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Allen named District MVP, Shipp and GHS coaching staff garner top honors

Gladewater Bear senior D.J. Allen has been named Most Valuable Player on the District 6-3A Division I All-District Football Team.



DJ ALLEN

Allen threw for 741 yards and three touchdowns, rushed for 1,008 yards and 10 touchdowns and caught 12 passes for 288 yards and a TD in his senior year. Defensively, he recorded 24 tackles, a sack, eight pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Gladewater's senior Zach Shipp also gained top honors by being named Offensive Line MVP and the Gladewater Coaching Staff earned superlatives for the 2021 season.



ZACH SHIPP

Other honors went to Sabine's Jace Burns for Offensive MVP, Tatum's C.J. Fite for Defensive MVP, Tatum's Trey Fite for Defensive Line MVP and Tatum's Jackson Richardson was named Utility MVP while Jefferson's Kamran Williams earned New-comer of the Year honors.

Voting was conducted by the district's coaches.
First Team

OFFENSE

Quarterback: Cayson Siegley, White Oak; Chris Bowman, Jefferson; Kendrick Malone, Tatum; Running back: G'Braylon Polley, Gladewater; Receiver: Alex Galyean, Sabine; Kollin Lewis, Gladewater; Kendall Williams, Tatum; Jayden Boyd, Tatum; Line: Dylan Miller, White Oak; Jaden Wells, Atlanta; Conner Hubbard, Sabine; Bryce Clark, Jefferson; Tyler Smith, Gladewater; C.J. Fite, Tatum; Tight end: Jobey Shico, Gladewater; Fullback: Dalton Daniel, New Boston

DEFENSE

Line: MiChari Banks, Atlanta; Rylie Redden, White Oak; Jeremiah Hardeman, New Boston; Knox Tomlinson, Jefferson; Eli Kates, Gladewater; Rajuan Johnson, Gladewater; Linebacker: Sam Dusek, White Oak; Carter Patterson, Sabine; Ryan Yeater, Jefferson; Calan Castles, Gladewater; Za Campbell, Gladewater; Backs: Malachi Dorssey, New Boston; Cayden Fortson, Sabine; Caden Richardson, Sabine; Kile Stripland, Sabine; Judsen Carter, Jefferson; Jackson Richardson, Tatum; Special teams: Cooper McClure, Atlanta; Dalton Morgan, White Oak; Isaac Goldsmith, New Boston; Cayden Fortson, Sabine; Jace Burns, Sabine; Dmonik Rivers, Jefferson; Ozzie Chavarria, gladewater; Jose Ventura, Tatum

Second Team

OFFENSE

Running back: Brannigan Willige, Sabine; LaRandion Dowden, Atlanta; Receiver: Luke Baker, White Oak; Caden Hardin, Sabine;

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Photos By Suzanne Bardwell

Annual Santa toy run roars to Truman Smith Care Center

By Suzanne Bardwell

The recipe for Christmas cheer at Truman Smith Children's Care Center Saturday included equal parts of the Patriot Guard, Infidels, Banditos, Cotton Club Riders, Patrons, lone wolves, Christian Club riders and a whole lot of other colors that spelled out the true meaning of Christmas—the gift of love through giving and cooperation.

Gladewater's Truman Smith medical care center for fragile children saw a cavalcade of motorcyclists pull in with Santa's Sleigh filled with gifts for every single patient at the center. The toy run began 30 years ago in Mom's Biker Bar. Now it is sponsored by Longview's Outlaws Bar.

Despite the pandemic people from all over the

community participated to ensure the toy run was the success it has always been. With hundreds of gifts purchased for the children and teens at the center no stocking was left unfilled.

There were over 100 motorcycles, dune buggies and jeeps that roared from Jucy's in Longview to the Gladewater medical center where they paraded around the building so the children could see them from their windows. Due to COVID pandemic protocols and the cold, few of the children were allowed outside. Many of the bikes and bikers were decked out in Christmas cheer. Even the Grinch made an appearance alongside old St. Nick. And, everyone was smiling, even that green old Grinch in his leathers.



GISD sells old stadium

By Suzanne Bardwell

GISD properties not in use by the district have been on the block with school board members approving three property bids and rejecting one for rebid.

A \$76,176.94 bid by Whitehead Enterprises was approved for the 10.8 acre urban land tract located along West Maple Avenue. There were five bids on the property. The 2.6 acre land tract located at 1000 West Upshur Avenue went to Joel Duraso for a bid of \$57,000 with five bids tendered on the property. The .25 acre residential lot located at the northeast corner of Woodrow Street and West Marshall Street went to Tracy McKnight Real Estate for

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Liquor by the drink petition underway

If the owners of Booshay's Cafe in downtown Gladewater are successful, local restaurant patrons may soon be able to order a cocktail with their meal.

Currently, only beer and wine are the alcohol options available for purchase in local restaurants that have a state license. And if you want a margarita with your Tex-Mex meal you can only get what is commonly called a "win-earrta," which is made with wine instead of tequila.

Brandon Edmonds, of Booshays, hopes to change that. He and others are circulating a petition to ask the Gladewater City Council to call for an election so local voters can decide on whether or not liquor-by-the-drink can be legally sold inside the city limits. Edmonds needs a little over 500 signatures from qualified in Gladewater before he can present it to the council. He hopes to get the issue on the May 2022 ballot and only has a few weeks left to meet the deadline.

If successful, the effort would not only provide patrons with more options with their meals - it would also bring added sales tax revenue to the city.

In Texas, liquor is subject to an excise tax of \$2.40 per gallon of spirits. For beer, an extra 19.4 cents is added and wine has a tax of 20.4 cents. However, any wine that is sparkling has an additional \$0.516/gallon and any wine over 14% alcohol has an additional \$0.408/gallon in excise tax.

Area cities like Gilmer, Longview, Tyler, Lindale and others allow liquor-by-the-drink and have benefited from the addition to the city coffers.

For example, to date Gilmer has brought in an additional \$6,899 in sales tax revenue though mixed drink sales. Lindale has seen \$28,422 in added sales tax dollars and Kilgore has seen \$35,010 in added sales tax revenue. Longview has brought in \$262,675 and Tyler has seen \$597,643 in added tax revenue.

Volunteers plan to go door-to-door seeking signatures and a petition is available at Booshay's for anyone wishing to sign it. The petition must be submitted to the city by Jan. 18 and the council must take action on it on or before the 78th day before election day (Feb. 18th). Action must be taken by council no later than Feb. 17.

Ultimately it will be up to Gladewater voters to decide if liquor-by-the-drink is allowed locally.

UIL RECLASSIFICATION & REALIGNMENT 2022-2023 & 2023-2024

CONFERENCE	ENROLLMENT	# SCHOOLS
6A	2,225 & Above	249
5A	1,300 - 2224	253
4A	545 - 1,299	214
3A	250 - 544	233
2A	105 - 249	219
1A	104.9 & Below	220

UIL relignment announced, Gladewater and Union Grove not affected this year

Last week the UIL released their new conference cutoff numbers that will be used when they realign districts in February.

The UIL breakdown is based off of enrollment numbers submitted by every high school from October 29. These conference designations will be used for athletic and academic purposes. As always, the 6A classification will be divided into two divisions in the football play-offs. 5A-1A are already divided. For non-football sports there is no divisions in each classification.

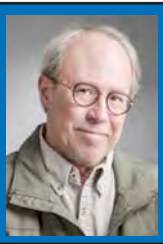
Conference Cutoffs

6A - 2225 and above 249 schools: 249 (Basketball), 249 (Football), 247 (Volleyball)
5A - 1300 - 2224 253 schools: 252 (Basketball), 251 (Football), 253 (Volleyball)
4A - 545 - 1299 214 schools: 213 (Basketball), 193 (Football), 209 (Volleyball)
3A - 250 - 544 233 schools: 230 (Basketball), 204 (Football), 220 (Volleyball)
2A 1-05 - 249 219 schools: 217 (Basketball), 208 (Football), 157 (Volleyball)
1A - 104.9 and below 220 schools: 218 (Basketball), 148 (Football), 121 (Volleyball)

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Drier, warmer weather in November Blame it on La Niña.

By the end of November, nearly half the state was experiencing drought conditions, up 25 percentage points from the end of October, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. La Niña conditions are “defined as below-average sea surface temperatures in the eastern equatorial Pacific,” Wentzel wrote. This results are warmer and drier weather than normal for much of Texas.

In the next few months, drought conditions are expected to both expand and intensify throughout the state.

COVID-19’s impact on state workers’ comp

The Texas Department of Insurance recently issued a fact sheet outlining the effects COVID-19 has had on the state’s workers’ compensation system. As of Nov. 7, insurance carriers reported more than 61,000 COVID-19 workers’ comp claims and 371 fatalities. Nearly half the claims and fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Sixty percent of the claims involved injured workers who tested positive or were diagnosed with COVID-19. About half of the COVID-19 claims were accepted. Benefits include employees with successful claims continuing to be paid.

Forensic election audit enters second phase

The Texas Secretary of State’s office last week issued an “exhaustive document request” of election material from Collin, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant counties as part of its full forensic audit of the November 2020 general election. The office said the document request covers more election materials than any other election audit in the country to date.

“Texas is leading in election integrity. As we embark on Phase 2 of our agency’s Full Forensic Audit of the 2020 Election, we want to ensure every single eligible Texas voter knows that ballots in Texas are being properly processed, tabulated, and reported by county election officials in accordance with state and federal law,” Secretary John Scott said.

Scott was recently appointed to the office by Gov. Greg Abbott. He briefly served as one of former President Donald Trump’s attorneys during his attempt to challenge the results of the Pennsylvania election. While Joe Biden won that state, Trump took Texas by more than 600,000 votes.

Vaccine mandate battle continues in Texas

Following the Biden administration’s COVID-19 vaccine mandates for companies with more than 100 employees, the Texas Workforce Commission has issued a reminder to employers that Abbott has banned such mandates.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals last month temporarily blocked the national vaccine mandate. The mandate would apply to about 84 million workers nationwide and was to go into effect Jan. 4. The case is expected to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Since day one, the state of Texas has taken a stand against the federal government’s unconstitutional COVID-19 vaccine mandates in the workplace, three of which have since been deemed illegal by federal courts,” Abbott said. He added that he encourages Texans to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Texas abortion ban in place while lawsuits continue

The U.S. Supreme Court decided last week to leave the state’s new abortion ban in place but will allow legal challenges to the law to continue. The ban was passed during the last legislative session and prohibits abortions once cardiac activity can be detected by ultrasound, generally about six weeks into a pregnancy.

The ban relies on citizens to file lawsuits against doctors and clinics suspected of performing abortions on women who are more than six weeks pregnant. As a result, most of the remaining abortion clinics in the state are not performing the procedure until the legal battle is resolved.

“While the Court did not put a complete end to our legal challenge, its failure to stop Texas’s deliberate nullification of the constitutional right to abortion within its borders makes the court complicit in widespread chaos and harm to Texans,” Alexis McGill Johnson, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, told the Texas Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Due to our age and medical condition, David and I will no longer be able to volunteer at the Union Grove Cemetery. After 21 years we regret having to make this decision. It was a big part of our lives in making it better.

Bobbie Wallace and David

“...if only in my dreams”

I don’t want things to change...but they do, and they have. Maybe that is why the Christmas carol “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” brings a little bit of an ache to my heart along with tender smiles. Growing up, Christmas was magical and shiny, with Christmas Eve celebrated at my widowed grandmother’s neat little home around a silver tinsel tree, with the bonus of a mesmerizing color wheel.

Of course, old St. Nick came on Christmas morning to our country home. My younger brother and I were not allowed to run like banshees into the living room until my Mom or Dad had brought our older brother Donnie, who had severe cerebral palsy, into the living room in front of the tree. Then it was Katy bar the door and a mad dash for the goodies left by Santa. After breakfast we went to my Mom’s parents for more Christmas, and food that I dream about to this day. Why I didn’t make it home to snag the tinsel tree or my other grandmother’s plastic icicles when their households were broken up I still deeply regret.

My sweetheart and I participated in First Christian Church’s Living Nativity as Mary and Joseph when we were young. The sacred Christmas Eve service with the “Hallelujah” chorus ringing in Christmas on the stroke of midnight was profoundly spiritual and joyous. As magical as those cherished Christmas memories were, the best was yet to be.

I can still remember our son’s first Christmas and his big hazel eyes when he focused on our Christmas tree. I will never forget him patting my cheek with excitement. By year two he was a little whirlwind, still patting my cheeks and telling me he loved me. By age three Josh had asked Santa for a backhoe, and boy did Santa deliver. When his dad tried to show him how to maneuver it our son’s response was, “No!

Suzanne Bardwell



Josh do it his way.” And he has throughout his life, done it in ways that matter. But, I do so miss that sweet little boy, Birthday cakes for Jesus, innocent wonder, and, that soft, loving pat on my cheek.

On a recent trip to our family ranch I walked through the silent house of my childhood, sat on the couch and looked out the big picture windows by the fireplace. In that moment I closed my eyes and heard my Daddy call me his “Darlin’ Daughter” and my son his “little buddy”. I saw the big bulb Christmas lights of my childhood reflecting in my older brother’s deep brown eyes. I heard my ever busy Mom in the kitchen, and my little brother’s excitement over his Hot Wheels. I felt the hand of my sweetheart as we stood beside a manger with shepherds and wisemen. I saw the lights of trees across the years and across the miles. I felt the love I have always known...

...and then, I hummed the Christmas song of my heart...

“I’ll be home for Christmas

You can plan on me...

...Christmas Eve will find me

Where the love light gleams

I’ll be home for Christmas

If only in my dreams”



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Inflation...

Inflation by some measures is at 30-year highs, hitting many families hard. It’s complicated, but there are basically two things happening. Let’s take a closer look.

First, the massive (but largely necessary) deficit spending to minimize fallout from COVID-19 inevitably puts upward pressure on future prices. That piece is permanent and will likely engender somewhat higher inflation than had the pandemic never happened. The Federal Reserve recognized this phenomenon and changed its inflation target from a 2% maximum rate to a 2% average rate (thus allowing greater flexibility). Yields on long-term government bonds, where the only real risk is loss of purchasing power, are quite modest, suggest-

ing that markets expect overall inflation to be manageable over time.

The second factor, which is currently getting all of the attention, is transitory. As people get out and about again (many with extra cash from various stimulus programs), they are ready to spend. Simultaneously, the massive global supply chain has experienced widespread difficulties getting reignited. The simple, traditional explanation of inflation is “too much money chasing too few goods.” Both sides of that equation have been in overdrive. However, consumers will revert to more normal behavior in the near future, and production and distribution will be restored.

We are beginning to see pressures easing, but with inflation

remaining high, it is becoming increasingly probable that the Fed will ramp up its tapering (which basically means buying fewer bonds and putting less money in circulation) in the coming months (assuming virus variants don’t further threaten the recovery). The Fed’s dual mandate is maximum employment and low inflation, and recent trends are indicating it’s time to pull back a bit. Historically, most of the attention has focused on price stability, but the past two years have been anything but normal.

Interest rates will likely rise modestly as the Fed pushes forward. However, I don’t see any major increases for the foreseeable future. Given the magnitude of recent monetary expansion, there’s ample room for deceleration without notable market disruptions. While some observers are comparing this period to the double-digit inflation of the late 1970s and early 1980s, it is not remotely similar. Then, inflation was essentially institutionalized (many will recall that savings accounts paid 5.25% annually). Nothing even close to that is happening now. The Fed broke that cycle decades ago, and none of the core elements are still around (the model from my dissertation was used to monitor this process, so I was pulled in early).

It’s difficult because COVID-19 has the potential to change the dynamics rapidly, as we saw with the initial reaction to the emergence of the Omicron variant. Short-term price rises are unavoidable, but it is not a permanent condition. Stay safe!

SERIOUSNESS OF PREACHING

I heard about someone who set a record for the longest sermon by preaching for more than 48 hours. Later, a Unitarian preacher set a new record. He spoke more than 50 hours. Then another Unitarian preacher decided to set a new record and preached for more than 60 hours. He used a 1,120 page “sermon” entitled, “From Abraham to Augustine,” but he stopped after 60 hours and 850 pages. The magazine report said he received a standing ovation. It occurs to me that these pranks illustrate the shallow attitude some people have toward preaching. To some preaching is just an avenue to notoriety, instead of a serious attempt to teach people saving Truth.

Can you imagine the apostle Peter preaching merely for the sake of setting a record, or getting his name in the newspapers? It’s true that Paul once preached until midnight, but it is certain it was because he was attempting to teach and exhort the brethren, not for some silly reason! (Acts 20: 7). Do you occasionally find yourself thinking of a sermon simply as a traditional way of filling out the rest of the worship hour? Do you resent it when the sermon doesn’t “end on time”? Do you unconsciously think of preaching as something designed to “let church out” on time?

Second Timothy 4:2 says: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” It’s important to realize that God’s Word is the only message in the world that has the power to save men’s souls. (Rom. 1: 16; 1 Cor. 1: 18). Preaching is serious business! It shouldn’t be used as a springboard to notoriety, nor should it be viewed as a meaningless part of our worship services. Think on these things.

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OBITUARY



MR. CLIFF ROBERTS, JR.

Big Sandy- Cliff Roberts, Jr. A visitation celebration of life will be held on December 20, 2021 at Clarksville City Community Center at 500 Texas St., Gladewater, Texas. Family will receive guests from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Cliff was born on June 14, 1962 in Longview and went to be with the Lord on September 18, 2021.

UIL realignment announced, Gladewater and Union Grove not affected this year

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1A – 5A Football Division I and Division II Numbers	
5A Division I 1	925 – 2224 (132 schools)
5A Division II	1300 – 1924 (119 schools)
4A Division I	880 – 1299 (99 schools)
4A Division II	545 – 879 (94 schools)
3A Division I	360 – 544 (102 schools)
3A Division II	250 – 359 (102 schools)
2A Division I	164.5 – 249 (106 schools)
2A Division II	105 – 164.4 (102 schools)
1A Division I	59.5 – 104.9 (75 schools)
1A Division II	59.4 and below (73 schools)

New conference designations for 2022-2024

6A	258 (no football)	Trinity – 355
Legacy – 2524	Troup – 314	Waskom – 276
5A DI	West Rusk – 342	Winona – 296
Longview – 2192	2A DI	Alba – Golden – 229
Lufkin - 2199	Beckville – 193	Big Sandy – 199
Tyler High - 2179	Cayuga – 166.5	Corrigan – Camden – 226
5A DII	Frankston – 227	Garrison – 228
Hallsville – 1446	Grapeland – 170	Groveton – 223
Marshall – 1481	Harleton – 224	Hawkins – 215
Mount Pleasant - 1538	Joaquin – 207	Ore City – 247
Nacogdoches - 1816	Ore City – 247	Bogata Rivercrest – 189
Pine Tree – 1331	San Augustine – 198	Shelbyville – 198
Whitehouse - 1521	Timpson – 219	Gladewater Union Grove – 210.5
4A DI	West Sabine – 165	Woden – 210 (no football)
Athens - 885	2A DII	Alto – 163
Chapel Hill - 1066	Dallardsville Big Sandy - 139 (no football)	Broaddus 110 (no football)
Henderson – 1024	Price Carlisle - 163	Chireno – 126 (no football)
Jacksonville – 1278	Colmesneil – 126	Cushing – 157
Kilgore – 1163	Cross Roads – 167	Douglass- 150 (no football)
Lindale – 1201	Longview Chadwick – 141 (no football)	Fruitvale- 115
Livingston – 1152	Gary – 127 (no football)	La Poynor – 179 (no football)
Mabank – 1016.5	Latexo – 138 (no football)	Linden-Kildare – 164
Palestine 1039.5	Lovelady – 148	Martins Mill – 139 (no football)
Sulphur Springs - 1240	McLeod – 114 (no football)	Mount Enterprise – 130
4A DII	New Summerfield – 151 (no football)	North Hopkins ISD – 151 (no football)
Bullard – 837	Overton – 120	Tenaha – 152
Brownsboro – 759	1A DI	Brookeland – 103 (no football)
Canton – 652	Burkeville – 76	Chester – 75
Carthage – 800	Goodrich – 69 (no football)	Kennard – 65 (no football)
Center – 739.5	Leverett's Chapel -73	Martinsville – 99 (no football)
Cumberland Academy – 632 (no football)	Neches - 100.5 (no football)	Slocum - 102(no football)
Gilmer – 783	Spurger – 91 (no football)	Union Hill – 88
Hudson -824 (no football)	Longview UT Tyler Innovation Academy – 79 (no football)	Tyler UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 87 (no football)
Jasper – 702	Wells – 78 (no football)	Zavalla – 76 (no football)
Pittsburg – 693	1A DII	Apple Springs – 49
Rusk – 594	Avinger – 52 (no football)	Centerville – 49.5 (no football)
Spring Hill – 587	Laneville – 45 (no football)	Leggett – 44 (no football)
Van – 746	1A DI	Palestine UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 50 (no football)
3A DI	Brookeland – 103 (no football)	Burkeville – 76
Central Heights – 337 (no football)	Chester – 75	Goodrich – 69 (no football)
Central – 382 (no football)	Kennard – 65 (no football)	Leverett's Chapel -73
MP Chapel Hill – 340 (no football)	Martinsville – 99 (no football)	Neches - 100.5 (no football)
Crockett – 382	Neches - 100.5 (no football)	Slocum - 102(no football)
Diboll - 533	Spurger – 91 (no football)	Union Hill – 88
Eustace – 433	Longview UT Tyler Innovation Academy – 79 (no football)	Tyler UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 87 (no football)
Gladewater – 482	Wells – 78 (no football)	Zavalla – 76 (no football)
Huntington – 489	1A DII	Apple Springs – 49
Jefferson – 373	Avinger – 52 (no football)	Centerville – 49.5 (no football)
Kirbyville – 382	Laneville – 45 (no football)	Leggett – 44 (no football)
Malakoff – 389	1A DI	Palestine UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 50 (no football)
Mineola – 461	Brookeland – 103 (no football)	Burkeville – 76
Mount Vernon – 479	Chester – 75	Goodrich – 69 (no football)
Quitman -351	Kennard – 65 (no football)	Leverett's Chapel -73
Rains – 474	Martinsville – 99 (no football)	Neches - 100.5 (no football)
Sabine – 455	Neches - 100.5 (no football)	Slocum - 102(no football)
Tatum – 473	Spurger – 91 (no football)	Union Hill – 88
Tyler ISD ECHS – 372 (no football)	Longview UT Tyler Innovation Academy – 79 (no football)	Tyler UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 87 (no football)
Palestine Westwood – 401	Wells – 78 (no football)	Zavalla – 76 (no football)
White Oak – 432.5	1A DII	Apple Springs – 49
Winnsboro - 479	Avinger – 52 (no football)	Centerville – 49.5 (no football)
Woodville –365	Laneville – 45 (no football)	Leggett – 44 (no football)
3A DII	1A DI	Palestine UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 50 (no football)
Arp – 263	Brookeland – 103 (no football)	Burkeville – 76
Daingerfield – 271	Chester – 75	Goodrich – 69 (no football)
Edgewood – 329	Kennard – 65 (no football)	Leverett's Chapel -73
Elkhart - 307	Martinsville – 99 (no football)	Neches - 100.5 (no football)
Elysian Fields – 252	Neches - 100.5 (no football)	Slocum - 102(no football)
Grand Saline – 318.5	Spurger – 91 (no football)	Union Hill – 88
Harmony – 291	Longview UT Tyler Innovation Academy – 79 (no football)	Tyler UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 87 (no football)
Hemphill – 273	Wells – 78 (no football)	Zavalla – 76 (no football)
Hughes Springs – 334	1A DII	Apple Springs – 49
New Diana – 342	Avinger – 52 (no football)	Centerville – 49.5 (no football)
Newton – 260	Laneville – 45 (no football)	Leggett – 44 (no football)
Onalaska – 321 (no football)	1A DI	Palestine UT Tyler Univ. Acad. - 50 (no football)
Pewitt – 252	Brookeland – 103 (no football)	Burkeville – 76
Pineywoods Community Academy –	Chester – 75	Goodrich – 69 (no football)

Voting box boundaries to be discussed

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Wednesday (Dec. 15) will consider adopting a supplemental order containing “the final changes and adjustments” to the county’s election precinct voting box boundaries.

Counting the invocation and adjournment, that is among nine items on the agenda for the 10 a.m. public meeting on the Upshur County Courthouse’s third floor in Gilmer.

The court recently approved moving portions of Precinct 1 for county commissioners, justices of the peace and constables into Precincts 2 and 3 to meet legal requirements for more equitable populations among the four commissioner precincts. The proposed adjustments to be considered Wednesday would affect elections for precinct chairmen on the county’s Republican executive committee and Democratic executive committee.

The Austin law firm of Allison, Bass and Magee has recommended consolidating two of the county’s 21 voting precincts, leaving a total of 19, since those two had few or no voters, county Deputy Election Administrator Kami Whitworth said Monday.

Several candidates for Republican precinct chairmanships have already filed to run in the first of two filing periods for those posts, but candidates in precincts where the boundary lines change need to re-file between Jan. 15 and 6 p.m. Feb. 12, said county Republican Party Chairman De’Borah Deaz.

In other business Wednesday, the court will consider ending its fuel contract with a certain firm for the Road and Bridge Department “due to failure to uphold contract agreement,” the agenda states.



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Line: Holden Hodges, White Oak; Jonah Sanchez, New Boston; Riley Roys, Sabine; Kaden Richard, Sabine; Malachi Ward, Tatum; Chris Perry, Gladewater; Zavion Woods, Gladewater; Linebacker: Willie Henson, New Boston; Xavier Nash, Atlanta; Daylon Branham, Sabine; Austin Swanson, Sabine; Parker Grubbs, Jefferson; Daymien Smith, Tatum; Zach Polanco, Gladewater; Backs: Noah Carter, White Oak; Demetrius McChester, New Boston; Chris Ganaway, New Boston; Isaac Dancy-Vasquez, Tatum; Ben Alvarez, Gladewater; Tyrone Maddox, Gladewater

Honorable Mention

White Oak: Dylan Creager, Gavyn Bzdil, Rylan Fridell, Jonah Plyler, Ryan Owens; Sabine: Mason Bradshaw, Zach Donovan, Dawson Brooks, Chance Owens, Dylan Stafford, Odonteis Green; Gladewater: Frank Sierra, X’Zavier Woods, Austin Verner, Chase Wise, Logan Bohanon, Jonathan Arreguin, Kyrion Wilson; Jefferson: Cortavion Massingill, Erik Burns, Hasheem Ector, Jakobie Goynes; Tatum: Jaylen Jones, Ty Bridges, Jeremiah Lawson, Taelyn Moore-Simon, Cam’ron Redwine, Quentin Harmon, Jacoby Norris, Nick Calhoun, Landry Ross, Nathaniel Clayton; Atlanta: Isaiah Harrison, Ashton Harper, Justin Pierce, Adrian Kennington; New Boston: Jayden West, Eli Barrett, Caden Glass



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Skatepark food/fellowship event

Marshall Street Skatepark in Gladewater will host a lunch Saturday, Dec. 18 for community members seeking an opportunity to network with neighbors and fellowship. The skatepark is at 511 W. Marshall Street. For more information call 903-240-0294.

KC fall Gladewater grads

Kilgore College Fall semester Gladewater graduates include Courtney Anderson, Nathan Arias, Alexis Beall, Betty Carroll, Dora Castaneda, Kayla Cates, Tammy English, Genifer Gomez, Dajanique Gordon, Matthew Greene, Isaac Hill, Lucas Miles, David Ramo, Tara Ritchson, Hunter Self, Rebecca Sims, Jasper Taylor, and Jacqueline Vasquez. The graduation ceremony was held last Friday in Dodson Auditorium.

UG speaking team racks up

The Union Grove UIL speech and debate team excelled at Saturday’s Sabine invitational meet with Savanna Clark and Paulina Gonzalez placing sixth in CX Debate, Preston Woodall and Brenden Fuller placing sixth in CX Debate, Emily Melton placing second in persuasive speaking and Preston Woodall earning fifth place in the event. Emily Melton placed third in Poetry Interpretation, Katelyn Vaughn placed fourth in Prose and Brenden Fuller earned the gold medal in Informative Speaking. The team is coached by Sandy Spears.

School Calendars

GISD Calendar

12/15, Wednesday
GPS Christmas Parties
Sources of Strength Training GHS

12/16, Thursday
12:55 Early Release
GPS Student Celebration/Parent Conferences
Bear BB@Union Grove Tourney

12/17, Friday
Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Bear BB@Union Grove Tourney
5 p.m. JVV Lady Bear BB@Sabine

12/18, Saturday
11 a.m. Darren Richardson Piano Recital GHS Cafe
Bear BB@Union Grove Tourney

12/21, Tuesday
1 p.m. JVV Lady Bear BB vs. Daingerfield-H
5 p.m. Bear BB@Daingerfield

12/28, Tuesday
Lady Bear BB@Hawkins
Noon Bear BB@Harmony

12/29, Wednesday
Lady Bear BB@Hawkins

12/30, Thursday
Lady Bear BB@Hawkins

12/31, Friday
Lady Bear BB@Hawkins

1/3, Monday
Student Holiday
Teacher Workday

UGISD Calendar

12/15, Wednesday
Holiday Spirit Week Ugly Sweater Day
JH OAP@UG

12/16, Thursday
Holiday Spirit Week Candy Stripes Red & White
6 p.m. Fall Softball-H
JVV Lions Tournament-H

12/17, Friday
Holiday Spirit Week Frozen Friday Blue & White
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GHS Boys JV & Varsity Schedule

December 16-18	@Union Grove Tournament	TBD
December 21	@ Daingerfield	5:00 & 6:20
December 28	@ Harmony	12:00 & 1:15
January 4	New Diana	5:00 & 6:20
January 7	@ Hughes Springs	5:00 & 6:20
January 11	White Oak	5:00 & 6:20
January 14	@ Ore City	5:00 & 6:20
January 18	Open	

GHS Lady Bears Schedule

December 17	@ Sabine	5:00 & 6:30
December 21	Daingerfield	1:00 & 2:30
December 28-30	@ Hawkins Tournament	TBD
January 4	@ New Diana	5:00 & 6:30
January 7	Hughes Springs	5:00 & 6:30
January 11	@ White Oak	5:00 & 6:30
January 14	Ore City	5:00 & 6:30
January 18	Open	

UGHS Lady Lions Schedule

Dec. 17	Tyler Heat	UG JVG/VG	5 PM
Dec. 28	Queen City	UG JVG/VG	12 PM
Dec. 30	Longview Heat	UG VG	11 AM
Dec. 31	Spring Hill	UG JVG/VG 1	1 AM
Jan. 7	Carlisle Carlisle	VG	6 PM
Jan. 11	Big Sandy Big Sandy	JVG/VG	5 PM
Jan. 14	Overton	UG JVG/VG	4 PM
Jan. 18	Beckville Beckville	JVG/VG	4 PM

UGHS Boys JV & Varsity Schedule

Dec. 16-18	Union Grove Tournament Home	JVB/VB	TBA
Dec. 28	Edgewood Home	JVB/VB	1/ 3:00 PM
Dec. 31	Spring Hill Home	JVB/VB	1/ 3:00 PM
Jan. 4	Martins Mill Martins Mill	JVB/VB	5/ 8:00 PM
Jan. 7	Broadus Home	JVB/VB	5/ 7:30 PM
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Jan. 14	Overton	UG JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Jan. 18	Beckville Beckville	JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Jan. 21	Hawkins	UG JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Jan. 25	Carlisle	UG JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Jan. 28	Big Sandy	UG JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Feb. 1	Overton	Overton JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Feb. 4	Beckville "SR Night"	UG JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Feb. 8	Hawkins	Hawkins JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Feb. 11	Carlisle	Carlisle JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM
Feb. 15	Big Sandy	Big Sandy JVB/VB	5/7:30 PM

Lady Bears win Harleton Tournament

By Chris Jones

Gladewater's JaKiyah Bell dropped 24 on the host team in route to the Lady Bears throttling Harleton 83-32 in the Harleton Tournament Championship game.

Calice Henderson had 18 with Alexis Boyd adding 10 to help Gladewater improve to 11-3 on the season. Gladewater went 3-0 in the tournament, beating Pittsburg 93-73 and Jefferson 58-39. Bell again was the Lady Bears' leading scorer against Pitt with 44 while Boyd with 13 was tops against Jefferson.

Gladewater travels to West Rusk on the 14th before beginning district play at Sabine on the 17th.

Lady Lions pound Garrison, 58-10

Union Grove's Gracie Stanford led the Lady Lions with 16 points as the Union Grove rocked Garrison 58-10.

The win earned the Lady Lions the Consolation Championship at the Gary Tournament. Ava Wightman added 8 while Sumeet Mattu and Macey Roberts each had 6 points. UG earned their place in the Championship game after they knocked off the host team 33-13. Stanford again led in scoring with 8 with Gracie Winn matching her with 8 as well.

Wightman and Roberts had 4 apiece with Brady Colby getting 4 too.

Bears fall short in Frankston Tournament

The Gladewater Bears struggled through the Frankston Tournament going 0-4. Despite a lopsided 35-88 loss to Bullard to open the tournament, Gladewater did make improvements as the tournament progressed. The Bears fell to Troup 35-65 followed by losses to Ore City (49-56) and Tyler HEAT 38-50.

Kollin Lewis racked up 42 points over the 4 games to lead the Bears followed by Keilan James with 34. Other top scorers for Gladewater include Eli Kates (30), Tyrone Maddox (19), Tristen Linwood (16). Gladewater faired better prior to the tournament when they edged Rains 61-59. With 24, Lewis was again the points leader for Gladewater with Maddox getting 16. Kates added 8 as Micheal Lewis made 7 including several key shot from the foul line down the stretch.

Gladewater will have a chance to right the ship Thursday when they head to Union Grove to begin their Tournament.



Kollin Lewis breaks through the defense for a lay-up. Photo by Chris Jones

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The dynamic mother/daughter team of Lisa Wilburn and Madi Malone manned the Manna House Santa's Toy Shop at last week's annual holiday family food box distribution. Parents were able to select two toys per child to help fill Santa's bag for Christmas morning. Wilburn's father Jimmy Muckleroy was one of the founders of the Manna House Community Food Ministry. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Long-time Manna House volunteers Cathy Baker and Phyllis Bethune were ready to share their Christmas spirit with families who came to pick up holiday food boxes last week at the First United Methodist Church's family life center. The community ministry depends solely on support from donations. Food donations may be dropped off at Manna House on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. (closed until January) or the Gladewater Mirror during business hours weekdays at 211 N. Main Street. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

GASC elects Gibson president

By Phillip Williams
Andy Gibson was recently elected back to his former position as president of Gilmer Area Senior Center at the group's annual election of officers.

He succeeds Mike Trull, who was elected vice-president. Re-elected were secretary Helen Holsworth, treasurer Linda Trull, and a new "member-at-large," Pat Donnell, who will represent the club's general membership on its board of directors, said Gibson.

115th District Judge Dean Fowler will swear in the new officers Jan. 7 for their terms for 2022 and 2023.

The seniors organization, open to anyone age 50 or older, meets two days weekly at the former Gilmer Fire Department station on Harrison Street. The group plays games on Tuesdays, and holds potluck luncheons which sometimes feature guest speakers on Fridays.

For more information on the seniors group, contact Gibson at 928-853-0259.



The Union Grove Lady Lions earned consolation championship honors at the Gary Tournament defeating Garrison 58-10 and Gary 33-13. The team is coached by James Littlejohn who has surpassed the 400 win career mark. Courtesy Photo

Sheriff's deputies probe gameroom burglaries

By Phillip Williams
The Upshur County Sheriff's Office is probing the pre-dawn Sunday burglaries of two rural game rooms, incidents which were "likely related," Chief Deputy David Hazel said Monday.

Authorities have video evidence to be reviewed in the break-ins at The Junction on north U.S. 271 in Midway community, and The Country Store on south Texas 155 in Pritchett community, he said. The businesses, less than 20 miles apart, are believed to have been burglarized within an hour and a half, Hazel said.

He gave these details:
Deputies responded to a burglar alarm about 2:40 a.m. at the Midway site, where they discovered the front glass door was shattered and determined that a small amount of cash--less than the door's value--was stolen.

In the Pritchett break-in, the case report did not show anything stolen, but it appeared the burglar(s) unsuccessfully attempted to get into a safe, and two computer monitors were damaged. The front window was also broken out.

That burglary was reported at 1 p.m. by an employee who discovered it, but video footage and other evidence showed the incident

occurred about 4 a.m. More than one person was involved in at least one of the break-ins.



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The East Mountain community held its annual Christmas parade and party Saturday with some VIPs in attendance including Smokey Bear, Santa Claus and Sparky the Fire Dog. Area volunteer fire departments including White Oak, West Mountain, Glenwood, Judson Fire Rescue and Christus EMS along with the Gilmer District Texas A&M Forest Service joined in the parade along with the host East Mountain VFD. Photo By Tim McClung

Austin Bank honors Gladewater employees

Austin Bank recently honored employees for their outstanding work and years of service with the company. They were recognized at the Bank's 2021 Service Award Luncheon held Dec. 8 at Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler.

This year's annual luncheon honored a group of 54 employees with a combined total of 750 years of experience. Gladewater recipients include: Abigail Berry is the Assistant Retail Market Manager for the Bank's North Region. She worked as a Teller, Customer Service Representative and Retail Office Manager at Longview Greggton before assuming her current role in 2018. Now working from the Gladewater office, Berry is a long-time resident of



Longview and a graduate of Pine Tree High School. She has completed the Bank's Leadership Program and the American Bankers Association's Certified Customer Service Representative training. Berry and her husband, Beau, have one daughter and one son.

April Laughlin is a Loan Assistant in the Bank's Gladewater office. She joined Austin

Bank as a Teller and worked as a Customer Service Representative before moving to her current position. Laughlin is a graduate of Hawkins High School and is currently continuing her studies at Kilgore College. She and her husband, Toby, reside in White Oak. The have three sons and three grandchildren. Laughlin is a volunteer for the White Oak Baseball Association.

GMS UIL competitors have district success

GMS UIL District Academic competition results include Oral Reading—Hydie Collins-5th and Emily Jackson-6th; Impromptu Speaking—Adyson Evans 2nd, Karsyn Turnbow-4th and Nobelle Humphrey-5th; Modern Oratory—Kylie Faye-4th, Isaiah Thomas-5th and Madison Duncan-6th; Math—Kevin Mireles-5th; Art—Landen King-3rd, Kailey Kistler-4th; Yamil Bacon-3rd; 6th grade team-3rd place Landen King, Daniel Rodgers, Kylie LaCoe and Emily Head; 7th grade art team-2nd Kailey Kistler, Yamil Bacon and Dayla Luna; Alayah Gordon-1st; 8th grade Art team-1st—Alayah Gordon, Ally Albright and Olivia Pilgrim. Dictionary Skills—Noah Clay-2nd; 6th grade team-2nd—Noah Clay, Cooper Manley and Jax Glarborg; Lily Mahfood-4th; 7th grade team-3rd—Lily Mahfood, Abby Carney, Bryce Lankford; Emily Jackson-5th. Spelling—Madden Ramirez-3rd, Emily Dickinson-5th and Karyme Gomez-5th. Music Memory—James Solley-2nd, 6th grade team-2nd—James Solley, Emily Dickinson and Chevy Sisson;

Angela Hampton-1st, Gabby Rojas-5th; 7th grade team-1st—Angela Hampton, Gabby Rojas and Hydie Collins; Rilynn Duren-5th; and 8th grade team-2nd—Rilynn Duren, Daila Sanchez and Jackobe Crosby. Social Studies—Levi Wisdom-6th. Calculator—Alex Villalpondo-5th; 7th grade team-3rd—Riley Ashworth, Grace Mooney and Matthew Smith; Edwin Nino-6th. Maps, Charts and Graphs—6th place team-3rd Draven Rodriguez, Mariana Coronado, McKensy Cuellar-Martinez. Science—Draven Rodriguez-4th 6th grade team-3rd Draven Rodriguez, Landen King and Bailey Childress. Listening Skills—Isabelle Inocencio-2nd; 6th grade team-2nd—Isabelle Inocencio, Noah Clay and Kayden Renfro; Nobelle Humphrey-2nd; 7th grade team-2nd—Nobelle Humphrey, Abby Carney and Kendal Yount; Madison Rector-5th. Chess Puzzle—Mason Budro-5th. Ready Writing—1st Lillian McKnight. Editorial Writing—Callie Harris-5th and Jace Ward-6th.



On Dec. 3 Gladewater Middle School Band students attended the ATSSB Region IV All-Region Band auditions. GMS musicians earning All Region honors are Aubry Floyd and Donovan Tolbert on baritone, Grafton Morgan percussion and Aleigha McGuyer on trumpet. The All Region band, including these GMS standouts will perform a concert at Gilmer High School on Jan. 14. The GMS Band is directed by Rhett Pilcher. Courtesy Photo

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Gregg County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Craig Harrington presented a holiday safety program at the December meeting of the Oil Patch Texas Retired Teachers Association & School Employees. Holiday scams to avoid and safety tips were shared by the speaker. The next meeting of the group will be Thursday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Gladewater's First United Methodist Church's Jeter Hall. All public school employees from western Gregg County, southern Upshur County and eastern Smith County are warmly invited to attend. Courtesy Photo

Sen. Hughes visits Gilmer

By Phillip Williams

State Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) reviewed the 87th Texas Legislature's record in a recent speech to East Texans for Liberty outside Gilmer.

Speaking to the group Nov. 8 at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church, Hughes took conservative stances on issues such as abortion, taxes, election regulation and critical race theory, while noting he will seek re-election in 2022. However, he said COVID vaccine mandates are "a tough issue" because they involve both the rights of businesses and individuals, and has proposed a limited ability for firms to impose them.

Hughes said he was unsure how the "Texas heartbeat law" (aimed at stopping abortions after the sixth week of pregnancy) will fare in court. Explaining it was "not enforced by the government," he said the statute was based on a concept in English law called "kui" in that it allows citizens to bring lawsuits to enforce it.

Hughes said district attorneys throughout the nation had stated they "will not enforce pro-life laws" even if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 court decision that essentially legalized abortion. "If



the DAs don't want to enforce the law, the people of Texas can" by suing doctors who perform abortions in violation of the new law, but not the women who undergo them, he said.

The senator also detailed provisions of the new election law, which he said makes it easier to vote, but harder to cheat. The days and hours for in-person early voting were expanded, voting machines must have a backup paper ballot, and those voting by mail must write their driver's license number or other identifying information.

"If anybody tells you there is no voter fraud in Texas, they are telling you a very big lie," Hughes maintained, saying about 400 persons are now charged with it. He said "ballot harvesters"

steal ballots from mail boxes and forge signatures on applications for mailed ballots, and he cited objections to other practices such as 24-hour-a-day voting in Harris County.

In addition, Hughes termed "hogwash" the charge that the new law makes Texas "the hardest state to vote in."

On another topic, the senator noted he authored Senate Bill 3, which banned teaching critical race theory in the state's public schools. He said the theory teaches that the nation's foundations and institutions are "so racist," and that whites are "oppressors" while blacks are "victims."

Hughes said Section 113 of the Texas Administrative Code shows the state's schools teach history--"the good, the bad and the ugly," including slavery and racial discrimination known as "Jim Crow."

"Our history is about us overcoming those things," he said, denying a charge that the new law took the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. "out of the curriculum."

Under the new law, "We do not teach" that one race or one sex is "inherently" superior nor inferior to another, Hughes explained.

2 contended races in Upshur

By Phillip Williams

Monday's filing deadline for the March 1 Republican and Democratic primaries passed with only two contested races for Upshur County public office on the GOP ballot, and no candidates for county office on the Democratic one.

In addition, Republican County Chairman De'Bohrah Deaz faces Carl Byers in her bid for re-election, while Democratic County Chairman Winifred Jackson is unopposed for re-election.

Republican District Clerk Karen Bunn faces a rematch in her bid for re-election against her former chief deputy who she defeated in 2018, Nicole Hernandez. In the only other contested race, Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch seeks re-election against Ashleigh Duncan.

Unopposed for re-election on the GOP side (all

current county elective officeholders are Republicans) are County Judge Todd Tefeller, Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson, Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller, District Attorney Billy Byrd, County Clerk Terri Ross, County Treasurer Brandy Vick, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Wyone Manes, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter, and Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Betterton.

The drawing for the order of names on the ballot in the contested races will be held at Uncle Joe's on the Gilmer square at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 22, Deaz said.

Precinct chair races will be decided in the parties' respective runoff elections at a date to be determined by the court battle over redistricting. The second of two periods for filing to run for one of those seats is Jan. 12-Feb. 15.

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Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
12/9/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202106789	1:30	CASH STORE	101 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARMOTHER	202106790	12:17		2201 W GAY W GAY
	EMS	202106791	12:36	REGENCY INN & SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FALSE 9-1-1	202106792	12:46		
	ABANDONED 911	202106793	13:16		700 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202106794	15:06	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	202106795	15:06		1110 LYNN LYNN N
	ALARMOTHER	202106796	17:51	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (FMR BROADWAY ELEM)	200 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202106797	19:51		E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202106798	21:01		511 NORTH ST NORTH ST
	EMS	202106799	23:48		530 NORTH NORTH ST
12/8/21	ASSIST	202106800	4:19		HWY 80 HWY 80 E
	EMS	202106801	5:40	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	FALSE 9-1-1	202106802	6:05		606 N POST POST ST
	EMS	202106803	7:50		307 MAPLE MAPLE ST
	TERROR THREAT	202106805	10:55		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	202106806	11:28		511 N MAIN N MAIN
	EMS	202106807	11:56		2723 COBY COBY ST
	10-50 MAJOR	202106808	12:47	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202106809	15:56		
	EMS	202106810	16:26		210 HURLEY HURLEY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202106811	16:36		
	10-50 MINOR	202106812	17:16		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	MISSING PERSON	202106813	17:51		404 PINE RIDGE PINE RIDGE RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202106814	18:25		2808 W GAY AVE W GAY AVE
	EMS	202106815	19:37	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARM/OTHER	202106816	20:33	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202106817	21:00		512 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	ASSIST	202106818	21:53	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ACC/NAT/SUS	202106819	22:33		1211 N SHELL N SHELL
	REPORT OF FV	202106820	23:31		311 S LEE LEE ST
12/7/21	FALSE 9-1-1	202106821	5:12		505 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202106822	13:32	TELE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	202106823	17:00		
	ABANDONED 911	202106824	17:19	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
	RECKLESS DAMAGE	202106825	17:55		S HWY 271 HWY 271
	FIRE DEPT	202106826	18:22		2516 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	202106827	18:45		1520 E SHEPPERD SHEPPERD
12/8/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202106828	1:03	ANTIQU CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	ASSIST	202106829	10:01		1049 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	EMS	202106830	11:41		702 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	10-50 MINOR	202106831	11:43		S TYLER S TYLER
	ESCORT	202106832	12:50	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	202106833	14:11		203 TENERY TENERY
	ALARM/OTHER	202106834	15:22	GLADEWATER BIBLE CHURCH	115 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	202106835	17:42	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202106836	18:09		1514 N MAIN MAIN ST.
	RECKLESS DAMAGE	202106837	18:33		W GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202106838	19:58	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
12/9/21	ABANDONED 911	202106839	1:32	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
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	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202106846	15:25		SWAMP CITY SWAMP CITY RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202106847	15:59		N LEE LEE DR
	ASSIST	202106848	17:12		1404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	202106849	17:38		2030 TEXAS TEXAS ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202106850	17:39		1035 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	202106853	19:11		
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202106854	20:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
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