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## GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL

The Gladewater High School graduating Class of 2022 will receive their diplomas Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in Jack V. Murphy Stadium.

Tanner Gothard, 2022 Valedictorian at Gladewater High School, will lead his fellow graduates to the next step of life's journey.

Throughout Tanner's experience at high school, he has been a part of the National Honor Society, as well as many sports including baseball, basketball, and cross country. He also was a member of Friendship Baptist Church, and has always been willing to help and volunteer with anything that has come about. While being a part of the National Honor Society, he completed numerous community service hours, like helping with the younger children at the primary campus.

For his plans after high school, Tanner plans on attending Letourneau University and majoring in Civil Engineering. He also plans on playing on the baseball team while he is attending college there. After college, he plans to use his degree and find a successful career to fulfill his goals and to be content with his life.

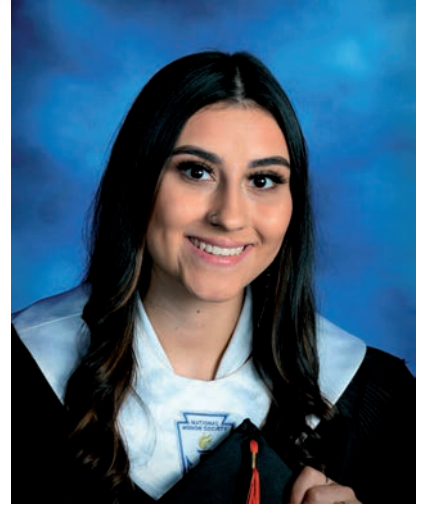
This year's Gladewater Salutatorian is Gabriella Montelongo.

Gabriella had the opportunity of being involved in the student body through National Honors Society, Student Council, the Student Advisory Committee, Sources of Strength, and Bears for Christ. As for her community, she is a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Gladewater, and volunteers in my church, as well as helping the city, and others nearby.

After high school, she plans on attending Kilgore College to finish her basics and obtain her Associate's Degree in General Studies. Following that, she will transfer to the University of Texas at Arlington, to major in nursing where she hopes to obtain her Nursing license, as well



Tanner Gothard  
2022 Valedictorian



Gabriella Montelongo  
2022 Salutatorian

as a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. She plans to be a Certified Nurse Anesthetist and travel to third world countries to aid those in need who don't have access to healthcare like in America.

## UNION GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



Sydney Chamberlain  
2022 Valedictorian



Jolea Robertson  
2022 Salutatorian

The Union Grove High School Graduating Class of 2022 will walk across the stage on May 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Union Grove Lion Center.

Valedictorian Sydney Chamberlain, the daughter of Jason and Leann Chamberlain, will lead her class as they take that next major step in life's journey.

Sydney has remained at the top of her class for all four years of high school and has participated in numerous programs, including the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, student council, rocketry, band, and athletics.

Sydney has obtained many leadership roles within these programs, and she currently serves as National Honor Society President, Class Vice President, Student Council Treasurer, and director of the rocketry program. Upon graduation, Sydney plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler with hopes of obtaining a bachelor's degree in nursing and later intends to expand her career in the medical field as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

This year's salutatorian is Jolea Robertson, daughter of Josh and Shannon Robertson.

She has been in the top ten percent of her class since her freshman year and has participated in many activities over the past four years. As a student-athlete, she participated in varsity basketball, softball, cheerleading, and band. Jolea is active in Union Grove's chapter of the National Honor Society as the chapter's secretary, and the Systems GO program where she is a director of the 2021-2022 program. Upon graduation, Jolea plans to attend Texas A&M University to pursue an architectural engineering degree.



Gladewater's newly-elected Mayor Scott Owens takes the oath of office at Thursday's council meeting by Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

### Council takes on new look

By Jim Bardwell

After saying farewell to outgoing Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp at Thursday's monthly council meeting and swearing in newly-elected Mayor Scott Owens, along with council members Brandy Flanagan, Michael Webber and Teddy Sorrells, the new council got to work conducting business.

Elijah "Sonny" was re-elected mayor-pro tem by his fellow council members.

The council then accepted the city's audit for fiscal year 2021, which was described as a "clean" audit with no problems and sound financial reserves.

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Gladewater City Judge Tim Bryan administers the oath of office to re-elected councilmember Brandy Flanagan and newly-elected council members Teddy Sorrells and Michael Webber.

Photo by Jim Bardwell



The banners went up over the highways Friday! You know what that means? In just a couple short weeks, the 85th annual Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo will kick off on Wednesday night ( June 8) with Xtreme Bulls all night long followed by 3 full nights of rodeo action with all our normal events including the new crowd favorite, Ladies Breakaway roping! Make plans now to be there! Get your tickets online now at [WWW.Gladewaterrodeo.com](http://WWW.Gladewaterrodeo.com)



The Gladewater Former Students Association will host a Memorial Day ceremony at the War Memorial in downtown Gladewater Monday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to noon. The guest speaker will be US Army Maj. Robert Green (ret.). Everyone is invited to attend and honor those who have given their all to keep this country safe.



# 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.

## Our choice ...

I wonder if someone put a flag on my Daddy's grave in Corsicana on Memorial Day. I wonder how many parents, wives and children observed Memorial Day in a way I will never be able to comprehend. A day that is filled with more heartache than anything else.

My Dad came back from serving in World War II to build a life, raise a family and enlarge a ranch.

He came back.

Dad lived his life shaped by the experiences of war which he never shared except to cry when he remembered a lost friend or to tell a funny story.

Many who serve in combat bear a burden of silence.

That silence can sometimes strangle their lives.

Jim and I have a dear friend who was what was called a 'tunnel rat' during the Vietnam War. The North Vietnamese army built mazes of tunnels through which they moved soldiers, supplies and subversives. As our friend explained, "sometimes we had to clean them out."

Can you imagine going into a small dark hole prepared for hand-to-hand combat not knowing what you are going to encounter? In the dark. Alone.

One long night of a press reception we visited. He enjoyed a bottle of wine as we talked. I, always curious, always interested, asked questions about his war years.

Maybe I shouldn't have done that. It was the first time in 30 years he had really shared his memories. Some were so dark they took my breath and my curiosity away.

His wife wasn't there. But a year later when we got together for dinner at the Tower of the Americas in San Antonio she leaned into me and said that my questions and his willingness to answer opened the floodgates allowing for some healing.

I hope so. I dearly hope so.

We grow up on movies that either glorify or condemn war. The truth is that sometimes it is just necessary. Necessary for people like GHS alum '63 James Mohon to serve. It was the Vietnam War. There was a draft. He was called. He went. The former Army medic told me at Monday's Memorial

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Day Observance that he "wasn't a hero, that was just what you did then".

I think it is pretty heroic to serve period. Anywhere. At anytime.

I once had a good looking senior at White Oak who was a bit of a 'lost boy'. He joined the Marines and became more than a man. His mom was convinced he was stationed on a ship in the Mediterranean and was safe. When he eventually came to see me in his dress uniform and I saw the three layers of combat ribbons and medals I knew that he hadn't been on any ship, at least not for very long. His eyes told the tale as well as the multitude of medals.

The world today seems to do a much better job of respecting our military personnel than when I was growing up. One of my dear friends who is a Vietnam vet told me of being spit upon and called a 'baby killer' when he came back home. He arrived in Vietnam in the middle of a fire fight. He was a kid. He was scared. He survived. He came home to jeers and disrespect. He spent the rest of his working life serving the children of a local school district. I am proud to call him my friend.

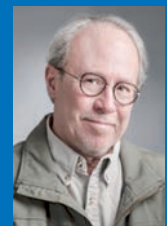
We live in a very dangerous world. We now have a professional military where individuals choose to serve. Some choose to die. For their buddies, for their beliefs, for people they have little in common with. Some don't get to choose at all.

We have a choice. We have the opportunity to choose how we serve the families of the fallen and those who have served. We must remember to do more than respect those who serve. We must, as GEDCO's Robert Johnson urged in Monday's Memorial Day speech, ensure that our military personnel have the health care, resources and employment they need once their job of protecting American interests is ended.

We have an obligation to make sure this happens. It should be our privilege.

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## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Wildfires continue across state

Firefighters are looking to the skies for much-needed rain this week as crews continue battling wildfires across the state. Fires reported Sunday by the Texas A&M Forest Service were being fought in Brown, Taylor, Wilbarger, Llano, Schleicher and San Saba counties.

"Minimal rainfall, hot and dry conditions and an intensifying drought continue to support wildfire activity across the state," said Wes Moorehead, TFS fire chief. "Due to conditions, these wildfires are requiring more time and resources to contain. Texas A&M Forest Service continues to support local fire departments and has situated additional resources to the areas of concern."

Burn bans are in effect in 131 counties, covering nearly all regions of the state with the exception of East Texas.

### More teachers added to task force

The Texas Education Agency added 24 more teachers to the Teacher Vacancy Task Force formed in March, bringing the number of teachers to 26 — the same number as administrators originally chosen. TEA drew criticism when it announced the original task force, with just two teachers selected.

"Teachers are the single most important school-based factor affecting student outcomes," said Mike Morath, Texas education commissioner. "And the Teacher Vacancy Task Force will further ensure our ability to provide the best guidance, support, and resources to help schools find and retain the teachers they need for all their students. Having these two-dozen additional perspectives from a diverse and talented pool of Texas classroom teachers is going to immensely benefit the important considerations before the Task Force."

Public school systems both large and small across the state are facing a severe staffing shortage, exacerbated by a flood of retirements and resignations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force hopes to develop strategies for addressing the problem.

### 'Click It or Ticket' campaign underway

Buckling up is always a wise idea, but not doing so could cost drivers a ticket as the Texas Department of Transportation conducts its 20th annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign with enhanced enforcement statewide.

"Since its launch in 2002, the Texas Click It or Ticket campaign has saved nearly 7,000 lives," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We're proud of the work we've done over the decades and the countless hours put in by our law enforcement partners. But there are still far too many preventable deaths on Texas roads."

Texas officers and deputies will step up enforcement of the state's seat belt and child car-seat laws for the next two weeks. Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be properly restrained. Children under the age of 8 must be in a child-safety seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If a child is not secured, the driver faces fines up to \$250.

### Tree-killing insect confirmed in Dallas County

The presence of the emerald ash borer (EAB) was confirmed last week in Dallas County. The county has been added to the list of Texas places under quarantine to slow the spread of the insect.

"EAB is a destructive, non-native wood-boring pest of ash trees," said Allen Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service regional Forest health coordinator. "Since 2018, we have deployed nearly 500 traps across Central, East and North Texas annually watching for the insect's presence and movement."

Native to Asia, the aggressive pest has killed millions of ash trees since entering the country 20 years ago. In Texas, it has been confirmed in Harrison, Bowie, Cass, Dallas, Denton, Marion, Parker and Tarrant counties.

Texas A&M Forest Service works with communities under state quarantines restricting the movement of wood into and out of impacted areas.

### TDI data breach exposes personal data

A state audit released last week reported a breach of personal information of 1.8 million workers who filed claims with the Texas Department of Insurance. The department said the personal information included Social Security numbers, addresses, dates of birth and other personal information.

# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## Double Whammy!

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health ("ARPA-H") was recently established as a new federal agency with the mission of transforming health research and innovation. The concept is similar to that of the



Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which has fostered countless breakthrough discoveries (and is about the coolest place on earth). ARPA-H is charged with finding solutions to society's most challenging health crises, including cancer, Alzheimer's, and AIDS. Moreover, treatments are to be broadly accessible to improve outcomes across the

globe while simultaneously containing medical costs.

Federal funding for basic research can be decisive in conquering the most difficult diseases and other challenges (as a polio survivor, I am acutely aware). While private sector resources are essential, publicly funded research can be more broad based and promote more creative thought in many arenas, thus complementing corporate efforts which must focus on market-based programs.

ARPA-H would support promising projects across a spectrum of disciplines which may help us better understand and solve critical health issues. Whether in a university lab or a private institution, the multi-faceted approach can accelerate discoveries and their implementation.

Texas has provided a prototype -- the Cancer Preven-




tion and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Taxpayers have twice voted overwhelmingly to support CPRIT, providing about \$6 billion in funding for cancer research and screening (more than any entity other than the federal government). As a result, hundreds of leading scholars have flocked to the state. The primary objective is improving health outcomes, and there has been impressive progress. The activity also generates economic benefits which my firm has been measuring for years. In 2021, we estimated that for every \$1 in funding, CPRIT operations, prevention/screening, and research programs generated \$66.87 in state economic output.

Texas would be an excellent location for ARPA-H, and I am pleased to be part of a coalition seeking to make that happen. In addition to the CPRIT commitment and success, the state has a long list of advantages -- world-class health care institutions, research organizations, universities, national laboratories, and medical schools. The world's largest medical center and the nation's largest military medical complex are also in Texas.

A large, growing, and diverse population and tens of thousands of graduates in key fields every year provide the requisite sustainable workforce. A culture of innovation and a regulatory environment conducive to getting things done are Texas hallmarks. I could go on...and on...and on.

A bold move of this magnitude requires a setting where ARPA-H can thrive and successfully fulfill its mission, with the necessary support to enhance its effectiveness. The ultimate location will vault ahead in biomedical technology and related fields. The world desperately needs this initiative, and Texas can make it happen.

Stay safe!

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## GOOD NEWS

Often newspapers and news programs only report the bad, ugly side of life. We hear the phrase that "No news is good news." One expert even said, "The real news is bad news!" While the bad news grabs most of the headlines and sound bites, and some do believe that the real news is bad news, good news is very welcome I'm happy to report, of at least one exception to that gloomy sort of thinking. I believe the greatest news of all is good news!

The "good news" I'm talking about is the Gospel. As a matter of fact, the word "gospel" means "good news; glad tidings." In a world filled with sadness and tragedy, the worst of all tragedies is SIN! But God sent His Son to save us from our sins, and the foundation upon which the gospel rests is the death, and resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor. 15: 1-4). Thus, without Christ's sacrifice the only real news would indeed be bad news! For example, when Jesus was born, an angel said to the people, "Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:10-11). Later, Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk. 19: 10). There has never been better news than that. The guilt and condemnation sin brings can now be removed, i.e. God will forgive us. Thus, through Christ's sacrifice, lost men and women can have the promise of the forgiveness of sins, having their sins washed away by Christ's blood (Rev. 1: 5; Acts 22: 16), and that is "GOOD NEWS!"

Without Christ there is no salvation, because He is the only avenue to the Father (Jn. 14: 6). That is why the gospel is the "power of God to salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1: 16). Of course, incorporated in "believes" is obedience (2 Thess. 1: 8).

While the news is composed of the good, the bad, and the ugly, and there's plenty of the bad and the ugly in your newspapers and on the news casts, but let's not forget the good news (the gospel), yea, the great news in your Bible. Don't miss it. Please read it, and please obey it, while you have the opportunity. The burden of sin can now be removed (Matt. 11: 28-30). "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins" (Rev. 1: 5; Acts 22: 16). The gospel is all about redemption, forgiveness, justification, reconciliation, and pardon, and Jesus is the summation of them all! Think on these things.

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# OBITUARY

## MS. RECECCA ANN MARROQUIN

Ms. Rebecca Ann Marroquin, age 78, of Gladewater, passed away on Monday, April 11, 2022. Rebecca was born on May 28, 1943 in Gilmer to the late Harvey and Margret Darden Gaddis.



She worked as a CPS social worker for many years. Rebecca will be greatly missed by all the friends and family members she leaves behind.

Rebecca is survived by her daughter, Melanie Marroquin Bell; son, Rich Lilljedahl and wife Rachelle;

brother, Mike Gaddis and wife Janice; niece, Michelle Kenemer; nephew, Michael Gaddis; grandchildren, Britney and Eric Archer, Landon and Shaun Whitten, and Kaeli Chalk; and great grandchildren, Ethan and Elena Archer, and Madalyn and Zane Lilljedahl.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at the Chapel of Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer.



At last week's Giants of Law Enforcement banquet, Gladewater Officer Jairo Ateaga won the department's Officer of the Year of 2021 award and Keith Thompson won the department's Civilian of the Year award for 2021. Congratulations to both.



Gladewater City Manager Ricky Tow presents outgoing Mayor JD Shipp with a gift of appreciation for his work on the council and dedication to the city and citizens of Gladewater at last week's city council meeting.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

## Gladewater Council takes on new look

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The council also approved the following:  
Approved a resolution regarding the 2022 TxDOT Airport Layout Plan Project.

- Approved a resolution authorizing application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for sewer system improvements
- Approved a resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation to the Texas Water Development Board to provide funds for water system improvement projects; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of one or more applications to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing matching funds
- Approved a blanket permit for Juneteenth Festival to be held on Saturday, June 18th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bumblebee Park

Following executive session the council accepted the city treasurer's resignation. She is leaving for another job with a non-profit ministry based organization.

The council took no action ongoing action concerning Union Pacific land and the city's hopes of purchasing the land instead of leasing and legal matters pertaining to David Wallace d/b/a D.E.W. Plans & Designs v. City of Gladewater, Upshur County, District Court, Cause Number 562-21.

## 'Mind Polluters' to be discussed

By Phillip Williams

"The Mind Polluters," a film about controversial books and materials in schools, will be presented by a political women's organization Friday night at the Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church outside Gilmer.

Admission is free to the 6 p.m. showing, sponsored by outgoing Upshur County Republican Party Chairman De' Borah Deaz and the organization she serves as president, Republican Women of Upshur County. A free meal will be served at the church at 6761 Texas Hwy. 154 west of the city, Deaz said.

"The Mind Polluters exposes the dark realities of the international grooming of children into a worldview at odds with the Christian faith, a worldview of rampant sexuality, homosexuality and transgenderism," said an emailed flyer promoting the film.

"It will open your eyes to the need of more parental involvement in our schools," said Deaz of the approximately one hour, 45-minute movie produced by Fearless Productions.

Also at Friday's showing, Texas Freedom Coalition founder/president Christine Bentley will discuss "efforts to remove obscene books and materials from Texas schools," the flyer said.

Bentley opposes incumbent Rhonda Anderson for the Senate District 1 committeewoman seat on the State Republican Executive Committee, an election to be decided by the state GOP convention.

Another guest speaker Friday will be SREC Senate District 12 committeewoman Jill Glover, who is unopposed for re-election and chairs SREC's Legislative Priorities Committee, said Deaz.

The complimentary dinner will include chicken broccoli spaghetti, salad, guacamole, chips, blonde and chocolate brownies, and non-alcoholic beverages.



Congratulations to Mr. Garry Boyd!! He was nominated for the Texas Ag Teachers Hall of Fame & he will be inducted in July in Corpus Christi. Mr. Boyd has dedicated his life to serving Union Grove schools and community.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## New restaurant coming to downtown

Lovers of gumbo and seafood will be able to satisfy their taste buds when the former Booshay's Cajun Cafe transforms into Skipper's Pier Coastal Cajun Seafood, under 30+ year restaurant veteran Scott Nordon's leadership.

Nordon, who has The Catch and its 21 locations, hopes to open the new restaurant around September after major renovations to the building. He said he plans to bring back live music to the downtown location and he plans to be open on Sundays. Nordon said he will emphasize good food, good service and a fun family environment.

## 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



The city, chamber friends and fellow former and current councilmembers turned out for a reception for out-going mayor JD Shipp prior to his final council meeting last week. Shipp served four years at mayor and a total of 12 years on the council. Photo by Jim Bardwell



Mrs. Becky Lanham, who has served as GHS Assistant Principal since 2017, is the new Principal of Gladewater Middle School. A Gladewater native and GHS graduate, Lanham succeeds longtime GMS Principal Chris Langford. Congratulations, Mrs. Lanham,

you can bring a date if you would like. Please send check to Dr. Margo Bell at P.O. Box 562, Gladewater, TX 75647.

## Class of 1972 hosting 'All School Reunion'

The Gladewater Class of 1972 is hosting this year's "All School Reunion" on September 24. Classmates of 1972 and all those who attended GHS. Forever Friends are invited to attend the event.

The Class of 1972 is also selling raffle tickets for a Visa gift card for \$750 and \$250, as well as items donated by Gladewater businesses. You do not have to be present to win. Come to the Rodeo June 8, 9, 10 & 11 and purchase your raffle tickets. They are also hosting a Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle show in downtown Gladewater August 20 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. Don't miss it!

Contact Lucinda Moore Coker at (903)241-0394 or cindymoore72@gmail.com for questions or more information.

## Storytime 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, May 26.

"Monster Party" by Annie Bach and "How to Catch a Monster" by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said the library's children's coordinator, Kari Dunn.

A craft will follow each Storytime, Dunn added.

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

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

## 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!

## In-person SBA Disaster help ends today

Thursday, May 26, is the final day for in-person assistance from SBA Disaster Recovery Specialists at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center inside the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer.

Victims of the Severe Storms and Tornado on March 21,

2022, can visit the location and get in person assistance to complete the application for a federally backed disaster loan to help cover uninsured losses for homeowners, renters, businesses, and private non-profits.

Quick Resources In-person assistance:

UPSHUR COUNTY  
Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Upshur County Courthouse  
100 West Tyler St.  
Old Commissioners Meeting Room - Third Floor  
Gilmer, TX 75644  
Closes at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 26

Online Assistance: <https://DisasterLoanAssistance.SBA.gov>: Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

## Memorial Day ceremony set for Gilmer

Gilmer real estate developer and U.S. Army veteran Lloyd (Brandon) Dodd will be featured speaker for that city's annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday.

The event is set for 9 a.m. on the south lawn of the Upshur County Courthouse.

It is co-sponsored by Gilmer posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 of Gilmer will also participate.

Dodd, son of Lloyd and Pam Dodd, enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard as a 17-year-old Gilmer High School senior and later enlisted full-time in the army. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

He formerly owned Dodd's Body Shop near Gilmer and works part-time at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer and Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Diana.

## Shakespeare Festival receives \$10,000 grant from Endowment for the Arts

Kilgore College's Texas Shakespeare Festival has been approved for a \$10,000 Grants for Arts Projects award from the National Endowment for the Arts to support the 2022 TSF Roadshow Tour.

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CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
5/19/22	EMS	20222370	0:02		878 E SHEPPERD SHEPPERD LN
	ALARM/OTHER	20222371	0:21	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222372	0:50		DANIELS DANIELS
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222373	1:05		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222374	1:11		ARMSTRONG ARMSTRONG RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222375	1:56	OLD ICE HOUSE	434 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20222376	6:02		GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222377	6:22		100 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20222378	8:55		114 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	ASSIST	20222379	9:28	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/OTHER	20222380	10:29		811 W GAY GAY AVE
	ASSIST	20222381	11:49		N MAIN MAIN
	ASSIST	20222382	13:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20222383	14:58		1204 N RODEO N RODEO
	ABANDONED 911	20222385	19:16		2600 WOODBINE WOODBINE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20222386	21:27	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20222387	22:58		402 MUSTANG MUSTANG
	RUNAWAY	20222388	20:13	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20222389	23:35		2000 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
5/17/22	MISCELLANEOUS	20222390	0:56		W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20222391	4:53		1209 N CULVER CULVER ST
	ASSIST	20222392	6:07		203 N FERRY FERRY
	ASSIST	20222393	10:35		806 S TYLER S TYLER
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20222394	12:28	RES-MOR APARTMENTS	700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SUICIDE	20222395	14:53		2620 WILLOW OAK WILLOW OAK RD
	EMS	20222396	14:56		707 N HOLLEY HOLLEY
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20222397	18:45		11 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20222398	19:03		JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20222399	19:17		706 N CULVER CULVER ST
	ASSIST	2022400	20:49		ALMOND ALMOND RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2022401	20:59	WARD PLAZA	501 N AMES AMES ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2022402	23:01	FORMER STUDENTS BUILDING	2509 W HENDRICKS HENDRICKS ST
	ALARM/OTHER	2022403	23:35		3043 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
5/18/22	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2022404	0:42		MELBA MELBA
	CRIM MIS	2022405	9:44		1098 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	EMS	2022406	10:33		316 MELBA MELBA ST
	EMS	2022407	10:49		111 S MAIN S MAIN
	ASSIST	2022408	11:28		317 W LAKE DEVERNA LAKE DEVERNA
	ASSIST	2022409	11:56		700 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	2022410	14:06		2210 E HAROLD E HAROLD
	SEXUAL ASSAULT	2022411	14:48		501 N RODEO RODEO ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2022412	17:30		698 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	2022413	17:50		1001 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ASSIST	2022414	18:08	PIZZA HUT	1210 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	2022415	18:13		100 N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2022416	18:33		587 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD DR
5/19/22	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2022417	4:47		601 TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	2022418	7:55		FIR FIR RD
	10-50 MAJOR	2022419	8:01		12000 S US HWY 271 US HWY 271
	ASSIST	2022420	9:41		1804 N DAISY DAISY
	EMS	2022421	10:41		520 W GAY W GAY
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	2022422	10:42		TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	2022423	11:46		2179 N MAIN N MAIN
	EMS	2022424	13:16		42 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS ST
	EMS	2022425	14:43		408 W PACIFIC W PACIFIC
	EMS	2022427	15:08	ELECTRIK SMOKE	100 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	10-50 MINOR	2022428	16:14		1800 N MAIN N MAIN
	MISCELLANEOUS	2022430	18:12		1017 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	FIRE DEPT	2022431	19:08		806 E LAKE DR E LAKE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022432	20:56		520 W PACIFIC W PACIFIC
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	2022433	23:08		FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
5/20/22	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2022438	0:01		12 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2022437	0:26	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S FOOD MART)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2022438	2:08		EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	2022441	4:07		307 AMES AMES ST
	FIRE DEPT	2022442	6:26		1402 GAY GAY
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	2022443	6:34		801 N MAIN MAIN ST
	10-50 MAJOR	2022444	7:53		HWY 80 HWY 80 E
	ILLEGAL DUMPING	2022445	9:38		1905 N CHESTNUT CHESTNUT AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022446	10:29		801 TENERY TENERY
	FIRE DEPT	2022447	10:42	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	2022448	11:49		4411 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	10-50 MINOR	2022449	12:11	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022450	12:38		CANFIELD CANFIELD
	THEFT	2022451	12:45	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022452	14:41	SCRUBBY LOVE	205 N MAIN MAIN ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022453	15:21		2211 OAKRIDGE DR OAKRIDGE DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2022454	15:43		1717 W LAKE W LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2022455	16:00		113 VILLAGE NORTH CIR VILLAGE NORTH CIR
	THEFT	2022457	16:24	DOMINOS	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2022458	17:30		61 E EDDY E EDDY
	EMS	2022460	19:26	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	2022461	19:38	PEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	10-50 MINOR	2022462	21:09	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022464	22:32		S PINE PINE ST
5/21/22	MISCELLANEOUS	2022465	1:06		W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	2022466	2:47	PEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	FIRE DEPT	2022467	8:22		424 N MAIN MAIN ST
	THEFT	2022468	8:32		2328 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	2022469	8:54		2498 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	2022470	9:19		135 135
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022471	11:06		989 S MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	2022472	13:23		802 W PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	2022473	13:44		HWY 80 HWY 80 E
	10-50 MINOR	2022474	13:50	DOLLAR GENERAL	304 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	2022475	14:38		2108 W PECAN PECAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	2022476	16:10		10200 S US 271 US 271
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2022478	16:59	ROSDALE CEMETERY	E ARMSTRONG ARMSTRONG RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	2022479	17:24		514 NORTH NORTH ST
	EMS	2022481	20:40	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	2022482	21:04	CHAD'S HOTWINGS, FISH, AND BURGERS	809 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022483	21:43		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
5/22/22	FIRE DEPT	2022484	2:03	DOMINOS	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	2022485	6:28	GLADEWATER DONUT SHOP	1409 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	2022486	7:53		308 N WOODROW WOODROW
	EMS	2022487	9:10	TEXAS TRADITIONS	600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	CRIM TRESPASS	2022488	9:37		33 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	10-50 MINOR	2022489	10:35	GLADEWATER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX	1006 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	EMS	2022490	11:49		802 W PACIFIC PACIFIC ST
	EMS	2022491	12:51	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	2022492	13:29	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	2022493	13:59		1006 MARTHA MARTHA DR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	2022494	16:56		E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	KIDNAP	2022496	20:03		1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2022497	20:33		700 N CULVER N CULVER
	MISCELLANEOUS	2022498	21:39	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
5/23/22	EMS	2022499	5/23/22		22498 CR 3105 CR 3105
	EMS	2022500	6:44	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR

# Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
5/19/22	5/19/22	6:02	WEBB, DAMION OKEEFE	B	M	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY FELON	601 B TENERY ST
	5/19/22	6:02	WEBB, DAMION OKEEFE	B	M	ASSAULT: FAMILY/HOUSE MEMBER IMPEDE BREATH/CIR	601 B TENERY ST

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## PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on the 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to rezone the property located at LOT 1, 2 S/2, BLK 1 GLADEVIEW ADDN S177 (A8) .3377 ACRES & STORE; LOT 1, 2 N/2 OF, BLK 1 GLADEVIEW ADDN S177 (A8) .3977 ACRES & M/HOME; LOT 3, BLK 1 GLADEVIEW ADDN S177 (A8) 0.4304 ACRES; and LOT 4, BLK 1 GLADEVIEW ADDN S177 (A8) .4304 ACRES, more commonly known as 2700 W. Upshur Ave.; 307 N. Rodeo Dr.; 2702 W. Upshur Ave., and 2704 W. Upshur Ave. from Single Family to Light Commercial.

There will be a second public hearing held by the Gladewater City Council on the 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE THAT ROUNDUP CLUB NP, HAS FILED APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE CLUB REGISTRATION PERMIT. SAID BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT 2502 W. UPSHUR AVENUE, GLADEWATER, UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS 75647.

ROUNDUP CLUB NP  
JAMES N. MOORE-PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BQ PERMIT by Family Dollar Stores of Texas, LLC dba Family Dollar #32702, to be located at 11433 US Highway 271 S, Gladewater, TX 75647, Upshur County. Officers of said LLC are Peter Barnett (President), Todd Littler (Senior Vice President), Roger Dean (Treasurer), John Mitchell, Jr. (Secretary), Jonathan Elder (Vice President - Tax), Harry Spencer (Assistant Secretary).



## PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on the 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a Specific Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption at LTS 1 & 2 BLK 15 SHEPPERD HILLS, more commonly known as 1603 N. Main Street.

There will be a second public hearing held by the Gladewater City Council on the 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Gladewater, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 6:00 P.M. on August 18, 2022, at City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) acquiring, constructing, installing, and equipping additions, improvements, extensions, and equipment for the City's water system, including repairs, rehabilitation and/or improvements to water treatment plant, storage facilities, water lines, and related infrastructure improvements, and asset management plan; and (ii) legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate. The maximum maturity date for the certificates is August 15, 2052. The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates to be authorized on time and in full is \$3,951,225. The current principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the City is \$13,713,000. The current combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations of the City on time and in full is \$17,969,654. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF GLADEWATER, TEXAS



Ryleigh Hightower and Lexi Hart are graduating Friday from Gladewater High School and both are moving on to perform on the collegiate level. Hightower will be attending Trinity Valley CC as a Cardette while Hart will be going to Stephen F Austin to cheer for the Lumberjacks.

Photo by Chris Jones



From Bears to Coyotes, soon-to-be Gladewater graduate Timber Smith is taking her cheerleading skills to Weatherford College.

Photo by Chris Jones

From Bears to Yellowjackets, Gladewater's Zach Polanco and Tanner Gothard sign with LeTourneau University to play baseball.

Photo by Chris Jones



## Economist Perryman speaks to biz leaders

By Phillip Williams

Noted economist M. Ray Perryman told an area organization's business summit in Gilmer last week that Upshur County will probably establish a hospital or 24-hour emergency room "when you get enough population to support it."

That was among numerous economic-related topics which Perryman, whose column appears in The Gladewater Mirror, addressed in his 85-minute presentation as keynote speaker at the Upshur Area Business Roundtable's meeting. Dozens attended the event at the Gilmer Civic Center.

Perryman, an Odessa resident and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group in Waco, discussed the current soaring inflation, saying it is caused by "too much money chasing too few goods" from the supply chain.

He blamed that on the fact that "people got a little extra money and they've been cooped up for a year and a half" due to COVID, so they spend too much on too few available items.

The nation will have "long-term inflation" for spending \$3 trillion, "but that was the price we had to pay," Perryman said. Still, he said, the nation won't have the double-digit long-term inflation it had in the 1980s, which was "institutionalized."

"This is not an institutionalized inflation. This is a bunch of weird stuff happening at once," he explained. Since oil is in plastics, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, oil prices rising "ratches up" through the entire economy, he said.

"We're making very steady progress" on the supply chain problem, the economist maintained, but predicted it will last six months. He said the problems include inability to obtain grain from Russia and Ukraine, problems in the oil industry, and shutdowns in China.

"We buy a lot of inputs" which the nation couldn't get into ports, Perryman noted. He added, however, that while computer chips are now made overseas and thus don't come in cars or refrigerators, three chip plants are planned in America and "this area is in a good position to capitalize on those."

While he said the federal government had to spend considerable money during the COVID pandemic to prevent people from starving and businesses from vanishing, "my problem is" that \$1 trillion was spent during 11 years of expansion. Thus, many people received a governmental check they didn't need for child care, he asserted.

He projected the Longview statistical area's employment rate will grow about two percent in the next five years, and said Upshur is doing better than other places in the area, although many of its residents are driving elsewhere to work.

## Retaliation nets man 99-year sentence

By Phillip Williams

A jury in Gilmer sentenced Charles Lance Taylor, who had seven prior felony convictions, to 99 years in prison last week after convicting him of retaliation against a witness, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Taylor, 45, of Lone Star, was convicted May 17 of threatening to kill a woman for filing

an assault charge against him in Morris County, Byrd said. The defendant had also assaulted her "many times that went unreported" in Upshur County, the district attorney added.

Taylor, who pleaded not guilty before testifying in 115th

District Court, was accused of making the threat in a Jan. 12, 2021 phone call to her in Upshur County, Byrd said. Taylor, represented by Longview attorney Val Jones, contended he "never threatened her, just harassed her," the prosecutor added.

Due to Taylor's prior record of felonies (he also had four misdemeanor convictions), his sentence was "enhanced" from the normal punishment range for the offense, Byrd said in a news release. The defendant's criminal record dated back to the late 1990s, and the enhanced punishment range was 25 to 99 years or life in prison, the prosecutor said.

Taylor had been placed on four years probation in Morris County last Nov. 1 for the June 23, 2020 assault, Byrd said.

The defendant broke into the Lone Star home of the victim, who he formerly dated, "and began assaulting her and strangling her," the prosecutor said. "The assault was so bad, it required the victim to be hospitalized for a brain bleed."

On Sept. 17, 2020, the Morris County Grand Jury indicted Taylor on an assault charge which was still pending against him when he phoned the victim Jan. 12, 2021, Byrd added, "In addition to the victim's testimony, the state was able to prove a series of text messages and recorded phone calls where the defendant was making threats against her," the prosecutor wrote.

"I want to extend my appreciation to the (7-woman, 5-man) jury. They had to listen (to) and see extremely vile and reprehensible statements from the defendant," Byrd said. "In addition, they saw clearly how dangerous this defendant was. He had previously attacked another woman in 2015 inside Smith County, threatening to slice her throat and run over that victim with her own car."

While the defense sought the minimum sentence, said Byrd, he told jurors "prisons were built for people like" Taylor, and urged they "make sure he's there long enough to not hurt anyone else."

The jury deliberated 30 minutes on the verdict, and 45 minutes late that night on the sentence, the prosecutor said. "An extremely dangerous man was convicted and removed from our streets this week," Byrd said in a news release. "The victim demonstrated great courage by finally coming forward."



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## Tree-killing insect confirmed in Dallas

COLLEGE STATION — The presence of the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) was confirmed this week in Dallas County. Dallas County will be added to the list of Texas jurisdictions under quarantine by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). TDA quarantines are designed to slow the spread of the insect by limiting the transportation of ash wood, wood waste and hardwood firewood.

On May 12, Texas A&M Forest Service collected an adult beetle specimen in the Carrollton/Coppell area and tentatively identified it as being EAB. The beetle was collected in an EAB trap that is part of a state monitoring program run by Texas A&M Forest Service each year.

"EAB is a destructive, non-native wood-boring pest of ash trees," said Allen Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Forest Health Coordinator. "Since 2018, we have deployed nearly 500 traps across Central, East and North Texas annually watching for the insect's presence and movement."

The specimen was sent to the USDA Department Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) national lab for confirmation and tested positive as EAB.

The aggressive pest is a significant threat to urban, suburban and rural forests," said Smith. "Both healthy and unhealthy ash trees are susceptible to EAB attack and may die within two or three years after becoming infested. Ash trees have no natural resistance to the exotic insect. Without proper proactive measures, mortality can be 100 percent in heavily infested areas, so early detection could improve our chances to manage for the pest."

Native to Asia, forest health experts have been monitoring EAB movement across the United States since 2002. It has spread to more than half of the states in America,

killing millions of ash trees. The beetle was first detected in Texas in 2016 in Harrison County in northeast Texas. Since then, EAB has been positively confirmed in Bowie, Cass, Dallas, Denton, Marion, Parker and Tarrant Counties.

After the initial specimen was collected, additional adult beetles were also trapped in central and southern areas of Dallas County.

Once the presence of EAB is confirmed in a county, TDA assumes regulatory responsibility which includes the establishment of quarantines. The state's mandatory quarantine by TDA, restricts movement of any woody ash material exiting the county or quarantined area.

"Because EAB is transported unintentionally on firewood and wood products, the quarantine helps slow the beetle's spread by restricting the movement of wood in and out of affected areas," said Smith.

Texas A&M Forest Service urban tree canopy inventories estimate that ash trees comprise approximately five percent of the Dallas/Fort Worth urban forest and approximately one percent of the standing inventory forests in East Texas.

"There is no known stop to this epidemic," said Smith. "But we can help communities minimize loss, diversify their tree species and contribute to the health and resiliency of their urban forests."

Texas A&M Forest Service works with communities on state quarantines of the movement of wood into and out of impacted areas. There are resources available to help affected communities identify signs of EAB infestation and can assist in making decisions about preventative measures they can take and how to handle tree management and removal.

For more information on EAB, please visit <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/eab/>.