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AT THE CLOSE of the day last Saturday, two huge cylinders loaded on flatbed trailers traveled east on Texas Highway 154 slowly working their way through the signal lights at the railroad crossing. Preceding the two tractor-trailers carrying the cylinders were outriders signaling "WIDE LOAD" with poles attached in front to measure necessary clearance of overhead wires which one of four bucket trucks would elevate. The entire group started in Oklahoma City with Orange their destination.

(Mirror photo by Mary Laschinger Kirby)

Saturday is Election Day

By Phillip Williams

Several Upshur County school districts and cities hold elections Saturday for matters ranging from proposed school bond issues to city council and school board members.

New Diana ISD and Harmony ISD will have bond issue elections. Big Sandy is holding school board and city council elections, while East Mountain voters will choose a mayor and two city council members.

The city of Ore City is holding an election only on whether to reinstate a special tax.

The Gilmer city and school board elections were canceled, as permitted by

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Commissioners Court appoints James Casey as Pct. 3 Constable

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Tuesday appointed Gilmer police officer James Casey as the county's Precinct 3 constable after accepting the resignation of his predecessor, Ronnie Mitchell.

Casey, who remains in his current police job, was immediately sworn into office by County Judge Todd Tefteller.

Casey was unopposed for the post in the March 5 Republican primary, and has no Democratic opponent in this November's general election.

Mitchell resigned as "his health is not real good," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley. The commissioner praised Mitchell's performance in his 31 years on the county payroll, much of that time as a juvenile probation officer and including two separate stints as constable.

Ashley said Mitchell, who is also a former Gladewater police officer, expressed "no regrets" about his time with the county.

In other business Tuesday, the court heard County

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REPRESENTATIVES OF the Upshur County Community Fund Board of Directors and members of the agencies benefitting from their support gathered recently at the kick off of the annual drive. From left are: Lindsey Hitt, a UCCF Board member holding Kennedy Hitt, Cynthia Clark of Blue Santa, Tiffany Damskov, Meals on Wheels; Sandy Ashcraft, Meals on Wheels; Amorette Birch, UCCF President, Jan Lively, UCCF Board, Desmond Neal, ETCADA; Rick Lively, Food Pantry; Mindy Robertson, ETCADA; Chris Derrick, East Texas CASA, Teresa Owen, Open Door Resource Center, Andre and Morgan Thomas, bEAST Texas Track Club; and Hollie Bruce,Women's Center of East Texas. The goal this year is to raise $35,000 which will be allocated among all of these organizations and also Big Brothers Giving Back, which is not shown.

(Mirror photo by Mary Laschinger Kirby

RSVP for Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner May 13

Interested residents are asked to RSVP by May 8 to reserve your spot at the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner Monday, May 13.

The event, hosted by East Texans for Liberty, will take place at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church, 6761 Texas 154 near Gilmer at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will be barbecue and sides. Featured speakers will be Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith and Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb.

Please RSVP by May 8 if you plan to attend by emailing *contact@ET4L.org*. Come out and show your support for those who protect and serve.

When putting this event on your calendar circle ET4L's June meeting on June 10 at the same time and regular meeting place.



AS THE RUSK CATCHER fails to secure the ball, Gilmer's Brie Jones dives into home plate as Gilmer breaks the tie in the eighth inning of their bi-district match with the Lady Eagles. Gilmer went on to win 9-5 win over Rusk. Next up: Gilmer in the Area round of the playoffs against Little Cypress-Mauriceville at Carthage Friday, 7 p.m., and Jasper, 4 p.m Saturday.

(Mirror photo by Mary Laschinger Kirby)

Lady Buckeyes sweep Rusk

By Mary L. Kirby

Gilmer's Lady Buckeyes defeated Rusk's Lady Eagles in two games Friday and Saturday at Tyler Legacy, 7-4 and 9-5 with the second game going into overtime. The win improved Gilmer's record to 22-10-2 and earned them the bi-district championship.

Next up for the Lady Buckeyes will be the area championship game against Little Cypress-Mauriceville, 25-8, 9-4 in district. The first game will be Friday in Carthage at 7 p.m. and the second in Jasper at 4 p.m. Saturday with a third game to follow if necessary.

Pitching for the Lady Buckeyes against Rusk was Alexis Kemp. In the first game, she gave up five hits and five walks for four runs while striking out 10. In the overtime contest on Saturday, Kemp went all eight innings and gave up five runs on six hits, two walks and 10 strikeouts.

This week Kemp will drop by Austin on Thursday (today) where she will run in the state finals as part of the 800-meter relay team before heading to Carthage with her teammates to take on Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

Gilmer hit book end home runs in the first and the fifth innings.

Alex Werbeck opened the scoring for Gilmer with a solo home run, 1-0.

The Lady Buckeyes clinched the victory in the first game with a four-run second inning. Kennedy

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