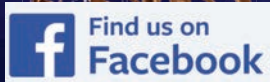


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Traffic deaths spike in Texas work zones

As road construction projects ramp up statewide, TxDOT officials are asking motorists to slow down and stay alert when driving through the thousands of work zones in Texas to protect themselves and others. In 2021, traffic crashes in the state's work zones claimed the lives of 244 people, a 33% increase over the previous year.

Drivers and their passengers accounted for the majority of those who died in Texas work zone crashes last year: 195 motorists or vehicle passengers were killed, along with 38 pedestrians, four bicyclists and three roadside construction workers. Speeding and driver inattention were among the leading causes of crashes.

With these alarming statistics in mind, TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign is marking National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 11-15, by sharing safety tips to prevent work zone crashes and fatalities.

"It's cause for tremendous concern that the number of people killed on our roadways reached a 40-year high last year and fatalities in our work zones rose dramatically," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's important for drivers to remember that driving conditions in work zones can be especially challenging because of extra congestion, slow-moving heavy equipment, temporary barriers and vehicles that make sudden stops. That's why it's crucial for everyone to give driving their full attention and drive a safe speed in areas where construction and maintenance are underway."

The "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign offers five tips for driving safely through a work zone:

Slow down. Follow the posted speed limit and adjust your driving to match road conditions.

Pay attention. Avoid distractions, keep your mind on the road and put your phone away.

Watch out for road crews. The only protective gear they wear is reflective clothing, a hardhat, and safety boots. Always follow flaggers' instructions and be mindful of construction area road signs.

Don't tailgate. Give yourself room to stop in a hurry, should you need to. Rear-end collisions are the most common kind of work zone crashes.

Allow extra time. Road construction can slow things down. Count on it, and plan for it.

Roadside safety also extends to complying with the state's Move Over/Slow Down law that requires drivers to move over a lane or reduce their speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching a TxDOT vehicle, emergency vehicle, law enforcement, tow truck or utility vehicle stopped with flashing lights activated on the roadside.

Traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000. Failure to heed the Move Over/Slow Down law also can result in a fine up to \$2,000.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart." is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving, and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

All roadway safety professionals are encouraged to wear orange on April 13 for National Go Orange Day to proudly show their support of work zone safety.

Shipp, Bardwell honored by chamber

Jim Bardwell and Cathy Shipp were honored at Thursday's 91st Annual Gladewater Chamber of Commerce banquet with the "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" awards, presented by Chamber President Lois Reed.

Also honored were Darla Ferguson with the "Marilyn Godfrey Volunteer Award" and Sasquatch Trading Post was named "Business of Year." "Educator of Year" was Megan Morris and Tanner Gothard was named "Youth of the Year."

The coveted "Bradley Award," which was presented by Chamber President Lois Reed to those who went above and beyond the call of duty for the chamber throughout the year went to Michael Hines and Todd Clifton.

The theme of the banquet was "Through the Years" and paid tribute to longtime chamber manager Marsha Valdetero, who passed away in December of 2021. Marsha served the chamber for 31 years and was the "heart and soul" of the organization.

Suzanne Bardwell, who passed away in January 2022, was also recognized for her years of hard work and support of the chamber, Marsha, and the Gladewater Community.

US Rep. Louie Gohmert honored Valdetero



2021 Man of the Year - Jim Bardwell
2021 Woman of the Year - Cathy Shipp

and Bardwell with a US flag flown over the Nation's Capitol, with Gohmert's aide John Tanner presenting the flags to the families of the two ladies who were so instrumental in moving Gladewater forward.

Jackson Foltyn of Jackson's Theater provided the musical entertainment for the event.



2021 Educator of the Year
Megan Morris



2021 Youth of the Year
Tanner Gothard



2021 Volunteer of the Year
Darla Ferguson



2021 Business of the Year
Sasquatch Trading Post



2021 Bradley Award
Michael Hines



2021 Bradley Award
Todd Clifton

Local men indicted on drug charges

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 21 indictments, with the 10 sealed ones including one for "accident involving death," said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Defendants, charges, and bond information in the open indictments returned March 24 in Gilmer were as follows, Byrd's office said Friday:

- Robert Leroy Worthington, 54, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Aug. 19, \$10,000 bond

- Ronald Wayne Smith Jr., 47, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last June 7, \$25,000

- Kelly Leigh Williamson, 42, of Big Sandy, driving while intoxicated; subsequent offense--repeat offender on Jan. 31, \$10,000

- Michael Colton Barnes, 29, of Diana, driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense last Oct. 27, \$25,000

- Brian Ray Christall, 38, of Diana, driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense last Oct. 23, \$25,000

- Staci Giddens Howie, 47, of Dallas, driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense Jan. 30, \$10,000

- Dominique Xavier Buchanan, 33, of Gilmer, assault/family violence with previous conviction--habitual offender last Nov. 28. Although bond was set at \$25,000, he remained in county jail at Gilmer under a "blue warrant" alleging he violated parole.

- Christopher Dean Robertson, 35, of Gilmer, criminal mischief last Sept. 1. He also remained in county jail under \$100,000 bond.

- Amanda Brooke McGowan, 37, of Chandler, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) on March 5, 2020, \$10,000

- Ryan Tilton Rogers, 30, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 18, 2020, \$25,000

- William Wade Lanisus, 38, of Tatum, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Sept. 8, 2020, \$15,000

Identity of anyone named in the sealed indictments was not disclosed since no arrest had been made in those cases, Byrd said.

Besides the aforementioned accident case, those indictments included two for assault/family violence--occlusion and a single indictment on two counts of online solicitation of a minor under 14.

The other sealed indictments included one each for "theft--aggregation of amounts (of) \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000," aggravated assault with deadly weapon, criminal mischief, tampering with oil and gas wells and associated equipment, possession of controlled substance (heroin) and possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine.)

Jurors neither no-billed nor passed any cases March 24, Byrd said.

Voter registration deadline is today

Gregg and Upshur county residents have until April 7 to register to vote in the May 7 election for two statewide constitutional amendments and one local contested city council race.

First-time Texas voters may complete the registration process through the state or the county voter registrar. Those eligible to cast a ballot this spring include U.S. citizens who will be 18 years old or older as of election day, and who are not convicted felons or legally mentally incapacitated.

"In the upcoming May 7 election, every Texas voter will have the opportunity to vote on two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution concerning property taxes, and many Texas voters will also be voting on mayoral, city council and school board candidates as well as local propositions," Texas Secretary

of State John Scott said in a statement. "I encourage every eligible Texas voter to not only get registered by April 7th, but to educate yourself on the candidates and measures that will appear on your ballot."

All Texas voters will have the chance to weigh in on Proposition 1, which would provide additional property tax cuts to elderly and disabled homeowners, and Proposition 2, which would raise the school district homestead exemption on property taxes.

One Gladewater City Council seat is contested with newcomers Teddy Sorrells and Jacob Garland seeking the Place 4 seat. Scott Owens is unopposed for mayor and Michael Webber and Brandy Flanagan are unopposed for the Place 2 and 3 seats.

All GISD incumbents were unopposed, so no election will be needed.

Upshur County local disaster declaration extended

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Tuesday of last week heard various county officials discuss ongoing disaster relief efforts in the county in the wake of the March 21 rural tornado which caused massive damage and several injuries, but no known deaths.

The court, meeting in special session at Gilmer, also voted to ratify and indefinitely extend County Judge Todd Tefteller's "local disaster declaration," which on March 22 activated the county's emergency management plan. Tefteller said the order also keeps the county eligible for governmental assistance.

The court heard from county Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols, county Road Administrator Andy Jordan, Sheriff Larry Webb and County Extension Agent Julie York concerning efforts to help those impacted by the storm.

Nichols said that all of those injured he knew of were either in stable con-

dition or released from medical treatment. One person who was in intensive care was now stable and should be released from a hospital, he added.

Most of those left homeless by the storm had somewhere to go and an emergency shelter which opened the night of the tornado had no takers, he noted.

In addition, the county's emergency plan "flowed as well as could be" and the fact no deaths occurred was "amazing," Nichols said.

Marion County Judge Leward LaFleur, who said an area 30 miles from Jefferson was belted in his county and praised the cooperation between the two counties' emergency management coordinators and sheriff's offices, added, "It is nothing short of a miracle from God himself that nobody was killed in this destruction."

Nichols said the National Weather Service had identified 199 structures which were damaged, but that 70 homes have been inaccessible and are still being evaluated. The F2 tornado totally destroyed 20 homes while

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Suzanne's weekly columns meant a lot to many people over the years and I have received many requests to rerun her columns. I miss them too. So here is the "Best of Suzanne Bardwell." I hope you enjoy them.

Happy birthday son ... (2015)

My grown-up 'kid' has a birthday this Friday and he is spending it in Florida. He won't be seeing Mickey, or hanging out on White Sand Beaches with his sweetheart of a wife. He won't be sight seeing in the Everglades or Keys, but he will be fighting fires and working controlled burns that will prevent horrendous fires in the drought plagued Land of Flowers.

Josh is a bona fide character. He is one of those people who has never met a stranger. He is as comfortable talking to a senator as to his next-door neighbor. His funny bone tickles easily and he can tell a story that would make his tale telling ancestors proud.

And boy, does Josh have some tales to tell. He has fought fire all across the United States in something like 44 states. His old Dad and I once traveled all the way to South Dakota to end up eating a meal with him between horrendous fires that were sweeping the prairies. That stint resulted in adulthood in rapid order for our newly college-degreed son and heavily calloused knees for old Mom who spent a lot of time in prayer. A lot.

He sat on top of the presidents' heads at Mount Rushmore. He was in a helicopter flown by a Vietnam Vet who put the chopper down in the middle of Sturgis during a violent storm. He and a crew were caught in crossfire in the Black Hills and miraculously survived. He has made friends from one end of this country to the other and all points in between. More than friends, my only child has a large extended family that was forged in those fires.

Marcy Smith's late husband Ernie was a part of that family. He helped train Josh as a very young seasonal firefighter. Ernie was Josh's mentor and role model in many ways. By now there has been a host of Ernies throughout this country. Josh is returning the favor and mentoring the inexperienced rookies passing on the lessons he was taught so well and a legacy of service continues generationally.

Josh is a wildland firefighter with a degree in Forestry and minors in Journalism and history.

He is also an EMT and a rural volunteer firefighter. In fact, he and his lovely wife Jennifer, an RN, are the only medically certified first responders for miles and miles of where they live. They make a great team. They make a difference right there in their corner of the world when Josh is not busy working in the wider world and Jenn isn't busy

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



working 12-hour shifts at the hospital. They have two rescue dogs (now 3) and three goats (now 13 goats). The dogs are well-trained despite being the size of Shetland ponies. The goats, not so well behaved.

Josh is well informed on politics, domestic and foreign policy and international issues. He has decided views, yet an open mind. He loves history and understands its importance in the present. He is constantly learning and that is one of my very favorite things about him. Insatiable curiosity is a gift. One he has in abundance.

This April 10 I will be recalling some of the experiences that helped to create this strong, unique and loving young man. Dad & Lad and Mom & Me scout camping trips, church family retreats and Day Camp, soapbox cars and rubber band rocket competition, along with a conglomeration of events and experiences that wrote lasting life lessons on the man he was to become.

This Friday I will remember when Josh was 8-years old and we lay in the front yard one warm summer night and found the constellations and talked about creation and its magnificence. And, I will know that his love of nature was something his Dad and I helped nurture. He may not remember that one night out of so many in his life, but I will never forget it. Art lessons, Little League, school plays and carnivals, Halloween costumes designed and made by he and his multi-talented Grani, so much fun, so much joy.

There were also all those visits to the ranch where he and his much-loved Buddy and MiMi cut and baled hay, chased cows, built fence and cut mesquites in searing heat, and talked for hours on the front porch with feet propped and iced tea in hand.

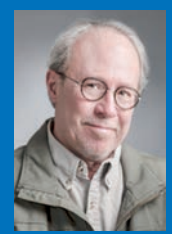
His grandparents really listened and knew well the person Josh was becoming and the vision he had for his future.

That future is here, and Josh's Dad and I couldn't be more proud of the man he has become and the difference he makes. Now don't get me wrong, he is not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, and I do mean any. And frankly, my old knees are ready for him to consider the Forester part of his education for his career.

But whatever he is doing, wherever he is doing it, he is a mighty fine man. And Jim and I could not ask for any more than that.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Deadline nears to register for elections

Eligible Texas voters who have not done so already have until April 7 to register to vote in the May 7 statewide constitutional amendment election, as well as any local elections for city, school districts and other local entities.

"In the upcoming May 7 election, every Texas voter will have the opportunity to vote on two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution concerning property taxes, and many Texas voters will also be voting on mayoral, city council and school board candidates, as well as local propositions," John Scott, secretary of state, said.

Both propositions deal with property taxes. The first reduces the total amount of property tax imposed on elderly or disabled persons. The second increases the homestead exemption on school taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Early voting begins on April 25 and runs through May 3.

Texans also will have the opportunity to return to the polls on May 24 for the primary runoff election. Early voting begins on May 16 and ends May 20.

Runoffs are slated in the GOP race for attorney general and railroad commission, the Democratic contest for lieutenant governor and land commissioner, and county and district races.

Voters who participated in one party's primary in March can't cross over and vote in the other party's runoff election. However, persons who did not vote in the March 1 primary can vote in either party's runoff. Anyone with questions about voting eligibility should contact their county's election administrator or the secretary of state's office.

Wildfire danger continues in much of state

The risk of wildfire across the state continues through this week. During the last week of March, state, federal and local firefighters responded to 192 wildfires that burned more than 173,000 acres, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

More than 500 firefighters from the service and through the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System have been deployed across Texas, as well as personnel from 28 states.

We want to ensure that the state has adequate resources to protect Texas' citizens and natural resources from wildfire," Wes Moorehead, forest service chief, said. "We are working with other states to mobilize additional fire resources to Texas for assistance."

The highest risk of fire danger continues to be in West Texas and the Panhandle, according to the forest service.

Schools saved from funding cuts

Public school districts will not lose funding because of low attendance rates caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Education Agency and Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week. Funding will be made available to school systems in Texas who normally would have had funding cut, since it is based on attendance rates.

"Providing this adjustment to the 2021-22 school year will ensure school systems have the funding they need to retain the best and brightest teachers and provide quality education to all public-school students across Texas," Abbott said. "We have made tremendous strides to return more of our students back to the classroom and will continue in our efforts to do so."

Texas public schools are funded based on the number of students enrolled and their daily attendance. Currently, schools get a base allotment of \$6,160 per student annually. The average daily attendance is calculated by total students present divided the required days of instruction.

During the pandemic, attendance dipped. The state will once again allow district to toss out low attendance days to increase the average daily attendance and not lose funding.

Teachers protest unpaid trainings

Texas teachers are rebelling against a new law that requires those who teach grades K-3 to complete unpaid a 60- to 120-hour course known as Reading Academies in order to keep their jobs next year. The law, originally passed in 2019, set a deadline for completing the course by the end of the 2022-2023 school year, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle. Most teachers aren't compensated for their time taking the course, though some districts offer stipends.

The added pressures of teaching online during the pandemic have exacerbated a teacher shortage that spurred the Texas Education Agency to recently form a task force to address the situation. From 2010 to 2019, the number of certified teachers in the state fell by about 20%, according to a study by the University of Houston.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Petrodollar Paranoia

Recently, there has been much focus on the "petrodollar" and whether it will continue as the currency of choice in the oil market. China and Saudi Arabia have discussed shifting away from it, a move that some worry will end the dollar's dominance in world markets; others seem to think it would be the end of life as know it. Let me put your mind at ease.

Petrodollars are not a separate currency. Simply defined, they are crude oil export revenues denominated in US dollars. The universal use of petrodollars in oil sales began in the 1970s, when the United States and Saudi Arabia agreed to standardize oil prices in dollars as part of the overall transition away from gold. There were certainly political maneuverings, but the dollar was essentially chosen because it was (and remains) the most widely accepted currency for global transactions.

As to mechanics, oil-producing countries exchange crude for dollar-denominated assets which they then recycle into purchases on international markets. For the US, the demand for dollars increases, which is normally beneficial because it helps promote non-inflationary growth, liquidity, and lower interest rates. Conversely, it is not at all uncommon to have policies which deliberately weaken the dollar, which makes domestic goods more competitive.

If petrodollar transactions decline, the fear is that a chain reaction could ensue. India is reportedly considering buying oil from Russia at discounted prices using the Chinese yuan. Other countries are exploring alternatives to the dollar due to US sanctions on Russia, which caused significant economic disruption. Some advocate a basket of currencies; others want to go the crypto route.



Some fret that such a move could end the dollar's popularity and stability. However, it's likely much ado about nothing (or not much). While petrodollars are certainly not insignificant, the dollar remains the world's most desirable currency for multiple reasons.

The dollar is backed by the world's largest and most stable economy and independently managed by a highly competent monetary authority. In times of crisis and uncertainty, investors and nations alike flock to it. In addition to currency reserves, US treasury bills and notes provide the best vehicle to protect assets. In fact, the dollar comprises over half of all known central bank reserves and undergirds the entire world economy. Moreover, in millions of financial calculations that occur daily, US bonds are the definition of a "risk-free asset" for assured repayment.

The dominance of the dollar in global exchange is positive for the US economy, facilitating faster growth with less inflation. If that truly ended, there would certainly be notable fallout. However, even though petrodollars are substantial, the primary source of demand for the dollar remains its stability and security.

Relax! Stay safe!!



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GOOD INTENTIONS

It has been said that "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." One reason that is true is because a lot of people intending to be saved, never get around to doing what they need to do in order to be saved! They believe, and plan to repent someday. They know they must be baptized, and they really do intend to be baptized, but sadly they die before ever really doing it. Thus, their good intentions are no substitute for actually obeying God. In Hebrews 5: 9, we read that Jesus *became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.* Notice, it doesn't say, "*He became the author of eternal salvation to all who INTEND TO OBEY HIM SOMEDAY,*" In Matthew 7: 21 Jesus said: "*Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.*" Notice, Jesus didn't promise salvation to those who merely HAVE PLANS TO DO GOD'S WILL SOMEDAY! He promises it to those who DO GOD'S WILL!

Actually, when you know what God wants you to do, and you deliberately ignore His will (perhaps soothing your conscience with the promise to do it later), you are disobeying God. In effect, you are saying: "*I'll do what God says when I get good and ready, and until then, God can just wait.*" So, what we call good intentions for the future are often excuses for disobedience right now.

Another reason the road to hell is paved with good intentions is because a lot of folks don't have as much time to change as they thought they would have. There is no doubt that many intended to change and obey God before they died, but they died before they intended to! Good friend, if you've merely had good intentions about obeying God someday, you need to stop INTENDING and start OBEYING! If I can be of help to you in knowing what God wants you to do, please let me know. Think on these things.

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US Rep. Louie Gohmert honored Suzanne Bardwell with a US flag flown over the Nation's Capitol, with Gohmert's aide John Tanner presenting the flags to her family at the chamber banquet.



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TRADES DAYS THIS WEEKEND

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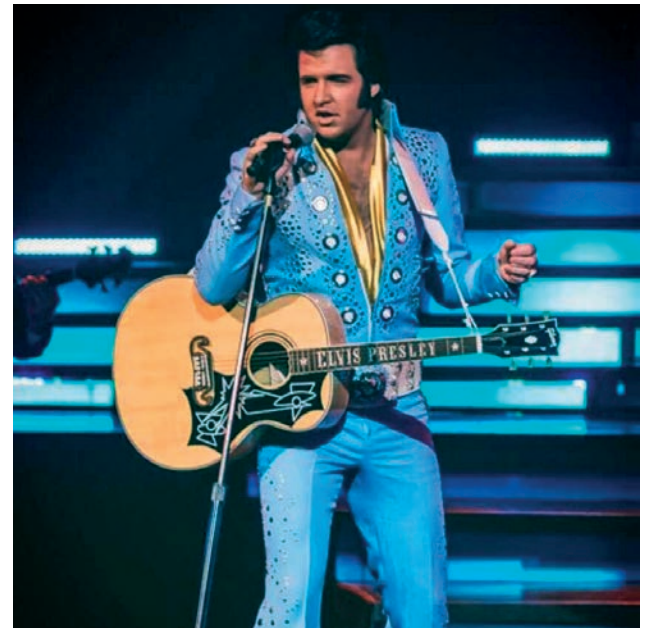
Class of 1977 hosting 45th Reunion

The GHS Class of 1977 is hosting its 45th reunion on July 16th from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Red Rock Historical Association Building located at 2629 Rodeo St. in Gladewater. This reunion is reaching out to ALL classmates of this group, whether you actually graduated from GHS or not. Maybe you only went through middle school with us, "Come on down!"

The event will include visiting, a buffet style dinner, 70's music and dancing. The meal will consist of a variety of soul food dishes catered by "Aunt Sandra's Boudian & More" in Gladewater. Dress is casual. The charge is \$10 a person and you can bring a date if you would like. Please send check to Dr. Margo Bell at P.O. Box 562, Gladewater, TX 75647.

Upshur County Wide Cleanup set

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



World Famous Elvis Tribute 'Travis Powell' will be at the Gilmer Civic Center April 9 at 6 p.m. As one of the nation's foremost Elvis Tribute Artists (ETAs), Powell has been winning ETA contests since grade school. In fact, while most toddlers were barely warbling their ABCs or Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, by age four Powell had already zoned in on what he liked to do—and that was to sing Elvis songs. Special guest performers will be the all female group 'Shake Rattle & Roll'. For reservations call Steve Fountain 832-312-0074 or email stevemdxdelvis@gmail.com.



Superintendent Dr. Sedric Clark held a GISD Town Hall meeting last Tuesday evening hosted at Living Water Church. Dr. Clark took questions and gave an update on the overall district and a look forward for the students and teachers of GISD. View Clark's 29-minute presentation at the Gladewater Mirror Facebook Page.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

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.

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Brendon Deary, Hope Rogers, Daytona Vaughn, Emily Melton, Katelyn Vaughn, and Colton Mead each medal in their Prose and Poetry Interpretation contests at East Mountain Baptist Church. UG's speech team, coached by Sandy Spears, won top team.

Photo by Sandy Spears



The Journalism team of Payton Haley, Faith Woodall, Katy Vinson, Sydney Pritchett, Taylor See and Colton Mead earned 166 points toward UG's total.

Photo by Kimber Smith

White Oak takes first at Big Red Relays

By Kimber Smith

Both White Oak and Union Grove's track teams participated in the Big Red Relays meet hosted by Harmony High School on March 31.

White Oak won the meet. The girls earned 171 points and the boys 184. Johanna Pennington took second in the 100m dash, Addison Milligan placed third in the 200m dash, and Alyssa Jones and Addison Clinkscales placed second and fifth respectively in the 400m dash. Jones won the 800m run, followed by Abby Lobue in third and Emma Hill in fifth. Lizzy Still won the 3200m run and the 1600m run, in which Hill placed sixth. Aubrey Saccoccio placed third in the 100m hurdles and fourth in the 300m hurdles, followed by teammate Anna Iske in sixth in both events. White Oak's girls—Jordan Baker, Clinkscales, Milligan, Pennington, Iske, Saccoccio, Jones, and Lobue—won gold in all three relays.

Bella Baker took third place in the discus, Jones second in the triple jump, Clinkscales fifth and Iske sixth in the high jump, Sasha Graves sixth in the long jump, Kynlee Bright second in the shot put, and Jayden Baker third and Pennington fourth in the pole vault.

Rylan Friddell won the 100m dash, 200m dash, and shot put and placed fifth in the triple jump. Rylie Redden placed fourth in the 100m dash. In the 400m dash, Noah Carter, Brian Williams, and Colton Fears took second, third, and sixth respectively. Benjamin Jacyno placed third in the 3200m run and fifth in the 1600m run. Adrian Pinson placed third in the 1600m run and won silver in the 800m run, followed by Williams in fifth.

Mitchell Carter placed fourth in the 110m hurdles and second in the 300m hurdles. Alexander Robinson fifth in the 110m hurdles and

sixth in the 300m hurdles, along with Mason Langford-Barlow in fifth. The 4x100m relay team of Carter, Friddell, Jesse Pratt, and Redden won gold, the 4x200m team of Carter, Langford-Barrow, Tyler Poe, and Pratt took fourth, and the 4x400 team of Carter, Langford-Barrow, Poe, and Williams placed second.

Williams also placed third in the high jump, Carter placed second in the long jump, and Corbin Fryant placed third in the shot put and fourth in the high jump. White Oak's pole vaulters Kirkland Cobb, Grayson Thompson, and Fears took the top three spots.

Union Grove's boys' and girls' teams both placed fourth overall. The Lady Lions' 4x100m relay team of Rylee Aiken, Samantha Coleman, Kayla Pullen, and Ava Wightman placed third, as did the 4x400m relay team of Taylor Campbell, Sarah Prince, Keira Taylor, and Gracie Winn. The 4x200m relay team of Aiken, Prince, Taylor, and Wightman placed fourth. Pullen also placed fifth in the 200m dash, and Winn also placed second in the 800m run. Gracie Stanford placed fifth in the 1600m run and fourth in the 3200m run, followed by teammate Sophie Pyle in fifth.

Brady Colby and Addison Smith placed fourth and fifth respectively in the shot put, and Smith placed fourth in the discus, along with Macey Roberts in first and Sumeet Mattu in sixth. Bailey Clowers placed sixth in the pole vault.

Brendon Fuller placed sixth in the 3200m run. Aubrey Woodard won the 400m dash, followed by teammate Sabetay Fernandez in fifth. Fernandez also placed fourth in the 800m run.

The Lions' 4x100m relay of Judson George, Gary Dacus, Isaiah O'Neal and Jaden Chavers placed fifth, as did the 4x200m relay of

Jacob Griffin, Jace Roberts, George, and O'Neal. The 4x400m relay team of O'Neal, Fuller, Woodard, and Fernandez placed fourth. Blake Moore placed fourth in the discus, and Woodard won the long jump and took second in the triple jump.



Volunteers were busy Monday morning restocking the shelves in the storeroom. Pictured are Mary Ann White, Bob Sedgwick, and Gary Hinds. Items needed include: cereal, spaghetti sauce, diapers, baby food, and jelly.

Union Grove UIL advances

By Kimber Smith

At least one student from each academic UIL event will represent Union Grove at the regional meet April 22-23 at Panola-- the last competition before the state meet in May--after the Lions won their district meet with 857 total points, 573 points more than second-place team Longview Chadwick.

The Accounting, Current Issues, Computer Science, Social Studies and Spelling teams won first place at the district meet on March 21, advancing to region as complete teams. Although the Calculator Apps team placed second, these students were the highest-scoring second-place team in the region and therefore earned the wild card to advance. The Mathematics, Number Sense, and Science teams also placed second.

Gracie Stanford won first place, Avery Brooks second, Gracie Winn third, and Brendon Fuller fourth in Accounting. Stanford earned second in Calculator, followed by Winn in fourth, Anna Flanagan in fifth, and Rowdy Williams in sixth. Winn also won silver in Mathematics, and Stanford placed third in Number Sense.

Jeremy Stewart placed second in Current Issues, and teammates Tommy Branscom and Katy King took fourth and fifth respectively. Gavin Boutin won gold in Computer Applications, Brendon Fuller placed second, and Jordan Lee placed third. Jesse Nemeth won the Computer Science event, followed by Kameron Townsend in second, Boutin in third, and Fuller in fourth.

Mia Rust placed third in Literary Criticism, and Kyler Littlejohn, Sarah Clowers, and Emily Lynch placed 1-2-3 in Ready Writing. Littlejohn also won gold in Social Studies, followed by teammate Carson Shott in sixth. Freshman Elise Daugherty not only placed third in Science but also earned top biology points. Colton Mead earned his first seat at regionals by placing third in Spelling with

teammate Emily Melton in fourth.

The Journalism team won top team, with individual awards for Katy Vinson, Taylor See, Payton Haley, Sydney Pritchett, Faith Woodall, and Mead. In Copy-Editing, Vinson won first, See took third and Woodall sixth. In News Writing, Pritchett won first, Haley second, and Vinson fourth. In Feature Writing, Haley won first, Pritchett second, and Vinson third. In Editorial Writing, Pritchett placed second, See fourth, and Mead sixth. In Headline Writing, Pritchett won first, Vinson third, and See fifth.

Speaking events took place separately at East Mountain Baptist Church on March 29, where the speech team won first place overall. Littlejohn, Fuller, and Daytona Vaughn swept Informative Speaking 1-2-3, as did Kendall Wennmohs, Preston Woodall, and Savanna Clark in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Melton, Mead, and Woodall in Persuasive Speaking, and Vaughn, Hope Rogers, and Brendon Deary in Poetry Interpretation. In Prose Interpretation, Melton won first, Katelyn Vaughn won second, and Mead took fifth.

Most recently, the One-Act Play cast and crew earned their spot in the regional competition by placing second at Area on Saturday, where Katelyn Vaughn was named Top Performer, Tyler Rodgers earned an All-Star Cast award, and Melton and Rogers made Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Bailey Clowers and Keeley Rust won Tech Awards.

UG's OAP previously won first place in the district contest March 1-2. Melton and Rodgers won Top Performer awards, Davy Branscom, Littlejohn and Vaughn earned All-Star Cast honors, Rogers received an Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Bailey Clowers and Keeley Rust won Tech Award. The group then went on to place second at bi-district March 22-23, where Sarah Clowers and Vaughn received All-Star Cast, Rodgers received Honorable Mention, and Rust received a Tech Award.

Union Grove students also earned district points by sweeping the Cross-Examination debate competition on Jan. 26, with two teams advancing to the state meet over spring break. Partners Melton and Littlejohn and Fuller and Mead both advanced to finals at the state meet.



Kyler Littlejohn wins gold in Informative Speaking, Ready Writing, and Social Studies. Littlejohn and partner Emily Melton also won the district Cross-Examination debate meet.

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UG Lions win district golf title

Union Grove boys took first place with a score of 371 at the 21AA District Golf Tournament at Pine Springs.

This qualifies them for the Regional Tournament. Kayden Day scored 82, the overall Tournament low Medalist. Other scores from the team include Jax Daniels 93, Cooper Vestal 95, Blake Moore 101 and Harlee Kirbis 101.

Sydney Pritchett took 3rd place in the girls division with a score of 106 to take the 2nd Regional Tournament qualifying spot. Brady Colby finished 5th with 110 to earn an alternate spot.


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GHS boys netters win district title

Gladewater hosted the tennis District Meet at the Butch Clay Tennis Center and Michael Lewis claimed first place in Boys Singles helping to lead the Bears to a District Championship.

The Lady Bears grabbed the Runner-Up spot for the girl's District Championship. Strong play from Gladewater's Sydney Keller helped the Lady Bears earn that runner-up spot and gave Keller 2nd place in Girls Singles. Lily Smith and Katelynn Lewis battled to a third place medal in Girls Doubles while Jackson and Kendall Williams earned third in Boys Doubles. Just missing the podium was Ethan Flores who took fourth in boys singles. M. Lewis and Keller advance to represent Gladewater at Regionals. Regionals will be held at the Cascades Country Club in Tyler on April 11-12.

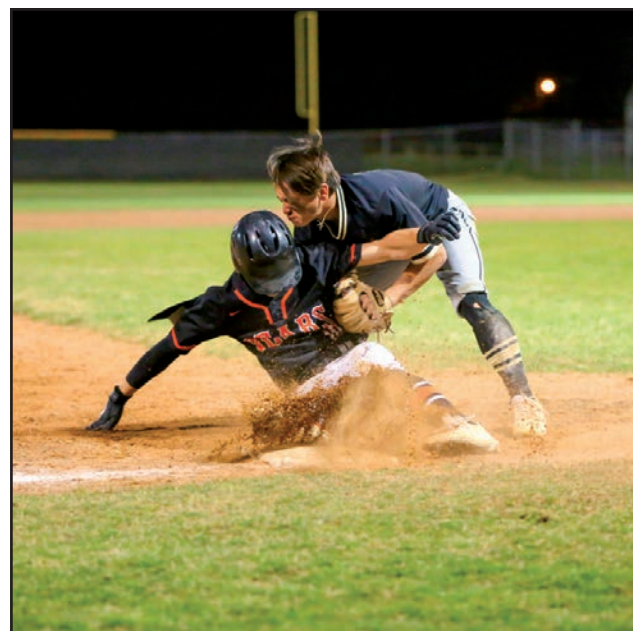
With their third place finishes, Smith and K. Lewis will serve as alternates for the girls and K. Williams and J. Williams will do the same for the boys.



Gladewater's Boys squad won the district crown at the district competition held in Gladewater last week.



Gladewater's Girls squad was Runner-Up at the district competition held in Gladewater last week.



Gladewater's Austin Verner slides into third, just beating the throw. Photo by Chris Jones

Bears slam Ore City, 13-3

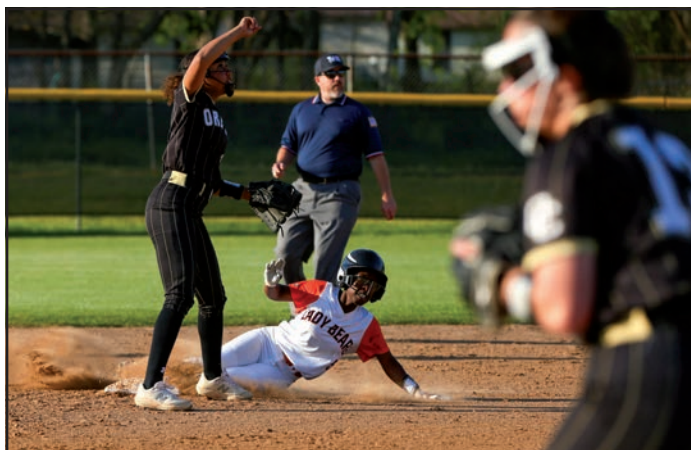
The Gladewater Bears hammered their way to a 6-0 lead after one inning in route to a 13-3 thrashing of the Rebels of Ore City.

Hayden Torres got things rolling reaching first on a line drive to center. Both Tanner Gothard and Zach Polanco will make it to first after being hit by pitches. With the bases loaded, Austin Verner hit a ground ball. A subsequent Rebel error allows Verner to reach first

while Torres puts the first point on the board the Bears. Gladewater kept the hits coming in the second scoring three more runs before Verner gave up the first out swinging. Polanco scored the fourth and final run of the second inning, making it home on an error by the Rebels right fielder. Ore City would find home plate scoring three in the top of the fourth, but it was too little too late for the Rebels.

The Bears tacked on another run in the bottom of the fourth and ended Ore City's suffering with two more runs in the bottom of the fifth ending the game on a ten run mercy rule.

Gladewater finished the game with 10 hits including 2 apiece from Torres, Gothard, and Kelton Cates. Gothard gets the win with seven strike outs while giving up three hits.



The Bears run past Ore City 13-3. Gladewater jumped out front 6-0 after one inning and never let the Rebels get close. The Lady Bears struggled against the Lady Rebels, falling 1-10 to Ore City.

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NOTICE OF CITY GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION
AVISO DE CIUDAD ELECCIONES GENERALES Y ESPECIAL

To the registered voters of Gladewater, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2022, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and two Council members, as well as a special election to elect one Council member to fill an unexpired term.

A los votantes registrados de Gladewater, Texas: aviso es, por la presente, dado que el lugar de votación que se enumeran a continuación estará abierto de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el 7 de mayo de 2022, para votar en unas elecciones generales para elegir Alcaldé y dos miembros del Consejo, así como una elección especial para elegir un miembro del Consejo para llenar un término no vencido.

The GREGG COUNTY polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2022. (los sitios de votación designados abajo estarán abiertos de las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche el día 7 de mayo de 2022.)

LOCATION(S) OF GREGG COUNTY POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN)

Longview Community Center	meeting room	500 E Whaley St, Longview, 75601
Greggton Community Center	meeting room	3211 W Marshall Ave, Longview, 75604
Judson Community Center	main room	1129 FM 1844, Longview, 75605
Pine Tree Community Center	meeting room	1701 Pine Tree Rd, Longview 75604
Elderville Community Center	main room	10450 Highway 349, Longview, 75603
LISD Education Support Center	boardroom	1301 E Young St, Longview 75602
Sabine ISD Old Elementary Cafeteria	cafeteria	5333 Old Highway 135 N, Liberty City
Gladewater First Methodist Church	gymnasium	217 W Quitman Ave, Gladewater, 75647
Meadowbrook Country Club	dining room	1306 Houston St, Kilgore, 75662

GREGG COUNTY Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo las siguientes fechas y horarios y en los siguientes locales):

Main Early Voting Location: Gregg County Courthouse
Branch Locations: Pine Tree Community Center, Meadowbrook Country Club, White Oak ISD - Main Office, Longview ISD Education Support Center
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 25 - Friday, April 29, 2022 (25 de abril al 29 abril de 2022)
 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (2 de mayo al 3 de mayo de 2022)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Jennifer Briggs - Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
 P.O. Box 2827
 Longview, Texas 75606
 Email: jennifer.briggs@co.gregg.tx.us

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: April 26, 2022.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 26 de abril de 2022.)

The UPSHUR COUNTY polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2022.

(los sitios de votación designados abajo estarán abiertos de las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche el día 7 de mayo de 2022.)

LOCATION(S) OF UPSHUR COUNTY POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN)

East Mountain Community Center	103 Municipal Dr., Gilmer, Texas 75645
Ashland Masonic Lodge #1138	10478 St. Hwy 154, Diana, Texas 75640
Assembly of God Church	1060 US Hwy 271 N., Gilmer, Texas 75644
Ore City Community Center	408 Althea, Ore City, Texas 75683
Big Sandy IDS	#1 Wildcat Dr., Big Sandy, Texas 75755
St. James Baptist Church	2800 W. Commerce, Gladewater, Texas 75647
Oak Hill Baptist Church	3084 FM 2088, Gilmer, Texas 75644
Upshur County Library	702 W. Tyler St., Gilmer, Texas 75644

UPSHUR COUNTY Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo las siguientes fechas y horarios y en los siguientes locales):

Upshur County Courthouse, 100 W. Tyler St. Gilmer, Texas 75644:
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 25 - Friday, April 29, 2022 (25 de abril al 29 abril de 2022)
 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (2 de mayo al 3 de mayo de 2022)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Lory Harle - Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
 100 West Tyler
 Gilmer, Texas 75644
 Email: lory.harle@countyofupshur.com

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: April 26, 2022.

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