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If you are at the Gladewater Lake Park or Bumblee Park, you will notice two new additions. Jaxxon Cook's Eagle Scout Project includes installing Little Free Libraries at the three parks (Everett Park will be added next week). This started with a proposal made at the City Council meeting last spring, and with the help of family, friends and other pack members it recently became a reality.

Need a book?

Take a book.

Have a book?

Leave a book.



Local sales tax revenue remains strong

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.07 billion in local sales tax allocations for January, 7.6 percent more than in January 2022. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

And Gladewater and White Oak are experiencing this growth. Gladewater is riding a 16-month increase over last year - 4.77-percent - and White Oak is seeing a jump of 25.35-percent over the same reporting period a year ago.

Only Clarksville City posted a decline in local sales tax revenue among Gregg County cities.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$6,548.48	\$6,551.24	-0.04%	\$6,548.48	\$6,551.24	-0.04%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$5,184.42	\$4,659.98	11.25%	\$5,184.42	\$4,659.98	11.25%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$110,275.07	\$105,247.70	4.77%	\$110,275.07	\$105,247.70	4.77%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$825,297.75	\$682,654.64	20.89%	\$825,297.75	\$682,654.64	20.89%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$22,514.55	\$20,381.49	10.46%	\$22,514.55	\$20,381.49	10.46%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$3,696,204.83	\$3,511,150.03	5.27%	\$3,696,204.83	\$3,511,150.03	5.27%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$1,836.78	\$1,292.43	42.11%	\$1,836.78	\$1,292.43	42.11%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$139,755.16	\$111,488.74	25.35%	\$139,755.16	\$111,488.74	25.35%

Ernestine Wilson Sawyer 100th Birthday January 18th



Mary Ernestine Wilson will be celebrating a major milestone - her 100th birthday - this Saturday (Jan. 19) at the Blue Byrd Room in downtown Gladewater between 12:30-2 p.m.

Ernestine was born January 18, 1923 in Oil City Louisiana to Jeff and Eloise Wilson. Her father was the Superintendent of Texaco and moved the family to Greggton at the time of the great East Texas Oil Boom. It was a few years before the family could move to Gladewater due to housing shortages.

Ernestine would begin her Freshman Year at Gladewater High School, where she would dance through the hallways of the grand old High School on Melba Ave. In 1940 she graduated. Ernestine would consider going to Kilgore College and trying out for the newly formed

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The Gladewater Museum is ready for the 150th Celebration to begin! Thank you Matt and Karla Byrd for this photo op that will greet all the visitors to our 150th Birthday Celebration.

Join us!

CELEBRATION GLADEWATER 150 YEARS! 1873-2023!

The celebration of our town's 150th year will have a kick-off event at The Gladewater Museum's annual "Night at the Museum" on the evening of January 21, 2023. This year's event promises to be a fun and entertaining night for all with a few surprise appearances planned. And if so desired, you may choose to come dressed in attire representing your favorite decade!

Come and help our community begin its celebration of its 150th year. January 21, 2023 @ The Gladewater Museum

City council holding public hearing

The Gladewater City Council will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at City Hall. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the council meeting in the Gladewater Mirror-sponsored live streaming on the Mirror Facebook Page.

The agenda calls for the following action items:

- Approve of the - minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting; investment report for quarter ending December 31, 2022; Ordinance 0-23-01 to order city officer election to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023; Joint Election Agreement between Kilgore Junior College District and the City of Gladewater; and Joint Election Agreement between Gladewater Independent School District and the City of Gladewater.

- A public hearing is planned regarding a Specific Use Permit request for Wine and Malt Beverage Retail

Dealer's On-Premise Permit (BG) at 1005 W. Upshur Avenue.

- Consider an ordinance providing for collection services fee on delinquent utility accounts.
- Discussion and consideration of a Charter Review Committee members selection.
- Consider a new accounting software.
- Discussion and consideration regarding ARPA funds.
- Discussion and consideration regarding Lake Store/House DISCUSSION regarding TWDB funds.
- Ratify a contract amendment between Gladewater Economic Development Corporation and JNL Machine.



RICK CHATMAN
Inductee - Class of 2023

Dudley Barker photo

Chatman honored

Rick Chatman, a fan favorite at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo, has been named as a Class of 2023 Inductee in the The Bull Riding Hall of Fame. Rick Chatman worked the National Finals Rodeo 3 times in 1980, '81 and '84.

In 1984, Rick became the only Bull Fighter to ever work the NFR, win a Bull Fighting World Championship and be named PRCA "Clown of the Year" all in the same year. Congratulations to the Legacy, Family and Friends of the late, great Rick Chatman, who passed away in 2014.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

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.

...Holy Ground

We hit the accelerator on 2015 and headed into an incredibly busy year filled with challenges, opportunities and choices. Some of my friends around town have been recuperating from surgery, illnesses and nasty flu. Some are facing more serious health and family issues with life changes that are frightening and stress laden. Many of you are facing anxiety inducing unknowns. This is when it is essential to be part of a family and a community of caring people. But there are also some things we can do for ourselves and those we love to lighten the load.

Busyness itself can be overwhelming. Worry can be exhausting. Frustration draining. Anger debilitating.

There are times when you need the warmth and support that will help you navigate the rough waters of life. We also need to step out and seek the inner strength we need to cope.

Do you ever walk 'holy ground'? Those sacred places where life slows, deepens and a peace pervades your being despite life's stresses and turmoil? Maybe it is a place, a memory or a moment that creates that space. Those 'places' surround us if we allow ourselves to see them, feel them and experience their power and grace. I think I may have many such 'places'. One of my most special I visited just last week.

I went 'home' to the ranch to see my Mom. The minute I crossed the bridges over the creeks on Farm to Market Road 709 my breathing slowed and my body relaxed. When I pulled into the yard filled with oaks and that porch light came on I felt safe, loved and surrounded by family in body and spirit.

As my tall, black-hatted cowboy cousin, Billy, closed the gate after feeding Mom's cattle, he called me up the drive. His cowboy/firefighter son Brent, and his two grandchildren, Colt and Lila were in the truck. It was my first time to meet Baby Lila.

When I looked at her I saw in this sweet baby girl's face my precious Aunt Gwen, Lila's great-grandmother. I felt the love and pride from Big Brother to 'P-Paw' (how Billy got that grandparent name I have no idea). I saw the past and

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



the future right there in that truck. I also see it in the home my Mother now lives in 'alone'.

Sitting before my Mom's place at the table is a picture of my father with a lopsided grin and twinkling brown eyes. Mom and Dad still have their meals 'together'. That makes me smile and reminds me of the power and importance of memories of love.

Before I left to come home to East Texas, because of memories of love, Mom and I went to the cemetery and took up all the Christmas flowers and put out spring flowers. It was quite an outing.

There are great-grandparents, grandparents, great uncles and aunts, my Dad, brother and uncle whose graves we honor. Then there is that one tiny grave that is always so hard to find because it is in a far corner of a vast community cemetery by itself...my dad's twin brother who lived only four days a very, very long time ago. Once again I find that I am surrounded by family. Some I have yet to meet but I believe that one day I will.

Finding 'holy ground' is a matter of perception. I encourage you to let the stress of the day melt away, or at least consciously try to let it go as you read this. Deliberately take back some of your moments that are being stolen by frustration, anger, fear or worry and find your 'holy ground' with a memory, a place or a visit. Breathe slowly and let your body and mind relax. It is there, that 'holy' ground waiting for your 'presence' with the gift of a moment of grace.

Revel in those moments and lay your burdens down for just a little while. You will be healthier and happier for making space for grace in your life. Make it a habit and you may find that 'holy' ground is what you are standing on.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

30,000,000 Texans

The Texas population now tops 30 million according to recent estimates from the US Census Bureau. In fact, the state added 470,708 people (measured from July 2021 to July 2022), the largest-gaining state in the nation. Growth in Texas last year was fueled by gains from all three components: net domestic migration (230,961), net international migration (118,614), and natural increase (118,159). That's a lot of new Texans (almost 1,300 every day)!



Growth among states continues to be very uneven. Florida added the second-largest number of new residents (416,754) and was the fastest-growing state in 2022 in percentage terms, with an annual population increase of 1.9%. Other states with large gains include North Carolina, Georgia, and Arizona. About 37.5% of the net expansion in the entire country was in Texas.

However, 18 states had population declines for the year. New York had the largest annual numeric and percent population decline, decreasing by 180,341 (-0.9%). California and Illinois also had six-figure decreases.

Moves around the United States accounted for a notable component of the changes. The biggest gains from net domestic migration last year were in Florida (318,855), Texas (230,961) and North Carolina (99,796). The biggest losses were in California (-343,230), New York (-299,557) and Illinois (-141,656).

People choosing to move to Texas reflects a range of factors, from the dynamic economy to greater affordability. With companies locating and expanding and the likelihood that the state will outperform most areas, we can expect to continue to attract new residents from other parts of the country and the world. At the same time, a younger population contributes to the natural growth rate.

Schools will need to expand. According to data from the Texas Education Agency, total enrollment in Texas public schools increased by nearly 429,000 students (8.6%) over the past 10 years, and many schools are crowded. In addition, nearly 61% of all students are identified as economically disadvantaged and the number is rising (up by some 56,000 over the last year). The percentage of students identified as emergent bilingual students/English learners is also growing and now approaches 22%. Both of these groups may require additional resources in the classroom and are critical to our future workforce.

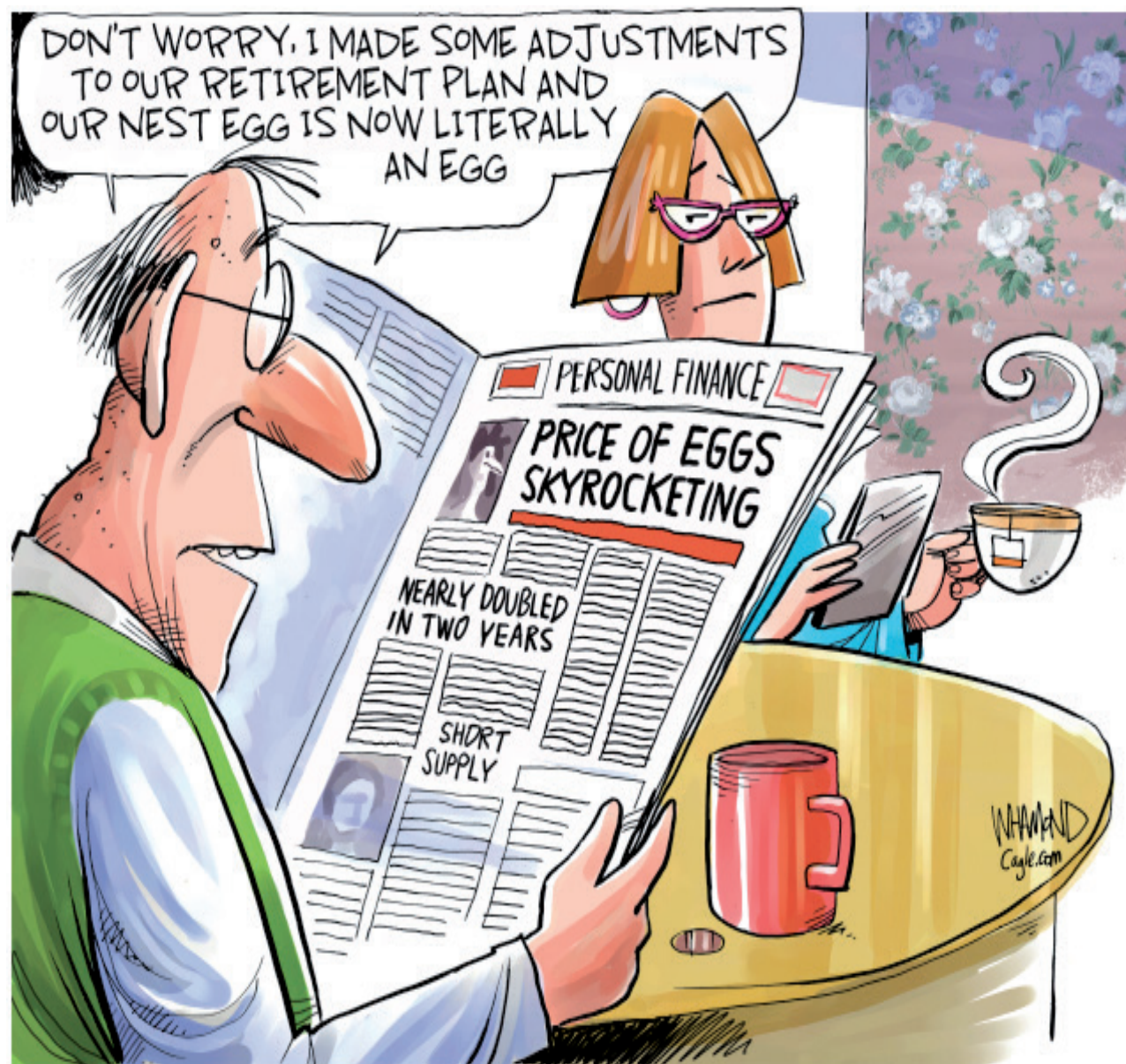
Accommodating the substantial population expansion expected in the decades to come will also require investing in infrastructure of all types – highways, broadband, electric transmission and distribution, pipelines, and water delivery systems. The key is to try to get ahead of (or at least stay with) the increases to avoid eroding quality of life for all.

With the right investments in education and infrastructure, we can keep Texas a great place to live and work. We have the resources. It's time to step up! Stay safe!

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THE COLLISION BETWEEN HOMOSEXUALITY AND CHRISTIANITY

The agenda of the LGBTQ is to redefine the family. Bumper stickers are seen all over that say: "Burn the Binary." What does that mean? It means to destroy the distinction between man and woman or male and female. Apparently such foolishness is making inroads in our culture, since more and more people can't seem to be able to tell the difference between a man and a woman, and even believe that a man can have babies. Even the medical profession is jumping on the bandwagon. Definitions are being changed and gender has been expanded to mean who knows how many. The family is the building block of civilized society, and it was the first institution ordained by God. Our Supreme Court foolishly acquiesced to this ungodly agenda allowing same-sex marriages in every state. Slowly but surely, religion is coming around to the acceptance of such ungodliness and perversion. Homosexuality is not a new issue. Proof of its existence is seen in the literature and art of ancient cultures, dating back thousands of years. We read of it, and of God's disdain for it, in the pages of Scripture, the wickedness of Sodom stands as a glaring example. See (*Genesis 19; Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 6: 10-11*).

There can be no doubt that there is an escalating collision taking place between homosexuality and Christianity in our culture. Sensationalized by mainstream media, and propagated in many of our public schools and Universities, the normalization and acceptance of homosexuality and transgenderism has invaded every facet of our society, including our homes and churches. Such chaos is changing our understanding where a person can accept that they are neither a man or a woman, and we are hearing of people who are nonbinary, genderfluid or gender expansive and the pronoun "he" or "she" should not be used. Instead, transgenderism has adopted a vocabulary of confusion and chaos. Robert Mohler, Jr offered the following: "The transgender movement offers false and dangerous promises. It is looking for freedom in all the wrong places. It is offering all the wrong answers to life's most important questions. Transgenderism writes checks that bounce. It offers a lie veiled in truth and happiness. It will only end in more brokenness and pain, devastation and destruction" *The Gathering Storm*, p 102-103. Laura Jacobs is quoted in the New York Times: "I don't know what genders are going to look like four generations from now...the classifications we now live under will fall by the wayside." Such amounts to an all-out repudiation of the biblical dignity or maleness and femaleness! Think on these things.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Citizen Police Academy being offered

Applications from the general public to attend are now being accepted for the fourth annual Citizen Police Academy, sponsored by the Upshur County Sheriff's Office.

The academy, designed to familiarize Upshur County citizens with law enforcement and services available to them, is scheduled two nights weekly in Gilmer from Feb. 9-March 21.

Sheriff Larry Webb said Tuesday that scheduled speakers include himself, District Attorney Billy Byrd, 115th District Judge Dean Fowler, County Judge Todd Tefteller, constables, justices of the peace and various law officers, such as game wardens and a representative of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Stanley Jenkins Training Center, located in the parking lot just south of the Upshur County Justice Center.

Participants will be offered the chance to ride with a sheriff's deputy on patrol.

Deadline for applying is Feb. 3. Applications can be picked up at the sheriff's office in the justice center or downloaded from the county government's website at www.countyofupshur.com.

Those who attended the academy in the past can do so again, Webb said. For more information, contact the sheriff's office at 903-843-2541.

Manna House needs your help

The local Manna House is always in need of food so they can help our neighbors. So please continue your weekly donations of bread, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter and mac-n-cheese. When you are grocery shopping, consider picking up a few extra items for Manna House, so they can keep helping others. Drop off the non-perishable items at 519 E Broadway Ave. or at the *Gladewater Mirror* at 211 N. Main. Got questions, call (903) 845-3128.

Upshur crime victim coordinator to speak

Yecenia Hernandez, crime victims coordinator for the Upshur County district attorney's office, will address Monday night's public meeting of the Cherokee Rose Republican Women Club in Gladewater.

The 6:30 p.m. event, featuring a free meal, will be held at the BlueByrd Room, 208 S. Main. It is open to the public.

Hernandez "will discuss her role relating to victims of domestic violence, sex abuse, child abuse and neglect, other crimes of violence, as well as victims of civil crimes," said Cherokee Rose President Cynthia Ridgeway.

Attendees are encouraged to bring questions about how District Attorney Billy Byrd's office functions, Ridgeway added.

Ridgeway said she herself will report to the club on its donation to the "Wreaths Across America" program, which involves placing wreaths on military veterans' graves during the Christmas season.

The meal will include a variety of soups, sandwiches, cookie desserts and beverages, she added.

For more information, contact Ridgeway at (903) 736-9615 or (903) 968-6822.

WOISD board seeks community involvement for superintendent process

The White Oak Independent School District (ISD) Board of Trustees has employed Texas Association of School Boards

(TASB) Executive Search Services to assist with the search for a new superintendent to replace Brian Gray who retired over the holidays.

The Board has requested that school personnel and the public be involved in developing a profile of the leadership qualities desired of the person the Board should seek to become the new superintendent.

See the survey at: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/2069797/Leadership-Survey-White-Oak-isd-2023>

GFD Bucket Brigade meeting slated

The Gladewater Fire Department will be having a Bucket Brigade meeting at the station on Saturday, January 28, from 10:30 a.m. - Noon.

Firefighters will be doing training and still want to invite anyone who is interested in joining. They will also serve lunch at the conclusion of the meeting.

Decendents of slaves sought

Upshur County descendants of Lottie Christian, whose sons were reportedly brought as slaves to Gilmer in 1850, are being sought for a family reunion scheduled in Tyler.

Debra Christian, a descendant, said Lottie was born a slave in 1810 and that her six sons were brought to Gilmer from Midway, Ala., by a slavemaster.

Debra Christian is the great-great-great granddaughter of one of the sons, whose first name was Butcher. The others, she said, were named Hall, Adam, Jeff, Teamer and Abe.

The reunion is scheduled at the Marriott courtyard on Broadway in Tyler, Debra Christian said.

Descendants may contact her for more information at 903-372-2652 or email her at debrachristian5554@sbcglobal.net.



Sam Chenoweth presented the Gladewater Rotary program last week. He was introduced by Rotary President Darren Richardson and Rotarian Avon Bateman. Photo by Darla Ferguson



Congrats to Gladewater High School FFA's Ethan Flores for being selected Longview district Sentinel.

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TYLER — TxDOT is planning to conduct the following construction and maintenance work in the district during the week of Jan. 16, 2023. Work schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failure, or other unforeseen issues. Slow down and pay attention in work zones.

Gregg County

Longview maintenance will continue mill and inlay operations on FM 2207, from Tom Eubanks Rd to the south end of FM 2207 at SH 135 N. Work will be north and southbound. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic.

Gregg County construction projects updates:

US 80 and FM 2208 (Alpine Road)

Limits: Intersection of US 80 and FM 2208

Contractor: Reynolds and Kay, LTD

Cost: \$784,000

Anticipated Completion Date: April 2023

No work is scheduled this week. This project consists of installing new pedestrian signal poles, sidewalks, and handicap ramps at the intersection. There will be alternating lane closures depending on which side of the intersection they will be working on. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and watch for workers. Expect delays.

Spur 502 (Judson Road) at Eden

Limits: Intersection of Judson Rd. and Eden Dr.

Contractor: Reynolds and Kay, LTD

Cost: \$330,000

Anticipated Completion Date: February 2023

No work is scheduled this week. This project consists of installing new pedestrian signal poles, sidewalks, and handicap ramps at the intersection. There will be alternating lane closures depending on which side of the intersection they will be working on. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and watch for workers. Expect delays.

SLP 281 – Sidewalk Installation

Limits: Fairmont St. to SH 300 (Gilmer Rd.)

Contractor: Cross Plus Construction

Cost: \$2.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: February 2023

This project consists of installing sidewalks on both sides of the road. There will be shoulder closures as well as some lane closures as needed. Slow down and watch for workers. Expect delays.

SH 135 – Kilgore Traffic Circle

Limits: Traffic circle in Kilgore to Rusk County line

Contractor: East Texas Bridge

Cost: \$8.37 million

Anticipated Completion Date: March 2024

This project consists of completely rebuilding the traffic circle and full width of roadway to the Rusk County line. It will consist of removing existing concrete paving, reconstructing subgrade, constructing concrete paving, storm sewer installation, lighting, and striping. The traffic will be reduced to one lane in the southbound direction for the duration of the project. A detour will be set up for northbound traffic to follow SH 42. This will allow the contractor to build half of the roadway. Traffic will be switched to the newly constructed lanes later to allow completion of the other half of the highway. Expect delays.

Spur 63/McCann Road Bridge Project

Limits: From McCann Road, north to Glencrest Lane

Contractor: Leland Bradlee Construction

Anticipated Completion Date: July 2023

This project is part of the City of Longview Guthrie Creek Trail project. It will consist of building a bridge over Guthrie Creek to allow bicyclist and pedestrians to travel under Spur 63. The traffic will be reduced to two lanes, one northbound lane and one south bound lane to allow the contractor to build half of the bridge. Traffic will be switched later to allow completion of the bridge construction. Expect delays.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: Fisher Rd. to SH 42

Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.

Cost: \$14.15 million

Anticipated Completion Date: May 2023

This project consists of widening a two-lane road to four lanes with a center turn lane. This includes drainage structures, new bridge, flexible base, hot mix, and pavement markings. Contractor will be extending culverts and constructing detours. There will be daytime lane closures. Expect delays.

FM 2206/Harrison Road

Limits: From Loop 281 to Fisher Rd.

Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.

Cost: \$15.16 million

Anticipated Completion Date: October 2023

This project consists of widening a two-lane road to four lanes with a center turn lane. This includes drainage structures, flexible base, curb and gutter, sidewalks, hot mix, and pavement markings. Contractor will be extending culverts and constructing detours. There will be daytime lane closures. Expect delays.

Pentecost Rd. Bridge Replacement

Limits: US 259 Business to Stone Rd.

Contractor: South Texas Illumination

Cost: \$638,000

Anticipated Completion Date: March 2023

The project consists of replacing the bridge structure on Big Head Creek. Pentecost Road will be closed to through traffic. Only local traffic will be allowed. Through traffic needs to select an alternate route.

Upshur County

* US 271 – From 5.9 miles north of SH 155 to 1.5 miles north of SH 155, resurfacing road. Daily lane closures

* US 259 – From Meddlin Creek to 0.5 miles south of FM 450, resurfacing road

I-20 Total Maintenance Contract

Limits: Gregg, Smith, and Van Zandt counties

Contractor: Firemen Excavation, maintenance activities, follow up action worksheet summary for bridge work repair in Gregg, Smith, and Van Zandt Counties.

Contractor: Andrews Diversified Industries, litter removal.

Debris Removal/Pothole Repair Inside Lanes: No work scheduled due to the holiday.

Debris Removal/Pothole Repair Outside Lanes: No work scheduled due to the holiday.

Debris Removal/Pothole Repair Frontage Roads/Ramps: Friday in all counties

Guardrail/Sign Repair: Emergency repairs due to vehicle crashes in all counties

Litter Removal: Scheduled to begin I-20 removal in January 2023 in Gregg, Smith, and Van Zandt Counties. Work is also scheduled for April 2023 in Gregg County and July 2023 for all three counties.

Delineation/Reflectors: Work will continue in Gregg, Smith, and Van Zandt Counties.

Upshur hears update on courthouse project

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday heard an update on progress on the forthcoming historical renovation of the county courthouse in Gilmer, a multi-million dollar project which will result in courthouse offices temporarily moving to another site for possibly up to two years.

Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur, who the court hired last year to oversee the project after his own county's courthouse in Jefferson underwent such a renovation, joined a representative of Komatsu Architecture, Rick Sacy, in briefing the court.

The project, designed to restore the five-story brick courthouse largely to its interior appearance when it was completed in 1937, will be financed by state, county and federal funds. Offices will temporarily move to the nearby former Gilmer ISD administration building, which the county recently leased from the school for \$1 annually for three years.

"We're still shooting on being out of here (by the end of March)," County Judge Todd Tefteller said, and LaFleur agreed. LaFleur said he didn't know when construction would actually begin, but estimated it would start in "late summer, early fall."

Sacy explained that the bidding process for the project will take weeks, and detailed other steps to be taken before actual construction begins. After the meeting, he told The Mirror he estimated the building will be vacated 20-24 months. (At one point, it had been estimated that could take up to three years.)

Sacy said "my goal is to be through with" certain documents, to be sent to the state government for final approval, by early April. He expressed hope approval would be granted by April's end.

Upshur court meets

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court, at its first meeting of 2023 Friday, held a closed session on two matters without taking any votes afterward.

The court spent 39 minutes discussing security audits and devices. The audit matter concerned considering reconciliation methods of fuel use charges by various county departments at the county Road and Bridge Department.

The other matter involving entering/exiting procedures at that department on U.S. 271 just outside Gilmer. When the court returned into open session, County Road and Bridge Administrator Andy Jordan revealed a gate will be placed at his department.

In other business Friday, the court approved seeking bids for road and bridge materials ranging from diesel and fuel to plant mixed asphalt and refined road oil, among others.

Tefteller told Jordan he liked the limestone base for county roads. "I know it's expensive, but" it "lasts a while," the judge said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson abstained on the 4-0 vote to seek bids, saying he did so because of the nature of his business.

He also updated the court on floor plans and pledged to "make sure everything is exactly where it should be."

Sacy said he would meet with a civil engineer, then meet with other engineers (such as plumbing) and have the court tell him how it wants to seek bids.

For example, he said, one option would be for the court to hire a contractor, who would take the bids. The court would decide after the state gives final approval to certain documents, said Sacy, who worked on the Marion County project.

When Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley said completing the pre-construction process sounded like it was at least four months away, LaFleur said, "It depends on my mechanical, electrical, plumbing" and other engineers.

As some of the plans for the project were drawn up years ago, LaFleur said 30% of them are now "worthless." Still, Sacy assured the court that completing the preliminary work is "not far off. Trust me."

Tefteller had recently said he expected construction workers to be "swinging hammers" by April, but LaFleur said the timetable is "a little more fluid" than that. The construction overseer said some plans must be "re-modified to fit today's standard," and Sacy added compliance with the city of Gilmer's building code must be ensured.

"Not every contractor can do these" types of work involved in the project, he cautioned. He said those doing the finishes, carpentry, new railings and windows must have at least 20 years experience at it.

Explaining how the building will appear, Sacy said, "This looks like 1938 when you walk in it, but it's a 21st century building."

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WOPD Police Arrest Report

For the reporting period of January 9th through the 15th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 186 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Traffic Problems, Animal Complaints, Investigative Follow-ups, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated resulting in no injuries and one continuing criminal investigation.

Two arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period:

Jeffrey Wayne Maurice Coleman, 29, of Longview on two Smith County warrants for Theft of Property; and

Shera Leigh Mathis, 58, of Big Sandy for Driving While Intoxicated w/ Two or more Previous Convictions and Duty Upon Striking Fixture Causing more than \$200 in Damage (hit and run).



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	EMS	20230124	4:05		1021 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ASSIST	20230125	7:56		716 MARTHA MARTHA
	10-50 MINOR	20230126	7:58	JO WILLIAMS	419 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20230127	10:11	CHURCH OF NAZARENE	401 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20230128	10:18		33 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230129	11:56		1906 FM 2686 FM 2686
	FIRE DEPT	20230130	12:27		S OLIVE OLIVE
	ABANDONED 911	20230131	13:25		1105 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230132	15:46		208 HURLY HURLY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20230133	16:15		POINT PLEASANT POINT PLEASANT
	FIRE DEPT	20230134	17:44		705 W PACIFIC PACIFIC
	10-50 MINOR	20230135	19:59	SEYMORE'S WILCO	1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230136	20:47		502 SPENCER SPENCER
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20230137	20:58		102 MCNEESE MCNEESE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20230138	21:02		1211 N CULVER CULVER
	FIRE DEPT	20230139	21:10		407 N MAIN MAIN
	EMS	20230140	7:48		220 HULL HULL
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20230141	8:05		315 MILLER MILLER
	ALARM/OTHER	20230142	10:12	ZIPS LIQUOR STORE	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20230143	11:25		W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20230144	12:27		1404 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	UNATTENDED DEATH	20230145	13:27		1301 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	FIRE DEPT	20230146	16:13		11220 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230147	16:42	SUBWAY	108 E UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230148	17:10	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230149	18:00	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20230150	18:54		1908 N DASEY DASEY
	FIRE DEPT	20230151	19:32	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2686 FM 2686
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230152	19:47	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	20230153	19:53	TEXAS DIE CAST	600 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230154	20:14	DONNELLYS LIQUOR	1700 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230155	21:30		1113 N LYNN LYNN
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20230156	22:43	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	RUNAWAY	20230157	23:13	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20230158	3:24		N MAIN MAIN ST
	ABANDONED 911	20230159	4:30		1102 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	EMS	20230160	4:59		503 JEANETTE JEANETTE
	ABANDONED 911	20230161	6:32		
	ASSIST	20230163	8:25		OLD HWY 80 OLD HWY 80
	ASSIST	20230164	8:57		205 N MILDRED MILDRED ST
	ASSIST	20230165	9:03	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	10-50 MINOR	20230166	11:54	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20230167	12:08		711 MARTHA MARTHA
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20230168	12:11	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID INFO	20230169	13:36	CITIZENS BANK	678 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20230170	14:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	20230171	16:04		1408 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	20230173	19:23	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230175	19:49		443 PYEATTE PYEATTE
	MISSING PERSON	20230177	20:51		18 GREENWAY GREENWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230179	22:18		1404 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20230180	0:51		515 MELBA MELBA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230181	5:01	TOUCHLESS AUTOMATIC CAR WASH	402 N LEE LEE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20230183	5:30		HWY 80 HWY 80
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	20230184	11:45		1001 MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20230185	12:29	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	20230186	13:28		723 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230187	15:38	RX MOTORSPORTS	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20230188	16:27		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230189	17:29		1207 CULVER CULVER N
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20230190	18:27		112 JEANETTE JEANETTE
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20230191	19:53		901 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	FIRE DEPT	20230193	21:08		2005 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20230194	21:59		311 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
	EMS	20230195	11:10		4909 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM
	ALARM/OTHER	20230196	11:41	BIG SANDY LAND AND CATTLE	124 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	ASSIST	20230197	14:27		803 N TENREY TENREY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20230198	16:43		204 MAPLE MAPLE
	FIRE DEPT	20230199	20:02	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230201	21:05		301 N LEE LEE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230202	21:38	FAMILY CLEANERS	201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230203	22:39	DECORATE ORNATE	202 S MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20230205	4:36		2815 BERNICE BERNICE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230206	5:47		HWY 80 HWY 80
	ASSIST	20230207	7:08	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
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	10-50 MAJOR	20230209	7:59		W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20230211	11:19	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20230212	12:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	THEFT	20230213	12:30	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20230214	12:35	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20230217	0:22	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230218	1:26		402 MUSTANG MUSTANG
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20230219	1:27		513 N FERRY FERRY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230220	2:19		200 HURLY HURLY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230221	2:25		600 TENERY TENERY
	ALARM/OTHER	20230222	5:51	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20230223	6:46	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20230224	10:21		307 AMES AMES
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230226	13:26		312 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230227	14:07	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230228	15:20		1015 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
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	EMS	20230242	3:30	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	20230243	6:26		1100 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230244	7:00		601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	THEFT	20230245	8:37		201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20230246	8:46		1842 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
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	ASSIST	20230255	14:06		901 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD ST
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GPD Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
1/8/23	1/8/23	22:07	JOHNSON, LA DARIUS DRESHUN	B	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1600 S TYLER
	1/8/23	22:07	JOHNSON, LA DARIUS DRESHUN	B	M	FAILURE TO IDENTIFY	1600 S TYLER
1/12/23	1/12/23	22:53	BENNETT, JACOB AARON	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	202 S MAIN
	1/12/23	22:53	BENNETT, JACOB AARON	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	202 S MAIN
1/14/23	1/14/23	23:15	WOODS, RICKEY DON	W	M	POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN PENALTY	113 N MAIN



Union Grove's Lainey Ledbetter deadlifts 270 pounds with an audience of Overton's Lady Mustangs.

Ledbetter wins with 760 total lift

Story and photo by Daytona Vaughn

On Monday Jan. 8, Union Grove's Lady Lions powerlifting team competed at Union Hill. After the meet, each of the girls are in a qualifying position for regionals, and almost all of the girls hit record lifts.

"It was encouraging to see these young ladies break personal records on their first opportunity of the season," coach Donnie Denman said.

Lainey Ledbetter won the 198lb weight class by lifting 760 total pounds and is now ranked second in the region, followed by Jessica Hobbs in second for the night with 755 pounds and a third place ranking in the region. Addison Smith placed second at Union Hill with a 695lb total and Savanna Clark third with a 580lb total in the 181lb class at Union Hill; the girls are ranked third and fifth in the region respectively. Daytona Vaughn placed fourth in the 165lb weight class with a 555lb total and is ranked seventh in the region.

The girls lift before school each day, in addition to their classwork and other extracurricular activities.

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Team Results:

Primary Division:

WO 1st Place:

Team Score 890

Top shooter:

Carl Thompson WO 119

Middle School Division:

WO 1st Place

Team Score 3,028

Harleton 2nd Place

Team Score 2,988

Top Shooter(s):

E. Starnes WO 271 /

A Miller WO 265

Elementary Division:

Harleton 1st Place

Team Score 2,893

WO 2nd Place Team

Score 2,647

Top Shooter(s): Elmer

H-ton 271 / K.

Leadaman WO 251

High School Division:

Harleton 1st Place

Team Score 2,747

Top Shooter: H-ton R.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP



Ladyneck Bella Baker drives for a layup against Lady Bear Calice Henderson in the District 15-3A contest that White Oak edged out Gladewater 51-49. Baker led the Ladynecks with 14 points in the game played at White Oak.

Photo my Mike Peery



Kyla Lincoln scores 2 of her 19 points against White Oak to pace the Lady Bears in their 51-49 loss to the Ladynecks.

Photo my Mike Peery

Ladynecks down Lady Bears

By Tyler Sutton

Both the Gladewater Bears and Lady Bears were in action this past week as district play continued for the Lady Bears and began for the Bears.

The Lady Bears made the short trip on Tuesday, January 10th to White Oak to take on the Lady Roughnecks. In a back and forth battle, White Oak slipped out with a 51-49 victory. The Lady Necks were lead by Bella Baker who had 14 points Whitney Rayson had 11 to lead White Oak who rallied from a 45-34 fourth quarter deficit by outscoring the Lady Bears 17-4 to complete the comeback victory. Kyla Lincoln lead Gladewater with a game high 19 points. MaKayla Police chipped in 11 points with 3 assists and 2 rebounds. Calice Henderson had 10 points and 6 rebounds. The Lady Bears were able to bounce back on Friday, January 13th with a dominating 83-31 trouncing of Dangerfield to improve their record to 10-12 overall and 2-1 in district play. "We came out quick against a team I thought we could play good against and it was a good night offensively all around" said coach Jermaine Lewis.

The Gladewater Bears basketball team opened up district play on Friday, January 13th by hosting the Dangerfield Tigers and after an early lead, the Bears couldn't get the stops they needed and ultimately fell 64-54.

Gladewater jumped out early and after the 1st quarter they held a 18-12 lead. But the Tigers had an answer in the 2nd quarter with red hot shooting outscoring the Bears 20-13 to take a slim 32-31 lead into halftime. Dangerfield continued their hot shooting in the third period this time putting up 22 points and holding Gladewater to just 8 to take a 54-39 lead into the fourth quarter. The Bears did play better in the fourth outscoring the Tigers 15-10 but it was too little too late as Dangerfield held on. "Just couldn't really get a lot of shots to fall in the second and third quarters and that was the difference" said coach Armstrong. The Bears drop to 3-6 overall and 0-1 in district play. Gladewater was lead by the 15 points from Kolin Lewis. Tristian Linwood had 13 points and Tyrone Maddox had 8.

Next game for the Bears will be a home game on Friday, January 20th against Hughes Springs.

Ladyneck Hill take top honors

Emma Hill of White Oak won First Team honors in Class 3A on the Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Volleyball Team for the 2022 high school season.

The team was selected by TSWA members based on nominations from coaches and media members from around the state. Hill was picked as first team setter on the elite team.

Hill recently signed to play volleyball next year at Panola College. Hill was the setter for the 39-9 Ladynecks volleyball team this year earning TGCA All State honors and District 15-3A Setter of the Year. She had 1,223 assists, 242 digs, 52 aces, 99 kills and 45 blocks.

Earning third team status was Sabine middle blocker Cale Brown who had 573 kills, 58 aces, 260 digs, 91 blocks in Class 3A.



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Texas farmers, ranchers help set national farm policy for 2023

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) voting delegates at the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual meeting in Puerto Rico successfully supported nearly 20 policy resolutions from the Lone Star State into new AFBF national policy. The 28 TFB voting delegates were among the 341 voting delegates from 50 Farm Bureaus and the Puerto Rico Farm Bureau at the annual meeting's Jan. 10 business session. "We had a really good day on our resolutions. It was good discussion," TFB President Russell Boening said. "The ideas that passed today go into our national policy book, and it gives us leaders and staff of American Farm Bureau a roadmap to work on the next farm bill, to work on policies that affect us on the regulatory issues."

TFB policy resolutions adopted by AFBF voting delegates included support for a limited irrigation category in the RMA crop insurance program, support for a stock tank/farm pond clean out program and support for efforts to allow livestock market owners to invest in ownership of small, very small and regional meat packing and processing facilities. Other TFB policy resolutions adopted at the meeting included support for increased funding for feral hog control programs and pilot projects in the farm bill; opposition to any foreign entity or persons receiving tax credits, abatements, incentives or any other in-kind contribution that affects the taking of agricultural land in the U.S.; and opposition to any form of a Securities and Exchange Commission ruling that would require emissions reporting that could directly or indirectly impact farmers and ranchers.

AFBF voting delegates also approved a TFB policy resolution regarding taxation that supports deferring recognition of income for one year for all or a percentage of crop insurance or indemnity payments. "I think the mood of the delegate body was good. There is excitement about the new farm bill. At the same time, there is cautious optimism, because there is a lot of talk of climate change, climate-smart practices, sustainability, different terms like that, that get thrown around. And folks are just a little bit concerned about how those issues are going to play into the farm bill, but I think our policy is ready to address those issues," Boening said. In other business, Boening, who farms and ranches in South Texas, was re-elected to the AFBF board of directors.

Ernestine Wilson Sawyer 100th Birthday January

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Kilgore College Rangerettes, but with rumors of war, she decided to move to Dallas for a short time and get her dance degree and teach. By the time she got home, World War II had begun and no one could afford dance lessons. A friend who owned a grocery store asked if she could work for him since most of the men had been called to war.

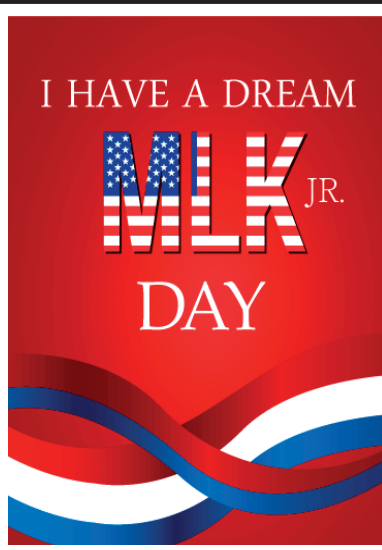
She met the love of her life Tom Sawyer while she was working for the USO as President. USO would hold activities and dances for the service men who were coming home from the war. They were married in March 1945. 9 months later the first of 6 children were to bless this union. Tommy, Ronnie (deceased), Jan, Karen, Annette and Patti, all graduates of Gladewater High. Ernestine spent many a year as room mother, Catechism teacher at her beloved Catholic Church, Saint Theresa's. She was an excellent seamstress, creating many a cheerleader, majorette and Honey Bear costume. Along with many prom, bridesmaid and wedding dresses for her family and friends. Years later she would be part of the original group that created the Gladewater Former Students Association where she is a Kodiak Bear member.

She lived in the little house on Gay Avenue from 1953 until recently when she move in with her daughter.

Please join the family in wishing the happiest of birthdays to our 100 year old Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunt and friend, Ernestine Sawyer, and Many Many More!



Odette Alexander served as the host for Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration brunch held at Aunt Sandra's restaurant.



Michelle Price, a minister for Fellowship Community Church, was the guest speaker for the MLK Jr. celebration.



Darren Richardson provided the music for Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration brunch.



Jarvis Christian University Choir members sang for the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration brunch.

Photos by Darla Ferguson

Little Miss
AGES 3-7
*NO HORSE NEEDED
*\$35 ENTRY FEE

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:
~Personality interview (90 seconds)
~HIGH SELLER
~Photogenic

PRIZES:
Little Miss:
-Crown
-Sash
-Buckle
~Photogenic
~Participation trophies

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- Entries close March 4th

For entry information, find the "MISS GLADEWATER RODEO" page on Facebook, or Use the web link in the contact information below.

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June 3rd Contest
June 7-10 Rodeo

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Kilgore College names 583 students to president's, dean's lists for Fall 2022

Kilgore College has named 583 students to its Fall 2022 president's and dean's lists.

Students earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, excluding developmental classes, have been named to the President's List.

From Gladewater: Joseph Gentry, Ezekiel Joy, I, Mathew Maguire, Trinity Mooney, Emily Reynolds, Jennifer Rivera, Emily Roach, Zachary Shipp, Alexandria West

From White Oak: Megan Beamer, Nineveh Blankenship, Morgan Hammer, Natalie Ingram, Amber Nix, Richard Pittman, Brooklynn Schroeder, Patricia Titus

KC Dean's List honorees achieved at least a 3.5 GPA and were enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, excluding developmental classes.

From Gladewater: Mercedes Brown, Denise Byrd, Melvalena Decco, Savannah Evans, Madelyn Furrh, Kollita Galvan, Taylor Garlow, Garrett Glenn, Landon Griffith, Payton Haley, Ash-

ley Harkey, Ethan Holloway, Patricia Johnson, Jackie Mathews, Lucas Miles, Gabriella Montelongo, Timothy Pugliese, Sahir Rashid, Aida Renfroe, Sydney Roebuck, Logan Rust Jackson Strait, Kile Stripland, Cynthia Vicente, Alitha Wheat.

From White Oak: Tifanie Barham, Brianna Beamer, Cade Carter, Ginger Crumpton, Caleb Dang, Jonathon Garza, Madison Hunt, Mark Koehler, Kelsy Leeman, Simuel Millwood, Brantley Russo, Ramsie Russo, Kelly Webb.

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