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Bears face tough test in Gilmer

By Beth Mckamy

The beginning of football season is always met with excitement for fans across the state of Texas. There is nothing better than "Friday Night Lights" or in the case of Gladewater and Gilmer it's "Thursday Night Lights."

For some coaches, players and fans there are high expectations of state championships. For many more, realistically, a trip to the playoffs is the prize and for others, just the joy of putting on that uniform or watching your child or grandchild make memories for years to come.

When the Bears and Buckeyes kick off at 7 p.m. Thursday night at Jeff Traylor Stadium in Gilmer, opening night brings more than just high expectations. It brings a rivalry that dates back to 1929. Through the years the clash has been known as "The Battle of the Orange and Black" and "The Battle of the G-Towns". Except for a span of 23 years between 1937 and 1960, the Bears and Buckeyes have never gone more than two years between games since. Gilmer fans will tell you that the match-up isn't really a rivalry. They would say their dominance over Gladewater in the past 30 years (25-2) reflects that, but long time Bear fans remember years when the tides were turned in Gladewater's favor.

It would be easy for Gilmer to come into Thursday night's game over confident. Ranked #2 in state in 4A DII and a defending state finalist team, the Buckeyes return a veteran, all-star lineup on both sides of the ball. They match-up against a Bear team

Bear fans can go to gilmerbuckeyes.com to access the link to purchase tickets to Thursday night's game

that could need more time to gel together. Gladewater, no stranger to state rankings, is #3 in 3A D1. Filling positions at QB and on the offensive line are the keys to the Bears' success when they have the ball. Either sophomore Calan Castles or Kyrion Wilson will be behind center, but for the young signal callers to be successful they will need help from a senior offensive line of Chris Perry, Chase Wise, Tyler Smith and Zac Shipp. Castles and Wilson will have a talented cast around them that can pick apart the Buckeye defense. Leading the way are senior WR DJ Allen (60 catches, 1,305 yds, 17 TDs) and Jr WR Kollin Lewis (33 catches, 484 yds, 5 TDs). Add to that a "ground and pound" attack of senior RB Malachi Gordon (123/596/6 TDs) and senior FB Devon Walker (99/498/12 TDs) and the Bear offense could help give Gladewater their first victory over Gilmer since 2001.

The experienced Buckeye defense won't make it easy for the Bears. DB Rohan Fluellen (33 tackles, 7 int), DL Matthew Burton (104 tackles, 21 TFL, 17 sacks) and LB Onero Orona (94 tackles, 10 TFL, 8 sacks) could be a nightmare for the Gladewater offense.

If the Bears are going to claim the victory their defense will have to stop Gilmer's dual threat QB Brandon Tennison. In 2020 Tennison passed for 3,866 yards and 40 touchdowns and rushed for 985 yards and 10 touchdowns.



Gladewater wrapped up its second scrimmage of the new season Friday against Daingerfield and will now get ready for Thursday's matchup with the Gilmer Buckeyes in Gilmer.

Photos by Jim Bardwell



With 10 starters returning on defense for Gladewater, they should be much improved. With seniors Logan Bohanon (72 tackles, 36 solo, 4 TFL), Za Campbell (62 tackles, 33 solo, 3 TFL), Zach Polanco (55 tackles, 32 solo, 6 TFL, 3 sacks), Rajuan Johnson (49 tackles, 30

solo, 13 TFL, 1 sack) Eli Kates (35 tackles, 22 solo, 13 TFL, 6 sacks) and juniors Austin Verner (57 tackles, 29 solo, 7 TFL) and Tyrone Maddox (36 tackles, 29 solo, 4 int) the Bears could stop the potent Gilmer offense.

On paper it looks like the underdog Bears will go another

year without that coveted victory over the Buckeyes, but games aren't won or lost on paper and the fact that so many fans of other teams across all of East Texas will make the trek to Gilmer shows what exciting games these two teams play when they face off.

No tax hike called for 2021-2022 city budget

Library gets \$50,000 grant

Taxes will remain the same for Gladewater taxpayers and the Lee Public Library is on the road to being repaired following action by the city council Thursday night.

During a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022, the city council was advised the 2021-22 tax rate will not change. It will remain at \$0.751562/\$100 valuation.

The 2021-2021 budget, which calls for \$6.8 million in revenue, also includes raises for employees and the addition of an animal control officer. That position was cut out several years ago during a budget crunch, but has been a top priority with taxpayers and council members when asked.

In other business, AC Contractors won the bid to replace the AC units on the Lee Library roof, which sustained major damage from February's snowstorm, in the amount of \$65,500. AC's bid was the middle bid of three bids, but was chosen because the company included cleaning the ductwork and the others did not.

The other bids were for \$64,280 from Acme Air and \$90,222 from ERA Climate.

The roof that the AC units will be setting on will be repaired by Paragon Roofing for \$105,858.53. The other two bidders were Landmark Roofing for \$131,114.55 and Merritt Roofing for \$131,146.

City Manager Ricky Tow said he hopes the roof can be completed by Thanksgiving.

And speaking of the library, the city got some good news Thursday night. Suzanne Bardwell of the Friends of Lee Library advised the council she had been notified that the city will get a \$50,000 grant from the Tocker Foundation to help replace the furniture and fixtures that were damaged from the flooding associated with the winter storm.

The Tocker Foundation was created in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interests of Phillip and Olive Tocker. Phillip and Olive Tocker endowed the foundation with their estates in 1994 and 1993 respectively. After years of supporting a wide range of community-based causes, the foundation discovered a need in small, rural Texas libraries serving populations of 12,000 or less. In 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distributions in this way. The foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

"The Tocker Grant is an investment in the city of Gladewater and its citizens," Bardwell said. "The February ice storm damage ended up being a blessing in disguise. The interior of the library has been completely redesigned at no cost by a Tocker library architect to bring it into the 21st century. The grant will purchase all new furnishings and low profile shelving for the library. We have also been invited to apply for a Stillwater Foundation grant which will pick up the cost of the furnishings that the Tocker grant doesn't cover. This is an enormous blessing for which we are very thankful."

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Up to \$18K incentive pay for GISD teachers announced

By Suzanne Bardwell

A possible \$18,000 per year for five years added to qualifying teachers' salaries was big news at the Aug. 16 GISD board meeting. Designations and the amount of the incentivized monetary awards will be based on teacher observation scores and student growth. This school year will be

the data capture year according to Supt. Dr. Sedic Clark with the first payouts in August of 2023.

"Through the TIA (Teacher Incentive Allotment), our teachers will be able to access an additional source of compensation that is tied to classroom observation and student academic growth," Dr. Clark said. "As observation

scores and student academic growth increases, so does the opportunity for additional compensation."

Dr. Clark announced to the board that the GISD Team of Eight will present a session at the Texas Association of School Board and Texas Association of School Administrators joint

conference. The session will focus on how the board selected a superintendent that matched their district and the vision for the future, how the Team of Eight involved the community in creating the GISD Vision 2025 plan and how that has become the guiding document for district operations.

Trustees approved the purchase of the Capturing Kids' Hearts program at a cost of \$125,000 which will come out of ESSER III funds. Those federal funds became available to help address pandemic related issues such as learning gaps.

"The first words of our mission statement are 'Gladewater provides a safe and nurturing learning environment...,'" Dr. Clark said. "Capturing Kids' Hearts will help ensure that this is true everywhere in our district."

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a program built to equip teachers, coaches, administrators and district leaders in how to implement transformational processes focused on building relationships, improving school culture, building self-managing classrooms, accountability and improving academic performance. During GISD's first two days of teacher inservice

all teachers on all four campuses received training in the program.

ESSER III funds were also tapped to purchase six buses which will be used to transport students to and from after-school and Saturday tutoring sessions in order to address learning gaps. The buses at a cost of \$600,000 will not tap into local taxpayer funding of the district.

The board approved several budget amendments including one for \$43,900 for a new GPS food serving line, one for various campus facility upgrades including roof repairs on the old portion of Weldon Elementary School, play area canopies at the primary and Weldon campuses and a new marquee sign at GHS for a total expenditure of \$295,000. Elementary software programs Edmentum and Exact Path was approved at a cost of \$39,960.

A staff development waiver was approved which will allow GISD to count staff development days as instructional days if a school closure is required. The board has also approved the sale of district properties.

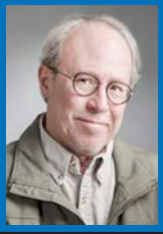


Gladewater Beautification Advisory Board President Jon Keller presented Debbie Edmonds of Booshay's Cajun Restaurant the Business of the Quarter recognition along with board member Suzanne Bardwell who was accompanied by King, and board member Dennis Robertson. The business was honored for its extensive, lush landscaping which helps promote the image of Gladewater with its beauty.

Photo By Jim Bardwell

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abbott tests negative after testing positive

Gov. Greg Abbott announced via Twitter Saturday that he is now testing negative for COVID-19, four days after testing positive though asymptomatic.

"I am told that my infection was brief and mild because of the vaccination I received. I will continue to quarantine as recommended by doctors," Abbott said. "And I will keep working on issues affecting Texas."

Meanwhile, the battle over masks continues, with growing numbers of school districts from Longview to San Antonio ignoring the governor's ban on mask mandates. The Texas Supreme Court last week temporarily cleared the way for districts to require masks, but only on a technicality. The court left in place a Travis County judge's temporary restraining order against the mandate ban, saying typically such cases have to go before an appellate court before ending up in the state's highest civil court. A number of other cases are before various district and appellate courts in Texas. The Paris school district, in Northeast Texas, took a novel approach to the issue. Its board voted to alter the district's dress code to include masks for all employees and students.

Delta variant continues to spur COVID-19 case rise

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in the state continues to rise steeply, with 125,033 reported in the past week, along with 937 deaths. New cases in Texas were up 27% compared to the previous week and up five-fold in the past month, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. In Texas, hospitals are nearing capacity, though in a number of cases a shortage of nurses and other healthcare workers is forcing facilities to leave beds empty. Abbott has asked hospitals to delay elective surgeries during the recent surge of cases.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals reached 12,951 on Sunday with 373 intensive care unit beds available across the state, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The number of COVID-19 hospitalizations is up more than four-fold from a month ago and is approaching the all-time high set in mid-January. The number of Texans fully vaccinated stands at 13.293 million, according to DSHS. That's 45.7% of the state's total population. As news of the delta variant spreads, the vaccination rate is increasing, up more than 20,000 doses daily, according to DSHS.

House establishes quorum; election bill advances

Enough House Democrats entered the floor Thursday evening for Speaker Dade Phelan to announce a quorum was present for the first time in six weeks. Nearly 50 House Democrats decamped to Washington, D.C. in May to stop work in the House. As the Austin American-Statesman reported, bitterness remains after the walkout and Phelan's attempt to have Democrats arrested and forcibly brought to the House floor. None were arrested.

I will always be grateful

All high school teachers have to have a tough hide, the ability to crack a joke, to not take themselves too seriously, to teach with passion and skill, to set boundaries, be flexible, discipline with truth and love, have the energy of an Olympic swimmer and the ability to go without food or bathroom breaks for hours.

One of the best teachers I have ever known who possessed all of these qualities, one of the best friends I have ever had, passed away unexpectedly last week.

Cindy Welling was an art teacher extraordinaire. Tough as a boot, funny as a standup comedian, willing to hold all kids accountable while throwing up a safety net for those who would use it and appreciate it. Cindy made a difference in the lives of generations of students and of the teachers whom she worked with.

Her art classes challenged, inspired and rescued kids across the decades at White Oak High School. A lot happened between our two rooms that shared the end of a hall, at the end of the high school building. Elective teachers get kids placed in their classes based on interest and need. Cindy's were overflowing with kids who needed discipline, who needed accountability, who needed tough love and who needed her. Sometimes those kids didn't know it until six weeks into the year, but not a one left her classes without knowing it. Keep in mind these were kids let loose with X-acto knives, paint, clay and other potential projectiles which Cindy kept totally in control every day, year after year.

One of her former students, Casey Wightman, who owns the White Oak Tire Barn, told me he took Art I, II and III and then was her aide his senior year. Casey was a ball player with a

sharp sense of humor that jived with Cindy's. He is just one of hundreds of former students who sing her praises.

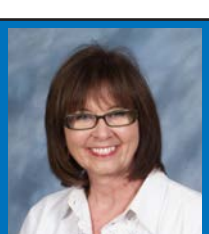
High School dress up days were Cindy's particular gift. Nerd Day was a favorite with her high-waisted pants held up by suspenders, a plaid shirt complete with pocket protector, a slicked back Alfalfa 'do' with cow lick pomaded up, and broken glasses held together with tape...and a blacked out tooth. Art teachers are nothing if not creative, and she was one of the MOST creative in every way imaginable.

We laughed and cried our way together through days that included student tragedies, family heartbreaks, losses and wins in the classroom and in life. One of the biggest wins was an intervention with a student experimenting with drugs. We kept the moment direct, surprisingly light and private. No one has ever known about that 30 minutes we spent with that kid in my classroom, that wildly successful adult has had adventures I can not share because well, then some people would know. And that is another thing about Cindy, she was one of the most trustworthy people I have ever known.

The art classroom was a place where kids could decompress and after school so could teachers. Cindy was a God-called teacher with a gift for sarcasm that didn't cut the heart but cut to the truth. She made the best peanut brittle in the universe bar none and was a Food Network worthy cook.

Cindy retired before I left

Suzanne Bardwell



teaching but at my 'retirement' party she gifted me with a superhero cape she made from a bright red towel with a BIG 'S' on it. I treasure my cape although I know the truth. She helped me 'fly' every day as a teacher and when I 'retired' to go to work at our office in Gladewater Cindy would whip her car by and call me to run out and get something she had made to share.

Or, she would call or text and tell me how something I had written had made her laugh. She was one of the superheroes in

my life. In today's world of high stress, extreme opinions and polarized politics, Cindy's friendship was a gift from God, therapy in a shared box of brittle or laughter. I will miss this gifted woman until the day I leave this earth. Then I look forward to her sharp wit and pointed humor on how we all did without her. I know that we who were taught by, cared for and loved by Cindy Welling are all better people for the gift of her and for that, I will always be grateful.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Masked!: The Hidden and Preventable Losses

Texas has recently seen a sharp upswing in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. This spike has caused substantial disruptions and hardships to families across the state (including many children), compromised safety as schools seek to reopen and address the massive educational gap that has surfaced during the pandemic, and added further strain to an already fragile healthcare complex. Despite these concerns, there has been massive resistance by policymakers to sensible and basic protective measures, such as appropriate masking requirements

and measures to encourage higher vaccination rates. In addition to these obvious consequences, this approach is also resulting in preventable losses to the economy through reduced employment and decreases in productivity. The Perryman Group (TPG) has recently quantified these adverse effects.

Based on an analysis of outcomes with and without an effective policy response (download the PDF for more information), The Perryman Group estimates that preventable decreases in output (gross state product) due to the inadequate reaction to COVID-19 total \$13.4

billion on an annualized basis. Employment losses were found to reach almost 72,000 jobs.

Although the amounts differ markedly by industry, the typical worker who is unable to return to work due to the current situation results in a loss of \$66,552 in output for their employer and \$186,755 to the overall state economy on an annualized basis.

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THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3: 16-17). The Scriptures are inspired (God breathed), and all-sufficient. Unfortunately, notwithstanding that, some religious people act as if the Bible itself is somehow insufficient. They are waiting for, or at least they are wanting, a miracle in addition to the written Word of God!

However, in view of Bible teaching it won't happen. For example, Jesus spoke about a rich man who died and went to the place of torment in hades. In torment the man pleaded for a miracle i. e. to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn his five surviving brothers not to be lost and come to the place of torment where he was at. This story is found in Luke 16: 19-31, and the lost rich man in torment was told, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." (v. 29). Then the lost rich man in torment insisted: "Nay, but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent, (v. 30). He was then told: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (V. 31).

Do you get the lesson? In effect, the Bible is warning us that when people have, and disregard God's written Word (In that case, Moses and the prophets), even a miracle (if one came back from the dead) will not influence them, and consequently no miracle will be given to them. For some reason, people believe a miracle would motivate them to believe or to do what the written Word of God has already told them to believe or to do. But such thinking is vain. My friend, don't wait to believe and do, what you already know God in His written Word, has already told you to believe and do. Don't look for a sign or a miracle. READ the Bible, and you will know what God wants you to believe and do. Think on these things.

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No tax hike called for 2021-2022 city budget

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In other business from last Thursday night's meeting, the council approved the Hotel/Motel Tax report for April - June 2021, approved a School Resource Officer Agreement between the City and GISD for the 2021-2022 school year, approved an East Texas Council of Governments Interlocal Contract for 9-1-1 PSAP Agreement FY 2022-2023 and East Texas Council of Governments Interlocal Contract for City 9-1-1 Database Maintenance FY 2022-2023, approved a Fire Protection Agreement between City of Gladewater and Upshur County ESD #1 and the City of Union Grove.

Two other public hearings were held - for a request for a "Specific Use Permit" for the sale of off-premises consumption of beer and wine at 100 E. Upshur and for demolition orders for structures located at: 412 Johnson, 506 Jeanette and 1008 E. Broadway. The sale of off-premises

consumption of beer and wine drew no opposition, and the abandoned property at Broadway and Johnson were ordered demolished, while the owner of the other structure was given additional time.

The council also closed and abandoned an undeveloped alley way that runs within the properties at 500-508 W. Upshur Ave., 302-318 N. Cotton St., 403 W. Gregg Ave., and 303-

305 Tenery St. The council also appointed Laura Green to the Lake Board to replace Rita Green.

A performance agreement between Gladewater's EDC and Red Rock Historical Association for \$10,000 was approved by the city council. The money will be used to promote the Red Rock Historical Association's museum and community center. Red Rock Historical Association's Bennie Moore said she plans to invite

members of the financial and business community to the center to help Red Rock residents learn how to start their own businesses or expand current businesses.

One of Upshur County's earliest communities, Red Rock started as a ferry crossing sometime in the 1840s. It was well established before Gladewater was founded and Moore said the Red Rock museum is the first African American museum in East Texas.

OBITUARY

CINDY KAY WELLING

Celebration of Life services for Cindy Kay Welling, 70, of Gladewater, were at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gladewater with Reverend John Sewell officiating. Mrs. Welling passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021, in Longview.

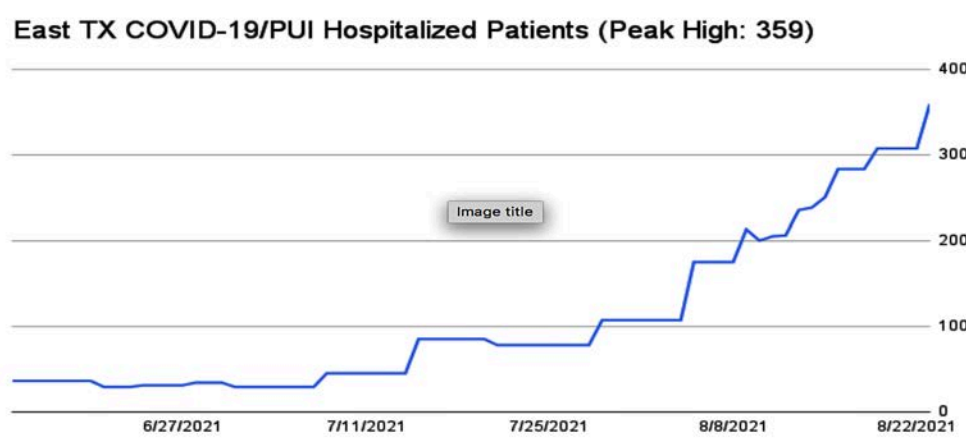


Cindy was born September 9, 1950 in Longview, Texas to the late Clarence Carl Davis and Bonnie Laverne Russell Hudson. Cindy earned a Master's Degree in Education and was an Art Teacher at White Oak High School for 30 years before retirement. She was a caring and devoted teacher whom her former students loved. Cindy's family came first and she even stepped in to help raise and provide for her grandchildren when needed. She was a wonderful cook and her specialty was her peanut brittle. Cindy will be remembered

as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker.

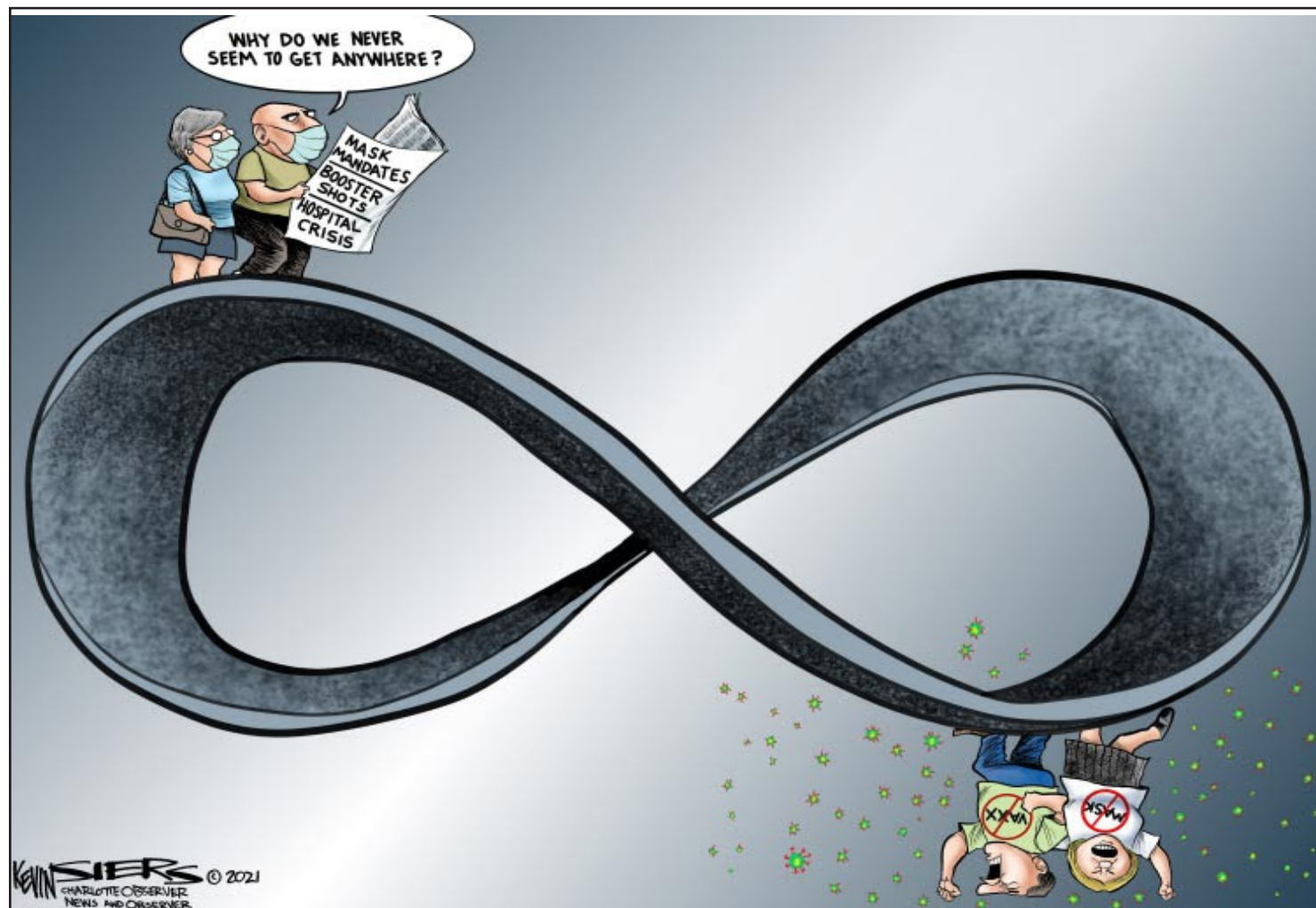
Cindy is survived by her husband of 30 years Ron Welling; daughter Jessica Walker and husband Clay of Gladewater; two brothers Carl Davis and wife Brenda of Ft. Smith, AR and Robert Davis and wife Maria of Ft. Smith, AR; six grandchildren Daelon Welling, Clay Timmons, Madelyn Timmons, Celeste Harris, Caiya Harris and Callie Harris as well as many other loving family and friends.

Below is the chart of the number of East Texas residents hospitalized at a facility in Tyler Texas - last updated August 23rd, 2021.



EFG memorial for Welling

An Education Foundation of Gladewater memorial grant in honor of the late Cindy Welling is open for contributions until Sept. 9, Welling's birthday. Welling passed away last week unexpectedly. Checks should be made out to EFG with Welling's name in the item line and may be mailed to: Suzanne Bardwell, Gladewater Mirror, P.O. Box 1549, Gladewater, 75647 or dropped off at the Gladewater Mirror at 211 N. Main Street. Welling was a dedicated career high school art teacher at White Oak High School for many years. Her daughter Jessica Walker and Welling's grandchildren are either GHS graduates or, are currently attending GHS. The memorial contributions will be used to fund grants for GISD art teachers.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Business Leadership Skills Certificate classes begin Aug. 30

Kilgore College Workforce Development will offer Business Leadership Certificate courses beginning Aug. 30 for individuals to upgrade skills in the business environment.

The Business Leadership Skills Certificate consists of eight courses which total 144 hours. Individuals successfully completing the certificate will attain skills to help them excel in the workplace and advance in their careers.

Registration is now open to the courses which will be offered throughout the fall 2021 semester.

Courses cost \$150 each and students will receive a Business Leadership Skills Certificate with successful completion of all eight courses.

Course topics include Quality Customer Service, Communications Skills for Managers and Supervisors, Workplace Critical Thinking & Problem Solving and Leadership Skills for Managers and Supervisors.

Other topics are: Team Building in the Workplace, Performance Management Skills, Professional Business Speaking Skills and Workplace Issues for Managers and Supervisors.

For more information or to enroll in the classes, contact Brenda Brown at (903) 983-8288 or bjbrown@kilgore.edu.

Detailed information about the classes, including class schedules, can be found at www.kilgore.edu/business-leadership.

KC Gladewater grads announced

Kilgore College summer graduates from Gladewater include Alicia Barr, Kendall Bell, Tyler Bly, Makenzie Cruz, Taylor Fielden, Joshua Floyd, Karen Rivera, Glade Sills, Elaine Smith, Jade Stackpole, Kane Stripland, Casey Tolbert, Keli Touchstone, Preston Tucker, Kandis Watts and Katelyn Webb.

Rotary golf tourney tees up Oct. 23

The Gladewater Rotary Club will host its 15th annual golf tournament on Oct. 23 at Woodhollow in Longview. The entry fee is \$75 per person, \$300 per team for the 4-man golf scramble. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee includes putting contest, lunch, green fee, cart fee, driving range and door prize ticket. Prizes will be awarded for the long drive and closest to the hole. Cash prizes include \$400 to the first place team, \$250 for second place team and \$175 for third place team. \$5 per player for two mulligans will also be available. All proceeds go to support four \$1,000 student scholarships, a \$500 military scholarship and Rotary Youth Leadership camps. To sign up contact Sam Cloud at 903-844-2205 or send check to the Gladewater Rotary at P.O. Box 17, Gladewater, 75647.

Artwork by Lorianne Hubbard on display in Turk Fine Arts gallery

The Kilgore College Visual Arts Department presents "After Solomon" by artist Lorianne Hubbard through Sept. 22 in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery on the Kilgore campus.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Larry Kitchen, gallery director, at (903) 983-8166 or lkitchen@kilgore.edu.

American Legion sets gun show

American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 will hold a gun show--featuring other wares such as coins--Sept. 11-12 at the Gilmer Civic Center.

Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday the 11th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m on the 12th, at the center on U.S. 271 next to Walmart. Admission is \$7 (\$5 for veterans with identification proof), while children age 12 and younger are admitted free, but must be accompanied by a parent.

The event will feature rifles, pistols, shotguns, knives, ammunition, and two coin dealers who will offer sale of gold and silver for investment purposes, said show manager Shirley Parnell.

Also available will be a concession stand and products from Deb Granny, including homemade canned pickles, relish and jelly, as well as her peanut brittle, Parnell said.

As of Saturday, she said, the event has drawn about 50 vendors, resulting in reserving 115 tables, but others remain available. To reserve one, or for any questions, contact Parnell at 903-440-1224.

Show proceeds go to the legion's Gilmer post and to the American Legion Auxiliary.

West to speak at Gilmer gathering

Former Congressman Allen West, who recently resigned as state Republican Party chairman to run for governor, will address a public meeting of East Texans for Liberty outside of Gilmer on Sept. 13.

The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church on Texas 154, about six miles west of the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. A complimentary meal will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. to those who send an email in advance to contact@et4l.org, and list the number in their party.

Deputy voter registrars will also be present, said ET4L executive director/president Stacy McMahan.

West, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, is among at least four men, including incumbent Greg Abbott, who have announced plans to run in the 2022 Republican gubernatorial primary. The others are former State Sen. Don Huffines and conservative commentator Chad Prather.

Storytime on tap in Gilmer

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

"Bats at the Library" by Brian Lies, and "The Little Library" by Margaret McNamara, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. readings, 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.) While the events are free to the public, 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.

GISD Calendar of Events

8/25, Wednesday GHS Theatre Acting Auditions	Choir Fundraiser begins
8/26, Thursday 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 7 p.m. V Bears@Gilmer	9/1, Wednesday 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal
8/27, Friday 4:30 p.m. VB@Waskom	9/2, Thursday 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 5 p.m. 9/JV vs. SH-H
8/28, Saturday CC@Gilmer JV VB Tourney@GMS	9/3, Friday VB@Marshall Tournament CC@Hawkins 7:30 p.m. Bears@SH
8/30, Monday 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal	9/4, Saturday VB@Marshall

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TxDOT urges Texans to consider the tragic impact before getting behind the wheel after drinking

No parent should ever receive the kind of devastating news that two Bryan police officers delivered to Pam Todaro one early Saturday morning. At 6:45 a.m. on August 9, 2014 they appeared on her doorstep to tell her that her 25-year-old son had been killed in a drunk driving crash.

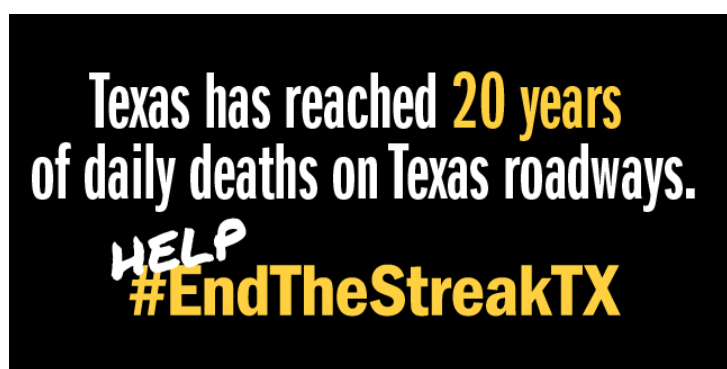
Her son Dillon was driving home from a fish fry and died instantly when his truck ran off the road hitting a brick mailbox and concrete pole. His blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was 0.16, twice the legal limit.

Dillon is just one of nearly a thousand people killed every year in drunk driving crashes in Texas. Stories like his are part of TxDOT's "Faces of Drunk Driving" campaign that puts real faces behind the statistics.

Last year there were 963 DUI-alcohol related fatalities. That means on average, a person in Texas dies every nine hours and six minutes as a result of a traffic crash involving alcohol.

"Drinking and driving can lead to tragic consequences that are 100% preventable," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "These consequences involve individuals who made the unfortunate decision to drink and drive along with many innocent victims of those decisions. This is why it is critical to always plan ahead for a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, ride-share app or simply by staying where you are. Drinking and driving do not mix."

One of the new "faces" of the campaign, 25-year-old Walter Tidwell talks about those regrets. He shares details of the night he



decided to hop in his car and drive home alone after a long night of drinking. Fortunately, Tidwell was pulled over after driving the wrong way down a one-way street before he could hurt himself or someone else.

He just recently resolved the case after three years of court visits and will undergo alcohol and drug offender courses, community service and probation. Tidwell hopes his story will convince

others to drive sober.

TxDOT's new campaign will feature events around the state to share stories of Texans who deal with the consequences of a drunk driving crash every day. Events will include an exhibit of powerful testimonials on video in English and Spanish.

Full video stories and other drunk driving facts can be found at <https://www.facesofdrunkdriving.com>.



Gladewater's Annual Arts & Crafts Festival will be held Sept. 18 & 19 on the GISD Broadway School lawn. Festival hours are Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. One thing that makes this festival so unique in East Texas is only hand crafted items are permitted in the event. A 10'x10' space is \$70 for both days. To reserve a spot call the Gladewater Chamber at 903-845-5501.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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The Gladewater Lady Bears swept the Leverett's Chapel Lady Lions last week - 25-12, 25-17, 25-21. Kiyah Bell had 4 assist and 8 service points, while Alexis Boyd had 3 kills and 3 blocks and Lexi Hart had 3 kills. Gracie George and Kiyonna Parker each had 5 service points. In other action - this time at the West Rusk Tournament, the Lady Bears beat Carlisle 25-19, 25-8 - with Kiyona Parker getting 6 kills and Kiyah Bell racking up 14 assists and 3 kills, while Lexi Hart wound up with 6 kills and Zandy Tysekie registered 3 aces, 2 kills and assists. The Lady Bears also beat Cumberland 25-22 and 25-21 with Kiyah Bell getting 6 kills and Alexis Boyd registering 3 kills and 3 blocks. The Lady Bears wound up facing Hawkins in the next game and lost in three sets - 20-25, 25-23 and 16-25. Kiyah Bell wound up with 3 aces and 3 kills, Alexis Boyds had 3 kills and 2 blocks and Kiyona Parker had 4 kills.
 At Saturday's game against Gary, the Lady Bears won in 2 sets - 25-20 and 25-16. Kiyah Bell had 9 kills, Alexis Boyd had 2 blocks, Kiyona Parker registered 2 kills and Zandy Tysekie had 2 aces. The Lady Bears then lost to ETHS - 12-25 and 20-25 - Kiyah Bell had 3 kills and Zandy Tysekie had 2 aces and 3 kills, The Lady Bears ended with a loss to Hawkins 25-14, 15-25 and 21-25. Kiyona Parker had 3 kills, 2 blocks in the contest.



Union Grove's Adam Hanson hands off to Vincent Miller during last week's scrimmage with New Boston. The Lions will take what they learned and take on Burkeville in Timpson next this coming Saturday at 6 p.m. Their first home game will be Sept. 3 as they host Queen City.

Photo by Chris Jones



Gladewater Top Finishers at Union Grove Meet

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Trinity River alligator gar harvest opens Sept. 1

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will begin the Alligator Gar Harvest Authorization drawing application process on September 1.

From Sept. 1 through Sept. 30, anglers holding a valid license-year or year-from-purchase fishing license can enter the drawing for an opportunity to harvest one alligator gar over 48 inches from a section of the Trinity River using the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app or online. Anglers can choose to apply as an individual or as part of a small group. Winners of the random drawing will be notified by Oct. 15. Harvest authorizations will be valid from the date issued through Aug. 31, 2022.

Anglers can use any legal means or method to take an alligator gar over 48 inches day

or night from a section of the Trinity River from the I-30 bridge in Dallas downstream to the I-10 bridge in Chambers County, including Lake Livingston and the East Fork of the Trinity River upstream to the dam at Lake Ray Hubbard. This includes the following counties: Anderson, Chambers, Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Houston, Kaufman, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker.

“This segment of the Trinity River has become one of the most popular destinations in the world to catch a large alligator gar, but concerns have been raised about the potential for overharvest and its risks to fishing quality,” said Craig Bonds, Inland Fisheries Director at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. “With this drawing system, we are able to give 150 anglers the opportunity to harvest the fish of a lifetime while also meeting our management goal to conserve this unique resource for current and future generations of anglers.”

In addition, all alligator gar harvested, including those harvested using a harvest authorization, from public freshwater and saltwater waterbodies (other than Falcon International Reservoir) must be reported to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department within 24 hours of harvest on the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app or online.

“In order for us to manage our alligator gar populations among growing angler interest,

it is crucial to know how many are being harvested in Texas,” Bonds said. “By gathering data on alligator gar harvest through the My Texas Hunt Harvest app and online, our fisheries management team gains a better understanding of this species’ distribution, sizes, and numbers and can use that information to help manage for quality fishing in the future.”

Other Trinity River alligator gar regulations that remain in effect include a 48-inch maximum length limit for alligator gar from the I-30 bridge in Dallas downstream to the I-10 bridge in Chambers County, including Lake Livingston and the East Fork of the Trinity River upstream to the dam at Lake Ray Hubbard (see above for list of affected counties).

Additionally, a ban on the take or possession of an alligator gar by means of lawful archery equipment or crossbow is in effect on the same section of the Trinity River between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise (unless using a harvest authorization through the drawing system).

A one-fish-per-day bag limit remains in effect for alligator gar statewide except for Falcon International Reservoir, where a daily bag limit of five fish and possession limit of 10 fish remains in effect.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store and Google Play. For more information about alligator gar fishing regulations, visit The Outdoor Annual online.



Expect possible delays from TxDOT work

TxDOT is planning to conduct the following construction and maintenance work in the district during the week of Aug. 23. Work schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failure, or other unforeseen issues. Slow down and pay attention in work zones.

Gregg County construction projects updates:

Spur 63/McCann Road Bridge Project

Limits: From McCann Road, north to Glencrest Lane
Contractor: Leland Bradlee Construction
Anticipated Completion Date: November 2021

This is part of the City of Longview’s Guthrie Creek Trail project. It consists of building a bridge over Guthrie Creek to allow bicyclist and pedestrians to travel under Spur 63. Expect lane closures and delays as traffic is reduced to two lanes, one northbound and one southbound, to allow the contractor to build half of the bridge. Traffic will be switched later to complete the bridge construction.

FM 2204, etc., Safety Improvement Project

Limits: US 259 Bypass to SH 322
Contractor: Stateline Construction
Cost: \$3.8 million
Anticipated Completion Date: November 2021

The contractor plans to work on drainage upgrades and driveways. Expect lane closures and delays. This project consists of culverts, safety end treatments, drainage upgrades, new metal beam guard fence and driveway asphalt.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: From Loop 281 to Fisher Rd.
Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.
Cost: \$15.1 million
Anticipated Completion Date: December 2021

Current work includes extending culverts and constructing detours. Expect lane closures and delays. The project consists of widening the two-lane road to four lanes with a center turn lane. Work includes drainage structures, flexible base, curb and gutter, sidewalks, hot mix, and pavement markings.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: Fisher Rd. to SH 42
Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.
Cost: \$14.1 million
Anticipated Completion Date: May 2022

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Food: Smoking J's BBQ
Rowdy Creek Wine, mixed drinks
Silent Auction 3p-8p
4p-8p: 3 free beer drink tickets for Police, Fire, 1st Responders, and military (with valid ID)



Fun For The Whole Family!
BBQ, Wine, Music, Photo Booth
Silent Auction and more!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
501c3 Africa Fire Mission
for John, Josh & Jenn's mission trip





RIDES, GAMES & good times galore

Get your fill of the fun this Fall at the fair!

Event Calendar

DON'T MISS THE EMERSON FARMS PETTING ZOO AND PIG RACES EVERY NIGHT

Sept. 10 EXHIBITS AND CARNIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC

Sept. 11 EAST TEXAS TWISTER CHEERLEADING DARBY WARREN BAND

Sept. 12 PUERTAS SE HABREN DJ TORITO MIX

Sept. 13 KELLY MOORE MUSIC MINISTRY BAND

Sept. 14 ZUMBA ON STAGE "FIT AT THE FAIR"

Sept. 15 KIM BONNETTE BAND

Sept. 16 MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT

Sept. 17 JOSH DAVIS - ELVIS TRIBUTE ON STAGE

Sept. 18 WATERMELON, CORN & HOT WINGS EATING CONTEST DEL RIO BAND

Gregg County Fair

Sept. 10th-18th

1123 Jaycee Drive, Longview
(903) 753-4478
www.greggcountyfair.com

Try Your Luck or Get a Rush!
Play it your way with games of chance, games of skill, arcade games and loads of super-cool prizes. Plus, hop the many exciting rides for adults and kids, including the crazy coaster and jumbo Ferris wheel.

Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream and Pizza, Oh My!
With more than 25 food vendors offering everything from tasty finger foods to overstuffed burgers and oversized desserts, there's something amazing for every craving.

TICKETS \$6
CHILDREN 3 & UNDER FREE

MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT SEPT. 16TH

COUPONS DAILY ARMBANDS DAILY

SENIOR CITIZENS AND POLICE, FIRE & MILITARY ADMITTED FREE EACH DAY OF THE FAIR (with ID or Badge)

See you at the fair!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
MONDAY - THURSDAY, SEPT 13-16 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.




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