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No tax hike for 2021 and city employees will get 3% raises

GFD wants to start ambulance service

By Jim Bardwell

At last week's final budget workshop, the Gladewater City Council settled on keeping the current tax rate at \$0.751562 for fiscal year 2021-22 and approved a 3-percent raise for city employees.

City employees have not had a raise in three years and the city has lost many trained employees to neighboring cities over wages. The council hopes this will help the city retain quality employees.

Initially Gladewater City Manager Ricky presented a \$9,574,125 preliminary budget to the council for fiscal budget 2021-22. And the only way to fund those 2021-22 expenses would have required a 3-cent tax hike. Council members Scott Owens said Brandy Flanagan were vocal in their opposition to any tax increase.

Mayor JD Shipp then came up with a solution - including using some of the city's \$710,000 reserve funds to pay for many one-time purchases on the city's "wish list" and revamping of the city fire department. The revamping would call for going from a 13-man fully staffed crew to a 10-man crew (a chief, three captains and six firefighters) with more volunteers recruited to fill in where and when needed. The change will save the city over \$100,000 and will help provide other services to taxpayers, such as a much-needed animal control officer. The city was forced to cut out the animal control officer position a few years back during a budget crunch. And while the elimination of the position did save money, the decision has never set well with residents who continue to have problems with stray animals in the city limits.

With the cuts and using reserve funds, the new budget is \$6,831,883.

In an effort to save the fire department from future cuts, several firefighters developed a plan to create a city-owned ambulance service run by the fire department. Firefighter John Williams offered the presentation at Thursday's budget workshop and told the council a city-run ambulance service would much-needed generate revenue for the city and would provide residents with faster health care.

The council was told the current ambulance service, provided by Christus at no cost to the city, is not meeting nation standards of 13 minutes when it comes to response times. Williams said locally, the response is between 12 and 25 minutes. And the council was told the current ambulance was not always around when needed.

That gave some council members serious concerns, since they had been assured the ambulance service was providing good coverage.

The city manager said he had all the ambulance reports and he indicated he did not agree with the firefighter's assessment.

Williams said a city-owned ambulance service would require an initial capital outlay of about \$500,000 for two vehicles and six more staff members. Williams said the city could recoup its investment by being able to charge what other ambulances services charge - around \$1,875 per run. Williams said the city could potentially charge out about \$3.4 million annually. The council will study the proposal.

A public hearing on the budget will be held Aug. 19 at 6 p.m..



Winning first place in Saturday's Gusher Day Chili Cookoff sponsored by the Gladewater Mirror was David Trice of Hallsville, second place Jerry Hunt of Shreveport, Greg Lindsey of Houston placed third, Judy Russell of Shreveport placed fourth, Denoing Key of Tyler placed fifth, sixth place was Mandy Lindsey of Houston, seventh place went to Cherry Powell of Shreveport, eighth place Pat Anderton of Royce City, ninth place went to Sherry Burns of Point and tenth place went to Suzanne Sweet of Dallas. This was Trice's first win at the Gusher Days cook-off. The win put him over the top in points and punched his ticket to the World Champion Cook-Off in Terlingua, Texas.

Best of Show was Dr. Dave's Voodoo Stew/David Trice, second place was Lil' More Chili Greg Lindsey and third place Terlingua Star Suzanne Sweet. The champion bean cook was Larry Russell of Shreveport. The CASI sanctioned chili cookoff in Gladewater is one of many competitions that lead to the world champion cookoff in Terlingua, Texas in the fall.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Wrestler Tamaris Shepard takes a victory lap around the ring with a very excited fan picked from the crowd after defeating "The Hammer" Andy Brown in their noon wrestling match. Shepard is a member of the League of Lions Pro-Wrestling group. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



These two Brownie Bowl competitors appear to have had different reactions to the contest which was held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Gusher Days. There were enough kiddos for two age divisions but every kid who loves chocolate was a winner. Photo By Darla Ferguson



A vehicle, which had been reported stolen in February, was found in the Sabine River just east of the Highway 271 bridge in Gladewater. Gladewater Fire Department firefighters, Gladewater police officers, and Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden Nathan Skeen were on hand when a towing company pulled the vehicle out of the river Saturday afternoon. The vehicle appeared to be a black passenger car and no one was inside. Boaters who left a nearby launch ramp near the 271 bridge in Gladewater and traveled around a quarter mile down river spotted something jutting out of the water and called authorities. Photo by Christian Allen



Gladewater ISD sets budget/tax rate

By Suzanne Bardwell

The GISD 2021-22 budget has been set by school trustees following the recommendation of Chief Financial Officer Glenda Hickey. Maintenance & Operation is set at \$18,902,219 and \$1,768,490 in Interest & Sinking. The tax rate for M&O is set at \$1.0834 and for I&S at \$0.3663 for a total rate of \$1.447.

"The 2021-22 budget is a balanced budget," Supt. Dr. Sedric Clark said. "Through the approval of this budget, our Board of Trustees gives raises to all employees. Substitute teachers will also see a pay increase."

In Dr. Clark's state of the district report he said that with the approval of the budget the school board has the opportunity to employ the individuals selected by the campus principals and vetted by Chief Operating Officer Kim Chatman.

"Work is going on across the district to make sure that our students return to the best possible teachers, learning environments and programs," Dr. Clark said.

Hires included first grade teacher Christie Warner, first grade special

ed teacher Noellee Cole, fourth grade science/social studies teacher Collin Bunn, fifth grade science/social studies teacher Catherine Garland, fifth grade math Charlotte Jones, dyslexia teacher Sheree Griffin, GHS special ed/inclusion teacher Larita Hill and GHS asst. band director Joshlyn Marsh.

Board members approved a \$27,000 budget amendment to purchase band instruments as requested by GHS Band Director Jeff Smith. The board also approved a \$12,000 budget amendment for school resource officer salary.

The Board approved use of ESSER Funds to purchase a sufficient number of Chromebooks to complete the district's transition into a 1-to-1 district with each student having access to a Chromebook. In addition each classroom will be upgraded to include a BenQ interactive board to provide a significant technology upgrade for enhanced instructional delivery options. The district's wireless infrastructure will also be upgraded to better accommodate the upgrades in technology hardware and software.

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Winston Hill enters NFL Hall of Fame

Gladewater's Winston Hill, the man who blocked Joe Namath's blindside in Super Bowl III and was part of the line that helped Matt Snell run for 121 yards and a touchdown in the Super Bowl III upset over the Colts, was enshrined at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in a special ceremony held in May for nine inductees who are entering the Hall posthumously.

Hill was chosen as part of a special Centennial Slate in 2020, but the induction ceremony was canceled due to COVID-19. Hill will be honored during two separate events - the annual Enshrinement Week in August and the Centennial Celebration in September.

The Hall of Fame held a special ceremony in May to honor the inductees who are deceased and give them special recognition.

The Hill family had 10 members at the ceremony in Canton, Ohio. Heather Hill, Winston's daughter, said her father would use this honor to lift up those around him.

"More people have tried on his Super Bowl ring than any other ring in the world," Heather Hill said. "He would say, 'What are



you interested in? How can you be a champion in your life?' and he would motivate and inspire. If he was here and able to enjoy this moment, he would be thinking about and thrilled about the possibilities to use that platform to lift other people up and inspire other people to do their best in whatever they do."

Hill, who died in 2016 and played 14 seasons with the Jets from 1963-1976, was posthumously elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Continued on Page 3

OPINION/EDITORIAL

EDITORIAL

Volunteerism is what makes Gladewater strong

Gusher Days was a challenge after the 2020 pandemic cancellation and then a hard decision in 2021 when the pressure was still on to cancel. The Gusher Days Committee made the decision to move the event to July rather than cancel and they moved forward.

With a small handful of people, this group organized an event that saw 72 vendors, a CASI sanctioned chili cook-off with several world champions competing, two League of Lion Wrestling Shows, a Brownie Bowl for the kids and a car and motorcycle show that covered Commerce Street. Booshay's Restaurant provided several top notch live music acts throwing up their walls and sharing the talent with Gusher Day visitors.

Although the carnival provider pulled out literally at the last minute leaving the Gusher Days board in the lurch they adjusted. One board member, Michael Hines, owner of Scrubby Love was recovering from a heart procedure yet still worked long hours. Too long. He ended up back in the hospital, after his Gusher Day duties were finished. Many of those working the hardest were volunteers who have businesses, full-time jobs, and illnesses of their own, but this handful of people pulled off a successful Gusher Days once again.

Volunteers are needed. Volunteers who have the energy and the desire to help make the 37th Gusher Days festival next April as successful as possible. If you see a Gusher Day volunteer thank them for all the hard work because it truly is a handful of people putting this festival together for this community, an event that brings thousands of visitors to our hometown. And once they come, they come back, putting bucks in our stores' piggy banks and tax revenue in our city's coffers.

There are always a few folks quick to criticize every event that is held, often on social media. Maybe, your energy could be better spent volunteering. Find something that matters. Find something that makes Gladewater better. Call the Chamber of Commerce and ask how you can help promote your hometown.

Manna House community food ministry and the Clothes Closet desperately need workers. Volunteer at any of our Gladewater or Union Grove school campuses.

Mentors and tutors are needed for kids. Everyone can pick up litter, just do it. Join Friends of Lee Library, the Chamber, the Rotary or Lion's clubs. Join booster clubs. Ask what you can do. Just ask. Then just do it. You may find that you can make this corner of the world a pretty great place to be.

...rescues & love

King the Wonder Dog sleeps the sleep of the innocent even though I know better. Nothing can wake this 85 lb. Rough Collie up. Nothing. Unless it is a cat silently walking the rail of our porch, or the jangle of car keys. That big boy doesn't want to miss out.

Kingster has the separation anxiety of a 2-year old. He gets absolutely undone when he is left at home. He hits the window barking. We interpret that hoarse bark as: "come back! You can't leave me like this!" "I can't survive without you!" Or the worst, "you may never come back for me and I will be alone".

When we do come back there is joy beyond counting. That's the thing about dogs. They love us unconditionally. They love us deeply. They love us passionately. Their bodies large or small shake with joy when they see their master coming in the door.

All of our dogs except one have been rescues. Even gorgeous King. He was four or five when we got him and he was in his third or fourth home. And that hoarse bark? Well, that is the result of a previous owner having his vocal chords cut. I can't imagine what this dog bred for show, who turned out to be too big to compete, has gone through.

Yes siree, King is big and I do mean B-I-G big. But he is well-behaved (for the most part), well trained and gorgeous. He came with his name which fits his regal looks. But frankly he should have been named Rowdy or Laddie. I call him Cowboy. Jim calls him a host of sweet silly names. It's a wonder that boy knows what

to answer to.

King the Wonder Dog has a toy box at home and at work. He is a pretty laid back dog until he wants to play. Then it is Katy bar the door. You better get ready for some squeaky toy noise, a game of keep away and a lot of slobber. He will turn the box over. Study the spilled toys carefully and choose a favorite. Generally the one with the loudest squeaker or the torn up frisbee with a gazillion tooth marks.

That 85 lb. pup with the exuberance of a toddler wants Jim and me to throw the toy back and forth to each other while he tries to snag it in mid-air. When he does, we clap and tell him how smart he is. It is his favorite game.

You non-dog people are shaking your heads right now. You don't get it. I am telling you, you don't know what you



Suzanne Bardwell

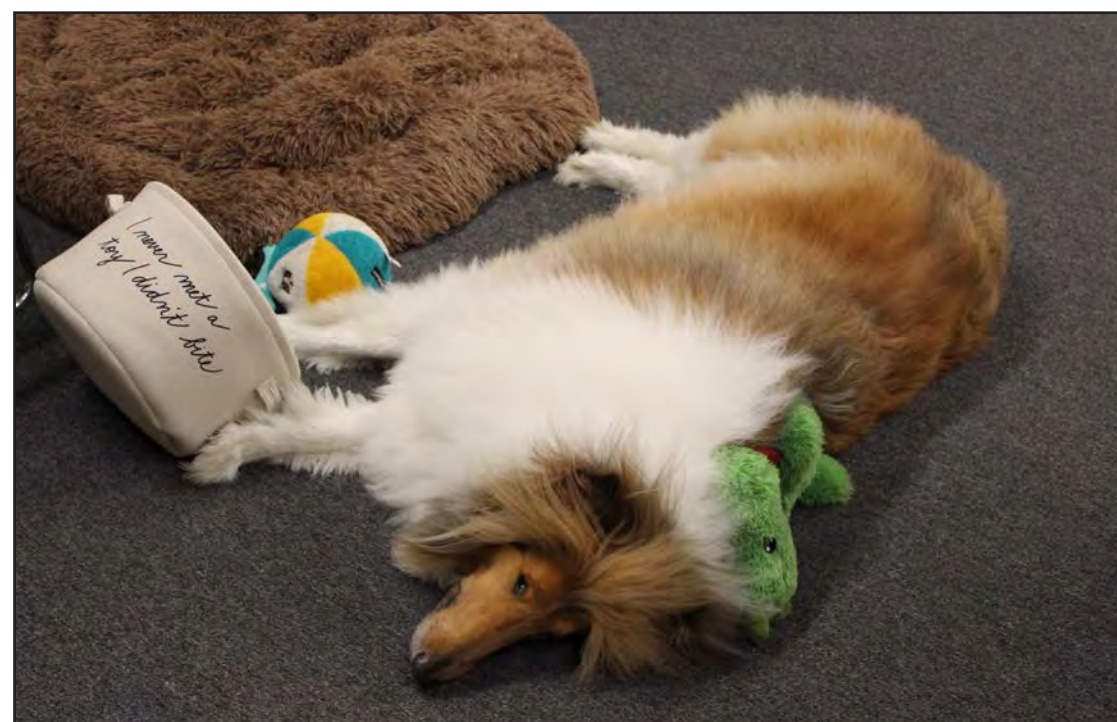
are missing. A dog will love you in a way that no one or nothing else can, except for the One who created you. A dog who has been rescued knows it and will love you in a way that defies explanation. A dog's love runs the edge of the divine.

You know all of us were 'bred for show' to be the best 'us' we could be, but for whatever reason, most of us don't live up to our full potential. Most of us have been mistreated at some point, kicked around or rejected as 'not good enough'. Nearly all of us need rescuing in one way or another. And all of us are scarred

and scared at different points in our lives.

Dogs can teach us a great deal about love and healing, about life and about ourselves. Sometimes they teach us more. At least the dogs I have known and loved certainly have.

I look up and I see God. I look down and I see my dog. The love I get from both directions makes life so much easier to handle, so much more joyful. That unconditional love from above and below goes a long way to rescuing my soul. There must be a reason the letters in their names are the same.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

June saw a strong acceleration in the pace of recovery in the job market. Total nonfarm payroll employment in the US rose by 850,000 according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and more than 1.7 million jobs have been gained in the last three months. Since the worst of the decline in April 2020, US employment has risen by 15.6 million. Nonetheless, it remains 6.8 million (4.4%) below the peak in February 2020.

A major driver of hiring has been the reopening of restaurants, bars, and entertainment venues and the resumption of travel. Employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 343,000, with more than half of the gain in food services and drinking places (194,000). Accommodations jobs were up 75,000; arts, entertainment, and recreation added 74,000. The recent recovery has occurred very rapidly and efficiently. However,

some restrictions remain in various areas, and employment in leisure and hospitality is still down 2.2 million from pre-pandemic levels.

Even with the strong uptick, both the unemployment rate (5.9%) and the number of unemployed persons (9.5 million) held fairly steady. This fact isn't, however, a cause for major concern. Instead, it reflects the effects of an increase in the labor force as people are being encouraged to jump back into the market. The number of people indicating they couldn't look for work due to the pandemic dropped from 2.5 million in May to 1.6 million in June. Weekly initial claims for unemployment have also plummeted in recent months and are rapidly outpaced by hiring. Both the rate and number of people unemployed are well below highs reached last spring, though they're substantially above rates prior to COVID-19 (3.5% and 5.7 million).

Moreover, as business picks up, workers are transitioning back to full-time hours. The number of persons employed

part time for economic reasons (meaning they'd rather have a full-time job) decreased by 644,000 to 4.6 million. Wages are also rising as companies compete for employees.

The not so good news is that about 42% (4.0 million people) of the total unemployed have been out of work for 27 weeks or more. That's not surprising given the severity of the downturn, but long-term unemployment is often devastating to individual and household finances. Simultaneously, labor shortages are worsening in some industries, which could somewhat diminish future growth.

As I stated last March, this recession was not caused by a structural problem (the normal case). Consequently, the economy could not fully recover until we conquered the virus but could surge quickly thereafter. We are now seeing that pattern unfold. Assuming we avoid spikes in severe cases, there is every reason to expect growth to continue (although the pace will likely be uneven). Bring on the jobs! Stay safe!!



Letter to the Editor

Former Louisiana Gov. Edwards death-- a pen-pal and colorful friend

I was sad to read in the news the death of 93 year old, former Louisiana Governor, Edwin Washington Edwards or "E.W.E." as he was known by with close friends. I first heard of Gov. Edwin Edwards in my younger days in Rose Hill, Kansas. Few people know names of State Governors other than their own. However Gov. Edwards was a nationally-known figure. He had a quick wit and had charisma. He seemed to know everybody from John F. Kennedy to movie stars to musicians. I'm not saying Gov. Edwards was an angel, he wasn't. He served prison time in Ft. Worth and I decided to write him a letter

on a lark. Edwards wrote me back. What is interesting is when he saw I was at Longview, he said he remembered the town of Gladewater, Texas, for a restaurant he ate at. Since I am not into foods, I didn't ask him which restaurant. Gov Edwards married a lady 51 years younger and they had a son together when he was age 86. Edwards wasn't a "perfect" Governor; yet he made politics interesting, intriguing and even fun, without being mean-spirited. "E.W.E." will be missed.

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SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR

Os Guinness said: "The trouble is that as modern people, we have too much to live with and too little to live for. Some feel they have time but not enough money, others feel they have enough money but not enough time. But, for most, in the midst of material plenty, we have spiritual poverty." How true that is. So many people have little meaningful purpose in life!

Purpose can guide life decisions, influence behavior, shape goals, offer a sense of direction, and give meaning to life. Of course, atheists can find no lasting purpose in life. They think all human life is a mere accident of nature that eventually ends in oblivion. They don't know where they came from, why they are here, and where they are going. For example, a young woman was called "The smartest person on the planet." She had successfully taken a variety of college entrance exams without missing a single question. She was asked by a reporter, "What is the purpose of life?" Her answer reflected the struggle of many: "I don't have a clue!"

Christians know better. They understand and believe that God is, and the Bible is His message to mankind, that He loves us, and eternal salvation is possible through Jesus Christ His Son. That gives life real meaning and purpose. Life apart from God is void of real meaning and purpose, and is full of disappointment. Thus, a life with no purpose and no hope really has nothing to live for, and remains meaningless if one does not include God.

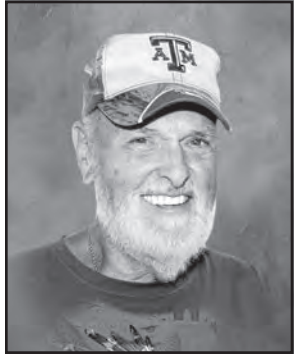
After Solomon searched for the purpose of life, his conclusion, after all had been heard was: *Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.* (Eccl. 12: 13). Therefore, whether or not a Christian has much to "live with," real Christians have something that lasts to "live for"! They have the hope of eternity with God, and that gives real purpose to their lives. Think on these things. Judgment is coming.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES PRESTON SMITH

James Preston Smith, 84, of Gladewater, was born April 7, 1937, to Wes and Lena Lucille McKellar Smith and passed from this life July 5, 2021, surrounded by his family. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 10, 2021, at McWhorter Funeral Home Chapel with James Ritter, John Andrews, and Lisa Martin, officiating. The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm prior to the service.



James married Paula Ann Jones, June 4, 1971, in Marshall, Texas. He acquired his RN, BSN, and MBA and retired after 46 years. He was a past Worshipful Master of Gladewater Lodge #852 AF&AM. Later he served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. James was a Shriner, Potentate in 1994 Shrine Temple in Tyler and later became the Grand Commander of the York Rite Grand Commandery of Texas from 2003-2004. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite of Waco, Texas. James was a member of Pritchett Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Paula Smith; daughters, Dena Mayfield and her husband, Ricky, Mary Ann Tant and her husband, Chuck, and Sandra Thur and her husband, Marc; son in law, Bennie Richardson; sister, Martha Dell Smith; brother, Neal Griffin; and by 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kelly Richardson; and by his brothers, Larry Smith and Sonny Womble.

Please visit James' on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

RUTH NELL WILCOXEN WILKS

Ruth Nell Wilcoxen Wilks, 86, passed away on July 4, 2021. She was born near Wharton, TX on March 30, 1935 to Ivy and Arthur John Wilcoxen. She lived in Tomball from 1937 to 1949 at which time the family moved to Gladewater. Ruth graduated from Gladewater High School in 1953 and from Kilgore College in 1955. She received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Education degree from Stephen F. Austin University. After teaching one year at Carr Junior High in Orange, she began a long career as a English teacher at Hawkins High School, retiring after 33 years in the classroom.

In 1959, she and Donald Wilks were married. Donald precedes her in death on March 17, 2012. In 2014, Ruth moved to Kingsport, TN to be near family. Mrs. Wilks was a member of the Hawkins Study Club, Gladewater Music Club, Tuesday Bible Study Club, Wood County Retired School Personnel Association, and Texas Retired Teacher Association. She was a member of the Martha Sandy School Class for over 50 years and First Baptist Church, Gladewater. For the last few years, she held membership in Calvary Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald Wilks; two brothers, Donald Wilcoxen and wife Syble and Buddy Wilcoxen; nephew, Donald Wilcoxen, Jr.; sister-in-law, Ellen Wilks; and brother-in-law, Joe McGill.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Laura and James Karnes; granddaughters, Kimberly and husband Dustin Faucher, and Kelly Karnes; great-grandson, Cooper Dale Faucher; sister-in-law, Sandra McGill; brothers-in-law, Bob Wilks and Gerald Wilks; and several nieces, nephews, and a number of cousins.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 9, 2021, at Lakeview Funeral Home. Visitation was held prior to the service. Entombment will be in the Mausoleum of Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kelley McGill, Steven Wilks, David Wilcoxen, Dan Kirk, Gerald Roe, Joe Paul McDougold, Dwayne Hickey, Edwina Wilks, and Shannon Wilks.

Online condolences may be made to the Wilks family at www.lakeviewfh.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lakeview Funeral Home.



Winston Hill enters NFL Hall of Fame

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of Fame in 2020. The coronavirus pandemic cancelled last year's ceremony. Hill was originally drafted in the 11th round by the NFL's Baltimore Colts in 1963, but signed with the AFL's Jets as a free agent. He went on to become one of the longest-tenured Jets of all time. Hill played the fifth-most games in franchise history and started every game for the Jets from 1964-1975, during which he earned eight Pro Bowl nods. Hill finished his career with the Rams in 1977. Hill was chosen to play in four AFL All-Star Games and four Pro Bowls. He was honored in 1970 with selection to the AFL's all-time second team. Jets owner Woody Johnson called Hill "one of the Jets' all-time greats."

NFL legendary quarterback Joe Namath said as good a player as Hill was, he was a better person. "Everyone Winston dealt with he made feel like the most important player or person at that time in his life," Namath said. "I saw the way he treated other people everywhere. He was wonderful."

"I really believe this — a finer man never walked the Earth. He was such an honest, straightforward man. He cared for people."

His father, Garfield Hill, was principal at Weldon High School in Gladewater where Hill played prior to integration. Not only did Winston Hill excel on the gridiron for Weldon, he was also an accomplished tennis player. It was said his prowess on the tennis court helped with his footwork and quickness on the football field.

After retiring from football, Hill opened a barbecue and ribs restaurant in Centennial, Colorado.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Blood drive set for Friday in Gilmer

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will conduct a "Gilmer Community Blood Drive" on the downtown Gilmer square Friday.

Its unit will be at 110 Buffalo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors will be offered a voucher to "buy one, get one free" for tickets to a Texas Rangers major league baseball game.

For more information, contact Julie York at the Upshur County AgriLife Extension office at 903-680-8128 or Carter at 800-366-2834. Carter will also hold a blood drive at Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative in Gilmer July 26.

Magic show on tap

Johnny Magic, an illusionist, will present "America's Great Touring Magic Show" in Gilmer Saturday night to raise funds for that city's Summer Youth Program, which is to resume next year after being idle this summer.

Doors open at the Gilmer Civic Center at 6 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m. A single \$10 ticket, available in advance or at the door, admits all family members in a household.

Magic, a Big Sandy area resident, performs throughout the nation, including at Six Flags amusement parks and in Branson, Mo., said summer youth program spokeswoman Amorette Burch. She encouraged families to attend the show.

Burch said the youth program is not being held this year because the Gilmer ISD cafeteria, which has provided breakfast and lunch for it for 32 years, could not do so, and because the program could not find workers.

Burch's mother, Myra Ritter, directs the program, which Burch said will provide several activities next summer. They include crafts, games, organized activities, a birthday group party on the same day for all youngsters in the program, a summer Christmas party, Olympic-type contests and planting seeds to grow plants to take home.

Advance tickets are available at Clients First Insurance, 111 E. Marshall; the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce, 106 Buffalo; and Mercantile on the Square, 106 Davis, all on the downtown square.

For more information call Burch at 903-227-1749.

Storytime held each Thursday

Two books will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday.

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, and "Clara Caterpillar" by Pamela Duncan Edwards, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn.

A craft will follow each Storytime, she added. The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.) The events are free to the public, but children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.youseemore.com/upshur.



Gladewater High School FFA members Adasyn Williams and Lyndsey Robertson earned the highest degree, the Lone Star, that the state FFA Association awards. Courtesy Photo

FBC Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Gladewater will host vacation Bible School July 19-23 with the theme of "Destination Dig". The VBS will run from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each night with dinner provided. The event is free and open to children ages four years through sixth grade. Family night is Friday, July 23 with parents and family members invited to attend. First Baptist Church is located at 300 W. Upshur Ave. To register go online to www.fbcgladewater.org.

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The board also approved an incentive compensation for teachers who effectively move students back to appropriate grade level achievement and beyond. District raises across the board will approach a minimum of 2% according to Dr. Clark. The fund will also provide for transportation costs associated with transporting students to and from accelerated learning opportunities outside of normal school hours.

The addition of classroom space at Gladewater Primary School in the form of a high-quality auxiliary building to reduce class size for students in the pre-Kindergarten program, as well as supplies, contracted services and payroll expenses as deemed necessary to accelerate student learning and improve the quality of instruction provided by the district to its students are all a part of this special fund use.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund addresses the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Texas received \$1.3 billion in ESSER I Funding, an additional \$5.5 billion in ESSER II and \$12.4 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds (also referred to as ESSER III).

Because of disruptions in instruction during the pandemic it is projected that it will take years to remediate the problems nationally. The funds target combating learning loss through summer school, before/after school and Saturdays, intensive intervention and remediation, professional development, planning time, instructional coaches and wrap around services that includes counselors, improving HVAC systems, buses, construction costs, nutrition and more.

GISD will receive \$4,223,486 in ESSER 3 funds and may use two-thirds, or about \$2,800,000 now in addressing the 2021-22 budget.

Asst. Supt. of Instruction and Curriculum Dr. Cliff Lightfoot reported on preliminary STAAR testing scores that had dropped significantly in reading and math in third through sixth grades. The high school end of course performance actually improved in three areas over 2019. The summer scores have yet to be compiled and reported by the state. ESSER funds will be used to target the pandemic learning deficits.

Resignations received at the last board meeting included pre-K teacher Lesa Sanders-Kinsey, second grade teacher Kelly Carr, fifth grade science teacher Charlene Beth Eaton, third grade teacher Sherrell Robinson, special education teacher Misty Meza and dyslexia teacher Amy Wingfield.

Upshur commissioners eye pay raises

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Thursday will consider setting salaries for virtually all elected county officials, including precinct officials like county commissioners and constables, and possibly act on changing the overall proposed county budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Those are two of nine items, counting such matters as the invocation and adjournment, on the agenda for the 10 a.m. public meeting on the third floor of the Upshur County Courthouse.

The five-member court recently unanimously voted to propose either a pay raise, or an increase in the county's retirement match, for elected officials and all county workers.

The court proposed a \$1,200 pay raise, or increasing the county's retirement match from 1 to 1 to 1.5 to 1, said County Auditor Connie Williams. Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson has said he won't accept a pay raise, however, and Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller has said he doesn't want it.

The potential hike would apply to all elected officials except District Attorney Billy Byrd and 115th District Judge Dean Fowler since they are state employees, said Williams. However, the

employees in their offices would receive any increase, she noted.

The county budget itself, though, is not final until the court holds a late August public hearing on it and adopts it in September. It goes into effect Oct. 1, meaning any hikes in pay or benefits would not occur before then.

Despite the potential raises, County Judge Todd Tefteller and Williams have said the court is not considering raising the current property tax rate of 61.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

In other business Thursday, the court will consider hiring eight temporary employees for the Road and Bridge Department with funding from the federal American Rescue Plan grant which ends Dec. 31, 2024.

Also Thursday, the court is to consider appointing County Tax Assessor-Collector Luana Howell to calculate what the tax rate would be to raise no more revenue than the county did during the current fiscal year.

She would also be instructed to determine what tax rate would require voter approval, submit tax calculation forms to the Upshur County Appraisal District, and post information on the county website as the state tax code requires.

In other action Thursday, the court will:

--Hear Gloria McLuckie, executive director of the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce, concerning three planned activities. The court will consider approving her requests to include installing Christmas lights on the courthouse square, use county property for a Nov. 11 "art walk," and use county property for a Aug. 16, 2022 Easter egg hunt.

--Consider recording Williams' certification of receiving more than \$4 million additional revenue

from the federal government for the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds, as established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The county received the funds after its fiscal year began, and the court will consider adopting a special budget for them.

--Consider several generally routine items which are sub-grouped under one item on the agenda. They range from approving the payroll and paying bills to accepting various documents for recording.



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Texas Legislature returns for special session

The Texas Legislature convened in special session last Thursday and GOP legislators introduced a fresh set of voting bills after Democrats blocked an earlier attempt during the regular session by walking out in May, preventing a quorum.

HB3 and SB 1 don't include some of the more controversial measures that were in the previous bill, such as restricting voting on Sundays. KUT.org reported the new bills include new ID requirements for people voting by mail and banning local election officials from sending vote-by-mail applications that have not been requested by the applicant.

The measures, still largely opposed by Democrats and voting rights groups, also ban drive-through voting and extended hours during early voting. Those backing the new bills say those extended hours encourage voter fraud, though there is no evidence of widespread fraud during the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers are pushing for a full House floor vote this week.

Gov. Greg Abbott announced the topics to be considered during the special session the day before it opened. Besides the voting bills, they include:

- Bail reform to "protect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail."
- Border security with increased funding to support law-enforcement agencies and counties.
- Social media censorship legislation to protect social-media users from being silenced by social media companies based on their



viewpoints.

- Restoring funding to the Legislature and legislative agencies that was vetoed by Abbott after the walkout.
- Family violence prevention legislation to provide funding for education to middle school and high school students about dating violence, domestic violence and child abuses. Parents would have the right to opt their children out of such programs.
- Youth sports measures to revive legislation passed by the Senate that bans transgender students from participating in UIL athletic competitions "designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth."
- Abortion-inducing drugs legislation that would prohibit providing such drugs by mail or delivery service.
- Thirteenth Check legislation to allow a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- Bills targeting "critical race theory" and restricting how current events and the country's history of racism is taught in Texas public schools.
- Appropriation bills targeting property-tax relief, protecting

children in the state's foster-care system and safeguarding the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

PUC ordered to improve electric reliability

Abbott also last week directed the Public Utility Commission to make major changes "to ensure the reliability of the Texas power grid," the Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported.

Abbott asked the PUC, which oversees the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, to improve maintenance on power plants and speed development of some transmission projects.

"The objective of these directives is to ensure that all Texans have access to reliable, safe, and affordable power," Abbott wrote in a letter released last Tuesday.

In response, PUC chairman Peter Lake in a letter to Abbott expressed "wholehearted agreement with its contents." Besides the widespread blackout during the mid-February storm, a heat wave in June prompted ERCOT, which maintains the state's electric grid, to urge Texans to conserve electricity as usage approached peak capacity.

\$4.1 billion more in school stimulus funds

Texas will receive another \$4.1 billion in federal stimulus funding for its public schools, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The U.S. Department of Education announced last week that it had approved the state's plans for spending \$12.4 billion that was allocated to the state. According to the Express-News, the top priority for the Texas Education Agency is bolstering the mental and emotional health needs of Texas students by expanding tutoring and other methods.

TEA estimates Texas students lost 5.7 months of learning during the pandemic school year.

"The approval of these plans enables states to receive vital, additional American Rescue Plan funds to quickly and safely reopen schools for full-time, in-person learning; meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and address disparities in access to educational opportunity that were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a news release.

Number of COVID-19 cases in state rises

At 12,426, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas increased 18% in the past week when compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of new deaths in the past week dropped slightly to 151. Hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in the state were on the rise, with 1,927 currently in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated crossed the 12 million mark this week, DSHS reported. The rate of vaccinations in the state has slowed significantly in recent weeks, despite troubling reports of the spread of the delta variant of COVID-19.

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Game Warden Field Notes ...

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.



Kids Say the Darndest Things

A Polk County game warden received a call from county dispatch regarding a father and his 9-year-old son who had gotten stuck in their buggy deep in a deer lease. They attempted to walk back to their camp and got lost in the process. County dispatch was able to ping their location within a three-mile radius. Once in the area, the warden was able to follow the tracks to the father and son. Dad commented to the son, "Yeah, might be bad luck being the second time we've been stuck together," as the son responds, "but each time, dad, you were driving." The warden responded, "you're a smart kid," and presented him with a Texas Game Warden badge.

Seedy Situation

Cargo was being inspected at a Dallas-Fort Worth Airport by Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialists and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Inspectors when they came across packages containing what they claimed to be steel nippers. The package didn't have the expected weight and was opened for inspection. Inside the box was numerous bags of vegetable seeds and dried shrimp. A package contained Ipomoea Aquatica seeds (water spinach), which is a harmful aquatic species in Texas. A second package claimed to be shirts. Wrapped inside the clothing was a bag that also contained Ipomoea Aquatica seeds. It is illegal to import or possess seeds in Texas. The cases were referred to a Tarrant County game warden and the packages were seized as evidence. The individuals who imported the products were issued citations. The cases are pending.

Swift Water Rescue

A Terrell County game warden responded to a call from the sheriff's office when a local rancher was caught in a flash flood. His truck had died and was starting to move downstream from the rising water reaching the hood of his truck. It was dark and there were no lights to light his way to safety, so he called 911 for help. The warden responded along with a deputy and volunteers. Armed with swift water personal floatation devices (PFD), a throw bag, and rope they were able to make their way to the truck and extract the rancher to safety while being mindful of fencing downstream that could trap anyone who may lose their footing in the rushing water. Everyone went home safely that night.

Cue the Mutombo Finger Wag

Two Jefferson County game wardens were patrolling Taylor's Bayou when they saw a man in a shallow-drive mud boat quickly approaching them

in the narrow bayou. The wardens motioned for the subject to slow down and he shook his finger at them. The wardens were able to position their patrol boat beside the subject and get his full attention, forcing him to come to a stop. The subject claimed he didn't understand they asked him to stop. After checking his safety equipment, the wardens initiated an investigation after noticing signs of intoxication. The warden placed the subject under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and booked him into the Jefferson County Jail. The subject consented to a voluntary blood draw. Case is pending.

Early Bird Gets the Ticket

Galveston County Game Wardens were patrolling Galveston Bay and East Bay and saw several shrimp boats maneuvering in a manner consistent with shrimping. One vessel had nets and doors in the water. When asked to retrieve the net, it revealed cod. Several vessels were cited for shrimping before legal hours. Cases are pending.

Four-Wheeler of Misfortune

While patrolling Twin Buttes Public Lands in Tom Green County, a local game warden made contact with several individuals riding all-terrain vehicles. Some of the individuals were unable to produce a limited public use permit, as required to access the public lands. The warden decided to check if some of the ATVs were stolen and discovered one individual was in possession of a stolen four-wheeler from a nearby city. The case was turned over to the originating jurisdiction for investigation.

Don't I Know You?

A Montgomery County game warden received a call from a local deer camp lessee who said he was texted photos of a truck entering the property without consent. While responding to the location, the warden provided sheriff's deputies with the location of the lease and the layout of the property. The deputies walked into the property, due to heavy rains and the lack of 4X4 vehicles. They apprehended a suspect, who entered the camp illegally and was filling bags with hunting equipment. The warden arrived and aided in getting the suspect, the suspect's vehicle, and the officers out of the property. The warden had previously arrested the suspect for theft of property and stealing an ATV and other property from a nearby deer lease in 2017. The suspect was charged with burglary of a habitation and had a parole violation warrant for the earlier charge.

City hosts public hearing on demolition

A public hearing regarding the demolition of various structures around the city will be held Thursday at the monthly Gladewater City Council meeting, held at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The properties in question are located at 412 Johnson, 1107 N. Rodeo, 506 Jeanette, 1008 E. Broadway and 611 Clearview.

The city has been tearing down abandoned houses and clearing overgrown lots for several years

in an effort to clean up the city. The city pays for the demolition, then places a lien on the property so it can be reimbursed when the property is sold.

In other business on the Thursday agenda, the council will consider a Texas Department of Transportation Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program Grant Agreement, consider a financial auditing service, and consider granting a lien forgiveness at

1000 N. Culver Street.

The council is scheduled to go into executive session to discuss downtown property owned by the Union Pacific. The city has been leasing land along the railroad tracks for many years. Recently the Union Pacific wanted to renew the lease with the city, but at a significant increase. Instead of leasing at a higher price, the city is looking at possibly buying the property.

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Rabies' warning signs in Cattle

Rabies is usually associated with dogs or bats, but it also can develop insidiously in a variety of mammals. Rabies in livestock, such as cattle, may be rare, but its ability to spread through the herd still poses a serious risk.

Recently, rabies in cattle has been increasing in Texas; cases this year have already exceeded cases in 2020, during which twice as many cases were reported than in 2019. As a result, state authorities are recommending cattle owners take extra precautions when handling animals that appear ill.

Pam Douglas, the infection control coordinator at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, shares her insights on the rabies virus and its potential impact on cattle.

"Rabies can occur in all warm-blooded animals and is almost always fatal," Douglas said. "Rabies is caused by a virus that affects the nervous system and is transmitted by the saliva of an infected animal, usually via a bite or by saliva coming in contact with mucous membranes (eyes, nose, or mouth) or an opening in the skin. Rabies is uncommon in cattle but there can be some instances when cases in nearby wildlife increase because there are more opportunities for exposure."

Infected animals exhibit a few common behavioral patterns owners can watch out for in their herds.

"Anorexia, itching, impaired coordination, lameness, hypersalivation, the appearance of choking, and bellowing are some of the signs of rabies in cattle," Douglas said.

Affected animals may also exhibit aggressive behavior, muscle spasms, convulsions, and anxiety.

Considering the serious nature of this disease and the difficulty of treating it, prevention should be the key focus for owners. Rabies



vaccinations are strongly recommended for any animal or human at risk of contracting the disease, as rabies exposure transgresses to humans as well, almost always causing death once people begin showing symptoms.

If owners are exposed to the saliva of an infected animal, Douglas suggests washing the contaminated area with soap and water as soon as possible, especially if the saliva came in contact with an open wound.

"People tend to be exposed because they try to assist an animal that appears to be choking because it cannot swallow," Douglas said. "If you are bitten or if saliva contacts your mucous membranes, flush with soap and clean water and consult your healthcare provider."

The consequences of rabies can be grim; however, is that the disease is easily prevented with yearly vaccines.

If rabies is suspected in your livestock, working with your local veterinarian and state health authorities is imperative in containing the outbreak from further spreading.

With the right precautions, owners can reduce rabies and create a healthier reality for our animals.

AgriLife offers online 'Preserving Your Harvest' series in August

With more people venturing into growing their own food after the 2020 pandemic, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering new home gardeners a three-part series of online classes in August on how to preserve their food beyond the harvest.

Preserving vegetables is demonstrated by two jars of canned black-eyed peas with some raw peas beside it still in the hull and a cookbook partially showing. Black-eyed peas are one of the items discussed during the Preserving Your Harvest class. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

The Preserving Your Harvest Online Canning Classes will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 9, Aug. 10 and Aug. 12. Those interested in attending should preregister at <https://preservingyourharvest.eventbrite.com>. The fee is \$15 for all three classes, with an additional \$2.55 Eventbrite fee.

"We were excited last year when we first offered this course to have 80 people attend, and we expect even more this year," said Felice Acker, AgriLife Extension family and community health agent, Castro County. "This way of preserving your food was almost a lost art, and we want to make sure everyone new to the process knows how to do so properly."

The class schedule and topics are:
Aug. 9 – Introduction to canning – the why and how to can produce. This session will cover the science and safety and equipment used.

Aug. 10 – Water bath basics. This will be a discussion on what foods are safe and basic steps, with videos showing how to water bath jam/jelly, salsa and pickles.

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(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a Policy Board meeting on Wednesday, July 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, to consider approval of an amendment to the FY 2020 & FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), an amendment to the FY 2021 - FY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the adoption of the FY 2022 & FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The TIP is a plan, which identifies federally funded highways, bridges, bicycle & pedestrian projects, and Longview Transit public transportation projects to be constructed or implemented in the next four years. The UPWP outlines transportation planning activities that will be accomplished by the MPO for the upcoming two years. The public is invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook Live, on CityView Municipal TV at LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and on Longview Cable TV, Channel 10.1 or 215. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. Comments and questions regarding the TIP and UPWP may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. The TIP and UPWP will be available for review online, after the meeting, at LongviewTexas.gov/MPO and at the Longview Public Library located at 222 W. Cotton St., Longview, TX 75601. This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's program of the project requirements and Longview Transit. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact Bryan McBride at 903-237-1062. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Natasha Jaime en 903-237-1060.

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Upshur County Sheriff's SIU arrests 13 in June 2021

By Phillip Williams
The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested 13 persons in June on varying charges, said Sheriff Larry Webb.

Details of the arrests, based on a report from sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows and all suspects were taken to the county jail in Gilmer, Webb said:

On June 3, the unit arrested a 28-year-old Gilmer man, wanted

on two outstanding warrants charging him with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, at the intersection of Scott and Trinity streets in Gilmer. The SIU had been made aware he was at a certain location.

Also on June 3, the unit arrested Jessie Nicole Leimer, 30, of Gilmer, on multiple drug-related charges at the Lucky 7 game room in West Mountain community.

The SIU was investigating

suspicious activity at the firm, located at the intersection of U.S. 271 and Silk Tree Road, when it spotted a woman in the parking lot who was known to have a warrant for her arrest on a misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance.

During the arrest, the SIU seized methamphetamine and she was additionally charged with felony possession of a controlled

substance--less than one gram of that drug.

After being notified June 4 that a wanted man was at the A Bail Bonds office on Titus Street, across from the sheriff's office, the SIU arrested Kirk James Williams, 60, of Gilmer, at that establishment on a warrant charging him with felony theft of property.

Jeffery Louis Wilson, 35, of Gilmer, was arrested June 7 on two charges of possession of controlled substance after officers discovered methamphetamine and heroin in the vehicle he was driving.

The patrol unit of the sheriff's office asked for drug-detecting K-9 dog officer Marco's help after stopping Wilson at the intersection of Sego Lily Road and Texas 154. After the SIU arrived with Marco, he "gave a positive alert to the vehicle," which was searched.

Wilson was charged with possessing at least one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine, and less than one gram of heroin.

Also on June 7, while investigating suspicious activity at the Lucky 7, the SIU arrested Ronald Wayne Smith, 43, of Gladewater, on a drug charge after stopping the vehicle he was in at the nearby intersection of 271 and Union Grove Road.

Smith was charged with possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine)--greater than one, but less than four grams (specifically 1.8 grams.)

Jeffery Wayne Boone, 45, of Gilmer, was arrested on two narcotics-related charges June 8 when officers stopped his vehicle at the intersection of FM 852 and Caribou Road while conducting drug interdiction in the Rosewood area.

Boone was found to possess methamphetamine and a "large quantity of heroin," all of which was packaged for sale. Officers seized \$800 cash believed to be proceeds from drug sales.

He was charged with possession of controlled substance (more than one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine) and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (more than

four, but under 200 grams of heroin.)

Two Ore City residents were arrested June 10 on drug-related charges when the unit stopped their vehicle while investigating suspicious activity at the Country Store game room on U.S. 259 in Diana.

Kenneth Wayne Klima and Dana Lashell Morgan, both 35, were charged with possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine. They were stopped at the intersection of 259 and Beauty Shop Road, and Marco assisted in seizing the drug.

While probing suspicious activity at the same game room June 14, the SIU made contact with a vehicle in the parking lot and arrested the driver, a 29-year-old Avinger woman who was found to have an arrest warrant charging her with terroristic threat.

Wendy Lea Applewhite, 44, of Gilmer, was arrested on multiple charges June 15 after officers made a vehicle stop while investigating suspicious activity at the Lucky 7.

During the stop at the intersection of Silk Tree and Pigeon roads, the unit discovered "several items of personal identification, debit cards, photocopies of checks (and) personal checks" which did not belong to the driver, who gave a fictitious name before officers discovered she was Applewhite.

She was arrested on an outstanding warrant for violating felony probation she was serving for burglary of a building, and newly charged with felony fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, and misdemeanor failure to identify herself.

Shawn Micheal Macie, 42, of Ore City, was arrested June

17 on a charge of possession of controlled substance--greater than one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine--after the unit stopped his vehicle at the intersection of Texas 154 and Swan Road.

The SIU, which had been investigating suspicious activity at the Country Store game room, seized 3.3 grams of methamphetamine in the arrest.

On June 23, while conducting a narcotics investigation in Gilmer, the unit arrested Miranda Alicia Hixon, 44, of Gilmer, after stopping her vehicle at the intersection of Warren Avenue and Henderson Street.

The SIU seized methamphetamine, and Hixon was charged with possession of controlled substance of less than one gram of the drug.

On June 30, the unit arrested a Big Sandy man who was wanted in Massachusetts on a charge of rape of a child.

Matthew Delorey, 37, remained in county jail last week awaiting extradition.

The sheriff's office assisted the state of Massachusetts in locating a wanted felon believed to be in this county. When the unit and sheriff's patrol division went to a residence on Beech Road in the Big Sandy area, Delorey was observed outside the home. Upon seeing law enforcement personnel arriving, he ran inside. "After a brief standoff," officers entered the home without resistance, found and arrested Delorey.

Webb also noted Friday that Marco was recertified in June with the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association in drug detection, tracking, and evidence recovery. It is "not an easy task" to be certified, said Webb.

Marco's handler is sheriff's Sgt. Justin Nustad.

Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
7/4/21	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103759	2:22		510 WOOD WOOD ST
	CRIM TRESPASS	202103760	11:59	PACIFIC CRAFTERS MALL	355 E PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103761	12:58	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103762	14:14	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103763	14:20	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202103764	15:04	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202103765	15:30	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ASSIST	202103766	16:44		401 W GAY GAY
	ASSIST	202103767	18:03	JULIAWOOD HOMES	64 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103768	18:35	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103769	21:37		STEWERT STEWERT
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103770	22:18		EDDIE EDDIE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103771	22:39		1211 N SHELL SHELL
	ALARM/OTHER	202103772	22:50		501 N AMES AMES
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103773	23:41		2025 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
7/5/21	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202103774	8:52		401 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103775	8:54		304 W SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	EMS	202103776	10:24		120 OAKBROOK OAKBROOK
	EMS	202103777	15:32		604 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	EMS	202103778	18:06		2403 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	202103779	19:23		593 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103780	19:32		DEAN DEAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103781	20:46		EDDY EDDY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103782	21:26		706 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103783	21:30		
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103784	21:59		HWY 271 HWY 271
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202103785	22:24		1604 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
7/6/21	THEFT	202103786	0:17		271 271
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	202103787	8:10	271 WRECKER	1825 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202103788	9:32		10189 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	202103789	11:14		105 PAUL PAUL
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103790	11:31	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPISHUR UPISHUR
	EMS	202103791	13:21		505 LIVE OAK LIVE OAK
	ASSIST	202103792	15:19	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103794	19:32		1106 N LYNN LYNN
	EMS	202103796	20:51		409 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103797	21:16	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	EMS	202103798	22:21	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
7/7/21	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103799	2:19	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202103801	5:56		407 N FERRY FERRY
	FIRE DEPT	202103802	6:25		1402 GAY GAY
	THEFT	202103803	6:48		808 S TYLER TYLER
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202103804	7:46		507 N POST POST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103805	9:35		MABLE MABLE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202103806	9:59	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	202103807	10:33		207 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS
	THEFT	202103808	11:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202103809	11:53		1106 N LYNN N LYNN
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103810	13:18		705 N GARY GARY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103811	13:30		404 JEANETTE JEANETTE
	THEFT	202103812	15:07		904 E MARY MARY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103813	16:23		HUMBLE HUMBLE ST
	ASSIST	202103814	16:28	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPISHUR UPISHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103815	17:18	MIKE'S MINI MART	1324 W UPISHUR UPISHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103816	20:07		2816 W UPISHUR UPISHUR
	EMS	202103817	20:30		2312 W GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103818	20:39		715 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	ALARM/OTHER	202103820	22:24	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202103821	23:31		500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	202103822	23:56		801 N GARY GARY
7/8/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202103823	0:37		4325 HWY 80 HWY 80
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103824	2:05		402 MUSTANG MUSTANG
	ALARM/OTHER	202103826	6:28	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202103827	8:14	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202103828	8:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202103829	9:11		316 MELBA MELBA
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103830	9:14	LAUNDRY KING	603 W UPISHUR UPISHUR
	EMS	202103831	9:24		2103 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	10-50 MAJOR	202103832	9:45	VETERINARY SERVICES OF GLADEWATER	1830 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202103834	12:37		N MILL MILL
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202103835	13:33		1818 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103836	14:19		808 S TYLER TYLER
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103837	15:49		HWY 271 HWY 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103838	17:15		W HWY 271 HWY 271
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103841	20:24		601 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202103842	21:13		2409 W HAROLD HAROLD ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202103843	22:50	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
7/9/21	ALARM/OTHER	202103845	2:50	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202103846	5:35		101 ALLISON ALLISON
	EMS	202103847	8:22	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	202103848	10:21		600 W GAY GAY AVE
	ESCORT	202103849	10:41	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103850	13:22	TIRE ROAD	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202103851	14:09		DEAN DEAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103852	15:31		117 N FERRY FERRY
	10-50 MINOR	202103853	16:09	WILCO	1298 E BOADWAY BOADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202103854	16:16		1620 N RODEO RODEO
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103855	17:17		589 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103856	17:21		408 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103857	18:33		CRONJIE CRONJIE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103858	22:07	MCDONALD'S	E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
7/10/21	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103859	0:33	LONE STAR TRANSMISSION	2106 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103860	1:11	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103861	1:16	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103862	1:42		135 135
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103865	1:40	OLD ICE HOUSE	434 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	202103866	2:31	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103867	3:38	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103869	7:38		N 271 271
	THEFT	202103870	10:50	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202103871	11:34		904 E MARY MARY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103872	11:40		1027 SANDERS SANDERS ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103873	11:56	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FIRE DEPT	202103874	13:00	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	THEFT	202103875	14:22	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPISHUR UPISHUR AVE
	FIRE DEPT	202103876	14:49		1842 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	EMS	202103877	15:00	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103878	18:39	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202103879	18:59		N RODEO RODEO
	FIRE DEPT	202103880	19:15	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPISHUR UPISHUR
	ABANDONED 911	202103881	20:48		595 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD ST
	ASSIST	202103882	22:08		10884 LOCUST LOCUST RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202103883	22:28		904 E MARY MARY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103884	23:55	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
7/11/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202103885	3:17	PIZZA HUT	1210 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202103886	3:26	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103887	5:01	THE BAR	26237 COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB RD
	ALARM/OTHER	202103888	5:32	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202103889	6:20	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S FOOD MART)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	202103890	10:25		WHITE WHITE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103891	12:33	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	202103893	16:14	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202103894	16:20		1507 N ALICE ALICE
	ALARM/OTHER	202103895	17:25		2812 RAMPY RAMPY
	ABANDONED 911	202103896	17:32		1811 OLD LONGVIEW OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	ABANDONED 911	202103897	19:46		501 LINCOLN SPRINGS LINCOLN SPRINGS RD
	ABANDONED 911	202103898	20:07		1028 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	HARRASSMENT	202103899	21:13		46 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS

GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1	JUVENILE
7/6/21		7/6/21	0:30	WOODY, DEMON ALEXANDER	W	M	THEFT OF FIREARM	
7/8/21		7/8/21	20:53	HOIT, BRYAN R				



People's Choice: 1st Place—David Sale of Winnsboro
 Best Rat Rod: 1st Place—Dave Sale—1941 International PU
 Best of Show: 1st Place—Gerald Roe of Gladewater—1962 International PU
 Judge's Choice: 1st Place—Steve & Lois Cox of Lindale—1936 Chevy Wagon
 Best Upholstry: 1st Place—Steve Cab Lone Star Lug Nut Pick:1st Place—Kenny Pullen—1955 Chevy Belaire

John Kindt of Gladewater shows off his classy classic at Saturday's Car Show which saw both sides of Commerce Street for several blocks filled with crowd pleasing entrants that included rat cars, classics, one-of-a-kind custom cars and motorcycles.

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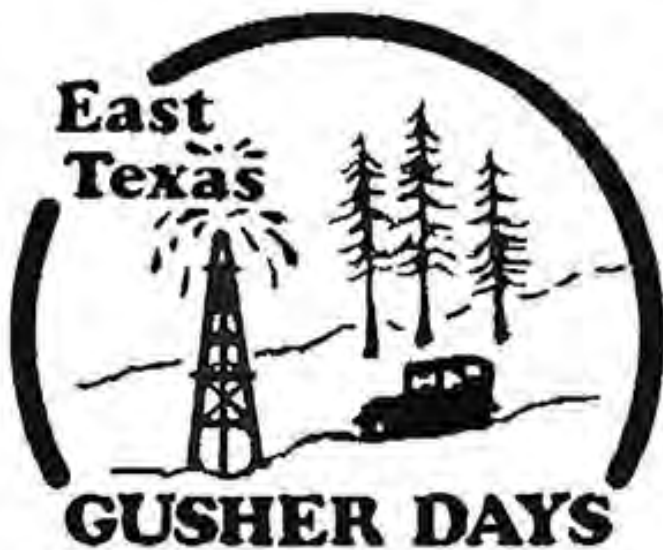
Finley's Fresh Lemonade stand was a favorite with thirsty shoppers at Gusher Days on Saturday. The ambitious 5-year old was raising money for a shopping expedition to the 'prize store' (dollar store). He is the son of Tia and Cody Edwards of Union Grove.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



"The Hammer" Andy Brown made his presence known in the noon wrestling match that drew kids of all ages who cheered on their favorite wrestlers in the various matches held at noon and 4 p.m. at Gusher Days. Brown is a member of the League of Lions Pro-Wrestling group that performs every third Saturday at D-Rocks Gym in Marshall at 7: 30 p.m.

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Dave Sale's custom 1941 International Rat Rod was a crowd pleaser with its whiskey still in the bed and a bull riding championship buckle earned in his youth served as the brake pedal. The creativity included bone interior door handles, a pistol cylinder in the steering wheel and so many more creative touches it has to be seen to be believed.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Sierra Blankenship came by the Gusher Days chili cookoff to welcome chili cooks to Gladewater and stopped for a quick photo with Jim Bardwell owner/publisher of the Gladewater Mirror and a Round Up Rodeo Director. The Gladewater Mirror sponsored the CASI sanctioned cookoff which welcomed cooks from Houston, Dallas, Shreveport and beyond.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



'VooDoo Dave' Trice of Hallsville and competitor Robert of Finish Line Chili visit while their chili cooks. Trice won first place with his chili and Best of Show with Dr. Dave's Voodoo Stew.

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