

GW, UG graduation ceremonies set for Friday

Gladewater High School's commencement exercises are Friday, May 28 at Jack V. Murphy Stadium at 8 p.m.

Valedictorian Edith Alvarez earned a 3.983 GPA and in Spotlight on GHS was named Most Studious Girl.

“Maintaining my spot as number 1 in my class throughout high school and earning the title of valedictorian is my most important achievement.

The motivation instilled in me by my parents, who were not able to obtain the education that I received enabled me to achieve this goal.”

Alvarez was a Lion's Student of the Month, NHS member and proud Bear Band member.

She plans to attend UTT to pursue a nursing degree with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

“I want to use my knowledge and abilities to help those in need,” Alvarez said. “I hope to be able to offer my service pro bono in the future once I obtain my dream career.”

Her proud parents are Juan Alvarez and Erika Martinez.

Janet Aguillon with a GPA of 3.966 is GHS Salutatorian. She says her greatest high school achievement includes her class rank honor and her success at Solo & Ensemble competition.

She is a member of NHS and has been named a Lion's Club Student of the Month. At Spotlight on GHS she was named Most Likely to Succeed.

After graduation she plans to attend UTT to earn a nursing degree with the goal of becoming an emergency care nurse. Her proud parents are Norma Aguillon and Alejandro Aguillon.

Jennifer Rivera-Hernandez with a GPA of 3.965 is the class Historian. She is an NHS member and 7-year proud Bear Band musician. She plans to attend Kilgore College and then transfer to UTT to pursue a degree in nursing.

Her proud parents are Elias Rivera and Araceli Hernandez.



EDITH ALVAREZ
GHS VALEDICTORIAN



CATALINA COLLING
UGHS VALEDICTORIAN

Commencement exercises for the Gladewater Class of 2021 will be held in Jack V. Murphy Stadium on May 28, 2021 at 8 p.m.



Commencement exercises for the Union Grove Class of 2021 will be held in the Glyn Johnston Stadium on May 28, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Union Grove High School will hold its commencement ceremony Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m. in Glyn Johnston Stadium.

Valedictorian Catalina Colling graduates with a GPA of 103.15128. She serves as the Class of 2021 President, NHS secretary, Lion Band Vice President and Head Drum Major. She says her biggest accomplishment was advancing to state marching contest where the band was named Texas' Best 2A Military Marching Band.

Colling participated in Systems Go Rocketry, academic UIL accounting, literary criticism, calculator apps, math and number sense competition. The accounting team recently earned the state championship.

She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a degree in the College of Natural Science as a biology major with the goal of attending medical school. Colling's proud parents are Jeremy Colling and Mary Rambin.

Salutatorian Carlos Escobedo with a GPA of 101.51739 is the Class of 2021 Vice President, Lion Band Vice President, NHS Vice President and participated in Systems Go Rocketry and the Culinary Arts Program. He also participated in academic UIL competition in literary criticism, calculator apps, mathematics and science.

Escobedo says his biggest accomplishment was writing a 20,000 word novel in junior honors English. He plans to attend Texas State University to pursue a degree in nursing with the goal of becoming a nurse anesthetist. His proud parents are Carlos Escobedo and Ruby Barrios.

UGHS Historian Camille Hanson has a GPA of 100.806.25. She is the daughter of proud parents Anna and Gary Hanson. She served as her class's president all three underclassman years.

She was voted Most Likely to Succeed and is graduating with 12 dual credit college hours. She is a member of NHS and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Hanson plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in engineering.

City goes out for bids on possible Library repairs

Following the swearing in of newly-elected Gladewater City Council members Dennis Robertson, Elijah Anderson, Rocky Hawkins, and Kevin Clark Thursday evening, the council got down to work concerning the possible rehabilitation of the Lee Public Library.

The council approved going out for bids for a roof, A/C, and interior remodeling. The library sustained severe damage from the February ice storm, that left the building flooded. Bids are being gathered so council members can make an informed decision 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.

Councilman Clark told the audience that any city funds used on the library would not come from funds designated for roads or water projects.

Currently volunteers are working to obtain grants from outside sources to be used for the library's rebuild. If successful, the city would not be responsible for the complete price tag.

Estimates to replace the roof are expected to be around \$150,000. In other business the council:

- Held a public hearing and then approved a variance to a city ordinance dealing with “Connection to City System” at 2179 W. Lake Drive.
- Approved the delinquent tax report presented by MVBA
- Approved amending the city's “Solid Waste ordinance.”
- Approved amending the city's swimming regulations, fishing regulations to include no fishing in the swimming area.
- Approved the abandonment of 19.6' x 79.8' west extension of the Allison Street Water Tower.
- Approved adding purple martin housing at Lake Gladewater Park
- Approved revisions to the “Blanket Permit Policy”



Gladewater City Clerk Judy Van Houten swore in newly-elected Gladewater City Council members Elijah Anderson, Dennis Robertson, Rocky Hawkins, and Kevin Clark Thursday evening. Photo by Jim Bardwell



This private drive that feeds into the Gladewater High School parking lot adjacent to the Upshur County Extension office sustained major damage from recent rains. The culvert, as well as dirt and roadway materials, have been washed out leaving a massive sinkhole. This drive, although not frequently used, has been made available by the school district in the past during high traffic events such as football, shows at the high school, and more. This may be the end to this access road depending on what the district wants to do with it in the future.

Photo by Christian Allen

KC to open hub-center here

By Suzanne Bardwell
Kilgore College President Dr. Brenda Kays met with about 30 Gladewater business, education, civic and community leaders last Tuesday at the GSD Administration Building. The group shared ideas about innovation and collaboration to enhance opportunities for high school graduates.

“Institutional effectiveness is about being in a continuous cycle of improvement,” Dr. Kays said. “We are always looking for ways to do that.”

That cycle of improvement includes plans for an educational hub in Gladewater partnering with Gladewater, Big Sandy and Union Grove ISDs with career and technology certification offerings that will enable high school graduates to pursue skilled labor jobs after graduation.

Dr. Kays began the meeting by asking what Kilgore College is



Kilgore College President Dr. Brenda Kays

doing well. Affordability, the dual credit program and the importance of access to college courses along with special services Kilgore College offers was touted by community members. Between 25-30% of GHS students are enrolled in dual credit courses.

Recently Gladewater and Gilmer high schools held a KC sponsored competition with

the highest number of FAFSA (financial aid) applications completed. The college held a drive through workshop at both campuses with Gladewater winning the competition with 56 cars participating. Dr. Kays said that was the largest turnout the college has had with participating schools.

“For our community, I think one of KC's biggest success stories is with Ms. Hester,” GHS Principal Derrick Floyd said. “She's there to bring assistance and help to our students. She is always in the halls working with our kids.”

Krystal Hester's title is Success Coach. Her salary is funded by Kilgore College.

“Ms. Hester focuses on GHS seniors to assist them with planning for life after high school and offer guidance and counseling for college, trade school or

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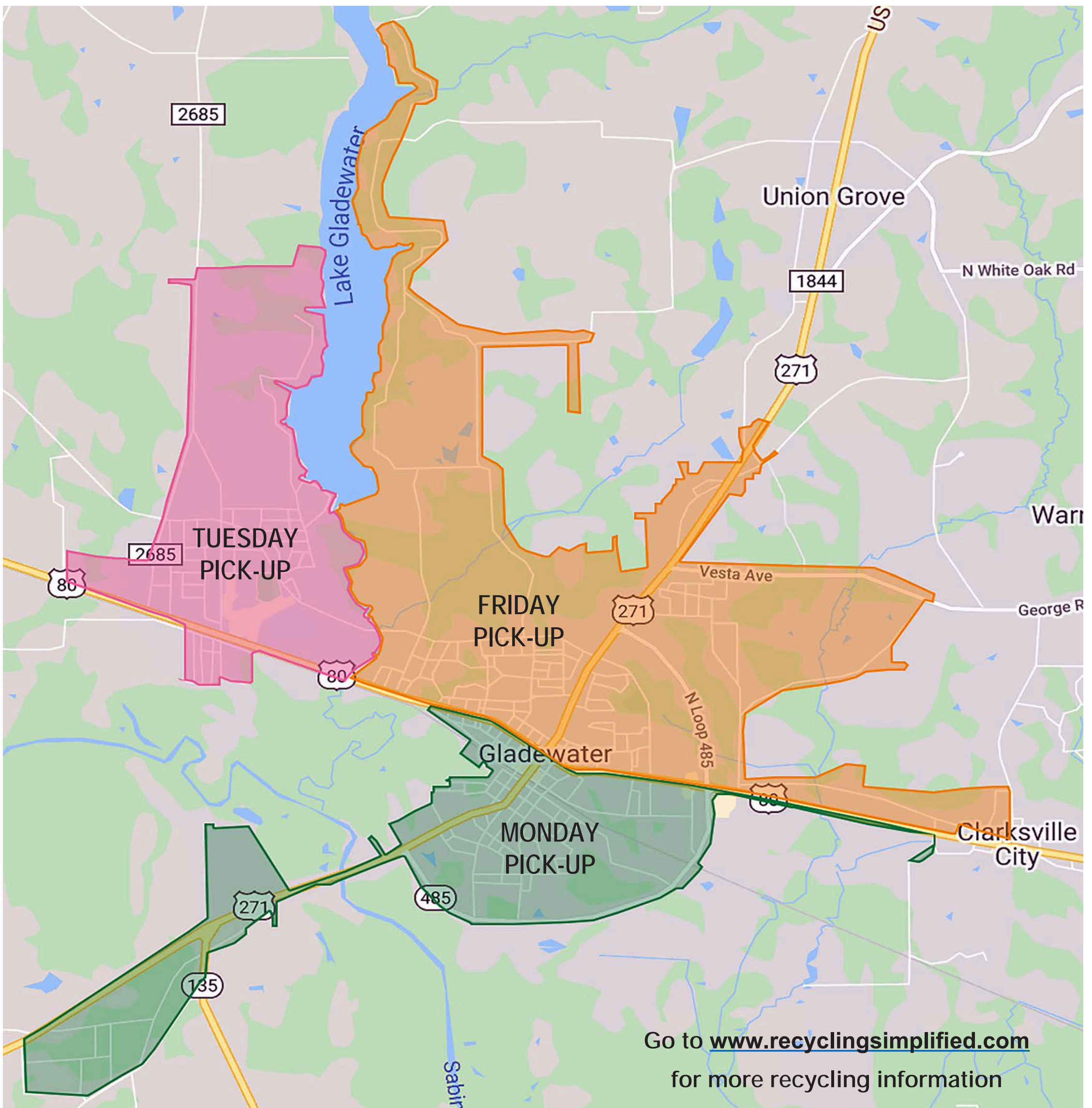
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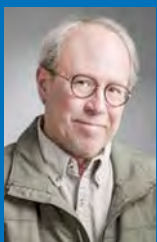
(Effective Monday, May 31, 2021)

- 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
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- 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. Go to www.recyclingsimplified.com for more recycling information.



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Special session coming this fall

Texas lawmakers will adjourn the regular session on Monday — Memorial Day — but Gov. Greg Abbott has already indicated he will call a special session in the fall to grapple with redistricting after detailed census results are finally released.

Last week, Abbott told lawmakers he would put them in charge of deciding how to spend nearly \$16 billion in federal money the state received for COVID-19 recovery efforts. During the first two rounds of stimulus funding, Abbott decided how the money would be spent, which angered some legislators.

The special session comes just months before the 2022 primaries, with Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton and Comptroller Glenn Hegar all planning to seek re-election.

That raises the possibility of other topics being added the special session that could appeal to the governor's base, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Abbott has drawn one primary opponent, former state Sen. Don Huffines.

Mask mandates largely a thing of the past

Abbott last week issued an executive order banning all government and public entities from mandating the wearing of masks. The order went into effect May 21, except for public schools, which can require masks until June 4.

Local governments or officials can be fined up to \$1,000 for requiring the wearing of masks, although businesses can still require them. Most large retailers, such as Walmart, Costco and Target, announced they were ending mask requirements.

However, state-supported living centers, government owned or operated hospitals, state prison juvenile justice facilities and county and municipal jails are exempt from Abbott's order and can still require masks be worn.

A day in Texas with no COVID-19 deaths

For the first time since March 21, 2020, the state's Department of State Health Services on Sunday, May 16, said no deaths related to COVID-19 were reported.

The milestone was noted by Abbott and others, though celebrations were tempered at least among some, the Houston Chronicle reported. The hiatus was short-lived, however, as DSHS reported 23 new deaths the following day.

The number of Texans hospitalized who are COVID-19 patients is at its lowest level since last June, according to DSHS, with 2,070 cases that were lab confirmed as of Sunday.

The number of new cases in the past week in Texas, as reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, stood at 12,290, down 17.5 percent from the previous week and continuing the steady decline statewide. A total of 269 deaths were recorded statewide for the same time frame.

Meanwhile, the number of Texans who are fully vaccinated reached nearly 9.8 million.

Dream big...

Last week in the comedy of errors that goes along with owning newspapers, being part of a family and owning an 85-lb. behemoth of a Collie there were some toasty warm moments. The last 20 years of my career I taught journalism (along with psychology, sociology and dual credit U.S. History). Wait, that's wrong! I taught teenagers. Some hungry to learn, some with a killer work ethic, some, well, not as driven.

I heard from three of the driven ones last week. One, who had just graduated from the University of Houston's law school and already has been snatched up by a hot shot Houston firm, came for a visit.

Mason brought a graduation picture and an abstract of his Houston Law Review published work. This is a young man that will make the world a much better place.

Another former yearbook editor earned her doctorate in occupational therapy. She met the love of her life in our publication staff room. That happened with several of the kids I taught. With all those extra hours working on deadlines late at night romance tended to bloom. I am still waiting for some of those high school sweethearts to name their baby girl Suzanne.

I also was humbled to receive an invitation to the United States Coast Guard Air Station Houston Change of Command at Ellington Field. My 1997 high school newspaper editor, Ryan Matson honored me with an invitation. Sadly I am unable to attend because my sweetheart boss is going to be inducted as the Texas Press Association President at the same time and that is pretty special too.

Along with about 30 community leaders, Jim and I attended a meeting with Kilgore College President, Dr. Brenda Kays, last week. The meeting focused on how to motivate kids who have few dreams to dream big. You don't have to become a lawyer, or earn a doctorate,

Suzanne Bardwell



or be named the commander of an air station. You just have to work at finding your best self.

Life is an adventure filled with detours, magic and wonder around every corner. Life is also filled with tragedy, heartbreak and loss. What matters on both ends of that see-saw is how we respond to both. If you are flying high right now, good for you. Share your joy, dance a jig, hug your parents and say thank you when you can. If you are dragging in the mud, hang in there. It will get better. Those three superstars I told you about have climbed their own mountains to reach for their best selves.

There's a trick there through. You never reach that pinnacle. You just have to keep striving to become your best self and along the way some rather miraculous things will happen to you, and because of you. So grab that life map and start planning your journey. You may be at the beginning seeking, lost somewhere in the middle or looking at the end of the road. Wherever you are just remember, as long as you are breathing the journey continues and the adventure of being your best self never ends until you do. Then, if we have traveled the right road we may discover that best shiny best self was there all along, buried deep, driving the best decisions and hardest sacrifices we made on the journey.

Safe travels my friends, and always remember, "...all who wander are not lost" J.R.R. Tolkien.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Wrong Answer

Texas recently opted out of federal unemployment compensation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the \$300 weekly supplement. The reason often given is that there are as many job openings as there are Texans receiving benefits, with the implication being that people will now be more eager to enter the workforce.

This talking point seems thoroughly ensconced in our political rhetoric, and is unlikely to be dislodged. Nonetheless, it simplifies and obfuscates a much more complex issue. There are certainly some people choosing not to work at least partially because of the added benefits, but the limited available evidence

suggests that their numbers are relatively small.

Many job openings are indeed going unfilled. Recall, however, that there were widespread shortages before the pandemic. In early 2020 (pre-COVID), there were far more job openings in Texas than unemployed workers, despite the fact that 1.1 million undocumented people went to jobs every day. This situation reflects demographic patterns which haven't materially changed.

One inescapable aspect of this phenomenon is the aging of the baby boomers. We will be confronting a labor shortage throughout the decade and beyond, and reducing unemployment benefits won't alter this trend. There are also skills mismatches; the abilities of workers and the requirements of jobs are frequently not in sync. Additionally, some workers

continue to have safety concerns. With mask guidance still somewhat unclear and a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated people in most workplaces, it will take time for these concerns to abate. Evidence suggests that this issue is quite significant.

Another factor is the changing dynamics of many families, including remote school. Moreover, childcare is difficult to obtain and expensive. Employment in childcare remains below pre-pandemic levels and needs have escalated, suggesting that Texas requires additional capacity.

Beyond these constraints is the issue of affordability, which was a problem before the pandemic. A 2018 study found average costs in Texas of center-based care of \$1,080 per month for infants and \$690 for toddlers, while home-based childcare was \$840 for providers meeting

minimum requirements. Based on federal standards, childcare is considered affordable if it costs 7% or less of household income (\$437 based on median income for Texas). Quality varies across programs, with smaller class sizes and well-compensated teachers costing twice the average. In such circumstances, it is not surprising that staying home is often a better financial option. Correspondingly, those not reentering the workforce are disproportionately female.

The solutions will ultimately involve investments in education and training, more affordable and available childcare, sensible immigration reform, and other notable initiatives. Eliminating an essential source of relief for many individuals and families under unprecedented circumstances will pose additional challenges, while not dealing with the real problem. Stay safe!

What's Happening

Gladewater Bear Summer Athletic Camps 2021

Online registration at: www.gladewaterathleticbear.boosterclub Each camp costs \$25 per camper

June 2-3
Softball & Baseball camps
9 a.m. until noon
Grades 3-9

June 8-9
Bear Basketball Camp
8:30-10 a.m.—Grades 3-6
10:30 a.m.—noon—Grades 7-9

July 28-29
Lady Bear Volleyball Camp@GMS
8:30-10 a.m.—Grades 3-6
10:30 a.m.—noon—Grades 7-9

July 28-29
Gladewater Bear Football Camp@GHS
9 a.m.—noon
Grades 1-9

GISD Calendar

5/26, Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Senior Walk
10 a.m. GMS 6th grade awards
1:30 p.m. GMS 7th grade awards
Kindergarten Outdoor Activity Day
5/27, Thursday
8:05 GMS 8th grade awards
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
9 a.m. Graduation practice
Noon Convocation GHS
8 p.m. Graduation@Jack V. Murphy Stadium
5/31, Monday
Memorial Day
SUMMER SHCOOL
6/7-17@GMS
6/21-24-Summer Testing@GMS



eager to enter the workforce.



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IS BEING RELIGIOUS ENOUGH?

Many believe that if a person is honest, sincere, and religious, God will be pleased with them. But we need to understand that everything that is defined as religious is not the religion one reads of in the Bible. Also, I hasten to say, it is possible for a person to be honest, but honestly mistaken. It is possible also for a person to be sincere, but sincerely in error. Last, it is possible for a person to be religious, but religiously wrong! Saul of Tarsus (later became the apostle Paul) is the perfect example of the reality of those statements. He was honest, sincere, and religious, but he said while he was engaging in his campaign of persecution against Christians, he was "chief of sinners." (1 Tim. 1: 15).

How then, can an honest and sincere religious person be right with God? I call your attention to Col. 3: 17: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." It is certainly true that we are to "work" as well as "know" (Jas. 4: 17), "act" as well as "believe" (Jas. 2: 24), and "do" as well as "say." (Matt. 23: 3). You see, we will be judged by our words (what we say and teach), and by our deeds (what we do and practice), not just by what we know and believe. Hence, we must do everything in the name of the Lord i. e. by His authority. Thus, whatever we do is to be in honor of, or in submission to, or with respect to Jesus' authority, which is the meaning of the phrase "in the name of the Lord Jesus." Please remember Jesus' question: "But why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say?" (Lk. 6: 46). Think on these things.

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Union Grove
Softball All District
FIRST TEAM
Lainey Ledbetter - Pitcher
Mia Rust - Catcher
Sydney Chamberlain - Infield
Daytona Vaughn - Utility

SECOND TEAM
Jolea Robertson - Infield

HONORABLE MENTION
Gracie Winn
Paige Parman

ACADEMIC
Katelyn Vaughn
Jolea Robertson
Jocy Saurez
Emily Calhoun
Sydney Chamberlain
Mia Rust
Bailey Clowers
Gracie Winn
Emily Bible
Lainey Ledbetter
Addi Smith
Paige Parman



Sabine
Softball All District
FIRST TEAM
Bailey Barrett - Infield
Kyrianna Camacho - Infield

SECOND TEAM
Riley Lux - Infield
MaKenzie Cook - Infield
Kaleigh Carney - Outfield


HONORABLE MENTION
Callie Sparks
Lakyn Fortenberry
Koletta Galvan
Renatta Galvan

ACADEMIC
Callie Sparks
Koletta Galvan
Mercedes Willett
Riley Lux
MaKenzie Cook
Kyrianna Camacho
Amelia Miller
Kaleigh Carney
Bailey Barrett
Martie McAllister
Kathryn Dalby
Lakyn Fortenberry
Renatta Galvan




Union Grove
Baseball All District
Chad Halcumb
Coach of the Year
Sr Matthew Bower MVP
1st TEAM
Aubrey Woodard - Outfield
Hunter Cannon - Infield
Tyler Barkley - Infield
Colton Cowen - Utility Player
Cooper Vestal - Outfield
Cannon Cowen - Infield

2nd TEAM
Carter Smith - Catcher
Trevor Moore - Outfield
Conner Ellis - Outfield
Kenneth Johnson - DH



Union Grove's Chad Halcumb was named of the Year in District 19AA.


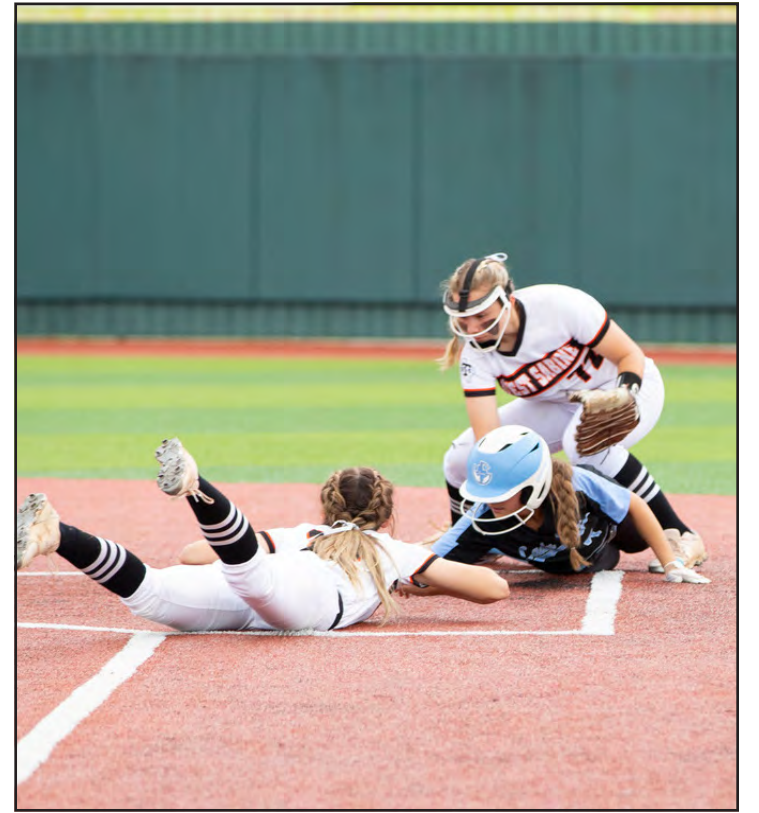


Union Grove Sr. Matthew Bower was named MVP of District 19AA.

Gladewater Baseball All District

2nd TEAM
Tanner Gothard - Pitcher
Zach Polanco - Catcher
Garrett Glenn - Infield

HONORABLE MENTION
Nathan Keller

Union Grove's Gracie Winn makes it safe to 2nd through a tough West Sabine defense. Photo by Chris Jones

Lady Lions' playoff quest ends

The Union Grove Lady Lions' record setting season came to an end Thursday night against the high powered West Sabine Lady Tigers. The Lady Tigers took game 2 in the best 2 out of 3 series 16-6 in the Regional Semifinal, having already taken game 1 on Tuesday. Lainey Ledbetter took the loss for Union Grove sharing the mound with Katelyn Vaughn. Sydney Chamberlain led the offense with 2 hits out of 3 at bats and a walk. Chamberlain scored 2 runs for UG. Jose Saurez made it in base twice with a hit and a walk, managing an RBI and 2 runs. After falling 1-0 after 2 innings, the Lady Lions took the lead in the top of the 3rd, scoring runs from Paige Parman, Chamberlain, and Saurez. West Sabine took back the lead in the bottom of the 3rd never to relinquish it again. The Lady Lions end the season at 21-8 under the first year of Coach Molly Mackey. Mackey's Lady Lions won the 19AA District Championship for the first time in school history. By reaching the Regional Semifinal (also a school first), the team has set a high bar. With no graduating seniors, the team should return next season at full strength and with high expectations.



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Kilgore College President Dr. Brenda Kays spoke to about 30 business, education and community leaders last Tuesday at the GISD Administration Building. Dr. Kays questioned those present on the perceived positives and negatives of Kilgore College. She also shared plans for expanding the college's partnership with Gladewater ISD. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

KC to open hub-center here

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military enlistment," GISD Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot said. "GISD welcomes this partnership with Kilgore College to offer direction and answers for students as they make plans and set goals for their future."

GISD Supt. Dr. Sedric Clark says that every GHS graduate needs a post-high school plan.

"Kilgore College recognizes that not everyone needs to go to college," Dr. Kays said. "Kids are just waiting for someone to tell them they don't fit, they don't belong. I will be fit to be tied before that happens. We have a place for every kid."

That focus on a 'place' will allow students from Gladewater, Union Grove and Big Sandy ISDs to choose from a familiar menu of academic dual credit courses, and, according to Dr. Lightfoot, "an impressive selection of workforce and career and technology dual credit courses as well."

The dual credit hub center will give students a head start on traditional college as well as work-force related college level programs.

"The center is the culmination of discussions that began 18 months ago and a vision we've had for almost four years," Dr.

Lightfoot said.

The center, which has not yet been officially named, will initially be housed at Gladewater High School, but the three districts are working together, according to Dr. Lightfoot, on options for acquiring a more permanent facility in Gladewater to accommodate projected growth.

Because Gladewater is in the Kilgore College taxing district, costs for students are approximately 40% below those of out-of-district students and well below that of other colleges and universities.

"We have a large group of kids who are trying to break the cycle of poverty," GMS Principal Chris Langford said. "Anything we can do to help them achieve that goal is a win for everybody."

When Dr. Kays asked the community group what the biggest barrier to students in attending Kilgore College classes, GISD Board President Jon Keller said that often GISD students don't understand the opportunities available for them. He pointed out that about 77% of GISD students qualify as economically disadvantaged but that thousands of dollars in scholarships go unused because students do not apply for them.

"Sometimes our kids have the inability to dream big," Dr. Clark said. "Often, there is no model for them. We are doing things now to enable them to dream big."

Floyd said that unfamiliarity is often a problem with students stepping out of their comfort zone.

"Our kids can see what their classmates are doing now, they can see that we can all go to college in some form," Floyd said.

GISD and Kilgore College are exploring a variety of ways in which they can reach more students to ensure they have a successful future after high school.

"Our school board and administration maintain a goal of ensuring that all students who graduate from Gladewater High School are prepared to take on the world and do whatever they choose to do," Dr. Lightfoot said. "With the creation of this dual credit center, we believe we are taking a huge step toward consistently meeting that goal."

(Editor's note: Dr. Lightfoot was unable to attend the meeting but was interviewed later for additional information on the programs.)

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Ordinance #0-21-03 amending City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §5.03.101-§5.03-150 - Solid Waste, and the associated fees regarding solid waste collection. Every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the maximum allowed by law. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication as required by law.

Copies of this ordinance may be obtained from Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gladewater City Council adopted the following ordinance May 20, 2021.

Ordinance #0-21-04 amending City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §9.09.040 - Swimming Regulations, §9.09.070 - Fishing Regulations, and §9.09.110 - General Regulations. Every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the maximum allowed by law. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication as required by law.

Copies of this ordinance may be obtained from Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Plan Update and the 2020-2024 Capital Fund Five Year Plan for the Housing Authority of the City of Gladewater, TX is available for review and comment at the Authority's management office located at 777 S. Tyler, Gladewater, TX during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, closed Noon to 12:30PM. A public meeting will be held at the Housing Authority of the City of Gladewater Texas, 777 S. Tyler St., Gladewater, TX at 1:00 PM on June 11, 2021.

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	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		806 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	0:56	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
	EMS	202102781	10:22	FUTURE NAILS AND TANNING	508 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202102782	10:38		705 E GEORGE RICHEY E GEORGE RICHEY
	EMS	202102783	13:13	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	202102784	13:21		1509 N DASHY N DASHY
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102786	16:38	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102787	16:45		S TYLER TYLER
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102788	17:14	NELSON PROPANE STORAGE	2115 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102789	18:28	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	202102790	18:31		702 W CLAIRE CLAIRE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102791	18:33	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE
5/18/21	RUNAWAY	202102792	1:57		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102793	2:40		305 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102794	5:21		305 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	202102795	5:56		309 EDDIE EDDIE
	EMS	202102796	6:08		1520 VESTA VESTA AVE
	EMS	202102797	7:24		2816 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	202102798	7:57	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102799	10:22		1515 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	EMS	202102800	11:13	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102801	11:52	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	202102803	14:25		503 W QUITMAN W QUITMAN
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102805	15:04	GREENWAY VILLAGE	GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	202102806	16:24		205 WALTON WALTON ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102807	16:31		501 CULVER CULVER ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102808	19:30		114 JEANETT JEANETT
	FIRE DEPT	202102809	21:44		510 GODFREY GODFREY ST
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102810	21:55		808 TENERY TENERY ST
	EMS	202102811	23:23		1515 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
5/19/21	ALARM/OTHER	202102813	3:22	TICO - Technical Installation Co., LLC	513 E PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102814	3:54		HWY 135 HWY 135
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102815	5:09		EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102817	6:41	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102818	7:10		1600 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102819	8:11	BLOCKS IN YOUR SOCKS DAYCARE	318 W QUITMAN QUITMAN ST
	EMS	202102820	8:34		1515 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	ASSIST	202102821	9:03		704 CLAIR CLAIR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102822	9:30	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102823	9:33		2122 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ASSIST	202102824	10:05	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	202102825	11:15	TEXAS HOLD'EM STORAGE	1609 N MAIN MAIN ST
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	EMS	202102830	15:26	FAMILY MART	805 N MAIN MAIN ST
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	EMS	202102834	21:15		702 W CLARE CLARE
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	MISCELLANEOUS	202102841	5:54		S MILLS MILLS
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	FIRE DEPT	202102843	8:36		801 N GARY GARY ST
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102845	10:42		802 MELBA MELBA AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202102846	11:44	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
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	THEFT	202102871	13:10		1301 E SHEPPARD E SHEPPARD
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	EMS	202102884	19:10	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	ASSIST	202102886	21:08		4993 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM RD
5/22/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102887	6:24		1001 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102888	7:26		206 JORDAN JORDAN
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	ALARM/OTHER	202102890	8:33		1398 W GAY W GAY
	TERROR THREAT	202102891	8:47	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102892	9:12	SONIC DRIVE-IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102894	13:52	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
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	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102896	15:18	GRAFF'S ANTIQUES	119 S MAIN MAIN ST
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	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102902	19:33		802 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102903	19:39	FAMILY DOLLAR	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102904	20:13		204 HICKORY HICKORY
	FALSE 9-1-1	202102905	20:50		2207 E HAROLD HAROLD
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202102906	20:55		801 N GARY GARY
	CREDIT/DEBIT ABUSE	202102907	21:34	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S FOOD MART)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	202102908	22:26		1543 DUNCAN DUNCAN RD



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One day after the Gladewater City Council gave the go-ahead to add Purple Martin housing at Lake Gladewater Park, volunteers has the units installed. And almost as soon as they were installed, Purple Martins found the new housing project and settled in. The project is designed to spread joy and light through a love of Purple Martins. The Cavity Nester Conservancy (CNC) chose the City of Gladewater as a 2021 project site. The lake colony will be a bird lovers destination for years to come. The CNC began as a hobby and a vision for Commander Mark Byrd, Lieutenant Colonel Tim Green, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Bud Lewis, Kathy Byrd, and Mrs Orijana Havizovic in 2009. CNC is a 501.c3 (Education and Research) nonprofit organization that promotes the outdoor lifestyle through education, wildlife conservation, and stewardship.



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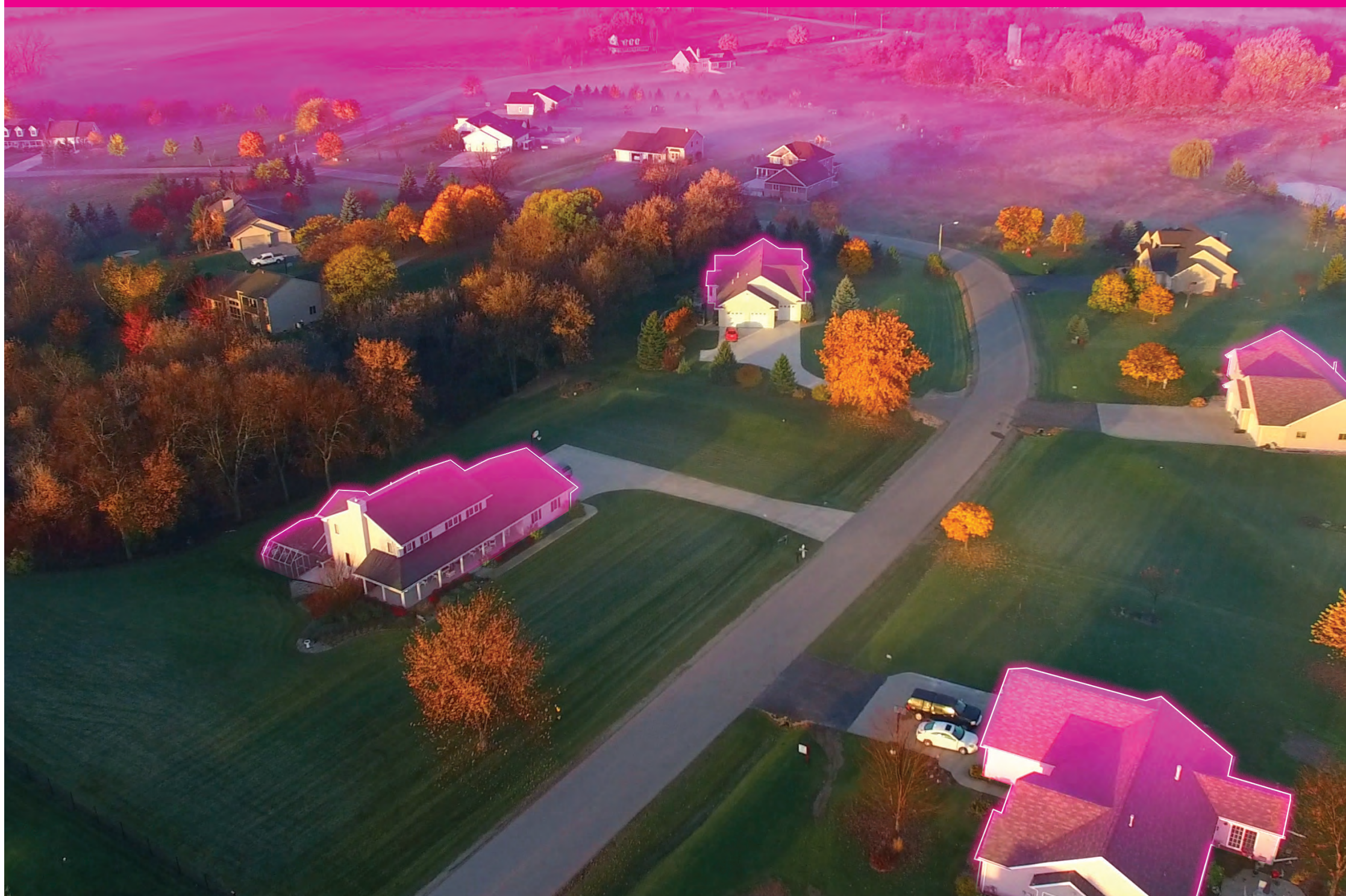
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