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Upshur to discuss courthouse renovation

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court meets Thursday with a representative of Komatsu Architecture to discuss the county's "suitability for a courthouse renovation grant offered through the Texas Historical Commission."

That is among 16 items on the agenda, counting the invocation and adjournment, for the court's 10 a.m. meeting on the third floor of the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. Among the mostly-routine items, grouped together under one item on the agenda, is considering accepting the resignation of Kaitlyn Slover, a county extension agent.

The court for many years has been discussing the proposed grant to renovate the courthouse to look much like it did when it was first opened in 1937. Besides discussing that with Komatsu representative Charlie Kern, the agenda says the court will also talk with him about "courthouse maintenance, renovations, upkeep, and the (county-owned) vacant lot on the (downtown courthouse) square."

In other business, commissioners will open, and possibly act, on proposals for leasing thousands of acres of Upshur County-owned "school land" in two West Texas counties, Baylor and Throckmorton.

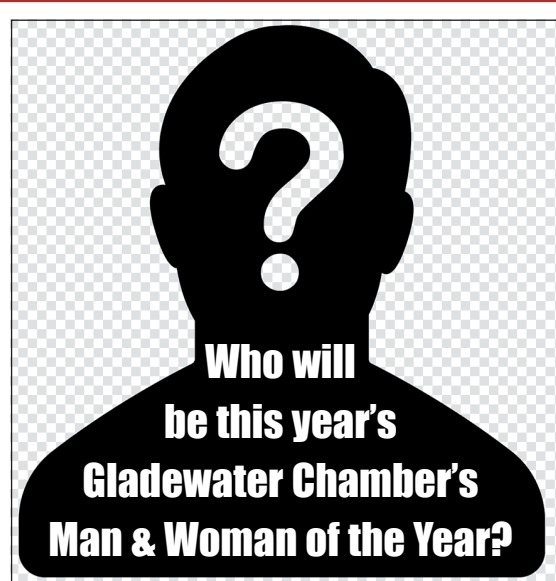
Commissioners will also consider designating times for early voting for the May 24 Republican and Democratic parties' respective runoff elections, and accepting for recording the polling locations.

In addition, the court will possibly appoint a new member to the board of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 to replace Mike Fennell, who resigned.

Commissioners are also scheduled to consider nominating someone to fill a vacancy on the Upshur County Appraisal District's Board of Directors for the 2022-23 term.

In other business, the court will consider:

- allowing county jail inmates to plant a garden on county property just south of the county's Rock Building in Gilmer.
- choosing "the means by which to fund the painting" of the 115th District Courtroom by Ford's Quality Painting. (The court is located in the Upshur County Justice Center near the courthouse.) The options include paying from the building and maintenance budget, paying from capital improvement contingency funds, or paying from a federal grant.
- increasing Pct. 1 Constable Tim Barnett's fuel budget from the current \$1,500 to \$3,500 "due to the recent fuel price increase."
- letting "Windsinger" Bob Despennel use the courthouse lawn to display teepees May 6-8 in connection with the Cherokee Rose Festival.
- approving a resolution declaring April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the county.
- proclaiming April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month" in the county.
- approve changing the Red Rock Roofing subdivision name to Montesview Village.
- accepting for recording the plats for Jenkins Landing subdivision and Oak Grove Estates subdivision. The action wouldn't approve roads in the plats since the property owner will maintain roads.



It was double your pleasure, double your fun last year at the 90th Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Instead of just getting to honor a single year's worth of outstanding citizens, last year's banquet featured 2019 and 2020 recipients. Concerns over COVID-19 and state mandated shutdowns caused the annual banquet to be canceled in 2019.

So the big question this year is ... who will be named Man and Woman of the Year this Thursday night? And what business will be named Business of the Year and which local teacher will take home the coveted Educator of the Year award?

The winners for 2020 included: the first husband and wife team to win Woman of the Year and Man of the Year - Karla and Matt Byrd, while Scrubby Love (Katie, April and Michael Hines) were presented the Business of the Year award. The 2020 Educator of the Year was Emily Brown.

Bradley Awards, presented Chamber President Reed, were presented to Farrell Alexander and Jim Bardwell. And the 2020 Marilyn Godfrey Volunteer of the year Award was given to Brandy Flanagan.

Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp gave the 2020 Ken Bennett Award to Paul Foster, who developed a promotional video for the city highlighting the many positive attributes the city has to offer. Mayor Shipp also honored four citizens for "Distinguished Service to the City of Gladewater During a Crisis Event" with the "Hero of Snowmeggedon 2021" award. Shipp said Ricky Tow, Brandy Flanagan, Christian Allen and Jim Bardwell had gone above and beyond the call of duty during the February Arctic storm blast that shutdown the city and left residents without water and food.

The winners for 2019 included: Shelia Fag-



Karla and Matt Byrd were awarded the 2020 Woman & Man of the Year Award

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Katie, April and Michael Hines accepted the 2020 Business of the Year Award on behalf of the Scubby Love from chamber president Lois Reed



This year's entertainment will be provided by Jackson Foltyn.

Area tornado relief efforts continue

By Phillip Williams

Relief efforts continued Monday for rural Upshur Countians affected by a F2 tornado which one week earlier injured several persons and caused massive property damage-but no known deaths.

County Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols said that a "multi-agency response center," aimed at helping those impacted by the storm, would be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday (March 30) through Friday at the Yamboree Event Center near the Gilmer Civic Center. (This should not be confused with the Yamboree Exhibit Building nearby.)

The Salvation Army, Tri-County Service, and Red Cross will man the center to provide information to storm victims on obtaining help with housing, clothing and financial assistance, as well as such things as how to replace a driver's license lost in the storm, Nichols said.

Meantime, cleanup efforts will take several weeks, he added.

Nichols said he knew of nine persons who were injured sufficiently the night of March 21 to need medical attention, with maladies ranging from lacerations to broken bones. The coordinator said he believed three or four were hospitalized but, asked if any of the injuries were life-threatening, replied, "Not to my understanding."

As of Monday, officials had identified at least 199 structures damaged by the storm, the great majority of them homes, the coordinator said. The other types of buildings included such structures as barns, and the Valley View Church of Christ on FM 1649, Nichols noted.

One of the hardest hit places was the home and hay operation of Lindley Hagler and his wife, Wanda, located on 1649 near the church. The storm destroyed their brick house and outbuildings, but the couple, who was home, survived although the roof was ripped off their house, which was razed after the tornado.

The brick church suffered major roof damage, and the steeple landed on its side atop the building. Eric King, the congregation's minister, said the facility was insured. It was undergoing repairs this weekend.

The twister touched down south of Gilmer about 10:20 p.m. before cutting a nearly 21-mile path northeast to the area near Ore City, Nichols said. Its maximum winds were clocked at 135, only one mile per hour less than the level for it to be classified as an F3, he said.

Some houses were severely

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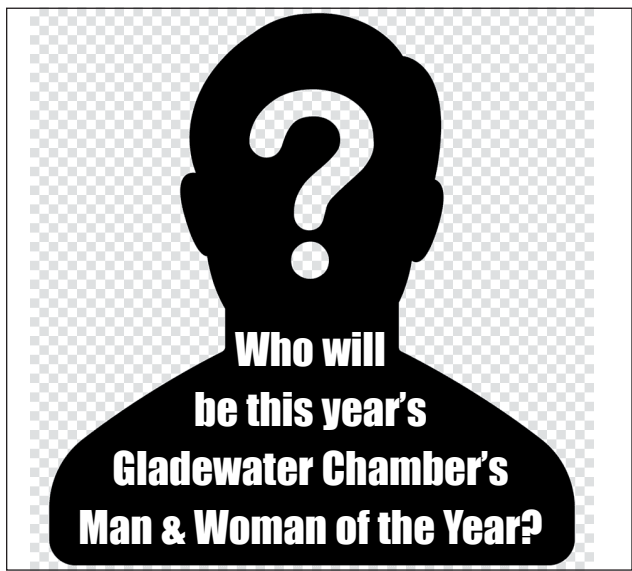
Rodeo Royalty

Three young ladies will be vying for the Miss Gladewater Rodeo 2022 crown. The contestants include (left to right) Kallie Rogers, Sydni Coats, and Meagan Hodge.

This year's rodeo is set for June 8-11, 7:15 nightly at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo arena on US 80 west. Each year the best of the best cowboys and cowgirls compete at the Gladewater rodeo, which was founded in 1937 by Jack Yates and is nationally recognized as one of Texas' top rodeos.



Photo by Jim Bardwell



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gans for Woman of the Year and Darren Richardson for Man of the Year, while the *Gladewater Mirror* (Jim and Suzanne Bardwell) were presented the Business of the Year award. The 2019 Educator of the Year was Sakkinah Bal Corta.

Bradley Awards, which Gladewater Chamber President Lois Reed explained were the highest award given for service to the chamber, were presented to Harold Wells, Karla Byrd and Chris Downing. And the 2019 Marilyn Godfrey Volunteer of the year Award was given to Clayton Burrows for his continued service to Gladewater's recycling program.

Jackson Foltny, who recently renovated what started off as a movie theater, the Ritz, from 1932-36 and then The Cozy, will be this year's

See this year's winner in next week's paper

entertainment.

Foltny is a recording Artist, Graceland approved Elvis Tribute artist, songwriter and choreographer. He has performed in theater, film and on television - and now he calls Gladewater home as he transforms the downtown theater into a must-see venue.

Elvis Presley is among the singers reported to have performed there during the 1950s when the building hosted contests for young musicians. As the Gladewater Opry, the building was home to a two-hour country music show each Saturday night, along with other special events, where a number of well-known singers performed over the years.



More progress is being made at Lee Library. Furniture ordered and funded by the Tocker grant, which Suzanne Bardwell acquired, is in and being placed. Officials said reopening is expected this summer.

Courtesy Photo

Upshur GOP delegates selected

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Republican convention on Saturday chose 22 delegates and five alternate delegates to the party's state convention, scheduled June 16-18 in Houston.

Some 49 delegates attended the county convention at the Lantana Activity Center outside Gilmer. In addition to choosing the state delegates, they approved 14 resolutions on issues ranging from opposing "executive overreach" like mask mandates, to favoring the education of children on the "humanity of the pre-born child."

Elected state convention delegates were Carl Byers, Cynthia Ridgeway, John Melvin Dodd, Lanette Crittenden, Lewis Miller, Deborah Hodge, Jackie Oliver, Brenda Beal, Judy Crowder, John Ussery, Madison Barrett, Bridget Byers, Richard Ridgeway, James Crittenden, Richard Crowder, Doni Barrett, Joan Skinner, Allen Byers, Jennifer Ware, John Allen, Randy Cooper and Joye Cooper.

Alternate delegates are Ben Barrett, Cheryl Little, Dakota Barrett, Oretha Souder and Chuck Souder.

All except Hodge, Ussery, James Crittenden, Ben Barrett, and Dakota Barrett attended the county convention as delegates.

Delegates to the county convention, other than those named as delegates to the state conclave, in attendance included Jesse Loffer, Vickie Block, Darlene Cook, Sheri Lipscomb, Sandra McFadin, Carolyn (Cal) Arnold, Wayne Arnold, Marvin Davenport, Melanie A.

Davenport, William Oliver, Nancy Wootten, William Wootten, Gerald Cox, Sharon Cox, Christina Helms, Gary Helms, Thomas Williams, Glenda Kinard, Charlie Pelezo, Nikkie Pelezo, Bridget Fowler, Benjamin Dodd, Daniel Dodd, Linda Dodd, Lloyd Dodd, Sherri Heckendom and Connie Dodson.

GOP County Chairman De'Borah Deaz, who lost her bid for re-election to Carl Byers by a margin of more than 4-1 in the party's March 1 primary, opened the convention as temporary chairman. Within a short time, a member of the audience nominated Byers to take over the convention as permanent chairman, which passed by a voice vote without dissent.

Deaz, who leaves office June 13 and had not been elected as a delegate to the county convention, then wished the audience a good day and left the gathering.



Darren Richardson was awarded the 2019 Man of the Year Award by chamber president Lois Reed.



Shelia Faggans was awarded the 2019 Woman of the Year Award by chamber president Lois Reed.



Jim and Suzanne Bardwell accepted the 2019 Business of the Year Award on behalf of the Gladewater Mirror newspaper.

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Your help is needed to keep our community clean. Volunteers will be meeting at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on E Pacific at 8 am where they will be dispersed to help in parks and neighborhoods in Gladewater. Trash bags will be provided.

The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and GEDCO are sponsoring a free hotdog and hamburger lunch, at noon, for all volunteers.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Storytime held each Thursday

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

"Curious George" by H.A. Rey, and "Grumpy Monkey" by Suzanne Lang, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn.

A craft will follow each Storytime, Dunn added.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.)

Although the events are free to the public, children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.youseemore.com/upshur.

New Texas Parks and Wildlife Tyler regional complex is open for business

TYLER -Beginning Monday, March 28, the Tyler community now has a new location to service its boating, fishing and hunting needs. Housing divisions including Texas Game Wardens, Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and State Parks, the facility will act as a one-stop-shop for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) business.

Situated on the Tyler Nature Center Wildlife Management Area, the new facility has been a longtime goal for Texas Game Warden Major Quint Balkcom.

"Creating a large facility where TPWD staff could work collaboratively and better assist the Tyler community has been in the works for decades," he said. "We are pleased to be fully operational and available to the public."

TPWD offers most services, like hunting and fishing licenses, online, but still offers boat titling and registrations through the facility. Staff are also happy to assist with any TPWD-related inquiries.

While the Tyler complex is open, landscaping and nature trails are still under construction. Visitors are urged to stay on paved walkways.

"We are excited to be in such a pristine facility, located in a conserved and accessible area," Balkcom said. "Once construction is finalized later this year, TPWD will celebrate with a more formal grand opening."

For information about online services, please visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov>.

The facility, located at 11942-A FM 848 in Tyler, is open 8 a.m. — 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Upshur County Wide Cleanup set

A "County Wide Cleanup" for Upshur Counties to dump certain items at the county-owned pug mill in Pritchett community is scheduled Saturday, April 30, announced Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Ashley.

The event, free of charge to county residents on Cottonwood Road, is set from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is only for households, not businesses, and only while dumpster space is available.

Residents are limited to one trip for a truck or trailer combination, or two trips per car or sport utility vehicle. Anyone wishing to dump must also show a voter registration card or vehicle registration to prove they reside in Upshur County.

Examples of what can be dumped include household trash and no-longer-useable items such as appliances, lawn furniture, tools, water hoses, lawn mowers, weed-eaters, furniture, feed buckets, bicycles, musical instruments, flower pots, swing sets and trampolines.

Items which cannot be dumped include chemicals, liquids, brushes, paint, construction materials, tires, shingles, asbestos, Freon and any wood which can be burned in a personal "burn pile."

A flyer promoting the event said Etex Telephone will be present "to recycle appliances, computer towers, batteries and various metals. If at all possible, please have these items sorted so it can be removed all at one time."

Ashley said Justices of the Peace Wyone Manes and Rhonda Welch have agreed to have probationers on hand to assist with the event in accordance with probationers' community service requirement.

For more information, call (903) 680-8157 or Ashley (903) 738-5143.

NRA annual meeting headed to Houston

The 2022 National Rifle Association (NRA) Annual Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, May 27-29, 2022. This three-day event will be attended by tens of thousands of patriots and features more than 14 acres of the most spectacular displays of firearms, and shooting and hunting accessories in the world. In addition to the exhibit floor, NRA Members will enjoy world-class entertainment, attend educational seminars and demonstrations, listen to leading pro-Second Amendment speakers, and much more. For more information, including event tickets, visit www.nraam.org.

Camp takes students from pasture to plate

FORT WORTH - Summer camp just got beefed up.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association announced it will host it's first TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup July 25-29. The event is open to students who have just completed their sophomore to senior years of high school and are interested in gaining in-depth beef industry knowledge.

TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup will include tours at cattle operations and beef packing plants, as well as the opportunity to speak with industry leaders.

Hughes Abell, a rancher from Austin and the association's president, said this is the first event of its kind from Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

"We are incredibly excited for this opportunity to support the next generation of cattle raisers," Abell said. "This intensive experience will benefit participants no matter which segment of the beef industry they choose to enter."

Applications are due April 15, 2022.

For more information, or to apply, visit tscra.org/2022-tscra-cattle-raisers-roundup-july-25-29-2022.

Workforce Solutions to host Youth Opportunity Expo

Workforce Solutions East Texas is proud to partner with Region 7 Education Center to host its second Youth Expo, a job fair for teens age 16 and up who are looking for summer jobs, paid internships, or their next career!

This is a great opportunity to interact with employers interested in hiring the next generation of talent. It is also the perfect time for students to navigate the hiring experience and secure a job that will lead to a possible career.

This event will be held in person on April 7th at the Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore and virtually on April 8th. These events will be open for job seekers and employers across East Texas.

Ronald McDonald House Scholarship Program open

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas (RMHCNTX) announced the opening of applications for its Scholarship Program, which grants more than \$60,000 to 30 local high school seniors each year. Funded by North Texas McDonald's owner/operators and donations from the community, the annual scholarships recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement.

Applications are open online at rmhcntx.org/scholarships and must be submitted by April 1, 2022. All students can apply. To qualify for an RMHC Scholarship, students must:

- * be a high school senior
- * be younger than 21 years old
- * be eligible to attend a two- or four- year college or university with a full course of study



GHS to host district tennis tournament

The 3A district tennis tournament will be held at Gladewater High School Thursday and Friday. Match play will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday at the new and improved Butch Clark Tennis Center.

District 15 - 3A consists of Daingerfield, New Diana, Sabine, Hughes Springs, White Oak, and Gladewater

The varsity players will play on Thursday with the JV players on Friday. The GHS players are listed below for each day.

Varsity - Thursday, March 31

- Boys Singles: Michael Lewis
Ethan Flores
- Boys Doubles: Kendall Williams & Jackson Williams
Adam Miles & Jacob Shirey
- Mixed Doubles: Jordan Reynolds & Sunni Wade
Hank Wooten & Reagan Loftis
- Girls Singles: Sydney Keller
Cecelia Aguilar
- Girls Doubles: Lily Smith & Katelynn Lewis
Savannah Warren & Jocelyn Taylor

JV - Friday, April 1

- Girls Singles: Jancee Davis
Ava Langford
Shamarion Gipson
- Girls Doubles: Jessica Perez & Hallie Cinnard
Jamie Webb & Neidelin Perez
Karli Maloney & Sarya Miles
Autumn Gehrke & Chloe Westbrook
- Mixed Doubles: Irvin Nino & Leah Bailey

FUN FACT: There are 9 players that have parents/relatives that work for GISD that will be playing. Wouldn't it be great for these employees to be able to watch them play in the district tournament at home.

Micheal & Katelynn Lewis - Mrs. Tiffany Lewis' children (Weldon)

Adam Miles - Mrs. Dalia Miles son (Weldon)

Jordan Reynolds - Mrs. Patsy Reynolds son (GHS cafe)

Sydney Keller - Mr. Jon Keller's niece (school board)

Cecelia Aguilar - Mrs. Christie Warner daughter (Primary)

Jocelyn Taylor - Mrs. Becky Bishop's granddaughter (Bus)

Ava Langford - Chris & Amanda Langford's daughter (Weldon, Middle)

Karli Maloney - Mrs. Trish Jones' granddaughter (nurse)

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Area tornado relief efforts continue

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damaged while nearby other homes appeared untouched by the tornado.

The Gilmer city limits, where hail occurred and the city tornado siren sounded, itself escaped harm, although numerous homes on Texas 154 and Azalea Road, located within a few miles east of the city, were hit. Nichols said "a lot more than hundreds" of trees were also felled.

County Road and Bridge Department crews, contract crews, and a large number of volunteers have worked 12-16 hours daily since the night of the storm, removing trees from roadways and houses, picking up debris, and assisting affected homeowners, the coordinator added.

In addition, "We've had tons of groups that have shown up" to assist, including the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and the Southern Baptists of Texas convention disaster relief group, he said.

They set up at the Yamboree Event Center, and joined businesses and others in feeding both volunteers and those affected by the storm, said Nichols. Trailers with showers have also been provided, he said.

A volunteer group called Animal Investigation and Response Services is also housing animals displaced by the storm at the Yamboree livestock barn off U.S. 271, near the civic center, said Nichols. Anyone missing an animal can contact him at 903-240-3574 or come to

the barn.

New Beginnings Baptist Church in Gilmer has led the volunteer relief efforts, Nichols added. Anyone wanting to volunteer or donate items to those affected can do so at the event center, he said.

Such items as non-perishable food, sleeping bags, snacks and drinks can be donated. Clothing, however, should be taken to The Clothes Closet across from the First United Methodist Church in Gilmer, Nichols said.

The twister initially set down and began doing damage around Evergreen Road, located off U.S. 271 about four miles south of Gilmer, he said. It then traveled across multiple county roads, Texas 300, and did "significant damage" in the area of Azalea Road and 154 (which intersect east of

Gilmer), said Nichols.

He said the storm crossed 1649, causing major damage around its intersection with Gardenia Road, before moving to the Ore City area and crossing U.S. 259 just north of that city. The twister caused major damage on Sweet William Road and in the Upshur Landing area before heading on into Marion County, he said.

Campers were struck and one was thrown into the lake, while a fifth-wheel large motor home was rolled over at the 155 marina, Nichols added. In addition, a long-time store in the vicinity was destroyed, said county Chief Sheriff's Deputy David Hazel.

He said he and the county government appreciated the efforts of volunteer fire departments and all other volunteers dealing with the storm's aftermath.

RIGHT - Ms. Bennie Moore and Mrs. Leslie Willeford register Tabatha Criss-Jones and other guests at the celebration of the Red Rock Activity Center and Message Board held Sunday. BELOW - Darren Richardson and Melanie Richardson provided the music for the festive gathering. A breakfast for moms and one child will be held May 7, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the center.

Photos by Darla Ferguson



Texas Upstream Oil and Natural Gas jobs see largest increase in a decade in February

AUSTIN – Data released by the Texas Workforce Commission shows increasing strength in upstream oil and natural gas employment in the state. In February 2022, Texas upstream jobs grew by 5,100, the highest spike in over a decade* and the second highest jump in at least 32 years.

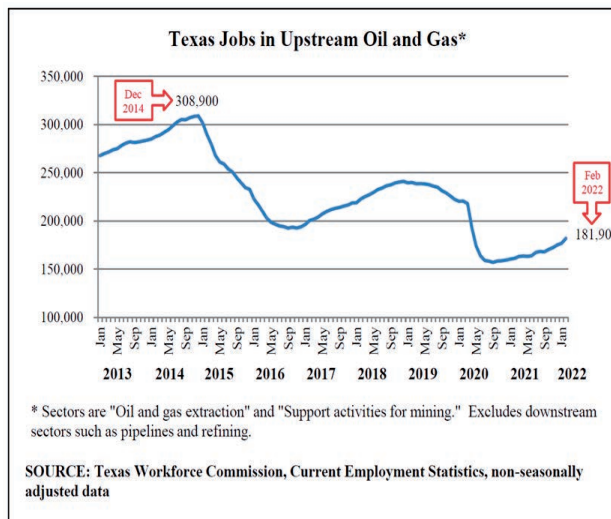
"A year ago, many people were questioning the future of oil and natural gas and, today, people are questioning if they have a future without it. Our nation has an opportunity to reshape American energy

policy that recognizes oil and natural gas as an asset rather than a liability," said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association. "News of this historic job growth in Texas' upstream sector is encouraging for all Americans, because Texas continues to lead the way in meeting our energy needs, fortifying our national security, and assuring continued environmental progress."

Since the low point in employment in September of 2020, industry has added

24,900 Texas upstream jobs and job growth months have outnumbered decline months 15 to 2. At 181,900 upstream jobs, February 2022 jobs are up by 20,700, or 12.8%, from February of 2021.

The upstream sector involves oil and natural gas extraction and excludes other industry sectors such as refining, petrochemicals, fuels wholesaling, oilfield equipment manufacturing, pipelines, and gas utilities, which support hundreds of thousands of additional jobs



in Texas.

The employment shown also includes "Support Activities for Mining," which is mostly oil and gas-related

but also includes some small amount of other types of mining.

*In June of 2011, the increase was 5,600 jobs.

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Anglers add to ShareLunkers 2022 season total

ATHENS – The list of ShareLunkers grew by two over the weekend, running the season total at the time to 22, including seven during the first three weeks of March in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) 2022 Toyota ShareLunker collection season.

Lake Daniel returned to the spotlight Friday evening for the second time this season thanks to Mike Ybarra from Odessa who reeled in a new pending lake record. ShareLunker 629 topped the scales at 15.66-pounds to become the 39th biggest largemouth bass in Texas. Ybarra's Legacy Lunker is also the fourth fish this season to crack the top 50 all-time list.

O.H. Ivie Lake continued its incredible two year run Saturday courtesy of angler Tim Manley from Brownwood. Manley's ShareLunker 630 registered at 14.46 pounds on the scale while measuring 23 inches in girth and 23 ¼ inches in length. The fish is also the 11th from the waterbody this season and remains one away from equaling its 2010 and 2021 totals of 12.

At this time, TPWD Inland Fisheries personnel have made the decision to halt the transport of ShareLunker's across the state for the remainder of the 2022 season. However, Legacy Class ShareLunker submissions will still be processed on site by TPWD, meaning biologists will meet the angler to take measurements, record official weight and collect genetic samples for analysis. Anglers can then return their fish to the lake.

Anglers submitting Legacy Class Lunkers will still receive a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13+ pound Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event and a high-quality replica mount of their Lunker fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy. Anglers will also receive entries into two separate drawings – a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and an annual fishing license.

"March has been exciting for the 2022 collection season with seven Legacy Lunkers already collected," said Kyle Brookshear, Toyota ShareLunker Program Manager. "We saw another top 50 fish recorded and a new pending lake record. O.H. Ivie has certainly been in the spotlight again this season, but we continue to see fisheries like Lake Daniel emerge as ShareLunker producers. If weather conditions permit, it should be an action-packed final stretch of the

collection season."

Ybarra and his friend were originally going to fish Hubbard Creek in Breckenridge, but another friend invited them both down to fish Lake Daniel. Ybarra had never fished the lake before and decided to give it a shot.

"We arrived at the lake around 1 p.m., put the boat in the water and worked the ramp area before heading over towards the dam," Ybarra said. "I started with a Carolina Rig, but I got it hung up and it broke off. I switched over to a Bait Ball Umbrella rig and caught a four-foot stick on the first cast. Three casts later I felt something heavy after I set the hook and thought I had another stick. It was coming in real slow when suddenly it jerked back about four times and jumped out of the water. I could tell she was a pretty nice fish."

The battle to bring her in started with the fish making multiple runs to try and get away. The fish then avoided the net a couple of times, but Ybarra got the fish back up to the boat again and this time the fish was safely secured.

"The ironic thing is the night before my friend sent me an article from TPWD about the hot streak for Lunkers in Texas," Ybarra added. "I've been fishing for a long time and have prayed and wished for a double-digit fish. I was telling my wife about the article, the ShareLunker program and everything that comes with catching a Legacy Lunker. Less than 24 hours later I reeled in a 15.66-pound fish of my own. TPWD personnel came out to collect the DNA samples, take measurements and then I turned her loose. They were great to work with and what a blessing it was catch a fish like this to be part of the ShareLunker program."

Manley was fishing in the Bass Champs Tournament on O.H. Ivie and early in the day secured a couple smaller fish quickly. At around 10 a.m. Manley had one get away and at about 1 p.m. he and his fishing partner went back to where they caught those fish earlier in the morning.

"It felt like around 1 p.m. everything started moving around a little bit," Manley said. "We were fishing near some hardwoods and flipping at those, and we still weren't getting much. We moved to some shallower water, and I just happened to see some bass swimming around. We moved again and saw another one on the bed. I could tell she was a good fish, but I never knew she was that big. My partner just missed catching her, so we moved to another spot before turning around and coming back."

In between that time Manley caught a 5.5-pounder before



The 2022 Toyota ShareLunker Program season started off hot! O.H. Ivie picked up where it left off last year with this 14.48 pound fish. This Legacy Lunker was caught by Tyler Anderson of Austin, Texas on January 5th.

spotting his eventual Legacy Lunker again.

"She was just sitting there in about 6-7 feet of water, so I put on a caffeine shad bait and flipped in there over a salt cedar limb," Manley added. "I initially caught a 4 1/4-pound male and told my fishing partner I'm fixing to catch her. About the second cast after I caught the male fish, I flipped in there and set the hook and brought her up to the top. She made a run to the back of the boat, I turned her around, kept her on top of the water and scooped her up. I put her on the scale and realized she was a ShareLunker. You fish all your life, and it was just one of those meant to be deals. To accomplish it in a tournament made it even more special."

Manley checked the fish in for the tournament and it earned Big Bass accolades and an overall finish of fifth place in the event. Bass Champs allowed Manley to keep the fish in their aerated tank until TPWD personnel arrived to collect the data and measurements.

Once everything was complete, Manley was able to return the fish to where he caught her.



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There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on April 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following:


a) Specific Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine for on-premise consumption at LTS 15: 15A & 16 NCB 56 GLADEWATER (N 10' LT 6), more commonly known as 124 S. Main Street.

There will be a second public hearing held by the Gladewater City Council on April 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings. If you are unable to attend these meetings you may send written comments to Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, City of Gladewater, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

LEGAL NOTICE

Gladewater Independent School District will receive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Design-Build Services. The project consists of an expansion of Gladewater Primary School Gymnasium located at 100 West Gay Ave. Gladewater, Texas 75647. The expansion will be approximately 3,375 Sf. The estimated budget for this project is 413,125.00. The estimated date for completion of this project is 8 months from commencement. This Request for Qualifications is issued in accordance with Chapter 2269, Subchapter G of the Texas Government Code. The RFQ provides the information necessary to prepare and submit qualifications for consideration and ranking by the owner and can be downloaded at the District's website at www.gladewaterisd.com. Gladewater ISD may select the RFQ that offers the "best value" for the District based on the published selection criteria and weight of criteria. and on its ranking evaluation. The deadline for submission is 3:00 P.M April 4, 2022



PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on April 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to rezone the property located at ABS A175 GOODWIN, WILLIAM TRACT 55 19.85 ACRES, more commonly known as 1395 Phillips Springs Rd. from Single Family 1 (SF1) to Single Family 2 (SF2).

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