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Bears vs. Roughnecks
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Bears dominate Jefferson, visit Roughnecks Friday

By Beth McKamy

The Gladewater Bears rushed for 393 yards on 55 carries and the Bear defense dominated the visiting Jefferson Bulldogs en route to a 44-12 District 6-3A D1 victory here Friday night at Jack V Murphy Stadium. The host Bears, decked out in black jerseys with pink numbers and socks to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month, controlled the game from start to finish on both sides of the ball.

If defense wins championships then the Bears have every reason to be optimistic about their chances of claiming another district crown and success in the playoffs. Friday night the Bear defense lived in the Jefferson backfield chalking up five sacks and seven hurries of the Bulldog quarterback and holding their outstanding freshman running back Kamran Williams to 37 total yards on 12 carries. Jefferson, which was averaging 312 yards total offense a game, was held to only 100 total yards by the stingy Bear defense.

Gladewater won the coin toss and deferred to the second half but tried to catch the Bulldogs napping with an onside kick. Jefferson fell on the ball at their own 46 yard line. The Bear defense started right where they had left off against Atlanta. On the first play from scrimmage Gladewater got penetration into the Bulldog backfield dropping wide receiver Luke McMullen for an 11 yard loss. Second down was a repeat of first down as the Bears got to QB Erik Burns for a nine yard loss but a 15 yard personal foul penalty against Gladewater gave Jefferson an automatic first down at their own 37. Williams ran for one yard on first down but another Bear sack pushed the Bulldogs back 10 yards leaving them with a third and 19 at the 28 yard line. Burns could only get 11 yards on third down bringing out the punting unit. Punter Domonik Rivers (4/39 avg) fumbled the snap and was tackled at the Bulldog 44. It would take the Bear offense only four plays to get on the scoreboard. Runningback G'Braylon Polly (10/60/2 TDs) ran it in from three yards out. Kicker Jonathan Arreguin was good on the extra point and the Bears took a 7-0 lead with 7:35 left in the first quarter.

Bear linebacker Calan Castles would drop QB Burns for a loss on Jefferson's next possession forcing a three and out and a Bulldog punt of 39 yards. Starting from their own 21 yard line Gladewater would go 79 yards in 11 plays with runs by QB DJ Allen (10/86/TD), running back Za Campbell (15/93/2 TDs), Polly, fullback Austin Verner (5/33) and a pass of 18 yards from Allen (3/8/46) to wide receiver Kolin Lewis (3/46). Allen would score on a one yard run with 1:47 left in the opening quarter. The PAT by Arreguin was no good giving the Bears a 13-0 lead.

Jefferson would get their first points of the night as the last seconds clicked the ending of the first quarter. The Bulldogs went 51 yards in six plays highlighted by a QB Chris Bowman (6/15/94/TD) to McMullen pass of 23 yards. On third and 10 from the Bear 12-yard line QB Bowman hit wide receiver Burns for the score. The extra point was no good closing the Bear lead to seven points. It only took the Bears three plays to hit pay dirt again after a pooch kick and a fair catch penalty on Jefferson gave Gladewater the ball at their own 44 yard line. Allen ran for 15 yards on first down and fullback Zach Polanco bullied his way for 29 more yards. Campbell would get the score on a 12 yard run. The extra point was good and the Bears led 20-6 with 11:05 left in the half. Gladewater would get the ball right back when kicker Ozzy Chavarria laid down a perfect onside kick Allen would recover for the Bears, but two plays later Jefferson would recover a Bear fumble to take over at their own 25 yard line.

Once again the Gladewater defense would step up. Sacks by Eli Kates and Castles would push the Bulldogs back to their 12 yard line and a fourth and 23. Rivers got off a 34 yard punt that Allen returned 16 yards for the Bears giving them great field position at the Jefferson 30 yard line. Seven plays later Polly would power his way up the middle behind the stout Bear offensive line for two yards and the touchdown. Arreguin was good on the PAT giving the Bears a 27-6 lead with 5:27 left in the half.

Gladewater would continue their dominance in the second half. After an unsuccessful onside kick by Jefferson gave the Bears the ball at the Bulldog 46, the Bears would need only nine plays scoring on a Lewis run of 11 yards. The extra point was good increasing the Bear lead to 34-6. A 15 yard penalty on the Bears on the touchdown run was assessed on the ensuing kickoff giving Jefferson good starting position at their own 47 yard line.

The Bulldogs would go on their longest drive of the game for 53 yards in six plays. Bowman would score on a 1-yard run to put Jefferson within three scores of the Bears with 6:49 left in the third quarter. The PAT was again no good and Gladewater led 34-12.

The Bears would score their last touchdown of the night after a Jefferson pooch kick went out of bounds giving Gladewater the ball at their own 47. The Bears would go 53 yards in nine plays scoring on a five yard run by Campbell. Arreguin was good on the extra point increasing the Bear lead to 41-12 with 2:46 left in the third quarter.

The Jefferson offense couldn't get anything going in the fourth quarter. The Bear defense held the Bulldogs to negative yardage and limited the Jefferson possessions. While the Gladewater defense was doing their job, the offense was controlling the ball. The Bears got their last points of the contest after Allen returned a Bulldog punt 57 yards to the Jefferson 27 yard line. The Gladewater drive would stall in the Jefferson red zone where Arreguin would connect on his first field goal try of the year for 29 yards giving the Bears a 44-12 lead with 7:51 left in the game. After another three and out by the Bulldog offense Gladewater ate up the last 5:43 of the game moving down to the Jefferson 6-yard line where they kneel down to end the game.

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Gladewater Quarterback DJ Allen weaves his way through the Jefferson defensive line for another first down in Friday's 44-12 District 6-3A Div. 1 win over the Bulldogs.

Photo by Jim Bardwell



The Gladewater Bears lit up the stadium from start to finish Friday night.

Photo by Suzanne Bardwell



The Lee Public Library roof which was effectively destroyed in February's ice storm was being removed Monday. After removal a new roof will be constructed with a slight pitch which will improve the function of the roof. Paragon Roofing will be doing both parts of the roof project. The library interior has been completely redesigned by a Tocker Foundation library architect at no cost to the city to create a 21st century library/education/technology/job center.

A \$50,000 grant from the Tocker Foundation and a \$36,000 grant from the Still Water Foundation have been secured by Friends of the Library to purchase all new furnishings as well as shelving for the children's library. The furnishings' insurance reimbursement from the ice storm can then be applied to construction costs.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



2021 Yam Queen
Hannah Jean Henson

It's Yam Time in Gilmer

By Phillip Williams

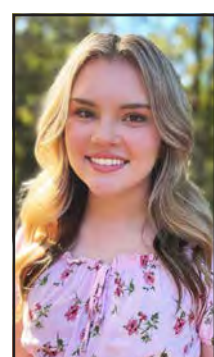
The 84th annual East Texas Yamboree festival, which annually draws thousands to Gilmer, returns Oct. 20-23 after being canceled last year due to the COVID pandemic--the first time the festival hadn't been held since the 1940s.

The 2021 gathering features a host of events and contests in downtown Gilmer and at other sites in the city. For more information, contact the

Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce at 903-843-2413, email office@yamboree.com, or visit www.yamboree.com



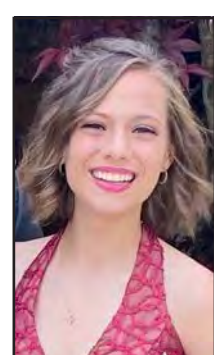
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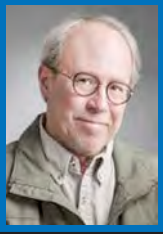
White Oak High School Duchess Reese Saccoccio

A "Tater Trot" race, beginning at Gilmer High School, will precede the other Yamboree-related events this Saturday. Oct. 20 highlights include a rabbit show, broiler show, and all rides at half price at the downtown carnival, which Crabtree Amusements will provide all four days of the festival. The carnival opens at 6

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Early voting begins on eight proposed amendments

If history is an indicator, Texas voters will likely go to the polls on Nov. 2 in underwhelming numbers to decide the fate of eight proposed amendments to the state's constitution. With no statewide races on the ballot, and a scattering of local elections for city council and school board, turnout typically is low. Nevertheless, early voting is now underway and continues until Oct. 29.

The proposed amendments include allowing raffles at rodeo events; allowing counties to issue bonds for transportation infrastructure; banning the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services (related to closures during the pandemic); eligibility of candidates to run for judicial positions; and property tax exemption for bereaved families, among other measures. A fuller explanation of the proposed amendments can be found at the non-partisan BallotPedia site: <https://tinyurl.com/29andwew>

More than \$1 billion in rental assistance

A federally funded rental assistance program administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has distributed more than \$1 billion in rent and utility assistance to more than 174,000 Texas households — more than any other state. The pandemic relief measure has provided assistance in 95% of Texas counties and still has more than \$900 million that can be distributed, according to TDHCA.

"Crossing the \$1 billion mark shows we were able to address a great and pressing need that is still present here in our state, but it's important we continue to work vigorously to get help out as quickly as possible," Bobby Wilkinson, TDHCA executive director, said.

Renters can apply for the program by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at TexasRentRelief.com. The call center is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify, households must be at or below 80% of the area median income and meet other criteria.

State dried up in September

The cooler and wetter conditions of early summer became a distant memory in September as much of the state experienced little rain, according to Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist for the Texas Water Development Board.

"At the end of the month, drought conditions covered 7% of the state, up six percentage points from the end of last month," Wentzel wrote. September was the first month since last March that was both warmer and drier for most of the state. Wentzel predicts dry conditions will continue for the next few months, leading to drought expanding to cover all but the eastern edge of Texas by the end of the year.

\$36.4 million in border enforcement funding

Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week that his Public Safety Office will award \$36.4 million in funding for law enforcement and prosecution in connection with Operation Lone Star, the state's border security effort.

"Operation Lone Star is critical to our efforts to secure the border, and we will continue to invest in this operation in order to keep Texans safe," Abbott said. "The grant funding provided through House Bill 9 ensures that our local partners along the border have the resources and support they need to respond to the border crisis."

The funds will go to a dozen counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

How to pick the right Medicare plan

Medicare open enrollment is underway and continues through Dec. 7. The Texas Department of Insurance provides some advice for Texans enrolling for Medicare after turning 65 this year or for existing enrollees considering changes to their Medicare plans. Those include:

- Know the deadlines, which in general run three months before turning 65 to three months after. People with insurance through their employer can delay enrolling, but it's best to check with the company's benefits manager.
- Learn the different parts of Medicare and decide if you need a gap plan to supplement Medicare coverage.
- Calculate the costs and compare plans. More information can be found at medicare.gov.

New COVID-19 cases drop slightly; deaths rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas reported in the past week dropped slightly to 48,971, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, but new deaths jumped 34% to 1,949. The latest wave of serious cases appears to be slacking off from the highs reported in late August and September, with 5,376 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals as of Sunday. That's a drop of nearly two-thirds from its late-summer peak, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated ticked up to 15.2 million, according to DSHS, while more than 900,000 people have received an additional dose of the vaccine. The additional doses were first authorized in mid-August.

...slow talkin'

I do so love words, the kind you read, the kind you speak, and especially the ones you mangle in making a point. Just hang with me and you will see what I mean.

Hubby and I watched a segment on English and Irish pubs and the impact of the pandemic on some centuries old public (pub) houses. Many have closed, some are in buildings that date back to Viking raiders before 1,000 A.D. At least that is what the interviewed publican (owner) said.

Public Houses, what an interesting concept. Not a bar, certainly not a sports bar, or a coffee shop with fru-fru drinks that cost more than a meal at any fast food restaurant. And, although they often have food it is not the focus. Conversation and community are the point of the establishments.

What I noticed in this great news segment is that almost everyone they interviewed was an eloquent conversationalist. Could that be because in those pubs people are actually having conversations on a wide range of topics using 'their words', quality words. Here in the states we have a tendency to speak in shorthand, even us slow-talkin' Texans. Despite that fact, a few words can go a long way when shared with strangers.

I know this to be true because Jim and I met a guy who works in San Francisco at an airline's headquarters. We happened to be at a Disney Springs outdoor establishment. Airline guy was feeling good and waxing eloquent with his opinions when he engaged us in conversation. He was very friendly and definitely impressed with our friendliness and willingness to engage in conversation with a stranger. Heck, he really needs to get to Texas. We talk to dogs, cats, livestock, any random stranger, and are always willing to offer a listening ear. I have been told more than once that I can "...talk the paint off the wall".

This fellow whose sheets were pretty much flapping in the wind, said that if his co-workers heard our accents we would be labeled

Suzanne Bardwell

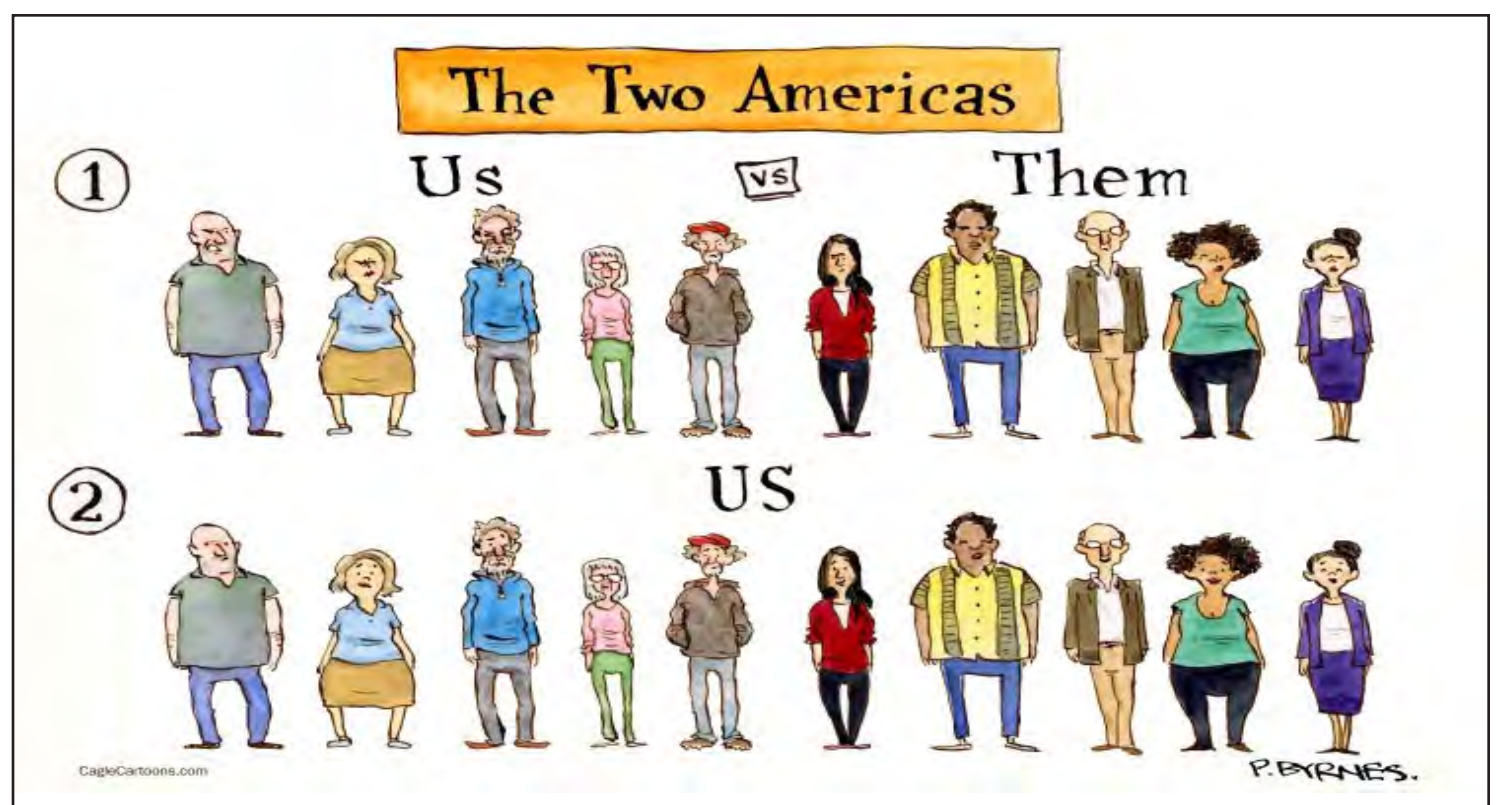


'hillbillies' because of our southern accents. Jimmy immediately informed the friendly stranger that we had Texas' accents not southern ones. And, if he paid attention we even have different accents because we are from different regions of the state. I told Sheets-in-the-Wind, that this hillbilly had three college degrees and the guy I am married to is president of Texas Press. I couldn't help it. I just couldn't stop myself. But, I did tell him we were from the 'friendly' state and he needed to spend more time in Texas...for obvious reasons.

As we continued our conversation we discovered that old Jim and I were able to break a few pre-conceived notions about Texans, charm Mr. Sheets and make an impression that might last beyond the headache he was sure to have the next day. After all, we believe that every Texan is an ambassador for the state. And as we all know, Texas is the best and Texans are the friendliest people around. We are opinionated, rowdy, hard-working folks with a sense of humor who enjoy meeting people. Most of us are just down-to-earth good folks.

We also have the God-given good sense not to judge someone by their accent. Heck, I have known folks who could buy and sell Mr. Sheets' airline twice over while turning two syllable words into four. And as I told Mr. Sheets as he left, "We may talk slow but never make the mistake that we think slow...and if you ever get to Texas we will be happy to show you around."

Take the time to enjoy people this week. You never know when they might just need a listening ear, a warm conversation and a friend. That is how opinions are changed and differences made. Y'all understand, don't you? After all we speak the same language.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

(Somewhat) Friendlier Skies

Air travel was one of the hardest hit industries when the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting shutdowns occurred in the spring

of 2020. Things are looking up, but continue to be well below pre-pandemic levels. The recent weekend of cancellations and delays illustrates one aspect of the ongoing challenges.

Total US airline traffic plummeted from about 78.9 million passengers in February 2020 to just 3.0 million in April (according to the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics). Numbers have been recovering, but total passengers were still only 73 million in July 2021 (the latest available data)

which is about 15% lower than July 2019 (86.5 million), but almost three times the July 2020 level.

International travel has naturally been slower to recover with various restrictions and requirements, and it remains decidedly below pre-pandemic levels for travelers through the US. Globally, 1.8 billion passengers flew in 2020, a decrease of 60% compared with the 4.5 billion passengers in 2019.

The summer of 2021 was supposed to bring a return to more normal conditions, but the Delta variant and rising cases caused some slowing in the recovery. Things are looking better now, with vaccination rates up and the recent surge beginning to subside. The US has now reduced restrictions on inbound international travel, and airlines are adding flights back to

the schedule, although workforce and logistical issues abound.

Looking ahead, it may be a couple of years before global passenger numbers attain pre-pandemic levels. The International Air Travel Association projects that the number of global travelers will be 52% of pre-COVID-19 levels for 2021, with 88% recovery next year. The effects are expected to linger, and expectations for 2030 remain about 7% below the pre-pandemic forecast.

Air cargo was also dramatically affected. During the worst of the crisis, most commercial planes were grounded as travel was halted. A large portion of air cargo volume is usually shipped on passenger planes; and without these flights, airlines converted planes for purely cargo use. Despite capacity constraints, the industry reacted

quickly to distribute personal protective equipment (PPE), essential goods, and vaccines. Boxes were literally strapped into seats to speed distribution.

Going forward, air cargo is likely to remain a growth leader for the industry. Global trade is projected to expand substantially in the coming decades, with all modes of transport enjoying higher demand. The rapid responsiveness of air cargo is a natural fit for the e-commerce segment of retail, which expanded dramatically in importance through the pandemic.

Despite a healthy federal stimulus, airlines have struggled to deal with the pandemic and its aftermath. Travel is trending and even accelerating in the right direction, but is unlikely to shatter the sound barrier anytime soon. Stay safe!



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LEARN BY EXPERIENCE

Someone said: "It's paradoxical, but cold feet are often the direct result of burned fingers." That's a witty way of saying a painful experience can teach us to be cautious. Thus, when we've made a mistake, and so-to-speak, have been burned by the consequence of our mistake, it motivates us to beware of such mistakes in the future.

Someone else said: "Learn by experience - other people's if you're smart." Now that's good advice because it's a lot less painful to learn from observing someone else's mistakes than by personally making those mistakes yourself. In other words, it's less painful to get cold feet by watching someone else burn their fingers than by burning your own fingers!

The Bible tells us about the mistakes of others. It does this so we can learn from their painful experiences, instead of going through those painful experiences ourselves. For example, look at the statement in 1 Cor. 10: 5-11, where the Scriptures speak of the sinful Israelites in the time of Moses. "But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor murmur, as some of them, also murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come."

Yes, my dear friend, one reason God has given us the Scriptures is so we could learn from the mistakes of others, and thereby be motivated not to make those mistakes in our lives. Be smart, and cautious, and learn those lessons. It will save you from burning your own fingers! Think on these things.

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Christus Good Shepherd heart institute opens

By Suzanne Bardwell

A dream was realized with the opening of Longview's new Christus Good Shepherd Heart & Vascular Institute on Monday. A blessing and ribbon cutting was held last Thursday for the \$8.5 million, 21,500 square foot cardiovascular care center. The center will provide cardiology, electrophysiology and cardiovascular surgery and rehabilitation services in the medically integrated clinic.

"It is a really big step for the services and quality of services that we are going to be able to offer here in Longview," Chief of Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology Dr. Chris McClish said. "Heart disease is the biggest threat to the people in our community."

The new heart institute is directly across the street from Christus Good Shepherd Hospital and connected by a walkway which Dr. McClish said would allow treatment under one roof allowing the various specialists to coordinate care for optimum results for each individual patient whether in-patient or out-patient.

Last Thursday's spiritual blessing and ribbon cutting emphasized the mission of the Christus' faith based health system which is to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The Catholic based system's blessing was led by Rev. Msgr. Xavier Pappu of St. Matthew's Catholic Church after a welcome by Christus Health Northeast Texas, Louisiana & Southeast Texas' Scott Fossey and an opening prayer by Religious Associate for Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Sister Angela Szczawinska. The new rehab unit was filled with the medical staff that will be serving the unit and were included in the prayer and blessing ceremony.

"Grant that in this heart and vascular institute, the physicians and staff will receive with kindness all patients and will tend to them with skill and care, so that those who come here sick will leave restored in spirit and in body and forever praise your mercy," Msgr. Pappu prayed. "May He strengthen you by His grace, so that, in serving the sick with tender charity, you may serve Christ himself who lives and reigns forever."



The medical staff of the new Christus Good Shepherd Heart & Vascular Institute participated in the ribbon cutting and blessing service for the new medical center last Thursday. The Institute which is adjacent to Christus Good Shepherd Hospital opened to patients on Monday.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

The unit will include five board certified cardiologists in various specialties including Dr. McClish, Dr. Christopher Boylan, Dr. Karthik Mekala, Dr. Shafik Hanna-Moussa and Dr. Kash Vahdat. Dr. Oscar J. Chastain serves as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery with surgeon Dr. Shahb Akvan and electrophysiologist Dr. Dean Sabayon

on staff. The medical staff includes cardiology nurse practitioners Jennifer Bardwell, DNP; Barndon Bryant; Tera Collins; William Barker; Lamont David and Amber Ott. A complement staff of nurses, physical therapists and other technicians will complete all service needs for the new center.

Texans will decide eight proposed amendments to the state Constitution on Nov. 2. Here's what you need to know.

By Andrew Zhang
The Texas Tribune

Texas voters can now weigh in on potential changes to the state's Constitution regarding religious services, eligibility requirements for judges, county infrastructure and more.

Election day is Nov. 2, and early voting began Monday, Oct. 18 and lasts until Oct. 29.

The proposed additions to the Texas Constitution were passed as bills during this year's legislative session, and a majority of voters in the state must approve each amendment before it can be officially added to the Constitution.

In 2017, Texas voters approved all seven amendments on the ballot; in 2019, voters greenlit nine out of 10 proposed changes.

There are no state elected seats on the ballot this November. Certain local elections may have area-specific positions and initiatives on the ballot, such as school board officials and city council members.

Here's the breakdown of each proposed amendment.

Proposition 1: rodeo raffles

Proposition 1 would allow charitable raffles at rodeo events. Unauthorized raffles can be considered illegal gambling under Texas law.

In 2015, voters approved a rule to allow charitable raffles at professional sports games. The resulting change created fundraising opportunities for education, cancer research and

youth programs, according to an amendment analysis.

The constitutional amendment on the ballot this November would extend that permission to rodeo events by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.

Proposition 2: tax financing for county infrastructure

This amendment would authorize counties to issue bonds or notes to raise funds for transportation infrastructure in underdeveloped areas. Already, cities and towns have the authority to fund projects with this financing method.

Counties would repay these bonds by pledging increased property tax revenues, but these funds cannot be used for construction, maintenance or acquisition of toll roads.

Proposition 3: restrictions on religious services

If approved, Proposition 3 would ban the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services, including those in churches and other places of worship.

The move stems from conflicts over churches that closed during the early months of the pandemic in 2020. Some local officials extended stay-at-home orders to include places of worship, requiring them to limit attendance or make services virtual — a trend Gov. Greg Abbott and other Republicans pushed back on.

But critics of the proposal worry the change could prevent the government from acting to protect people in future emergencies, such as evacuations and public health emergencies.

Proposition 4: state judge eligibility

Proposition 4 would require candidates to have 10 years of experience practicing law in Texas to be eligible for election to the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals or a Texas court of appeals. Currently, the law requires 10 years of experience but allows for out-of-state experience.

Additionally, candidates running to be a district judge would need eight years of law practice or judicial experience in a Texas court, up from the current requirement of four years.

Proponents of the change argue it could create a higher-quality judiciary, but opponents say the proposed requirements could reduce voter choice and diversity within the candidate pool. In Texas, judges are elected by popular vote.

Proposition 5: judicial misconduct process

Proposition 5 would allow the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to have oversight of candidates running for judicial seats by accepting complaints or reports, conducting investigations and reprimanding them. The commission, an independent agency created by the state

Constitution, already has these powers over current judicial officeholders.

Proposition 6: essential caregiver designation

This amendment would allow residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to designate one essential caregiver who cannot be denied in-person visitation rights. If the proposition passes, the Legislature would create further guidelines for these caregivers.

Like Proposition 3, Proposition 6 also comes as a response to pandemic-era restrictions. Nursing homes, which were hit particularly hard by COVID-19, saw extended visitation restrictions that prevented residents from seeing family and friends for months.

Proposition 7: property

tax exemptions for bereaved families

Proposition 7 would put a limit on school district property taxes incurred by the surviving spouse of a person with disabilities older than 65 who has died. The surviving spouse must be at least 55 years old at the partner's time of death and still live in the home.

The amendment is necessary to update the Constitution in accordance with the tax code, which was modified in the 2019 legislative session to include this change. If approved, individuals eligible for these tax breaks could receive refunds on collections in 2020 and 2021.

The resolution could reduce school district property tax revenue and increase state funding in accordance with Texas public school funding formulas, according to analysis of the

amendment. However, the exact cost of the change cannot be estimated because the number of surviving spouses is unknown.

Proposition 8: property tax exemptions for military families

Proposition 8 would expand eligibility for residential homestead tax exemptions to include spouses of military members killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. Currently, the exemption is extended to spouses of military members killed in action.

The new eligibility would include people killed in accidental vehicle crashes or non-hostile events.

This exemption would apply to fewer than 10 people per year, according to analysis of the amendment.

Lilly's Doggy Daycare & Boarding

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Texas Farm Credit launches programs to award \$100,000 to Ag Students

ROBSTOWN – Texas Farm Credit is relaunching its updated student programs to include more opportunities and increased award amounts totaling \$100,000 for 4-H and FFA students within its service territory.

Texas Farm Credit has a mission to support agriculture and rural communities now and in the future. The customer-owned cooperative proudly offers the following programs to recognize and reward students who excel in both the classroom and in their agriculture groups.

“We’re honored to play a part in growing and supporting our future leaders,” said Mark Miller, Chief Executive Officer. “We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to both the students and their local FFA chapters and 4-H clubs.”

These three Ag Student Awards & Recognition Programs are part of Texas Farm Credit’s Passion Forward initiative which aims to give back 2% of their annual net income to local communities each year.

Ag Champs

Each Texas Farm Credit branch location will select one local student who will be awarded a \$1,000 academic grant and the title of Ag Champ. There will be 18 Ag Champs in all. In addition, each Ag Champ will also have a \$1,000 contribution made in their honor to their FFA chapter or 4-H club. For eligibility, full details, and to apply, visit TexasFarmCredit.com/Scholarship.

Scholarships

Texas Farm Credit will present \$5,000 postsecondary scholarships to ten future ag leaders. Winners will be announced in May 2022. The annual scholarship program is named in honor of Paris, Texas native Marsha Pyle Martin, a strong advocate for youths and agriculture who passed away in 2000 following a 30-year Farm Credit career. Winners will be selected based on their transcript, application, and essay. For eligibility, full details, and to apply, visit TexasFarmCredit.com/Scholarship.

Video Showcase

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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. To sign up contact Sam Cloud at 903-844-2205 or send check to the Gladewater Rotary at P.O. Box 17, Gladewater, 75647.



Gladewater girl wins music award, to perform in England

By Phillip Williams

A 16-year-old Gladewater girl, Ameri Shaye, is making a name for herself in the musical entertainment world as she has just won a major honor from the Josie Music Awards and has a performance tour scheduled in the United Kingdom next year.

Shaye, daughter of Amanda Garrett, won the JMA award in the “songwriter achievement” category Sept. 18 at the 7th annual JMA show, held at Country Tonight Theatre in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Garrett said the Josie group is the “largest independent award show in the world with a reported 38,000 music submissions from around the globe,” and that her daughter’s was among only 2.6 percent of submissions to become a nominee.

Shaye, who is home schooled and “spends all her free time working on her music and writing songs,” is signed to Dr. John’s Surgery

Records in the UK. Having performed since age six, she released her debut EP (Extended Play album) last year and is now in studio working on a pop/rock EP for release next spring.

Her work can be found on all social media sites shown on Ameri Shaye Music, and her songs are on streaming platforms and radio across the globe.

School Calendar of Events

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| GISD Calendar 10/20, Wednesday Early Release CC Regionals FFA@Yamboree 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal 10/21, Thursday Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day 8 a.m.-noon Parent Conferences FFA@Yamboree 4 p.m. Theatre Rehearsal GMS football@White Oak 5 p.m. 9/JV vs. White Oak-H 10/22, Friday Staff & Student Holiday FFA@Yamboree 4:30 p.m. V VB vs. White Oak-H 7:30 p.m. Bears@White Oak 10/25, Monday Teacher Work Day FCCLA Fundraiser-10/29 | HoneyBear Fundraiser 10/11-11/5 6:30-8:30 p.m. full band practice 10/26, Tuesday 4:30 p.m. JV/V VB@Ore City 10/27, Wednesday FFA@Harvest Festival 10/28, Thursday FFA@Harvest Festival JV/V VB@Sabine 10/29, Friday FCCLA Fundraiser ends VB Bi-District FFA@Harvest Festival 7:30 p.m. Bears vs. Sabine-H SENIOR NIGHT 10/30, Saturday VB Bi-District FFA@Harvest Festival Theatre Rehearsal Lady Bear BB@Marshall-scrimmage Choir Halloween Hangout |
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Halloween at the Hatchery returns Oct. 28

ATHENS – The East Texas family tradition continues October 28 when “Halloween at the Hatchery” returns to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center after being cancelled in 2020 due to the public health crisis. The annual event provides a safe place to go trick-or-treating while raising money for three local beneficiaries, The Rainbow Room, East Texas Crisis Center and the Athens High School Fishing Team.

The outdoor event will feature family-friendly games, photo opportunities, and activities Thursday, Oct. 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. Local businesses and organizations will hand out free candy from booths positioned around TFFC’s recreational fishing ponds and trails.

“We’re certainly excited to be able to once again host this family friendly fall event here at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center,” said Tom Lang TFFC Director. “October in the outdoors, smiling kids making great memories, and everyone coming together to help area non-profits to serve the community, that’s a great combination in my book.”



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Oct 22 - 6:30 p.m.
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Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit
Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all? Who makes this call?
Oct 23 - 9:30 a.m.
Edible and Medicinal Plant Hike
Mission Tejas State Park
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Oct 23 - 10:00 a.m.
Spiders!
Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit
Spiders are skillful weavers. How do spiders place the silk threads? They use their strong silk in many ways. How strong is silk?
Oct 23 - 2:00 p.m.
Calling All Turkeys
Cooper Lake State Park - Doctors Creek Unit
What is a snood? Winner, winner turkey dinner!
Oct 23 - 2:30 p.m.
Archery at MTSP
Mission Tejas State Park
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Oct 23 - 5:00 p.m.
Boo in the Park 2021
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Oct 23 - 8:30 p.m.
Blacklight Night Hike!
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Oct 24 - 10:00 a.m.
Predator or Prey?
Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit
To eat or be eaten, that is the reality of life in the wild.
Oct 30 - 10:00 a.m.
The Good, the Bat and the Ugly
Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit
Texas is home to 32 species of bats. Learn about these fascinating flying mammals.
Oct 30 - 10:30 a.m.
Primitive Fire - History in Action
Mission Tejas State Park
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Wilson wins Best of Show at Saturday's Oil Field Special

Gladewater wrapped up the 2021 car show season Saturday with the RGCS's OIL FIELD SPECIAL CAR SHOW, sponsored by The Gladewater Mirror, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, and Booshay's Café.

The Top Winners were:
 Best of Show - Gary Wilson - 1970 C-10
 People's Choice - Paul Garrison - 1965 Chevy Carry All
 RGCS Choice - Kevin McLemore - 1948 Chevy Truck 3600
 Gladewater Chamber Choice - Larry Rice - 1946 Diamond "T" Truck
 Gladewater Mirror Choice - JR Brewer - 1932 5-window "American Graffiti" Ford
 Booshay's Choice - Sandra Kinn - 1968 Ford Mustang
 Best Engine - Patti Twomey - 1964 Chevy Chevelle
 Best Interior - Angela Wiggins - 1949 Ford Custom
 Best Paint - Johnny & Elaine Hampton - 1937 Chevy Mod. PU
 Best Unfinished - Jeremy Pilgrim - 1960 Chevy Biscayne
 Top 25 Cars:
 Marilyn Morris - 1939 Ford Business Coupe
 Neil Kinn - 1965 Pontiac GTO
 Dwayne Pullen - 1955 Chevy
 Dean Marquez - 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner
 Cecil Honea - 1961 Ford Falcon
 Robert & Janette Blair - 1931 Willys Knight Coupe
 Teresa Pilgrim - 1934 Ford
 Robert Sabens - 1968 Mercury Cougar
 Jack McKinley - 1926 Model T
 Kelly Thornhill - 1933 Ford Coupe
 Robert Place - 1956 Ford Fairlane Victoria
 David Green - 1955 Ford Crown



James Kirkland - 1932 Plymouth
 Bill Bobbitt - 1957 Ford Custom
 Stevie Langley - 1966 Chevy Impala
 Kenner Walden - 1955 Chevy
 Karen Rucker - 1980 Pontiac Firebird
 Terry Lee - 1964-1/2 Ford Mustang
 George Marshall - 1966 Ford Fairlane
 Tom Mitchell - 1937 Ford 2-Dr. Sedan
 Clark Spencer - 1981 Chevrolet Corvette
 Barry Hart - 1962 Pontiac Catalina
 Glynn Wiggins - 1955 Cadillac
 Jerry Stobaugh Sr. - 1938 Chevy Coupe
 Deb Vasatka - 1953 Ford Crestline Victoria
 Best of Show Car - Tim Barrows - 1957 Chevy Nomad
 Best of Show Truck - Ken Hazel - 1966 Chevy PU
 Best of Show New - Brady Brewer - 2002 Mustang
 Best of Show Rat Rod - David Sale - 1941 International Ratrod
 Best of Show Jeep - Jason Bearden - 2020 Jeep Gladiator
 Best of Show Muscle Car - Tim Bookman - 1970 Chevy Camaro Z28



Larry Rice won the Gladewater Chamber Choice with his 1946 Diamond "T" Truck. Chamber president Lous Reed presented the award along RGCS's Kylie Gorman. Photo by Jim Bardwell



Sandra Kinn won the Booshay's Choice award for her 1968 Ford Mustang. She was presented the award by Brandon Edmonds of Booshay's Bayou Cafe. Photo by Jim Bardwell



JR Brewer won the Gladewater Mirror Choice with his 1932 5-window "American Graffiti" Ford. He was presented the award by RGCS's Kylie Gorman and Mirror publisher Jim Bardwell. Photo by Lois Reed

Sports Round-Up

UG X-Country qualifies for Regionals

By Faith Woodall

Union Grove's district cross country meet Wednesday, October 13, qualified both the varsity girls' and boys' teams for the regional meet. The varsity girls won first overall, with individual medals for Gracie Stanford-1st, Sophie Pyle-2nd, Taylor Campbell-3rd, Keira Taylor-4th, Kenia Velazquez-7th, Jenna Scott-8th, and Analeice Jones-9th, making them district champions. The varsity boys placed second overall, with medals for Will Wilson-2nd, Preston Woodall-7th, Brendon Fuller-9th, Lane Turner-11th, Isaiah O'Neal-13th, Gavin Boutin-16th, and Jax Daniels-18th. James Evans won third place in the JV division.

The meet concluded the junior high season, but both the UG boys' and girls' teams won the district championships, the seventh consecutive year for the girls. Kohl Sirmans won 1st, Kody Nutt - 3rd, Rachel Potter - 3rd, Mason Stanley - 4th, Madysen Lowe - 4th, Celson James- 6th, Jill Taylor-6th, Gracelyn Head- 7th, Kolby Nutt-8th, Makynlie Young-8th, and Hudson Wightman-9th.

Lady Lions eyeing playoffs

By Kimberly Smith

The Union Grove Lady Lions claimed a 3-2 win over Big Sandy in a close match Friday, Oct. 15.

UG pulled ahead by taking game one 25-19, but the Wildcats used the home-gym hype to win games two and three 25-20 and 25-23. UG broke their momentum for a comeback in game four, winning that set 25-18, and sophomore Daytona Vaughn served an ace in the last play to finish the final set 15-12.

Avery Brooks earned 19 kills, seven aces, and three blocks for the Lady Lions. Sydney Chamberlain pitched in 23 digs and Brady Colby 42 assists. Analeice Jones had six kills, five aces, and ten digs, Sarah Prince had seven kills and five blocks, and Alison Yohn had five kills and three blocks for the night.

The Lady Lions also beat Big Sandy 3-2 in their first match-up.

UG has two more district games remaining in the season – Union Hill on Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Overton on Friday, Oct. 22 – that will determine whether the girls advance to round one of play-offs.

8th grade Bears steamroll Bulldogs 30-0

By Chase Manley

On Thursday Oct. 14 the Gladewater Middle School Bears played at Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium facing off with the Jefferson Bulldogs. The eighth grade Bears dominated the game against the Bulldogs 30-0 and are now 3-1 in district play. The Bears offense 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 outstanding defense was led by Mason Biddle, Luke Brown, Aubry Floyd, Carson Wood, Kyle Santos and Mason Budro.

The seventh grade Bears lost their first game of the season against an undefeated Bulldog team 6-28 bringing their district record to 3-1. The offense was led by Caleb Balcorta and running backs Lucas Vasquez and Trayvion Watts. The Bears offense and defensive line of Terrell Willis, Cash Morgan, Talon Robinson, Dion Patton, Ethan Alvarez, Coby Bellanger, Christian Jackson, and Amarian Minter played hard in the matchup.

The eighth grade B Team won 18-0 vs. the Spring Hill Panthers.

The seventh Grade B team lost 12-6 vs. the Spring Hill Panthers.

Lions edge out Big Sandy, 13-12

Cooper Vestal rushed for 73 yards and scored one touchdown while completing 8 of 12 passes for 87 yards in the Lions' 13-12 victory Friday over Big Sandy.

Blake Moore racked up 18 tackles on the night, while Adam Hanson added 12 tackles. Harlee Kirbis wound up the night with 14 tackles. Kirbis also caught five passes for 49 yards and a touchdown.

It's Yam Time in Gilmer

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p.m. on the 20th.

The Oct. 21 program includes a market swine show, opening of the bandstand, along with opening of the inside exhibits and contests, the All-Service Club Luncheon with physician Dr. Jeff Gusky speaking at 11:45 a.m., and an 8:30 p.m. street dance at the bandstand. (Street dances at that time are also set the next two nights.)

Oct. 22 highlights include the school/youth parade at 11 a.m., a steer show, commercial dairy and junior dairy shows, and gospel singing at the Gilmer Civic Center.

Oct. 23 highlights include a car show, the 11 a.m. queen's parade, a barbecue, a fiddler's contest, a band marching contest at Jeff Traylor Stadium, a livestock sale, and the 7:30 p.m. barn dance with singer-songwriter Mike Ryan as the main attraction.

The festival will also feature the following inside exhibits and contests: quilts, home canning, arts, yam pies, Yam-Licious, decorated yams and photography.

A display of past Yamboree queen's gowns is also set at the Historic Upshur Museum on the downtown square Thursday-Saturday.

Joel Murry is president of this year's Yamboree.

Duchess representing White Oak is White Oak High School senior Reese Makensie Saccoccio, daughter of Paul and Jennifer Saccoccio. She has been on the Scholastic Roll throughout high school, the varsity tennis team all four years, and plans to major in art at Harding University.

Duchess representing Gladewater High School is Adasyn Jack Williams, daughter of Paul and Jill Williams. (Her late grandfather, Jack V. Murphy, for whom the school football stadium is named, was head football coach at GHS for several years.)

Miss Williams is a varsity cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, and Future Farmers of America officer. She has also been active in volleyball, track, drill team, and will be this year's FFA sweetheart at homecoming.

She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler.

Gladewater Chamber of Commerce duchess Payton Lee Haley, daughter of Tommy and Carla Haley, has won several journalism-related UIL awards. They include second place in district in both news and features, and sixth place in regional in features.

She plans to attend Tyler Junior College, then Baylor University to major in business.

Union Grove High School duchess is Rylee Rust, daughter of Shayne and Cyndi Rust. A varsity softball player, she was nominated for the Texas Sports Writers Association and Texas Girls Coaches Association all-state teams.

She is also a varsity cheerleader, band president and drum major, and qualified her freshman year for the UIL state editorial writing competition. She plans to major in pre-medicine at Baylor University.



Union Grove's Ana Jones had 10 digs, 6 kills, 5 aces against Big Sandy.

Photo by Chris Jones

Quail surveys yield modest prospects ahead of season opener

AUSTIN— Quail season begins statewide Oct. 30 but outside of South Texas, bobwhite and scaled quail populations continue to their long, slow road to recovery following several years of drought. As such, hunting opportunities and success will vary across the state.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) experts say that during the annual Quail Roadside Survey period in August, which consists of biologists traveling more than 3,300 miles, male Bobwhite quail could be heard calling regularly during morning drives, but adult and brood sightings remained low. Despite reports of birds calling along most routes, the final survey numbers left much to be desired given how great habitat looked across much of the state.

"Apart from the winter storm in February, mild winter conditions statewide were a welcome reprieve for the bobwhite populations coming off a third year of below average abundance," said John McLaughlin, Upland Game Bird Program Leader for TPWD. "However, a relatively dry start to the year likely put a damper on early nesting activity. In the Rolling Plains and South Texas, survey numbers were surprisingly the lowest they have been since the survey's inception in 1978."

There has also been the suggestion that the winter storm may have hurt populations, added McLaughlin. To what extent the storm impacted birds is tough to assess, and would be mostly speculative, but it likely presented yet another hurdle to survival and to individuals ramping up for the nesting season.

Scaled quail are better evolved to withstand drought than bobwhites but nonetheless also rely on timely rainfall in the spring and late summer to grow populations. Unfortunately, late rains delayed spring nesting activity and put most counties behind the eight ball.

"Although scaled quail in the Trans-Pecos fared better than their counterparts in the Rolling Plains and South Texas, and have for some time, populations were below average in 2020," said McLaughlin. "Broadly, we expect hunting conditions will be below average to fair for most counties, especially those along or close to the New Mexico border."

McLaughlin added, farther east in Terrell County and across the Pecos River in Crockett County in the Edwards Plateau, scaled quail seemed to have benefitted from additional May rainfall. These areas are where our biologists observed the majority of their scaled quail coveys.

"The most encouraging reports for scaled quail outside the Trans-Pecos have come from the

Panhandle and southern Rolling Plains regions, where birds appeared to have caught enough spring rainfall to make a modest push this year," said McLaughlin. "However, we expect that hunting conditions will be below average to fair, which should hold true for scaled quail across most other parts of the state as well."

A regional breakdown of this year's TPWD quail index survey for northern bobwhite and scaled

quail, including highlights and prospects, is available online.

For county specific regulations regarding upland game birds, along with information on means and methods, license requirements and more, consult the 2021-22 Outdoor Annual, which was made possible in part by support from Chevy Silverado. Hunters can download the free Outdoor Annual mobile app for iOS and Android.

Texas Girls Coaches Assoc. Oct. 18, 2021 State Volleyball Poll

Class 2A (includes Class 1A)

1. Crawford 34-6
2. Beckville 36-4
3. Iola 33-7
4. Wink 33-3
5. Fayetteville 37-1
6. Thrall 30-7
7. Bremond 30-2
8. Bosqueville 34-1
9. San Isidro 29-4
10. Albany 26-3
11. Tom Bean 27-4
12. Hawkins 32-4
13. Cayuga 30-5
14. Yorktown 25-5
15. Blum 21-11
16. Frost 23-5
17. Schulenburg 29-9
18. Benjamin 28-6
19. Sulphur Bluff 22-6
20. Johnson City 25-10
21. Evadale 31-9
22. Veribest 26-5
23. Alvord 23-6
24. Northside 23-7
25. D'Hanis 26-9
26. Miami 24-7

Class 3A

1. White Oak 32-1
2. East Bernard 36-1
3. Holliday 33-5
4. Hardin 32-5
5. Bushland 27-4
6. Lorena 31-4
7. Gunter 28-6
8. Fairfield 31-6
9. Boyd 29-4
10. Shallowater 32-4
11. Mount Vernon 22-5
12. Scurry-Rosser 24-4
13. Big Sandy Harmony 26-2
14. Troy 25-5
15. Columbus 31-7
16. Lyford 22-5
17. Blue Ridge 23-4
18. Brownfield 27-4
19. Prairiland 19-5
20. Anderson-Shiro 23-6
21. Goliad 17-9
22. Atlanta 18-6
23. Randolph 28-10
24. Lexington 32-8
25. Bishop 17-5
26. Brazos 30-10





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Bears dominate Jefferson, visit Roughnecks Friday

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The Bears got outstanding play from their offensive and defensive lines all night. Kates, Castles, Polly, Zavion Woods, Chane Mendez, Chris Perry, Chase Wise, Zac Shipp, Trevor Sanders, Rajuan Johnson all won the battle in the trenches for the Bears. Gladewater also got outstanding play from defensive backs Allen, Lewis, Polanco, Frank Sierra, Kyron Wilson, XZavier Woods, Ben Alvarez and linebackers Campbell, Verner, Levi Kegaris and Logan Bohanon.

The Bears will travel to White Oak to take on the Roughnecks (4-3, 1-2) Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Bears vs White Oak By the Numbers

- Series Record- Bears 28 White Oak 7
- First Meeting- 1974- White Oak won 16-6
- Last Meeting- 2020- Bears won 31-14
- Last White Oak Win- 2004- White Oak won 27-14
- Total Points in Series- Bears 1095 White Oak 394
- Most Points in a Game- 88- 1985- Bears won 68-20
- Fewest Points in a Game- 14- 1978- Bears won 14-0
- Largest Point Spread- 55- 1983 & 1996 Bears won both 55-0
- Closest Game- 3- 1999- Bears won 24-21
- The Bears have shutout White Oak 10 times
- White Oak has shutout the Bears 1 time

District 6-3A D1 Standings

| | Overall | District |
|------------|---------|----------|
| Sabine | 6-2 | 4-0 |
| Gladewater | 5-2 | 4-0 |
| Tatum | 6-1 | 2-1 |
| Jefferson | 4-3 | 1-2 |
| White Oak | 4-3 | 1-2 |
| New Boston | 4-3 | 0-3 |
| Atlanta | 0-8 | 0-4 |

Friday 10-15 Results

- Sabine 42 White Oak 14
- Gladewater 44 Jefferson 12
- Tatum 30 Atlanta 20
- New Boston- Open

Friday 10-22 Games

- Gladewater at White Oak
- Tatum at Jefferson
- New Boston at Atlanta
- Sabine- Open



DJ Allen breaks for the run with #77 Zac Shipp hard on his heels guarding his back from a Jefferson opponent. Allen had several standout plays on the night including a 57-yard return on a punt from the Bulldog 27-yard line. Allen led the Bears to a 44-12 domination of the Bulldogs.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Bear standout #11 Kollin Lewis pushes off a Bulldog defender on his way to daylight in Friday's matchup with Jefferson. Lewis also had a pass to DJ Allen which resulted in a touchdown in the 44-12 defeat of the Bulldogs.

Photo by Suzanne Bardwell

Man gets three 20-year terms in prison

By Phillip Williams

A judge sentenced a 73-year-old Big Sandy man to three 20-year prison terms on Tuesday of last week after the defendant pled guilty to three counts of indecency with a child under the age of six, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

115th District Judge Dean Fowler "stacked" one of the three sentences against Gerald Gibbs Duhon during the proceeding in Gilmer, meaning the defendant won't be eligible for parole until he is 93, Byrd said. "The state intended that this defendant will never walk out of prison," the prosecutor wrote in a news release.

Duhon, who is related to his female victim, committed the offenses in 2020 on Sept. 29, Nov. 1 and Dec. 4, said Byrd. On the last date, he wrote, the child's "mother came home to find the defendant sitting with the child in his lap.

"Later, the mother asked if anyone had ever touched her inappropriately in private areas on her body and the young girl identified multiple times that the defendant had," Byrd added.

Big Sandy police officer Cole Hudson responded to the complaint, then went to Duhon's house, where the defendant admitted the offenses, the district attorney added.

Gilmer attorney Brandon Winn represented Duhon.

Council meeting set

The Gladewater City Council will meet Thursday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. at City Hall to consider the following items:

- Minutes - September 16, 2021, October 4, 2021, Agreement with Gregg County for support of Lee Public Library with a \$6,000 donation, Investment Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2021, Chamber of Commerce HOT report for July - September 2021, and Resolution R-21-11 establishing The Gladewater Mirror as the official newspaper for the City of Gladewater for fiscal year 2022
- Presentation/consideration SPI WTP Operational Evaluation
- Discussion/update regarding 4th quarter
- Consideration of Lake Board recommendation to fill alternate board member position

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