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Bears vs. New Boston  
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## Bears upset unbeaten Tatum

By Beth McKamy

Gladewater QB DJ Allen hit tight end Eli Kates for the 2-point conversion with :28 seconds left in the game to give the Bears a 29-28 victory at Eagle Stadium Friday night in their 6-3AD1 opener. The Bears, who had not scored in the second half of any ballgame this season, got the monkey off their backs putting up all of their 29 points in the second half. The Gladewater offense used a balanced attack and overcame five turnovers to put up their most points in a game all year.

The first half was a game of "tug of war" as both teams let their defenses control the action. Tatum took the opening kickoff and marched down the field. QB Kendric Malone completed passes of seven yards and 25 yards to WR Kendall Williams to give the Eagles a first down in Bear territory at the 26 yard line, but back-to-back QB sacks by Calan Castles, Rajuan Johnson and Kates snuffed out the Tatum threat and turned the ball back over to Gladewater.

On the Bear's first play from scrimmage a DJ Allen pass was picked off by Tatum's Isaac Dancy-Vasquez, who returned the interception 38 yards setting the Eagles up at the Bear 48. Five plays later Malone hit wide receiver Jayden Boyd with a 14 yard strike giving Tatum the first points of the night with 7:39 left in the first quarter. The extra point by kicker Jose Ventura was good and the Eagles took a 7-0 lead. Great defense, fumbles, interceptions and penalties kept both teams out of the endzone for the rest of the half and Tatum went into the locker room with the 7-0 advantage.

The Bears started the second half much the same way as the first with an interception on their opening drive. Tatum went three and out on their ensuing drive and a Bear bounce on the Malone punt gave Gladewater good position at their own 48 yard line. On the Bear's first play a bad snap sailed over Allen's head and pushed Gladewater back 20 yards. D-lineman CJ Fite made the Tatum defensive play of the night when he stripped QB Kyron Wilson and caught the ball in the air and rammed 15 yards for the Eagle score. The PAT was good and Tatum increased their lead to 14.

Gladewater, after being shutout in their last eight quarters, finally hit paydirt in the second half. The Bears went 64 yards in 12 plays scoring on a 12 yard Allen run. The extra point by Bear kicker Ozzy Chavarria split the uprights as the Tatum lead was cut to 7 points. The Eagles wasted no time coming back. A Malone run of 16 yards and a pass to Williams for 17 yards put the ball on the Bear 8-yard line where running back Jacoby Norris took it the rest of the way, putting Tatum back up by 14 with 30 seconds left in the third quarter. The Bears were not to be denied as they went 62 yards in seven plays, scoring on a 14 yard run by running back Za Campbell. The extra point was good and the Bears were back in the game trailing 21-14 with 10:29 left in the fourth quarter. The game went back and forth as the Eagles struck quickly. Tatum only needed 1:04 to cover 59 yards on a pass from Malone to Williams. The PAT was good and the Eagles led 28-14 with 9:25 left.

Allen started the ensuing drive taking the kickoff 18 yards to give the Bears good position at their own 43 yard line. Gladewater ate up yards and the clock moving the ball to the Eagle 1-yard line where fullback G'Braylon Polly got his only TD of the night. Chavarria hit the extra point and moved the Bears closer 28-21.

Gladewater would try the onside kick but the ball just slipped through their hands giving Tatum the ball at their own 38 yard line with 5:51 left in the game. It was the Bear defense's time to shine and shine they did holding the Eagle offense to only one yard and putting Tatum in a punting situation. Malone hit a 30 yard punt to the Bear 31 yard line. Allen would take the offense on his shoulders running and passing Gladewater to the Tatum 42 yard line, but sacks on second and third down left the Bears with a fourth and 25 at their own 43. On the play the Bears got a break when the Tatum defender was called for pass interference giving Gladewater a fresh set of downs at the Eagle 42 yard line.

With new life Allen hit wide receiver Kollin Lewis over the middle on a 27 yard strike. Four plays later Allen ran the pigskin in from two yards out to put the Bears within one point with :28 seconds left in the game. Bear Coach Jonny Louvier called his final timeout and kept the Bear offense on the field to go for two points and the win. Allen took the snap and backpedaled as the Tatum defense flushed him out of the pocket. As he was scrambling he lobbed a pass into the endzone where Kates out jumped the Eagle defender for the ball, giving the Bears their first lead of the game 29-28.

Gladewater's kickoff went out of bounds for the penalty but the Tatum coaches chose to have the Bears re-kick. The re-kick went to dangerous Eagle return man Jackson Richardson who already has two returns for touchdowns this year but the Bear special teams swarmed him at the Tatum 35 yard line with :23 seconds left. Malone hit Boyd for eight yards and Williams for 17. On first and 10 from the Bear 40 yard line a Gladewater roughing the passer penalty gave the Eagles their last shot from the 25 with :06 seconds left. With only one play left the Tatum coaches decided to pass up the field goal and try and go for the touchdown. Malone's pass sailed over his receiver's head and out of the endzone giving Gladewater the nail biting victory.

Gladewater (2-2,1-0) will host New Boston (3-2, 0-1) Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Bears homecoming game. The Lions dropped their district opener to Sabine 48-21. The Bears and Lions have only met twice with Gladewater winning both contest 40-7 in the 1984 Region playoff game and 61-16 in last year's contest.

District 6 3A D1 Standings		Week 1 Scores	
Overall	District	White Oak	Atlanta 20
White Oak	4-1	30	Atlanta 20
Sabine	3-2	48	New Boston 21
Gladewater	2-2	29	Tatum 28
Tatum	4-1	Open	Jefferson
Jefferson	3-1	0-0	White Oak vs Jefferson
New Boston	3-2	0-1	Sabine vs Atlanta
Atlanta	0-5	0-1	Gladewater vs New Boston
			Tatum Open



**HOME COMING 2021**  
Gladewater High Scholl Homecoming Queen candidates include: seniors Trinity Monday, Adamaris Lopez, Timber Smith, Kaila King and Shelby Weaver. Gladewater will host New Boston Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Bears homecoming game. Homecoming ceremonies will be held prior to the game.



GHS Freshman Duchesses Sarya Miles and Ericka Evey



GHS Sophomore Duchesses Brianna Willson & Hadassah Balcorta



GHS Junior Duchesses Alexis Boys & Makayla Police



**NFL Hall of Fame Referee and GHS alum Byron Boston visited the Gladewater Museum Saturday to see an exhibit which features his accomplishments. Boston has officiated in the NFL since the 1995 season and is a line judge. He has officiated in two Super Bowls. The Gladewater Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and by appointment. Courtesy Photo**



**GHS alum David Meczy visited his exhibit at the Gladewater Museum recently. Meczy is a renowned photographer who has photographed many celebrities and worked for national publications. His work has been exhibited internationally. Courtesy Photo**

## Spotlight on freedom to read, to think

By Suzanne Bardwell

Banned Books Week is this week and in a nation that touts freedom of speech it might be interesting to see which books are the most commonly discarded from schools and other public book shelves. Some may surprise you. Here is a partial 2020 list of banned classics according to the American Library Association/

- The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- Ulysses* by James Joyce
- Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- 1984* by George Orwell
- Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
- A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison
- Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell
- Native Son* by Richard Wright
- The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- The Lord of the Rings* by JRR Tolkien

These books along with thousands of others have been banned, burned and denied public access in not only the United States but throughout the world. Many are a standard part of high school and collegiate required reading. The ALA supports intellectual freedom by highlighting challenges to freedom of access to literary works.

## Woman killed in vehicle accident on US 80

By Phillip Williams

A Gilmer woman was killed when the sport utility vehicle she was driving overturned Friday morning on U.S. 80 near Big Sandy, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Dondi Young, 48, who was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene by Upshur County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Wyone Manes, the DPS said.

Investigators' preliminary report indicated Young's eastbound

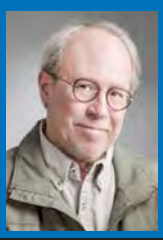
2003 Toyota Sequoia drifted onto the roadway's right shoulder before she "overcorrected coming back onto the roadway, went into a side skid and rolled in the roadway," said DPS Sgt. Jean Dark. The vehicle then went off the highway's north side and "started flipping end over end," Dark said in a news release.

Troopers responded to the scene approximately 4.3 miles east of Big Sandy at 7:46 a.m., the sergeant reported. The crash remained under investigation Saturday, she said.

Young's body was taken to Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer.

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Secretary of state announces election audits

In a two-sentence press release, the secretary of state's office announced an audit of four Texas counties — Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Collin — for the 2020 election.

The announcement came hours after former President Donald Trump called on Gov. Greg Abbott to add an election audit bill to the current special session of the Texas Legislature. Abbott has not responded thus far. A similar audit in Arizona's Maricopa County recently ended and concluded Biden won that state's most populous county, which provided him the winning margin there.

Trump won Texas by 5.6 percentage points in the 2020 election, although three of the four counties to be audited — Dallas, Tarrant and Harris — went for Biden. Officials from those counties told the Texas Tribune that "the development is an unnecessary partisan move aimed at sowing doubt in the results."

The position of secretary of state has been vacant since the end of May, when Ruth Hughs resigned after the Texas Senate declined to take up her nomination.

### Abbott adds items to third special session

Abbott last week added two agenda items to the special legislative session which began Sept. 20. Legislators will consider additional property tax relief, as well as a constitutional amendment that would allow courts to deny bail to people accused of violent or sexual crimes.

The bail bill has failed in previous sessions. Because it would call for a constitutional amendment election, the bill requires two-thirds approval from both chambers to go forward.

In the current special session, legislators already are considering redrawing the state's political maps as required every decade. Also under consideration is legislation restricting participation by transgender students in school athletics, plus legislation outlining how to spend \$16 billion in federal COVID-19 pandemic funding.

Additionally, legislators are considering a bill that protects dogs from being chained without adequate shelter or space. Abbott vetoed a similar bill during the regular session.

### Search firm named for ERCOT board

The Public Utility Commission has hired Heidrick & Struggles to conduct a statewide search for eight new directors of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, whose board was decimated after the mid-February winter storm knocked out power across the state and nearly took down the electric grid, which ERCOT oversees. More than half of ERCOT's board, as well as its CEO, resigned after the storm.

The PUC oversees ERCOT. During the regular legislative session, Senate Bill 2 was passed. It established a selection committee to fill the vacant spots on ERCOT's board. The Legislature directed the committee to retain an outside consulting firm to select eight new directors "who are Texas residents with executive-level experience in any of the following professions: finance, business, engineering (including electrical engineering), trading, risk management, law, or electric market design," according to the press release.

### McConaughey mulls bid for governor

Actor Matthew McConaughey said in a podcast recently that he is "measuring" a bid to unseat Abbott in next year's governor's race, though he has not indicated if he would run as a Republican, Democrat or independent.

The Houston Chronicle reported the Oscar-winning actor made the comments on the "Set it Straight: Myths and Legends" podcast, which is hosted by a band called Midland.

A recent poll by The Dallas Morning News and the University of Texas at Tyler showed McConaughey leading Abbott by 9 percentage points. Former congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke is also considering a run.

### TPWD launches new hunting, fishing initiative

A new campaign by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department aims to attract more Texans into the outdoors.

Hunters and anglers fund the bulk of the state's wildlife management programs through buying hunting and fishing licenses and through sales taxes paid on hunting and fishing equipment, boat fuel, firearms and ammunition.

The Texas Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) Plan hopes to connect more Texans to outdoor recreation in order to continue funding of conservation programs and "create a better-informed public with more interest in conserving wild things and wild places in Texas and beyond."

### COVID-19 cases drop in state, but deaths increase

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped again last week to 83,098, down 34% from the previous week. New deaths reported in the same time frame rose to 2,073, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, up 15% from the previous week. At 280 deaths a day, the state has one of the nation's worst COVID-19 death rates, the Houston Chronicle reported. In the past month, more than 5,000 Texans have died of the virus.

## "...not all who wander are lost"

Technology is frustrating, occasionally confusing and often amazing. This column is being written while we are rolling down I-20 to Florida for the National Newspaper Convention. How can it be that I can connect my laptop to my car or cell phone to access the internet?

Well, actually I understand that part which is fascinating. Cell phones operate with radio frequencies, a form of electromagnetic energy on the electromagnetic spectrum between FM radio waves and the waves used in microwave ovens. Oops, here I go on another mind wandering rabbit trail. (FYI: I have a minor in science and a penchant for wander and wander.)

Crosby, Stills & Nash are crooning "Just a Song Before I Go" which seems poetic under the circumstances. Although technically we are already going. And I couldn't be happier to be on the road despite the construction, the fact that my better half has a horrendous cold (and yes, he tested COVID negative before we left) and I am dragging from deadlines and trips to far West Texas and parts in between for family 'stuff'. Stuff that was fun, seeing my Mom and my brother for their birthdays in the Lubbock land of beautiful sunsets, dust-filled wind and speedway interstates. Stuff that was full of family biz including CPAs, banks, appraisal districts and the frustration of trying to register our cattle brand and not being able to because it wasn't specifically mentioned in Dad's will. Who would have thought? I will get that figured out before the Jan. 1 deadline or I am not my Daddy's daughter.

Along with grant work, fundraisers, events and press deadlines on top have me ready for the stopover in Pensacola where my boss has a room for us with a balcony that overlooks the Gulf. That's our office for the next two days while we work on the Gladewater Mirror, White Oak Independent and the Lindale News & Times.

Before you get your red pens out to circle our mistakes in the paper, I would beg you to remember that we work very hard to bring you the news of your hometown. As a former teacher I get it though. I smugly grin when I find an error in a national publication. Although to be fair, they have a lot more staff, deeper pockets and copy editors. When you do get your red pens out I must tell you that I have already circled the error and cringed. I confess that I am indeed a flawed perfectionist.

My poor nurse practitioner daughter-in-heart is pulling extra shifts

## Suzanne Bardwell



at the hospital and taking care of King the Wonder Dog while her husband, our son, is on the Dixie Fire in California. Keep her in your prayers. King is 85 lbs. of flying velcro hair and is a rescue with separation anxiety. With King safely stowed, and nearly all family obligations and most deadlines but the regular weekly ones met, I am gleefully counting the hours until my soul is filled with the serenity of the ocean.

This is a gift of two days before the NNA convention from my hubby boss just for me. He is not a water guy, hates the sand, hates the heat, and saw "Jaws" far too many times to enjoy the ocean. Yes, we will be working, but I will be doing it with the waves pounding the beach as background music that soothes my soul.

And my weary soul needs soothing. What a gift to be spending my lifetime with someone who 'gets' me. That is pretty soothing as well.

See you soon friends and neighbors. In the meantime, be kind to one another for life is far too short to be anything but kind. And remember, "...not all who wander are lost".



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## Help Wanted!

From June to July 2021 (the latest available data), the number of job openings was up 749,000 to 10.9 million, the highest level since the US Bureau of Labor Statistics started keeping such records in December

2000. The largest increases in available positions occurred in health care and social assistance (+294,000), finance and insurance (+116,000), and accommodation and food services (+115,000).

The labor market is back into territory where there are more jobs available than unemployed people. It is interesting to compare the pattern after the Great Recession,

when major structural problems slowed the recovery, to what happened with the pandemic. Unemployed persons per available job were around 1.5 through much of 2006 and 2007, then peaked at 6.5 in July 2009. It wasn't until April 2015 that the pre-recession ratio was restored.

The ratio of unemployed people to jobs was actually less than one through 2018 and 2019 (which had never happened before), reaching a low of 0.8 in many months including February 2020. In April 2020, it spiked to 5.0 unemployed people per opening, but just five months later, dropped to two and was again less than one by May 2021. As of late, there have consistently been more jobs than unemployed individuals. The bottom line is that, with or without the recent disruptions, we have a

long-term labor shortage.

One problem is the stubbornly low labor force participation rate, which measures the proportion of the working-age population that is either working or actively seeking work. After increasing over several decades as females joined the workforce, this rate peaked at 67.3% in 2001, followed by a gradual period of decline that brought it to 62.5% in late 2015. After that point, there was modest strengthening, reaching 63.3% just prior to the pandemic. In April 2020, it dropped to 60.2% and is now 61.7%. The COVID chaos caused many people to simply stop looking, at least temporarily.

For a variety of reasons, including virus fears, childcare challenges, stimulus payments, and skills mismatches, these individuals (about 1.6% of the

working-age population) may be slower in returning, and a sliver will not ever return. As discussed in a recent column, demographics and restrictive immigration policies are also ongoing issues. Overcoming the tight labor market will involve a variety of responses, from greater use of technology to bringing some of the almost 40% currently not working off the sidelines through better pay and benefits to more reasonable programs to import workers.

Historically high numbers of openings are beneficial for job seekers with the requisite skillsets. For companies needing employees, however, problems persist. Fortunately, in a market-driven system, the emergence of a problem simultaneously unleashes the incentives to solve it.

Stay safe!

## THE PERFECTION AND SINLESSNESS OF JESUS # 2

Hebrews 4: 15, speaking of Jesus said, He "Has been in all points tempted like as we are. YET WITHOUT SIN." Jesus was tempted, but unlike us, He was never tainted! No inclination to evil ever defiled His pure spirit. The Devil threw everything he had at Jesus, but He emerged from it all, COMPLETELY SINLESS! Hebrews 7: 26 says Jesus, our High Priest, was "Holy, harmless (guileless), undefiled, separate from sinners." Jesus was holy (godlike, pious, devout, pure), harmless (without malice or ill will toward anyone), undefiled (without spot or blemish, immaculate), separate from sinners (although He underwent every temptation) He conquered them all and emerged without sin! ABSOLUTE PERFECTION! Peter referred to Christ "As a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet. 1: 19). He was the anti-type (prophetic fulfillment) pictured by the Passover lamb that was required to be "without blemish and without spot." (Lev. 22: 21-24; Num. 28: 3, 11). Jesus in the absolute sense, complied with this requirement, being utterly and wholly without sin. He was "without blemish," being PERFECT; and "without spot," UNDEFILED BY THE WORLD! Peter further said that Christ "Committed no sin, neither was guile (deceit) found in His mouth." (1 Pet. 2: 22). The New Living Translation correctly says: He never sinned or deceived anyone." This was despite the fact that His enemies sought diligently, and searched carefully to discover such.

The Lord exhibited perfect sinlessness, both in word and in deed. Because of His sinless life He was qualified to "bare our sins in His body on the tree." (1 Pet. 2: 24). Thus, not only did our Lord have no sin, not only did He not sin Himself, but He "bore our sins" in His body on the cross. Inherent in the word "bore" is the idea of sacrifice. In His death on our behalf, He made possible taking away our sins by providing sanctification and purification. Think on these things. (We will finish this study next week).

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# OBITUARIES

## DONALD WAYNE WHITLOCK

Mr. Donald Wayne Whitlock, age 78, passed away on Friday, September 24, 2021, in Longview. Don was born on June 8, 1943, in Longview to the late Ruby and Ermer Mae (Herrin) Whitlock.



He grew up and attended school in Gladewater, until the family moved to Crowell, where he graduated in 1962, but remained a part of his Gladewater High School Class of '62 as well. He met and married the former Mary Lee Smith in Crowell in 1964, and they moved back to Gladewater soon thereafter. He was a skilled mechanic for anything with an engine and retired from Deep South Equipment. He was a quiet, strong, and giving man who enjoyed tinkering in his shop, rebuilding things, especially old Ford tractors. He would drop whatever he was working on at a moment's notice to help his family or anyone in need. A family member remarked, "You know it's serious if Uncle Don shows up with a trailer."

He is preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife, Mary Whitlock; a brother, Eugene Whitlock; sister, Grace McClain; and grandson, James Horn.

He is survived by his three children, Allan Whitlock and wife Pong Ae of Longview, Ronnie Whitlock and wife Tonya of Austin, Michelle Horn and husband Frog of Gilmer; sisters-in-law, Darlene Wheeler and husband Joe of Crowell, Sylvia Whitlock of East Mountain; brother-in-law, Ronnie Goodwin of Irving; nine grandchildren, Andy, Lisa, Chani, Kevin, Jeremy, Jessica, Mikayla, Kell, and Cole; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Daisy, Elliot, Molly, Eric, Kaylei, and Carter.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 30, 2021, in the Chapel of Croley Funeral Home of Gladewater with Bro. Mack Swain and Cody Swain officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Friendship Cemetery in Gladewater. Jeremy Horn, Matt Bailey, Skyler Bloomer, Kell Whitlock, Cole Whitlock, and Scott Foster will serve as pallbearers.

Kilgore College will once again honor former standout athletes, coaches and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend Oct. 29-30.

A benefit golf tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 29, and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced during a luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus.

Entry fee for the golf tournament is \$75 per player. Tickets to the luncheon are \$20 each.

Hall of Fame members will also be recognized during halftime of the KC versus Trinity Valley football game 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore.

"I always look forward to the Hall of Fame event because it is one of the most inspirational and motivational events of the year," said Staci Martin, athletic director. "It is such a hard task to narrow down all of the great student-athletes and contributors who have come through our doors over the years to select a few outstanding people each year to honor."

The golf tournament will be a two-man scramble at Tempest Golf Club in Gladewater.

Also, the college looking for hole sponsors for the golf

tournament or any business for door prize donations.

For more information, contact Kristan Propes at (903) 988-7537 or kpropes@kilgore.edu.

More information is also available at [www.kilgore.edu/halloffame](http://www.kilgore.edu/halloffame).

The newest inductees for the Hall of Fame for the 2021 season\*:

### Football player:

**Gary Robinson:** Robinson played football at KC from 1972-73 under head coach Charles Simmons and assistant coaches Jim Miller, Brodie Campbell and Allen Wikenfeld. Robinson played linebacker at KC, and then was signed by Howard Payne University to play football. After college, he was a graduate assistant at HPU from 1974-75. After leaving HPU, he served 30 years in the Texas public school system as a football coach at Duncanville, Nacogdoches, Cushing and Alto high schools.

### Football team:

**1981 KC Football Team:** Head coach Jim Miller and assistant coaches Marion Turner and Jim Prewit led the 1981 Rangers to an 8-2 season, earning a Texas Junior College Football Conference Co-Championship.

### Men's Basketball Player:

**Ron Bayless:** Bayless played for the Rangers from 1989-91 under head coaches Roger Schnepf and Shawn Scanlan. His sophomore season under

coach Scanlan's leadership, KC went 25-5 and 14-2 in Texas Eastern Conference play. After KC, he was recruited to play at Iowa State University where he played two seasons from 1991-93, averaging 12.9 points per game with a 46 percent field goal percentage.

### Women's Basketball Player:

**Alexandra "Alex" Bowman:** Bowman played for the Lady Rangers from 2001-03 under head coach Scotti Wood and assistant coach Cortina Jones, compiling a 41-22 record. Her sophomore season, she averaged 10.1 points per game and was named All-Conference and All-Region. After KC, she played for Stephen F. Austin State University from 2002-05 and now coaches girls' basketball at Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Houston.

### Contributor:

**Dr. Jack Robberson:** Roberson served as the team doctor at KC (for football and basketball) for many years and was a proud KC athletics supporter until his death in 1989.

### Spirit of Excellence Awards\*\*:

**Steve McCarty:** McCarty played on the 1961 and 1962 football teams under coaches Carl Ellis and Darrel Shaver. Signed to KC out of Alto, he started at lineman on both offense and defense. Following KC, he was recruited to play at SFA where he eventually had to retire from

football following injuries to his shoulders. After SFA, he was head coach at Beaumont South Park, West Orange Stark and Nacogdoches high schools. His reputation and success at Nacogdoches led to his hiring as athletic director at SFA where he established himself through the 1990s and early 2000s as not only one of the top athletic administrators in the Southland Conference, but also across the entire south region.

In 2005, McCarty was named to the South East Texas Coaches Hall of Honor, and in 2018, McCarty was inducted into the NJCAA Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

**Gene Powell:** Powell played football at KC from 1951-52 under coaches Woodrow Johnson, T.A. Scott and Claude Owens. His freshman year, the Rangers were 9-2, winning the Texas Rose Bowl Championship.

After KC, he continued his education at Lamar University until he graduated in 1955. In 1955, Powell started working in the oil & gas industry at Oil Well Supply. He continued his employment there until he ventured off on his own in 1963, operating under the name Gene Powell and E-Tex Well Service. In 1982, Gene Powell and E-Tex Well Service became known as Gene Powell Investments, Inc., where he continues his success today.

## Letter to the Editor

### Cherish health while you've got it

Only a few people know, I've been having a flare-up of a neurologic illness caused by past head injuries. Just days ago, I was at my doctor's office in Gladewater and met a gentleman (a fellow patient) who said the same thing. I have sought prayers from anyone. I've had Methodist ministers and Catholic priests praying for me.

Today, in the postal mail, I received an Airmail letter from the Vatican, from Fernando Cardinal Filoni, head of the papal Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. I appreciated him saying: "...be assured of my prayers for your health". Further, he offered his blessings for all my family.

I've had several doctors and nurses in the family (past and present). I am grateful for advances of modern-medicine; yet I often wish that Medicine could regain more focus on the Doctor-Patient relationship it once

had. Modern bureaucracy exists too; I'm not talking payments, but time-constraints of exams; "referrals" and some specialists not accepting referrals. Some medical-people get burnt-out by more document recording than in seeing patients. Some ill patients are stymied, unable to navigate the healthcare maze. Patient-numbers have replaced patient-names.

I champion new medical technology and wish it were blended with old-fashioned tender human attentiveness enabling a more "user-friendly" atmosphere, benefitting Doctors, Nurses, and patients. We have a great health-system in America: It's mainly the finer points that need to be tweaked and reformed.

James A. Marples.

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## October 9th, 2021 | 8-12

# Gladewater FALL CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

GLADEWATER RESIDENTS may deposit bulky, household garbage and items into dumpsters located along E. Commerce St, downtown Gladewater. 8AM - Noon.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Historian Dr. Douglas Brinkley to visit SFA, discuss 'Discovering America from the Road'

**NACOGDOCHES** — Dr. Douglas Brinkley, CNN presidential historian and professor of history at Rice University, will present "Discovering America from the Road" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Stephen F. Austin State University in the Baker Pattillo Student Center Theater.

Brinkley, whom CNN declared, "a man who knows more about the presidency than any human alive," is the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities at Rice, an American historian, best-selling author and sought-after commentator on U.S. presidential history. He has authored books on several presidents, including Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. Nancy Reagan personally selected Brinkley to edit President Reagan's 2011 presidential diaries.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Seating is limited to approximately 150. Face coverings are strongly encouraged but not mandatory. To register, visit [sfasu.edu/BrinkleyRSVP](http://sfasu.edu/BrinkleyRSVP). For more information, contact Straub at [straubsm@sfasu.edu](mailto:straubsm@sfasu.edu).

## GHS FFA score at ET State Fair

Congratulations to Logan Bohanon as he showed his Polled Hereford at the East Texas State Fair Heifer show.

Logan won his class and was named Grand Champion Polled Hereford. He will show tomorrow in the division drive.

Breanna Newman placed 1st in her ORB class at the East Texas State Fair Heifer Show and Benjamin Alvarez placed 4th on his ORB class at the East Texas State Fair heifer show.

## W. Mountain Cemetery Assoc. to meet

The West Mountain Cemetery Association, which canceled its annual meeting last year and postponed this year's annual meeting due to the COVID pandemic, will hold an abbreviated meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at the cemetery.

In an email sent to members last week, association secretary/board member Leean Clark Williams noted that she had announced in the association's April newsletter that it would meet in October (the association usually meets in May.) "Even though COVID is certainly not under control, we are meeting to address what we need to before we can all meet again and actually have lunch and a longer meeting. We certainly plan for that to be next May," Williams said.

In a newsletter accompanying the email, association President Larry Pyle said the "brief meeting" would involve voting on directors' places, the financial report and any concerns members may have. Unlike as is normally the case at the annual meeting, no lunch will be served.

Those attending are asked to observe social distancing, he said.

## Storytime held in Gilmer Thursday

Two books will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday. "Muffins for Mommies" by Adam and Charlotte Guillain and "Cake Girl" by David Lucas, 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, Dunn added. The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.) Although 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.

## Rotary golf tourney Oct. 23rd

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.

## School Calendar of Events

<b>GISD Calendar</b> 9/29, Wednesday Homecoming Theme Cowboys vs. Aliens 9 a.m. PSAT Prep Day 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 9/30, Thursday Homecoming Theme Mathlete vs. Athlete GMS FB vs. New Boston 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 5 p.m. JV@New Boston	<b>10/1, Friday</b> Homecoming Theme Spirit Orange & Black FAFSA 4:30 p.m. V VB vs. Ore City-H <b>HOMECOMING</b> 7:30 p.m. Bears vs. New Boston-H 10/2, Saturday CC@Gladewater <b>10/4, Monday</b> FCCLA Fundraiser to 10/29 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 p.m. Full Band Practice <b>10/5, Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. JV/VB vs. ETHS Chargers Breast Cancer Awareness <b>10/6, Wednesday</b> 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal <b>10/7, Thursday</b> 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 5 p.m. 9/JV vs. Atlanta-H <b>10/8, Friday</b> CC@Hawkins 4:30 p.m. V VB vs. Sabine-H 7:30 p.m. Bears@Atlanta <b>10/10, Saturday</b> CC@Hawkins CC Band-Pine Tree UIL Marching Contest
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# GMS Bears sweep Tatum

By Chase Manley  
 Thursday evening at Tatum High School the Gladewater Middle School Bears faced the Tatum Middle School Eagles.  
 The GMS B team came away with a 18-0 win behind QB Rylan Hilton, receiver Ka'Yrion Sheppard, running backs Xavier Gregory and Kaidin Harris driving the ball down the field behind offensive linemen Pierce Garcia, Jackson Arevalo, Ashton Willoughby, Kreston Denson-Grimes and Kenarean Hall. The defense held Tatum to zero points

with great stops by Jayden Walker, Camryn Wragg, Adam Warner and Kingston Sheffield.  
 The seventh grade Bears won over the Eagles by the score of 14-0. They were led by quarterback Caleb Balcorta with one touchdown, 55 rushing yards and one defensive interception. Trey Watts had 90 yards on the ground scoring one touchdown as well as Lucas Vasquez having a steady rushing game with 55 yards. The Bears offense and defensive line of Terrell Willis, Talon Robinson, Ethan Alvarez, Coby Bellanger, Christian

Jackson and Amari Minter remained dominant all night.  
 The eighth grade Bears also took home a big win over Tatum by a score of 34-0. The Bears offense dominated the Eagles led by Brayson Woods, Jeremiah Flanagan and Carsin Cooper behind the linemen of Chris Reed, Grafton Morgan, Arron Chavarria, Ivan Thomas, Preston Cuellar-Martinez and Jakobe Crosby. The defensive standouts of the night were Mason Biddle, Luke Brown, Aubry Floyd, Carson Wood and Kyle Santos.

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**THIS IS NOT FOR THE REGULAR SECTION 8 WAITING LIST. THIS WAITING LIST IS ONLY FOR THE TWO PROPERTIES LOCATED IN GLADEWATER, TX.**

In addition, persons needing assistance or who would like to apply in person may do so at the following locations from **10-a.m.-2 p.m. on October 15, 2021** at Gladewater Housing located 777 South Tyler St., Gladewater Texas 75607. Individuals applying in person should bring the listed documentation to expedite the pre-application process: ALL Proof of Incomes, Birth Certificate of children, Driver license or State I.D. Social Security Cards of household members.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM (AMS) DEPLOYMENT PLAN, AMS SURCHARGE, AND NONSTANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 52389

On August 4, 2021, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is Docket No.52389. This application, if granted, will affect all SWEPCO Texas retail customers other than those who receive service at transmission-level voltage, who receive unmetered service, or whose service is metered by certain types of interval demand recorder (IDR) meters.

SWEPCO is seeking approval from the Commission for its AMS deployment plan pursuant to PURA § 39.5021 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 25.130 and 25.133. In its 2019 regular session, the Texas Legislature approved House Bill 1595, which extended mechanisms that support deployment of AMS to SWEPCO and directed that if SWEPCO elects to deploy AMS, it shall deploy the network as rapidly as practicable to allow customers to better manage energy use and control costs. SWEPCO is therefore submitting an application for Commission review and approval consistent with the support and direction of the Legislature as provided in House Bill 1595.

SWEPCO also requests approval of an AMS Surcharge for recovery of the reasonable and necessary costs that SWEPCO will incur under its proposed deployment plan. The proposed effective date for the surcharge is the first day of the Company’s April 2022 billing cycle. The proposed AMS Surcharge would be in place for four or eight years beginning with the April 2022 billing cycle. There would be one set of AMS Surcharge rates for the first four years, and a different set of rates for the second four years. The Company’s proposed monthly AMS Surcharge rates for each rate class are as follows:

Rate Class Description	AMS Monthly Surcharge Rate Per Customer First Four Years	AMS Monthly Surcharge Rate Per Customer Second Four Years
Residential	\$2.92	\$2.42
General Service	\$6.40	Not Applicable (N/A)
Lighting and Power	\$8.32	N/A
Cotton Gin	\$10.47	N/A
Metal Melting Distribution (<69 kV)	\$9.16	N/A
Oil Field Large Industrial Power	\$7.93	N/A
Large Lighting and Power Primary	\$15.32	N/A
Municipal	\$6.36	N/A

The AMS Surcharge will apply to electric service to residential customers and non-residential customers, other than those who are served at transmission voltage, take unmetered service, or are served by certain types of IDR meters. The costs recovered through the AMS Surcharge will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission.

Furthermore, SWEPCO proposes to allow a customer to choose to receive electric service through a non-standard (non-advanced) meter and to assess fees consistent with 16 TAC § 25.133 to recover the costs associated with providing the non-standard metering service from a customer who elects to have a non-standard meter. The following fees will only affect those customers that request that an advanced meter not be installed at their service location or any other retail customer who requests non-standard metering service after advanced meters are installed:

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Persons with questions or who want more information regarding this application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the application is also available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. All requests to intervene or other communications regarding this proceeding should reference Docket No. 52389.

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