice storm that left the building flooded. Bids are needed so an informed decision can be made as to which way the city plans to go concerning the library, which following a major cleanup effort, is now a blank slate ready to be re-purposed. Estimates to replace the roof range from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Volunteers have been working to acquire grants so the city will not be forced to dip into city coffers, since the city's insurance refuses to pay for the damage.

In other business the council will:

- Hold a public hearing and take action regarding a variance to a city ordinance dealing with "Connection to City System" at 2179 W. Lake Drive.
- Consider the delinquent tax report presented by MVBA
- Consider amending the city's "Solid Waste ordinance."
- Consider amending the city's swimming regulations, fishing regulations, and general.
- Consider the abandonment of 19.6' x 79.8' west extension of the Allison Street Water Tower.
- Consider adding purple martin housing at Lake Gladewater Park
- Discuss and consider revisions to the "Blanket Permit Policy"
- The council will also enter into executive session to discuss the position of Fire Chief, currently handled by Police Chief Gordon Freeman.

Bard's Top 10 College Tips for the Class of 2021 *Or, how to survive & thrive at the Big Show*

10. Register EARLY so that you get the classes & professors you want. (If you are going to a mega-university go to the earliest orientation.) **Bonus tip:** if you end up with a crummy adviser connect with professors or upperclassmen who can point you in the right direction.

9. Schedule classes so that like classes are not close together. AVOID like classes back to back. Instead DO this: MWF-English/Chemistry/Psychology; T-Th-Statistics/History. (**Bonus tip:** take at least 15 semester hours, if you have to drop a class you will still maintain full-time status. **BEWARE** dropping a 4-hour class, you **MUST** have 12 hours to maintain full time status for financial aid.)

8. CREATE a study schedule that accounts for all your awake time. THEN plan to use time wisely. Depending on your intellectual ability procrastination will cause either failure, physical illness or emotional breakdown-sometimes all three. (You guys **MAYBE** have had one or two truly challenging HS classes, in the fall you will likely have 4-5 in one semester. Most college classes only have a handful of graded tests and assignments NOT 10 or more as in high school.)

7. USE the SQ3R textbook reading method and make sure you have done ALL assigned reading BEFORE going to class:

~Survey: read the chapter intro, headings, subheadings & summary (that's your map, you wouldn't drive to DisneyWorld by just heading east. **KNOW** where you are supposed to end up and have a **PLAN** to get there. And **SURPRISE**, it works!)

~turn the first heading into a question

~read to answer the question

~recite the answer **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** (if you can do that you understand it)

~when you get to the end of the reading assignment review, make sure you can still answer the question.

Bonus: You paid for those books, **USE** them. Even if you can get by without doing the reading you are cheating yourself intellectually and in the future.

6. Use the Listen/Think/Write process in lecture classes. A lecturer

Suzanne Bardwell



can talk at 100 words a minute. **YOU** (yes, you!) can **THINK** (on average) at 400 words a minute. (**Bonus TIP:** Do NOT skip class. It ticks off most professors and frankly you have to be present to win!) **REMINDER:** Professors have a LOT of leeway in grading. Go to class, ask for help, try and connect with prof or grad assistant.

Sad but True confession: I have my College Algebra credit because of a compassionate Prof...AND I turned everything in...AND I never missed class...AND I took him candy...KNOW your professors.

5. Read lecture notes from previous class session immediately before going to class. This gives context and meaning to what you will hear next. Meaning imparts purpose, context results in understanding. **WIN-WIN!** Look at YOU grooving like Einstein!

4. Read notes immediately after lecture class and add omissions before you forget. The result will be actual learning AND retention.

3. Sit in front row (IF you have a choice). Focus on **WHAT** is being said NOT how it is being said (OR on the cutie next to you—agreed, that can be tough).

2. Get study buddies (who know what is going on) and **STUDY!** Do NOT base your study group choice on looks, personality or pocketbook. You need accountability and Smarties to help you reach your goals.

1. Get help **AS SOON AS YOU KNOW YOU ARE IN TROUBLE.**

(**ALWAYS, always** turn in assignments. In college it is almost impossible to pass if you skip just one.)

REMEMBER: Ultimately **YOU are the only teacher you ever truly have. YOU CHOOSE to learn or not.** IF you haven't learned that work is fun, now is the time to grasp that lesson. Hard work doesn't feel hard when you are having fun.

BIGGEST BONUS TIP OF ALL: IF you do all of the above consistently you **WILL** have time for FUN. FUN is important! Wait, maybe there is one more **BIGGER BIGGEST BONUS TIP:** CALL your parents! They love you and may actually miss you!



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Count

Results from the 2020 Census are beginning to surface. These statistics are far more than a matter of interest. Not only is the number of representatives in the US House tied to the count, but also funds



from a variety of federal programs. Trends are also crucial to planning and decision-making across a broad spectrum.

While the data is still being compiled and it will be a while before we know the full story (and the inevitable lawsuits that are often settled by adding more people), some patterns are emerging.

Over the 10-year span, the population of the United States

grew from 308.7 million to 331.4 million, representing a 7.4% increase (the lowest rate since the 1930s and the second lowest ever). Texas saw the largest change by a wide margin, adding about 4.0 million residents to top 29.1 million in 2020. Florida was next (up 2.7 million), followed by California (nearly 2.3 million) and Georgia (1.0 million). Three states actually saw population shrink over the decade (West Virginia, Illinois, and Mississippi).

In terms of growth rates (rather than absolute increases), Utah and Idaho were the top two, with gains of 18.4% and 17.3% for the decade, while Texas was third with 15.9%. For a state with such a large base to also rank near the top in percentage change is quite remarkable. By contrast, the most populous state, California, ranked

24 with a 6.1% rate of increase.

Because of the increase, Texas will gain two additional representatives in Congress. Several other states will add one (Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, and Oregon), while others lose one (California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia).

Major categories of federal funding tied to the Census include health care, housing, food and nutrition, education and job training, infrastructure, and social and protective services. All of these areas are critical to ongoing economic expansion and quality of life. Moreover, funding for such initiatives fosters "downstream" effects. For example, nutrition, education, social services, health care, and other programs

can enhance productivity and efficiency, improve overall health (further enhancing productivity), and decrease stress on social service systems. The new data will help ensure Texas receives a significant share of federal funds, although the decision by the State government to provide limited support for the effort likely resulted in an undercount (and potentially loss of a third new Representative).

Some of the variation in growth rates across the nation is driven by demographic patterns and rates of natural increase. Another key factor is economic expansion and job opportunities, leading to immigration. Adding four million new Texans indicates that the state remains a great place to live and work. Let's keep it that way! Stay safe!



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LISTEN TO THE SCIENCE

Newspaper reports regularly tell of "scientific" discoveries and postulations. These reports are given a sensational flavor. But in many cases, what is reported is nothing more than a new "theory" that some scientist has advanced. No mention is made of the multitudes of reputable scientists who disagree with the new hypothesis or supposition. Instead, the report grabs the public's attention by saying: "Scientists of the University of...", and whatever the assumption may be, regardless of how farfetched, the report is graced with scientific and high-sounding technical terminology.

But, here's the tragedy. Many people have put their faith in science, not God, and they believe such reports at face value. In today's world "science" has become a magic word, and every kind of assumption in the name of science is swallowed by a gullible, unknowing world!

I am certainly not anti-science, but the problem is, that everything that is labeled "science" or "scientific" is not what it is labeled! For example, the theory that says the universe had it's beginning from nothing, breaks down right at the beginning. The very beginning of evolutions atheistic universe is based on something that cannot explain its own existence. Are we to understand that matter simply "popped into existence" on its own? Do we not know that nothing does not produce something, and never has? Thus, any theory, dressed up in technical and scientific jargon, that argues to the contrary, is simply "science, falsely so-called," and is promoting a phantom idea based on nothing but speculation! Listen to the science? Yes, indeed, if proven to be scientific! Think on these things.

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The GHS Class of 2021 is being honored with signs displayed on Gay Avenue at the high school which also includes the seniors' post graduate college plans. The GHS Senior Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday on Pacific Street downtown. The community is encouraged to be present to show their support for the graduates. The Top 10% will lead the processional and line up in rank order. The Class of 2021 graduation ceremony will be Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m. in Jack V. Murphy Stadium with gates opening at 7 p.m. Each senior has received 10 tickets for guests.
Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

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 Gille 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.

Gilmer man killed in 1-vehicle wreck

By Phillip Williams
Carson Glenn Barber was killed in a one-vehicle accident early Sunday on rural Apricot Road south of Gilmer, said the Texas Department of Public Safety. Investigators' preliminary

report indicated Barber, 20, of Gilmer, was southbound in a 1996 Chevrolet 2500 pickup when it struck a tree about three miles outside Gilmer, DPS spokeswoman Jean Dark said in a news release.

The report indicated Barber was "at an unsafe speed and drifted off the roadway to the right in a slight curve" before overcorrecting to the left and entering a wooded area on the roadway's left side, striking the tree and ejecting the driver, Dark reported.

Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch pronounced him dead at the scene.



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What's Happening



Union Grove FFA standout Vance Aaron won the Star Greenhand in Agribusiness for Area VI. He will now advance to the state contest which will be held at the Texas FFA State Convention.

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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.

Since 1999, Texas Mutual has awarded more than \$7 million in safety education grants – including \$100,000 for 13 straight years to sustain the KC Risk Management Institute – marking \$1.3 million in donations to the college.

Registration forms and course

descriptions are available at www.kilgore.edu/rmi. To register or for more information, call Jennie Alcantar at (903) 983-8170 or email jalcantar@kilgore.edu.

KC Glade spring grads

Recent Gladewater spring graduates from Kilgore College are Shannon Battee, Alicia Cline, Jann Colina, Colbey Cox, Dorothy Duren, William Finklea, Katlyn Foster, Ana Garcia, Ashley Garcia, Kaitlyn Green, Isaac Hill, Louren Jones, Lidia Lopez, Ismael Martinez, Joshua Martinez, Mamosa Mohoto, Katrina Neal, Ana Reyes Acosta, Marina School, Braeden Simmons, Casey Tolbert, Keli Touchstone and Seth Turner.



The Union Grove Junior High earned a first division rating at competition in Canton this past weekend.

Courtesy Photo



The Union Grove High School UIL Accounting team is once again the state champions. Team members are C.J. Demoss, Catalina Colling, Avery Brooks and Gracie Stanford. The team is coached by Gailyn Sutton.

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Congratulations to the GHS Junior Varsity District Tennis Champions!! GIRLS SINGLES: Savannah Warren - 1st place, Jocelyn Taylor - 2nd place. GIRLS DOUBLES: Katelynn Lewis/Lily Smith - 1st Place. BOYS SINGLES: Ethan Flores - 1st place, Adam Miles - 2nd place

GHS student Emily Deisher earned first place honors at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference held in Dallas in April for her Level 2 Sustainability Challenge STAR event for the state of Texas. Emily will compete in the National Leadership competition in June. Her first place project was geared towards building a community garden that would begin by recycling water bottles discarded by high school students. The sophomore is a FCCLA officer and a two-year member of the organization. She earned a \$1,000 scholarship to Texas Tech University's College of Human Services. Emily's advisors are Elizabeth Jackson and Mary Rhoads who are Family and Consumer Science teachers. This is the second year Gladewater High School has offered FCCLA. Courtesy Photo



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Sale #1 – Moving Sale for Jean & Tom Smith
 5000 Richmond Rd – Tyler, TX 75703
Outside S. Loop 323 and off S. Broadway, travel 2 blocks west on Rice Rd. Turn right on Richmond Rd.

This 2860 sq. ft. house has sold. The following contents/consignments must go: clawfoot round din. table & 6 chairs; din. table & 4 chairs; curved back formal chairs; antq marble top table; barley twist fire screen; antq mirrors; antq cabinet; large curio cabinets; Asian items; rugs; pool table; king bed; dresser; nightstands; side tables; books; Fosterite glassware; barware; 2 bentwood bar stools; Nat. Amer. art; sew. machines; HP Designjet printer; VARIDESK; roll top desk; desk armoire; file cab; office chairs; costumes; smoked baby dresses; cradles; toys; glass art; holiday selections; linens; clothes, shoes, purses; cost. jewelry; treadmill; baker's rack; yard art; birdhouses; concrete lions; patio service cart; patio furn.; stain glass; yard & hand tools; car ramps; wheelbarrow; rolling toolbox; utility carts; Raleigh bicycle; bike wheels; shop vac; light bar; lawn mower; tile cutter; work bench; Delta grinder; drill press; air cond. gauge; air compressor; shortwave receiver; sooooo much more!
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Sale #2 – Estate Sale for Martha (Mrs. Joe) Blalock
 4819 Barclay – Tyler, TX 75703
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5/10/21	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102634	2:21		1106 N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102635	2:49	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	FIRE DEPT	202102636	3:13		601 N TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102637	5:05		905 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102638	5:49		905 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	202102639	10:16		TENERY TENERY
	THEFT	202102640	10:18	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202102641	11:15	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202102642	16:04	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102643	16:32		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	202102644	18:11	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102645	18:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FALSE 9-1-1	202102646	18:26		601 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD DR
	ABANDONED 911	202102647	18:54		
	EMS	202102648	21:52		314 W OLIVER OLIVER
	EMS	202102649	22:26	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
5/11/21	ASSIST	202102650	1:06	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	202102651	3:54		1534 POINT PLEASANT POINT PLEASANT RD
	ASSIST	202102652	7:33		3005 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	202102653	8:28	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102654	10:00		1210 SANDERS SANDERS
	EMS	202102655	11:18		212 PINECREST PINECREST
	LAKE MISC.	202102656	11:56	LAKE GLADEWATER STORE	LAKE SHORE LAKE SHORE DR
	EMS	202102658	12:14	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MINOR IN POSSESSION/TOBACCO	202102659	15:40	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102660	17:30		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102661	17:57		1210 SANDERS SANDERS ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202102662	19:41	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102663	21:03	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102664	21:29		2708 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
5/12/21	EMS	202102666	11:35	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ASSIST	202102667	12:47	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202102668	13:44		226 MEADOW MEADOW
	EMS	202102669	14:16	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202102670	16:36	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102671	19:28		1603 N RODEO RODEO
	ALARM/OTHER	202102672	19:27	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102673	20:45	HOMETOWN AUTOMOTIVE	608 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102674	20:49		US 271 US 271
	FALSE 9-1-1	202102675	21:26		2800 BERNICE BERNICE ST
5/13/21	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102676	0:01		103 N DEAN DEAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102677	3:30		W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202102678	8:32		1002 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	ASSIST	202102679	10:50		EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102680	11:03		409 1/2 N MAIN N MAIN
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202102681	11:47	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	202102682	13:37		1104 E MARY E MARY
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	202102683	14:46		312 S CULVER S CULVER
	THEFT	202102684	15:27	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	202102685	16:25		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	202102686	17:53		703 W CLAIRE CLAIRE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102687	18:14		1303 SHEPHERD SHEPHERD DR
	THEFT	202102688	18:31		2712 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102689	18:48		EDDY EDDY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102690	18:53		1332 US HWY 80 US HWY 80
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102691	18:59	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	202102692	19:48		808 TENERY TENERY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102693	19:54	FIREBALL RENTALS	516 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202102694	19:58	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202102695	20:20	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102696	20:30		113 N LEE LEE DR
	FIRE DEPT	202102697	21:30		3590 W US HWY 80 US HWY 80
	EMS	202102698	22:03		519 MELBA MELBA
	ASSIST	202102699	22:14		150 PR 3447 PR 3447
	EMS	202102700	22:19		201 WALTON WALTON
	ASSIST	202102701	23:22		HWY 80 HWY 80
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	MISCELLANEOUS	202102704	2:05		312 CULVER CULVER
	ASSIST	202102707	6:59		TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	202102708	7:51		N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102709	8:01		604 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	202102710	9:46		591 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102711	9:55		1008 N LYNN N LYNN
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102712	10:09	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202102713	14:21	EAST GATE APARTMENTS	1010 RICHEY RICHEY
	EMS	202102714	14:26		801 N GARY N GARY
	THEFT	202102715	15:20	THE LANE	606 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102716	15:51		510 HANCOCK HANCOCK
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202102717	15:59		GAY GAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102718	16:49		2710 WILLOW OAK WILLOW OAK RD
	THEFT	202102719	17:13	THE LANE	606 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102720	18:14		3378 W US HWY 80 US HWY 80
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202102721	18:17		1612 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	EMS	202102722	18:48	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102723	19:08		1213 N LYNN LYNN
	DEADLY CONDUCT	202102724	19:53		HWY 80 HWY 80
	RUNAWAY	202102725	19:57		2820 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102726	21:55		2811 GUY GUY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102727	21:53		1211 N RODEO RODEO
	EMS	202102728	21:54	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202102729	22:29		403 TENERY TENERY
5/15/21	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102731	1:47	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	202102732	7:11		400 ALLISON ALLISON ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102733	8:15		2811 GUY GUY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102734	9:30		308 S CENTER CENTER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102735	10:50		LOOP LOOP
	FIRE DEPT	202102736	11:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EXTRA PATROL	202102737	11:33		108 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	ALARM/OTHER	202102738	13:12	GLADEWATER ISD HEAD START	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	HARRASSMENT	202102739	13:46		2808 GUY GUY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102740	13:53	CHICKEN EXPRESS	1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ESCORT	202102741	14:37	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102742	14:42	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202102743	15:50		413 S MILL MILL
	THEFT	202102744	16:00		5411 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM RD
	10-50 MAJOR	202102745	16:35		US HWY 271 US HWY 271
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	MISCELLANEOUS	202102747	18:04	TEXAS DIE CAST	600 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	FIRE DEPT	202102748	18:26		WHITE WHITE ST
	EMS	202102749	19:12	ST. JAMES CHURCH	2800 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	202102750	19:22		401 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	202102751	20:01		207 LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE BLVD
	REPORT OF F/V	202102752	20:30		1602 N DASEY DASEY
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	FIRE DEPT	202102754	22:23		901 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	ASSIST	202102756	23:53		801 N GARY GARY
5/16/21	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102757	2:49		1560 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102758	3:14		306 MABLE MABLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102759	7:58		106 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA DR
	EMS	202102760	12:08	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102761	12:49	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102762	13:20	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	202102763	13:34	CHICKEN EXPRESS	1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102764	14:15	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102765	14:29		507 N LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	202102766	15:08	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	202102767	15:14		2111 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	ABANDONED 911	202102768	15:18	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202102769	21:49		606 S TYLER TYLER
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102770	21:51		1809 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
5/17/21	ALARM/OTHER	202102771	0:51		2302 W LAKE LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102772	0:58	JULIAWOOD HOMES	46 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102773	1:07		308 WALTON WALTON ST
	DWI	202102774	3:31		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	202102775	6:43	JULIAWOOD HOMES	14 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	CRIM MIS	202102776	7:52	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202102777	7:59	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102778	8:32		226 HULL HULL
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102779	9:29		400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102780	9:37	CHAD'S HOTWINGS, FISH, AND BURGERS	809 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

GPD Arrest Report

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Toll 49 virtual meeting set for Thursday at 7 p.m.

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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.

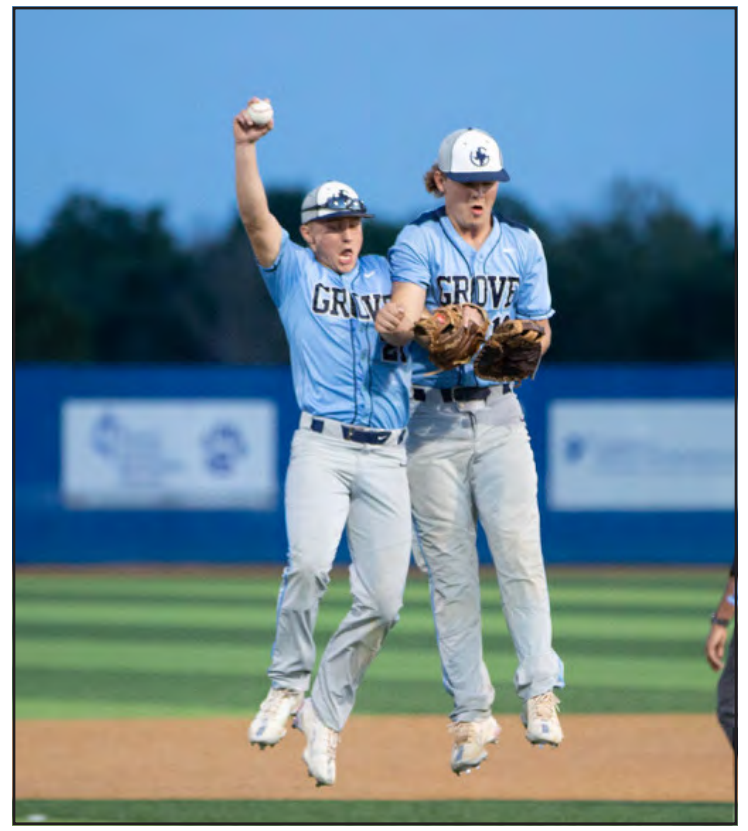
For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (903) 200-1700 to provide verbal testimony from May 20 through June 4. Written comments may also be provided by mail or email. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT 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.

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 contact TxDOT Tyler District Office, at (903) 510-9100. 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.



Matthew Bower and Cannon Cowan celebrate after getting the out. Photo by Chris Jones



The Union Grove baseball program is sending two to the collegiate level. Cannon Cowan will play at Arlington Baptist University and Matthew Bower will play for the Apaches at TJU. Photo by Chris Jones

Gladewater Lions Club Students of the Month

Ebony Pipkin is a Lion Student of the Month. The GHS junior has been a standout athlete in basketball and track. As a freshman she qualified for regional competition in track. As a sophomore she was named basketball All District Newcomer of the Year. This year Ebony was named Defensive MVP in basketball. She also qualified for regional competition. Ebony is a member of the National Honor Society. Her parents are Lisa Kimberly and Nate Kimberly.



GHS Lion Student of the Month Devin Walker has been a proud Bear varsity football and baseball team member since his freshman year. As a freshman he was named All District Defensive MVP, his sophomore year he was named All District Offensive Fullback, he was also named to the All District Football team this year. He is a member of the Bear News Network and has earned A/B honor roll designation. After graduation he plans to attend Kilgore College to attend lineman school. Devin's parents are Stanley Walker and Kasey Walker.



Gabriella Montelongo is a Lion's Club Student of the Month. She is a proud member of the Bear Sweepstakes Marching Band. Her freshman year she earned Division 1 rating on Class 1 flute quartet at Solo & Ensemble competition and a Division 2 Rating at State Solo & Ensemble competition. She is the Section Leader of the Flute Section and 2nd chair flute this year. She is also a member of the Moberly Baptist Church Orchestra. In Spotlight on GHS as a freshman she was a class favorite nominee. This year she was a Most Outstanding Student nominee. She is ranked second in her class and serves as the National Honor Society treasurer. She was a freshman homecoming duchess, a GHS student athletic trainer and president of Bears for Christ. Gabriella's sophomore year she was a baseball manager, athletic trainer and sophomore class president. This year she is junior class Vice President. She is ranked second in her class. After graduation Gabriella plans to attend Kilgore College then attend Baylor University with a pre-med major with the goal of becoming a Nurse Anesthetist. Her parents are Jennifer Stevens and Raul Montelongo.



GHS Lion Student of the Month Rajaun Johnson has been active in football, baseball, and powerlifting throughout high school. As a sophomore he placed second in powerlifting. He has earned AB honor roll designation. After graduation he plans to attend college. His mother is Tamica Green.



Courtesy photos

AD Clower proposes updates

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"If we work toward addressing these needs we could be the standard bearer for the district," Clower said.

During the public forum portion of the meeting Michael Jackson, Diana Dueterdorf and Kevin Clark spoke in support of high school teachers being allowed to present their children with their graduation diplomas. Jackson said that he believed that those who had been allowed to do so in the past had set the precedent.

Board members are not allowed to address public forum comment that is not a part of the regular agenda.

Jeff Cook and Jamie Robertson were sworn in as newly elected board members and the reorganization of officers saw the re-election of Jon Keller as president, Rickie Blackmon as vice president and Jamie Robertson as secretary.

The board voted to adjust next year's school calendar to allow for additional staff training in the Capturing Kids' Hearts program.

Trustees approved contracts for Raynee Inman as a kindergarten teacher, PE teacher/coaches Brandon Jones and Andee Poteet, Math teacher Kylie Murray and third grade teacher Ann Gatlin. Resignations accepted included Libby Lanford-Edmondson, Ebelver Lewis, Candice Smith and Rebecca Armstrong.

Lions' playoff run ends

Maud edged Union Grove 6-5 to take game 3 in the series in the Area Championship to end the Lions' playoff run.

The Lions out-hit the bulldogs 7-2 led by Carter Smith who had 3 out of 4 at bats. Despite the hitting deficit, Maud was able to take advantage of three walks and two batters being hit by pitches. Scoring in the top of the 1st, Maud held the lead until the bottom of the 4th when Matthew Bower stole home to even the score.

Maud answered in the 5th with 2 more runs and extended their lead by one more in the top of the 6th. Colton Cowan reached base with no outs in the bottom of the inning, eventually scoring after Maud committed 2 of their 3 error on the next two batters. Union Grove took a 1 point lead into the 7th but it wouldn't last.

Maud managed 2 runs in the top of the inning that proved to be just enough. After falling 1-0 in the series, the Lions bounced back in game 2, hammering the Bulldogs 11-1 to even the series.

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