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## Local man headed to prison

By Phillip Williams

115th District Judge Dean Fowler sentenced 24 defendants who pleaded guilty to felony or misdemeanor charges between April 5 and 11, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd's office.

Details of the felony sentences in Gilmer were as follows, Byrd's office reported last week:

Justin Wayne Craig, 28, of Gladewater, drew 10 years in prison April 5 for burglary of a building. The Upshur County Sheriff's Office probed the May 2, 2021 offense.

Assistant District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace represented the state at sentencing. Marshall attorney Brendan Roth represented Craig.

Corey Demonn Rockwell, 48, of Lone Star, received six years in prison April 5 for driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense.

Ore City police investigated the Aug. 7, 2021 offense. Byrd represented the state at sentencing; Marshall attorney Val Jones represented Rockwell.

Bart Lindsey Vaughn, 54, of Gilmer, received 365 days in county jail April 5 for deadly conduct.

The sheriff's office investigated the July 4, 2018 crime. Byrd represented the state at sentencing; Roth represented the defendant.

Judson E. Jordan Jr., 73, of Winona, was placed on three years "deferred adjudication" probation April 5 for possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Deferred adjudication means no final conviction appears on a defendant's record if he/she successfully completes probation. If such probation is revoked, however, the defendant can receive up to the maximum sentence for the offense.

Big Sandy police investigated the Feb. 3, 2020 offense. Wallace and Roth handled the sentencing.

Juan Gonzalez, 20, of Whitehouse, was placed on five years deferred adjudication April 5 for burglary of a building.

Gilmer police investigated the Oct. 4, 2018 offense. Byrd represented the state at sentencing, while Marshall attorney Craig Fletcher represented Gonzalez.

Randy Ray Price, 34, of Longview, received 12 months in state jail April 5 for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

The sheriff's office probed the Aug. 8, 2020 crime. Wallace and Jones handled the case.

Robert Daniel Smith, 23 and a transient, was placed on three years deferred adjudication April 5 for evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

The sheriff's office investigated the June 13, 2021 crime. Wallace and Roth handled the case.

Jacob Alexander Rodriguez, 18, of League City, drew one year in county jail April 5 for assault against police officer or judge. The sheriff's office probed the Oct. 19, 2021 offense.

Wallace and Roth handled the sentencing.

Shawn M. Macie, 43, of Ore City, was placed on three years deferred adjudication April 5 for tampering with oil and gas wells and associated equipment.

The sheriff's office investigated the Oct. 21, 2021 crime. Byrd and Roth handled the sentencing.

Tyler Dakota Johnson, 27, of Hughes Springs, received four years in prison April 5 for engaging in organized criminal activity.

The sheriff's office probed the Dec. 22, 2021 offense. Wallace and Fletcher handled the sentencing.

Misty Ann Reid, 45, of Saltillo, was placed on two years deferred adjudication April 11 for possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Gilmer police probed the Nov. 10, 2018 offense. Byrd represented the state in the case; Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented the defendant.

Eden Simoane Jones, 28, of Kilgore, received 12 months in state jail April 11 for possession of controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Gilmer police investigated the Jan. 27, 2019 crime. Wallace and Patton handled the case.

Kenneth Lloyd Barnes, 48, of Mineola, was placed on four years probation of a 10-year prison sentence April 11 for driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense.

The Texas Department of Public Safety probed the May 12, 2019 offense. Byrd represented the state, and Gilmer attorney Brandon Winn represented Barnes.

Johnathan Michael Brooks, 26, of Longview, drew six years in prison April 11 for assault/family violence with previous conviction--enhanced. ("Enhanced" means the previous conviction allows a harsher punishment.)

The sheriff's office investigated the July 16, 2020 crime. Assistant District Attorney Michael Northcutt Jr. represented the state at sentencing; Longview attorney Carl Dorrough represented Brooks.

Kilgore resident Cody Joe Shico, who turned 39 Tuesday, received 20 years in prison April 11 for possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, in amount of four grams or more

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## Library renamed to honor Bardwell

By Susan Duncan

The Gladewater City Council voted unanimously to change the name of the city library to the Lee-Bardwell Library at their regular April 21 meeting. The council posthumously added Suzanne Bardwell's name to that of the founding Lee family to honor Bardwell's steadfast support of the library after the council contemplated closing



BARDWELL

it due to serious damage sustained during last year's winter storm.

"She was really concerned that the library could be shut down," Mayor J.D. Shipp said. "She was going to do everything in her power to make sure that library stayed open. We will have a new library of the future with a multipurpose platform."

Bardwell, co-owner of Bardwell Ink with her husband Jim, died in a Longview automobile accident in January, but her legacy as an educator and community activist will not be forgotten.

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## Sorrells, Garland seek council seat

In the only contested Gladewater City Council race, Jacob Jed Garland and Teddy W. Sorrells, Jr. are both seeking the Place 4 seat in the May 7 election. As in years past, the *Gladewater Mirror* asked the candidates to tell our readers why they should be elected to serve the people of Gladewater. Below are their answers.



JACOB GARLAND



TEDDY SORRELLS

**1. Please tell our readers why they should vote for you? What are your qualifications to be a city council person?**

I was born and raised in Gladewater. I graduated from Gladewater Highschool in 2006. My family owned and operated all four Dairy Queens in Gladewater. I moved to Houston, TX when I first started working for The Houston Fire Department. My wife Shayna and I prayed hard about moving back to Gladewater. Our hearts called us back to raise our family in the city we both grew up in. My family and I love this town and want to see it grow and prosper. I have been a part of city government as a firefighter since 2006. I have helped previous Fire Chiefs at Gladewater effectively work on and balance their budgets. By doing so I have a basic understanding of city budgets and needs.

I believe the Gladewater constituency should vote for me because I have a plan on how to move Gladewater into the future. Gladewater's best days are still ahead of us and my plan works alongside our city council and GEDCO to promote more businesses to come to Gladewater. This is the way forward.

My qualifications are plain and simple. I am a tax-paying property owner that lives inside the city limits of Gladewater. I have had 30 years of leadership experience, beginning in the Army as a Combat Medic, to pastoring churches over the last 20 years. I am a capable leader that can work alongside anyone. If the military taught me anything, it was that all kinds of people, from all kinds of backgrounds, can come together with one mission and purpose.

**2. It is no secret the city has aging city infrastructure – the city is currently working to fix the city's water and sewer plants.**

What do you think needs to be done to fix this problem and how will it be funded?

Determining the areas of town that are experiencing the most leaks

I don't believe there is one solution. I believe that there are multiple solutions that need to come together with one common purpose – to move Gladewater

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## Texas communities sound off on broadband access

Among the many things the pandemic has revealed, one is Texans' reliance on quality broadband services that connect teachers to students, nurses to rural patients, farmers to markets and consumers to products. Access to reliable internet and broadband services contributes to a thriving workforce.

And yet lack of access to quality broadband threatens communities and their economic and educational prosperity. According to an Ernst & Young analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey five-year estimates for 2019, almost one in five U.S. households does not have internet of any kind, and 36 percent do not have wireline.

This lagging access disproportionately impacts poorer communities and communities of color. Rural Texans are especially hard hit. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2019, 25 percent of the nearly 247,000 farms in Texas had no internet access.

"The pandemic exposed a lot of cracks in the walls," Comptroller Glenn Hegar said recently. "I'm not overstating

when I say not having access to quality broadband is like not having access to electricity. Parents, teachers, consumers and farmers all depend on these services to live and do business. I strongly believe that Texans deserve access and support."

Hegar kicked off his 2022 Texas Broadband Listening Tour with a visit to Prairie View A&M University. The full tour is taking place over two months, making stops in a dozen Texas communities. This "boots-on-the-ground" approach aims to collect raw, unfiltered feedback from Texans about their communities' state of broadband services.

"Just because a community has DSL doesn't mean it's functional — it might be delivering 2 megabits per second (Mbps)," one Harris County resident reported at an event. (DSL refers to digital subscriber lines that use modems to move data over landlines.)

The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO), administered by the Comptroller's office, will compile feedback collected from the tour and use it in the state's first broadband plan, which BDO will publish later this year. The plan will

outline barriers to broadband use, among other challenges.

The Texas Legislature also tasked the BDO with overseeing and awarding grants, loans and other financial incentives to internet service providers who expand access to broadband service in unserved and underserved areas.

The town hall-style tour is multimodal, and feedback is being collected from in-person breakout sessions and conversations. Texans who are not able to attend meetings may still provide feedback and are encouraged to do so via English and Spanish online surveys. PDF copies also are available to print and distribute to libraries, community groups and other organizations and individuals without online services. Feedback will be collected through May 5.

"My goal is really to meet Texans where they are and deeply listen to their experiences with broadband in Texas," Hegar said. "This is by far the best way for my staff to understand and help resolve this issue. I'm especially thankful for those who have taken the time to give us feedback, whether they participated in person or online."



# 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.

## And...

Really we shouldn't have. Important meetings were missed. We often tell ourselves we can't. But the last few days we did...and it was wonderful. Now, don't get me wrong we worked every single day we were on our getaway. Some days required hours of work from our hotel room. Deadlines have to be met regardless of where we are when they hit.

On our last day away we grabbed a lakeside snack at the appropriately named Hanger just to hang out. One of my favorite vacay pics is of my hubby on a phone meeting oblivious to the hot air (how appropriate) balloon going up behind him. We finished off the chips and dip long before the phone meet was done. Despite the meetings, that leisurely day allowed us to handle the stress of the next day.

We left our hotel at 10:30 a.m. for the Orlando airport. Our plane was delayed for takeoff because of weather. We received a text that our connecting flight at DFW to Shreveport was canceled. Our luggage location was somewhere in the 'Twilight Zone'. As we detoured to San Antonio and back up to Dallas our flight time increased and Jim began to look for gremlins on the airplane wing. When we got to DFW the weather worsened and so did the temperature of the hundreds of passengers who were missing their flights. The experience was a revelation.

We watched as meltdowns occurred by infants and infantile adults. We ran from terminal to terminal as our flight was changed, canceled and moved until we finally managed to get one to Gregg County Airport which was added as a connecting leg for about 20 desperate people. We saw one guy beat on the skyway door as he watched his plane for Tyler leave. It really was kind of funny. I am sorry. I usually don't enjoy laughing at someone else's expense but dang, Longview is not that far away and there were plenty of seats on that flying cigar tube for that ranting and raving flyer.

Complicating the entire, and I mean the entire last week of our vacation, as well as the airport trekking about, was the fact that I had walked HUGE blisters onto the balls of my feet. I hobbled. I walked on the sides of my feet. I groaned.

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



It was pitiful, but worth the pain and the effort.

On our next to last day we managed to get reservations for "Star Wars Ride of the Resistance". BUT, we were on late standby and my pessimist honey was convinced we would never be called. So, we left Hollywood Studios and rode the skyliners around the (Disney) World and limped back to our room where I peeled off my sticky socks while I cried sticky tears. And then the text came. 45 minutes before the park closed. Our standby group was called. We threw our shoes...sticky socks and tears again...and I hobbled as fast as my poor old blistered feet could go to the boat transportation which took FOREVER to get rolling. We got to the park at closing and the very kind and grinning gate attendants told us to go to the ride anyway and said that we might get lucky. Of course, it was at the opposite end of the park.

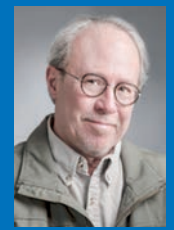
I hobbled as fast as I could go and when we got there the ride was broken down...with an interminably long line. And the park was CLOSED. And they let us get in line. And, we met a wonderful young woman from California pushing her father's wheelchair. He was from Ohio and had met his precious daughter there. He was old school "Star Wars" and so were we. We all hung in there and made the 'ride' that wasn't a ride. It was an experience that was worth the excruciatingly painful feet, the effort, the time, and the trip.

Our true blue dependable son, Josh, picked us up at the Longview airport after midnight and dropped us home on his way to fight fire caused by a lightning strike.

The next day we continued our comedy of errors by driving our un-inspected truck a mile and a half to pick up Jimmy's SUV at the mechanic and then it was on to Shreveport airport to pick up my lonely little Buick. And, at long last, our getaway was over. Now, if these dad blasted blisters will just go away all will be back to our usual 'ab' normal work routine. You know, everyone needs a break before they break. This was ours. AND it was wonderful.

**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



### Early voting underway for May 7 election

Early voting began Monday for local elections and two proposed constitutional amendments relating to property tax reductions. Early voting continues through Tuesday, May 3, with election day on Saturday, May 7.

One proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to limit property taxes on homesteads of elderly or disabled residents, while the other would increase the homestead exemption for school taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Voters return to the polls later in May for runoff elections in both the Democratic and Republican primaries. Voters cannot switch parties if they voted in the March 1 primary, but voters who didn't vote in the primary can participate in either party's runoff. A full list of runoff races can be found on the secretary of state's website: sos.texas.gov. Early voting for the May 24 runoff begins on May 16.

"With multiple opportunities to vote in the upcoming May elections, I strongly encourage all Texas voters to get informed about what's on the ballot and make a plan to cast one," Secretary of State John Scott said. To find out what is on local ballots, contact your county's local election office.

### Material shortage bedevils TxDOT projects

Shortages of steel and concrete are slowing down road projects and driving up costs, according to an internal memo from the Texas Department of Transportation's construction division director, reported last week by the Quorum Report and kut.org.

"Due to recent circumstances affected by world events, there has been significant volatility in the market for various construction materials. We have seen the availability of some materials become very limited or the material lead time has increased significantly. We have also seen significant increases (over 100% in some cases) in some material prices," Duane S. Milligan wrote.

TxDOT has more than 15,000 projects in the pipeline across the state. The jobs total \$156 billion, with about half either underway or set to start soon. Milligan's memo to district engineers and construction managers suggested substituting construction materials when feasible, or removing work or materials from a road project "when the deletion will not affect the safety of the completed project."

### Concert safety task force releases report

A task force has issued its findings after investigating the tragedy at the Astroworld Festival last November, when a crowd stampede resulted in multiple deaths and injuries.

The task force formed by Gov. Greg Abbott called for unified command and control, requiring permits even in unincorporated areas, crowd safety training, planning with risk assessment, and centralized resources. Details are available in an event production guide available from the Texas Music Office.

"The recommendations, findings, and solutions detailed in this report will help the state of Texas prevent another tragedy like that at Astroworld Festival from happening again," Abbott said.

### Distracted driving spurs fatality increase

Distracted driving deaths increased 17% in 2021 compared to the previous year, taking the lives of 431 people and seriously injuring nearly 3,000. In the wake of that, TxDOT is stepping up its "Talk. Text. Crash." campaign. The initiative urges drivers to "keep their heads up, put their phones down and just drive."

"Texans are killed each year simply because someone was distracted by their phone, radio, navigation system, eating or drinking, or even by others in the car," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said. "When your focus isn't on driving, you're putting yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road at risk."

The agency reminds drivers that any distraction is dangerous. It urges drivers to pull off the road entirely before talking or texting and turning off the phone while driving.

### COVID-19 cases, deaths rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in the state rose to 23,363, and deaths more than doubled to 209, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 755 reported across the state by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Texas and Russia

The recent invasion of Ukraine by Russia is generating questions regarding how important Russia is to the Texas economy, particularly as policies restricting trade and investment interactions are contemplated. The short answer: not very.



Texas trade with Russia (both imports and exports) was just over \$6.0 billion in 2021, only 0.87% of overall Texas global trade. Of the \$657.4 million in Texas exports to Russia, the largest categories were machinery (largely oilfield equipment), transportation equipment, computer and electronic products, and chemicals. Texas imported nearly \$5.4 billion in commodities, with over 90% being crude and refined petroleum products.

The oil imports likely stem primarily from the fact that refineries are designed for specific types and combinations of crude, and Russian products are often included. However,

this pattern will likely change as refineries adapt to higher US production levels and convert to cleaner crude options available from the Permian Basin and Gulf of Mexico. The refined products (over 76% of total Russian imports), could easily be supplied by producers within the state using Texas natural resources (in turn, generating economic benefits).

Any economic stimulus leads to dynamic responses across the economy. For trade, exports involve business activity in Texas to produce and transport the commodities. Imports create downstream effects as they are transported and sold or used in additional production. There are also indirect effects through the supply chain and consumer/induced impacts as earnings throughout the production process are spent.

When multiplier effects are considered, Texas-Russia trade generates no more than \$6.9 billion in annual Texas gross product and 81,348 jobs (and probably much less), with imports comprising the bulk of benefits (primarily through the sale of finished goods). For perspective, total effects comprise only 0.38% of gross state product, 0.35% of earnings, and 0.63% of employment. Moreover, we have ready markets for these exports and sources for imports elsewhere. Thus, the true impact would be negligible.

Another issue is whether public entity investments in Russia should be divested and, if so, what consequences would occur. Data related to investments is limited. We do know, however, that US foreign direct investment in Russia is miniscule, comprising only 0.2% of the total. Available information indicates that for various large Texas public pension funds, well under 1% of investments are linked to Russia, and divesting (which may well happen in any case due to increased risk) should not have any material impact on returns.

It is generally preferable to allow markets to determine where goods are exchanged and money flows, but there are times when humanitarian and geopolitical considerations merit exceptions. Given the size and scope of the Texas economy, severing remaining ties with Russia would not have notable effects on long-term growth. Stay safe!!

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## LIFE'S REQUIREMENTS

Sports teaches many lessons that are essential for a well-orchestrated life. Vince Lombardi, the well-known and very successful football coach of the Green Bay Packers said, "Football is like life-it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority." Of course, Lombardi is talking about a successful, well-orchestrated life. Doesn't Christianity require the same? When the above traits of character are missing, you don't have much of a football player, or any other kind of athlete. Spiritually speaking, when these traits are missing in one's life, you don't have much of a Christian either. All of the character traits mentioned by Lombardi, are to be integral parts of the well-rounded Christians life.

For example, we are to add to our faith "perseverance" (2 Pet. 1:6). We are to "deny ourselves" (Matt. 16:24). We are to "exercise" ourselves unto godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). Whereas in football this exercise and hard work is physical, the Christian's hard work and exercise is spiritual. We are to present our bodies "a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1). We are to be "dedicated and respectful" of authority (Col. 3:17).

What kind of life do you want? Do you want a life free of requirements? Or do you want to have life, and have it more abundantly? (Jn. 10:10). Many folks think that the abundant life, or living life to its fullest, is to "enjoy the passing pleasures of sin," or to "live it up" in the bright lights of the far country of sin, as the prodigal son did, or to "take their ease, eat, drink, and be merry" as the rich fool did. (Heb. 11:25; Lk. 15; Lk. 12). But the truth is, that in order to enjoy life to its fullest is to follow Jesus. Otherwise, one is just here, just existing, and not really living at all! Think on these things.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Class of 1977 hosting 45th Reunion

The GHS Class of 1977 is hosting its 45th reunion on July 16th from 6 - 10 p.m. 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.

### Rosedale Cemetery meeting set

The Rosedale Cemetery Association and members will be having their annual business meeting on Saturday, May 7.

The meeting will be held at the Rosedale Cemetery Cottage and begin at 2 p.m.. For more information contact Etta Withers, Manager, Rosedale Cemetery at 903-738-0631.

### Water donations needed

Clarksville City - Warren City Volunteer Fire Department is seeking donations of water to help keep their firefighters' bodies hydrated during calls. If you can donate water, feel free to drop it by their station or call 903-844-9992 and they will come pick it up! Thank you in advance for helping out!

### KC Theatre will present The Complete Works of Shakespeare April 28 to May 1

Kilgore College Theatre will present The Complete Works of William Shakespeare ABRIDGED by Daniel Singer, Adam Long and Jess Winfield.

The production is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

General admission tickets are \$7 for KC students with student ID and \$10 for adults. Discounted ticket-pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

The play is not intended for a young audience due to some adult humor. The box office will open one hour prior to each performance. Purchase tickets online at [www.kilgore.edu/drama](http://www.kilgore.edu/drama) or by phone at (903) 983-8126.

For more information, email the KC Theatre Box Office at [boxoffice@kilgore.edu](mailto:boxoffice@kilgore.edu).

### 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.

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.

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

### Rusk, Upshur producers may be eligible for Emergency Conservation Assistance

Tornados caused damage in March to areas of the Counties. If you've suffered severe damage, you may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA)

For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would:

\* be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or

will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use

\* is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area

\* affect the productive capacity of the farmland

\* impair or endanger the land

If you qualify for ECP assistance, you may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. Eligible socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers can receive up to 90 percent of the eligible cost of restoration. No one is eligible for more than \$500,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence.

If you've suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from 4-18-2022 to 5-20-2022.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all the following are met:

\* an application for cost-share assistance has been filed

\* the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area

\* the Agency responsible for technical assistance has made a needs determination, which may include acres of debris and feet of fence required for rehabilitation

For more information about ECP, contact the Smith-Upshur-Gregg County USDA Service Center at 903-561-2050 / Cherokee-Rusk USDA Service Center at 903-683-4234, or visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

### Storytime is on Thursdays in Gilmer

Two books will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday, April 28. "Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party" by Kimberly and James Dean, and "Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes" by Eric Litwin, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn.

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](http://www.youseemore.com/upshur).

### COVID Vaccine Clinic Moves to NET Health's Main Immunizations Clinic

NET Health's Immunizations Clinic is located within the middle set of doors at 815 North Broadway Avenue, next to the Tyler Municipal Court.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.; on Wednesdays, the clinic remains open until 6 p.m.

#### Booster Doses of Pfizer and Moderna

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed booster doses for anyone age 12 years and older to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 5 months after their second dose, as well as secondary booster doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for anyone age 50 and above who received their first booster dose at least 4 months ago.

If anyone has questions about their risks from COVID-19 and whether a booster dose is beneficial, it is advised that you consult your primary healthcare provider.

#### First, Second Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines

"Vaccination remains the best strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities," says George Roberts, NET Health CEO. "All COVID-19 vaccines may be co-administered with other vaccines, including the seasonal influenza vaccine, during the same visit."

NET Health encourages everyone who has yet to become vaccinated to start their COVID vaccine series to protect

themselves and loved ones. Eligibility is open to the following ages: Anyone between the ages of 5 - 11 can only receive the 2-Dose Pfizer vaccine.

For more details about our COVID vaccine clinics, visit [NETHealthCOVID19.org](http://NETHealthCOVID19.org).

### TRTA meeting set for Thursday

The monthly meeting of the Oil Patch TRTA will meet at the FUMC in Jeter Hall on Thursday, April 28 at 1:30 P.M. The speaker will be Sheryl Wittenbach who has a PhD in Hospitality. Her topics will be 'Cooking for 2' and 'Sanitation 101'. Come join fellow retirees for fun, fellowship, and a great program!

### Lady Lions win Area Track Meet

Union Grove's girls' track team won their area meet last Wednesday with a 42-point lead over second-place Big Sandy. The boys' team tied for fifth overall. Each top-four medalist and relay team will advance to the regional meet on April 29 in Palestine.

Addison Smith won silver in the discus with a throw of 95 feet 7.5 inches. Bailey Clowers took bronze with her 8-foot pole vault, as did Kayla Pullen in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet 10 inches. Brady Colby placed fourth in the shot put, Taylor Campbell placed fifth in the high jump, and Gracie Lawrence placed fifth in the pole vault.

The 4x400 relay team of Campbell, Sarah Prince, Kiera Taylor, and Gracie Winn won gold, the 4x200m team of Prince, Pullen, Taylor, Ava Wightman placed second, and the 4x100m team of Rylee Aiken, Samantha Coleman, Pullen, and Wightman finished fourth. Coleman also placed fourth in the 300m hurdles, and Wightman placed third in the 200m dash.

Winn won silver in the 800m run, followed by teammates Analeice Jones in fifth and Sumeet Mattu in sixth. The long-distance trio of Gracie Stanford, Sophie Pyle, and Jenna Scott finished in second, fourth, and sixth in the 1600m run and first, third, and fifth in the 3200m run.

Blake Moore won the discus event with a throw of 122 feet 6 inches. Aubrey Woodard took silver in both the long jump and 400m dash, as well as third in the triple jump, where teammate Colton Cowan placed fifth. Trevor Moore took bronze with an 11-foot pole vault, and Lane Turner placed fifth at 10 feet 6 inches. Sabetay Fernandez placed fourth in the 800m run. The boys' 4x400m relay team of Woodard, Fernandez, Isaiah O'Neal, and Judson George won second.

### TPW Magazine Highlights 'Lights Out Texas' Initiative for Spring Bird Migration

AUSTIN—The May issue of Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine, available on newsstands now, highlights the Lights Out Texas campaign, which aims to create a safer spring migration for birds through cities across the state. Lights both attract and disorient the birds.

Based on two decades of research from Chicago, the country's deadliest city for migrating birds (followed closely by Houston and Dallas), darkening the windows produced 11 times fewer bird collisions during spring migration and six times fewer collisions during fall migration.

These results are significant because one of every three birds migrating through the United States in spring and one of every four in fall — nearly 2 billion total — pass through Texas.

The program focuses on peak times, asking businesses to turn off non-essential lights while maintaining security. Houston Audubon began monitoring the results of Lights Out Texas in Houston last year.

The magazine article also highlights what Texans can do in their own homes to help nocturnal migrating birds because nearly half of all window strikes occur at home windows.

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## UG's UIL Team wins regional meet

Union Grove's academic UIL team won the 2A Region 3 meet at Panola College last weekend, earning 257 points and the Regional Academic Championship trophy.

The Accounting, Social Studies, and Journalism students will compete as teams at the state meet May 6-7 in Austin. Four individual competitors also advanced.

On Friday, Emily Melton won gold in Persuasive Speaking. Colton Mead placed fourth, and Preston Woodall placed fifth. Sarah Clowers placed third in Ready Writing, where teammates Emily Lynch and Kyler Littlejohn medaled as alternates to state, earning fourth and sixth respectively. Littlejohn also placed fourth in Informative Speaking, followed by Brendon Fuller in sixth. Kendall Wennmohs earned fifth in Lincoln-Douglas debate, where Woodall placed sixth. The Speech team took second overall.

On Saturday, the Accounting team won first place after Avery Brooks placed second, Gracie Stanford fourth, and Gracie Winn fifth individually. Fuller completed the team. The Social Studies team of Littlejohn, Elijah Parham, Carson Shott, and Carson Bogue also finished in first with Littlejohn in first place individually. Jordan Lee won silver in Computer Applications. The Current Issues team of Tommy Branscom, Jeremy Stewart, Katy King, and Sam Stanley placed second, with Branscom in third and advancing individually. Payton Haley will advance in both News Writing and Feature Writing after winning silver and bronze medals, Sydney Pritchett placed sixth in News and won first in Feature, and Katy Vinson won gold in Headline Writing.



Members of Union Grove's academic teams wait for Social Studies, Math, and Headline Writing results Saturday, April 23. Students returned to campus before the meet director announced UG's win of the overall regional championship. Photo by Rhonda Baker



The Union Grove Lady Lions came up short in a seed setting game against the Lady Hawks of Hawkins. Squaring off on the neutral field in Winnsboro, Hawkins took an early lead, holding off the Grove 4-2. The loss sends the Lady Lions to Whitehouse on Wednesday, April 27th to face off with Martins Mill in the Bi-District Championship with the first pitch scheduled for 6:30. Katelyn Vaughn started the game against the Lady Hawks, surrendering five hits, four runs, while delivering four strikeouts. Jose Suarez led Union Grove at the plate going 2 for 3 and scoring both Lady Lion runs. The contest ends a three game winning streak for Union Grove that saw the Lady Lions earn 56 runs while surrendering only one.

Photo by Chris Jones

## Bears fall to Roughnecks

The Gladewater Bears get roughed up by White Oak 1-11. The Roughnecks used a huge 5th inning to pull away from Gladewater in a game that was close through four innings. Kelton Cates takes the loss for Gladewater. Surrendering 9 runs on 7 hits. Gladewater's X'Zavier Woods scored from 3rd base saving the Bears from being shutout.

A sacrifice fly to center by JT Jackson brought X'Zavier across the plate. The loss comes on the heels of a 2-1 win for the Bears in Hughes Springs. Tanner Gothard broke a 1-1 tie in the top of the 6th, hitting a line drive to center field on a 0-0 pitch with 2 outs. Gothard's single brought Ben Alvarez home from 3rd, giving the Bears the lead for good.

## Lady Bears playoff bound, face West Rusk

Despite a 2-6 loss in the final regular season game to Hughes Springs, the Lady Bears are playoff bound. While Avery Glarborg took the loss for Gladewater giving up six runs on nine hits, she also led the Lady Bears at the plate going 3 for 3.

The Lady Mustangs used the opening inning to take a 2-1 lead, padding that lead by another run in the bottom of the second. Gladewater's Zandy Tyeskie got the Lady Bears within one run when she doubled in the top of the 3rd to score Lexi Hart from second base.

The Lady Bears travel to Whitehouse on Thursday, April 28 to battle West Rusk in a Bi-District showdown. First pitch will be at 7PM.

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## Juneteenth committee set planning meeting April 30

The Gladewater Juneteenth Committee will host its first planning meeting Saturday, April 30, and Aunt Sandra's Boudain & More, 212 Dr. MLK Drive at 6 p.m..

Topics to be discussed include: Rules, Vendors, Activities, Volunteers, and Donations. New ideas and suggestions are welcome so come and help us plan a fantastic celebra-

tion to be held on Saturday, June 18 at Bumblebee Park. For additional information, please call Frankie Alexander (903) 240-9020, Odette Alexander (903) 806-5443, Marilyn Bolden (903) 445-9006, Vabbie Fortson (903) 452-3837, Kenny Freeman (903) 252-2105, Raymond Johnson (903) 237-9740, or Sandra Smith (832) 341-4678.

## Local man headed to prison

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but less than 200 grams.

Big Sandy police probed the Jan. 13, 2021 offense. Byrd and Roth handled the sentencing.

Jacob Henry Hudson, 30, of Gilmer, was placed on five years probation of a 10-year prison term April 11 for assault on pregnant person.

The sheriff's office investigated the Oct. 6, 2020 offense. Northcutt and Patton handled the sentencing.

Jason Mark Mathews, 40, of Oklahoma City, Okla., received 180 days in county jail April 11 for possession of a controlled substance--less than one gram of methamphetamine.

The sheriff's office probed the Nov. 17, 2020 crime. Wallace and Patton handled the sentencing.

R.J. Richardson Jr., 60, of Longview, drew two concurrent 7-year prison terms April 11 for evading arrest/detention with vehicle and driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense.

The sheriff's office investigated the June 25, 2021 offenses. Byrd and Roth handled the sentencing.

Kenneth Lee Woodworth Jr., 35, of Gilmer, received eight years in prison April 11 for prohibited substances and items in correctional facility.

The sheriff's office probed the April 30, 2021 crime. Byrd and Patton handled the sentencing.

As reported in an earlier edition of The Mirror, Christopher Dean Robertson, 35, of Gilmer, drew 60 years in prison April 11 after admitting he disrupted power at a substation of Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative last Sept. 1. He received 50 years for burglary of a habitation and an additional 10 years on that charge as an "enhancement" to his sentence for his prior criminal record.


Details of the misdemeanor cases were as follows, Byrd's office reported:

A Longview woman who turned 24 April 18 received 180 days in county jail April 5 for a five-year-old case of credit card or debit card abuse.

A 48-year-old Gilmer man was ordered to pay \$100 to "Upshur County Shares" April 5 on a five-year-old charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

A Gilmer man who turned 47 April 16 was placed April 5 on two years probation of a one-year jail term on a four-year-old charge of driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense.

A 46-year-old Yantis woman was placed on two years deferred adjudication April 11 for attempted burglary of building.



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The 2022 East Texas Gusher Days Bass Tournament held last weekend at Lake Gladewater saw the following top three winners - Far right, 3rd place with a 4.7 bass is Brandon Wellburn, pictured on the right, the 2nd place bass with a 5.6 is Rick White, and pictured on the left, and 1st place with the winning bass at a 9.7 Michael Davidson.

## Library renamed to honor Bardwell

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"The woman was absolutely a force of nature," councilman Kevin Clark said. "She said, 'I'm going to prove to you that it's not going to be a penny out of the city's budget,' and I got on board with her a little bit and watched her work. We have not even scratched the surface of how hard she dug in for that library."

The group praised Bardwell for the concept she had for a technology-forward library and for the funding and grants she actively pursued to encourage the council not to give up on having a city library. "She went to work and came up with grants to do this so Gladewater is going to have a library of the future," councilman Scott

Owens said. "We are going to enter a new era. It's not going to be the same library we grew up with. It's going to be something new and exciting and different."

As part of the motion, the council approved new plaques for Bardwell and the Lee family to be placed inside the library to commemorate the contributions of both benefactor's actions to make sure the city keeps a public library.

After meeting in their first of two executive sessions, the council took no action on the attorney's report on Gladewater Retail Partners, Ltd. V. City of Gladewater, et al.

They did take action regarding performance reviews for the city judge and city prosecutor. According to city councilwoman Brandy Flannagan, both employees ranked as exceeding expectations. Therefore, she made the motion for part-time city judge Tim Bryan to receive a pay increase to set his salary at \$18,000 per year while part-time prosecutor Madison Hood's annual salary will increase to \$13,500 per year with a \$100/month car allowance.

In second quarter reports from city heads, the finance department reported at the midway point of the fiscal year that revenues are on track, but every department is over budget in fuel as to be expected, but no department has spent over 50% of its budget other than building and grounds and capital

outlay where some annual contracts lead to overages in the midpoint.

Code Enforcement reported on the recent city-wide clean-up where 30.88 tons of refuse was collected along with \$1,700 of scrap metal.

Gladewater Economic Development Corporation's new director Michelle Palmer reported that the organization has been pursuing training and has 10 prospects for this quarter and one contract that is in current negotiations.

The council also heard from the fire department and praised them for an excellent job with the monthly food drive and for improving the culture and morale in the department.

Two challenges that the council is facing or will face is replacing the roof that covers the police and fire building at the estimated cost of \$60,000 and increased chemical costs at the water treatment plant due to black oil being put into the city's drainage system.

"We have backtracked it, and there is no obvious way it should be coming in," City Manager Ricky Tow said. "We have checked the nearby businesses, TCQ and the Railroad Commission as well. It hit us, and then it went away for about two months and then we got hit again. We are searching backwards, but it will hurt us. We can't get that oil out of the pipe."

Tow went on to say that

the main trunk pipe would eventually have to be replaced because despite the city's crew cleaning it with their equipment, the oil never totally goes away and will clog the pipe at some point.

"We are actively keeping an eye on it," Tow said. "The enzymes are helping, eating some of that up. We are trying everything in that area to resolve it."

In other business, the council approved several measures unanimously:

- a Special Use Permit to sell beer and wine for on-premise consumption at the new wine bar Fun & Finer Things located at 124 S. Main. The grand opening is slated for this summer.

- Jaxxon Cook's Eagle Scout project which will add Little Free Library cabinets in Gladewater's three public parks. Councilman Rocky Hawkins volunteered to be the council's representative for the project.

- an annual review of the personnel policy handbook each year for city employees who will be asked to sign off on their review of policies

- to suspend the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy to increase rates so that more study can be done by the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities

During the second executive session, the city discussed performance reviews for the City Manager, City Clerk and City Treasurer.

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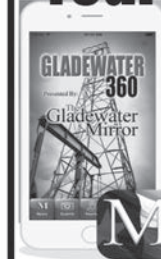
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# Nursing in Texas

## Charting the State's Nursing Profession

Nursing today has come a long way since the days of Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton and involves a broad scope of duties requiring extensive education and a technical skill set. Nursing is one of the most in-demand fields in the health care industry. It also is one of the most challenging. Nurses are responsible for providing high-quality and high-volume patient care while applying the latest medical technologies — often in stressful and difficult situations — and the need for nurses often outpaces the supply.

In 2021, nearly 400,000 nurses were working in Texas, representing different levels of the profession: certified nursing assistants (CNAs), who are unlicensed but ancillary to the nursing profession; licensed vocational nurses (LVNs); registered nurses (RNs); and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) such as nurse midwives, nurse practitioners and nurse anesthetists. Each category requires a progressively higher level of education and training.

Fifty-eight percent of nurses in Texas are RNs, followed by LVNs at 16.7 percent and CNAs at 20.1 percent. APRNs are a comparatively small group, comprising just 5.2 percent of Texas nursing employment, but they command much higher wages (Exhibit 1). The annual wages of RNs in Texas typically start at \$57,300 and increase to \$86,500, depending on their level of experience. On average, nurse anesthetists are paid the most, with some earning more than \$200,000 per year.

According to the Texas Board of Nursing's 2021 Annual Report (PDF), new licenses are growing the fastest for advanced practice registered nurses in Texas — a 12 percent increase from fiscal 2020 to fiscal 2021. New RNs increased by 3.5 percent during the same time, but the number of vocational nurses declined by 1.7 percent.

Though 41.1 percent of Texas nurses work in hospitals, nurses also fill a variety of positions in other health care settings such as long-term care facilities, doctors' offices, schools and businesses.

The quality of health care and Texans' access to it could be at risk due to a nationwide nursing shortage. As our population ages and the demand for health care continues to grow, the number of nursing school graduates simply is not keeping pace with demand. In a 2019 survey by jobs site CareerCast, RNs were the fifth most in-demand profession in the United States.

According to a March 2022 NurseJournal analysis of U.S. Bureau of Health Workforce data, Texas had the fourth-lowest nurse-to-population ratio among all states, with only 9.25 nurses per 1,000 residents. The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS), part of the Center for Health Statistics at the Texas Department of State Health Services, conducted a March 2021 study of the projected demand for nurses in Texas (PDF). The Updated Nurse Supply and

Industry	Nursing Assistants	Vocational Nurses	Registered Nurses	Nurse Midwives	Nurse Practitioners	Nurse Anesthetists	Total Nurses	Share of Nurses
General medical, surgical and specialty hospitals	23,637	7,912	127,113	118	3,811	1,154	163,745	41.1%
Nursing, long-term care and assisted living facilities	32,924	17,879	10,420				61,223	15.4%
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Employment services	2,849	2,203	4,895		200		10,147	2.5%
Elementary and secondary schools	540	1,278	5,740				7,558	1.9%
Individual and family services	1,729	648	1,471		96		3,944	1.0%
Psychological and substance abuse hospitals		741	2,982		109		3,832	1.0%
Colleges, universities and professional schools		531	2,645	8	505	98	3,787	1.0%
Residential intelligence and developmental disabilities, mental health and substance abuse facilities	861	906					1,767	0.4%
Other	4,276	4,632	17,468	3	927	42	27,348	6.9%

Source: JobsEQ

Demand Projection, which used 2018 as its baseline year and projected nursing demand through 2032, concluded that Texas faces an increased shortage in every nursing category if, as expected, demand continues to outpace the supply. The supply of vocational nurses, for example, is expected to grow 13.8 percent by 2032, but the demand will grow by 45.5 percent. The outlook for RNs also is dire: The study estimates that 16.3 percent of the projected demand for registered nurses in 2032 will not be met.

Although the demand for nurses is expected to increase in all settings, the largest shortage of RNs is expected primarily in inpatient hospital settings. Shortages of vocational nurses are expected to fall on inpatient hospital settings and nursing homes almost equally (see "Elder Care in Texas"). Shortages are expected to be worse in rural areas of the state.

The state's aging population — which comes with a higher

degree of chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, obesity and dementia — puts pressure on Texas' already overburdened nursing workforce, and the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't helped. Because of the pandemic, nurses have been working longer hours, seeing more difficult cases and dealing with the constant threat of exposure to a deadly disease — with a dramatic impact on the nursing workforce.

"COVID-19 has really increased the shortage," says Texas Board of Nursing's executive director, Kathy Thomas. "Nurses are walking out. They're worn out, they're burned out and they're stepping away from their jobs."

Thomas is particularly concerned about what she called a "severe" shortage of vocational nurses in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes. "Many new nursing graduates want to go work in the emergency room or the ICU, not a nursing facility — but that's where the need really exists."



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and focus on completely rebuilding the infrastructure in that area should be the main priority. The way things have been done, by applying “band aids” to leaks and kicking the can down the road until the next leak does not appear to be working. After the City of Gladewater’s most problematic areas have been repaired, we can slowly expand to eventually reconstruct the whole system. We need to continue looking into federal and state grant programs to help offset the cost of the work and do what we can to mediate these issues. When the Toll 49 route is being built and comes through Gladewater. We need to work together with TXDOT make sure Gladewater’s water mains are not overlooked going around the Loop.

forward. One of the biggest issues with infrastructure in our city is funding. Yes, it’s an aging city that has many immediate needs. There is one way we can begin to bring more revenue into our city. Gladewater needs to make our city attractive to businesses. Commerce is going to generate sale-tax revenue. Sale-tax revenue is the quickest and most sustainable way to increase funding, which will increase our city budget, which will in turn allow us to fast-track some of our immediate infrastructure needs.

3. As a council member, what can the city do to lower taxes to make Gladewater a more attractive place to move to?

Lowering taxes will be a long-term goal. We must focus on ways that we can entice commercial and industrial business to the move into the Gladewater area. I’ve been told that losing just one major business in Gladewater is the equivalent of 60 new homes being built. We can draw in as many new residents as we want, but until we can bring more business opportunities to Gladewater, we will never be able to sufficiently see the growth and support that are needed to alleviate the cities taxation issues. I would like to see if we could attract some sort of shipping hub, like Amazon, Walmart, or any other large chain. By doing this it will help with creating jobs for the citizens of Gladewater and bring much needed tax dollars. I think this could be done, just look how The Dollar Store Hub was built on George Richie in Longview. Gladewater is a prime location being so close to I-20, and at the crossroads of 271 and 80 between Longview and Tyler.

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Property taxes are something that our state legislature is fervently trying to remedy. I believe our city needs to make some adjustments to incentivize investors to come to our city to create new commerce. We can do some things within our city government where we could adjust zoning that will be attractive to outside businesses along with working alongside GEDCO.

4. What sets you apart from your opponent?

I have not met, nor do I personally know Mr. Sorrells, so I can’t say what sets me apart. From my understanding we are both from Gladewater and have a passion for the community. We both appear to have a strong faith and relationship with the Lord, my faith is the foundation for me and my family, and Mr. Sorrells has started a church here in town. Mr. Sorrells very well might make a great council member. I can tell you that I know I have a passion for Gladewater, and I have a passion for helping and protecting others. I love my family and I love being a firefighter. I will do whatever I can to make Gladewater the best place to raise my family and for all of us to live long into the future.

I am a huge proponent of young people stepping into leadership roles. We need the next generation to step up and lead in all walks of life. I have a high degree of respect for my opponent who isn’t shying away from this sort of leadership. However, with age comes experience, and with experience comes wisdom. I believe this is what sets me apart from my opponent. My experience and wisdom place me in a better position to help lead our city into the next chapter.

I am also not only a resident of Gladewater, but I also work in Gladewater. I am in this city working, listening, and ministering seven days a week. The way I understand it, my opponent is a Firefighter that works in Houston. I am not aware of how his shifts at Houston FD fit into his weekly schedule, but a significant amount of his week is spent in Houston for work. I do not hold this against him, a man needs to earn an income and take care of his family. This is commendable. But when it comes to serving our city as a councilman, I believe I am best suited because I live and work in Gladewater.

## OBITUARY

### Winifred (Winnie) Molis Newman

WHITE OAK — The world lost a precious asset Friday, April 15, 2022. Winifred Ellen Molis-Newman died of heart trouble at her home. She was 73.

In keeping with Winnie’s wishes and in lieu of formal services there will be a good old fashioned Irish Wake at their home residence on Saturday, May 14th. All who knew her are welcome to attend and may contact a member of the family for more information.



Winnie never met a stranger. Her warmth and generosity made a mark on all who came into contact with her. She was also known to be open and honest, and quick with a laugh. She spent her time reading every local newspaper she could get her hands on and tending to her flowers, hummingbirds, and Bella, the horse in pasture across from her home. Her favorite color was purple, though she gravitated toward everything vibrant and cheerful. Holidays were a specialty for Winnie, who would spend months preparing Easter baskets or a Thanksgiving meal, and everyone was invited. Her grandsons brought her particular joy when they would arrive jumping up and down to see “Grammy,” who always had a small gift in hand. But her greatest joy came from the deep love she shared with her husband. Married for 45 years, they were an inseparable pair and never had an unkind word for each other.

Born February 12, 1949 in Nashua, New Hampshire, to John and Winifred Murphy Molis of Hollis, New Hampshire, Winnie and her older brothers, Chris and Bill Molis, grew up on a 98-acre farm atop Federal Hill in Hollis, helping their parents and farmhands work the land while attending public schools in Hollis and Nashua.

The farm proved to be a reasonably fertile enterprise where crops were concerned, but the life was hardscrabble for the small family. In the end, the Molises lost their investment to a bank foreclosure, and the result was devastating for the family.

Winnie, who always loved working on creative projects, turned to training herself in graphic arts and design, working with the American Heart Association, Manchester, N.H. TV station WMUR, and other clients, including Royal Press in Manchester.

It was at Royal Press that she met and worked with a Texas transplant, Jeff Newman. The pair soon married and over the years raised two remarkable children: Julia, a professional photographer in New York, Dallas, and elsewhere, and Jordan, a doctoral candidate in geology at the University of Texas at Dallas.

In Texas, Winnie and Jeff worked at the Gladewater Mirror for more than a decade before founding the White Oak Independent in the late 1980s. That paper grew in circulation and consistently won awards in the Texas Press Association’s annual judging: It took the “sweepstakes” award for best newspaper in its division for five straight years, three of those under Winnie’s sole management.

As competent as Winnie was in her hard-nosed news work, she was best known for her vibrant personality. “She would light up the room when she showed up,” as one of her friends remembered.

That humanitarian bent carried over to her personal attitudes of acceptance for all. She’d tolerate anyone but intolerant ones. Indeed, she bent over backward to show acceptance to the underdogs in society. The New England ethics in her particularly hated racial prejudice, and she never held back in expressing that contempt for Klan and similar racist activities in some East Texas communities she lived in or near—and she didn’t care who heard her denunciations, either. She was a brave and beautiful soul.

Winnie is survived by her husband, Jeff Newman of White Oak; daughter Julia Newman and her husband Elkin Pautt (who Winnie called her “son-in-love”) of Dallas and their children Rio Newman Pautt and Knox Newman Pautt; and her son and “daughter-in-love” Jordan and Anna Newman of Plano. She will be dearly missed.



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