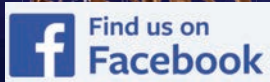


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Murder/suicide investigation now underway

Two people are dead following an apparent murder-suicide in Smith County. According to the Smith County Sheriff's Office, on Friday, around 9:30 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a call regarding a homicide on Joy Wright Mountain Road.

The SCSO reported the caller stated her son had just shot her husband several times with a rifle. The son then walked out of the residence threatening to take his own life.

When deputies responded to the scene in the 16300 block of County Road 3111 south of Gladewater, they found that Cody Hand was dead in the front yard from an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Inside the residence, his father, Dale Hand, was found dead from a gunshot wound to the head. Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Curtis Wulf responded and held an inquest and ordered autopsies.

Couple arrested on drug charges

On Feb. 8 the Upshur County Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit was working drug interdiction in the Gladewater area when it observed a vehicle that it had received information about selling narcotics.

A traffic stop was conducted at the Exxon located at Highway 271 and the Upshur/Gregg County Line.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Krystal Leeann Woods. Woods gave false information about who she was to SIU in attempts to hide from her true identity due to outstanding warrants she had for her arrest.

Woods was arrested and requested a friend to come and pick up her vehicle. Adam Keith Williams arrived to pick up the vehicle and was allowed to say goodbye to Woods. While saying "goodbye" Woods give Williams a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine (21.9 grams) that she had hidden in her bra and Williams attempted to hide in his jacket. Woods and Williams were both arrested and transported to jail without incident.

Scott Lee Fletcher, 45, of Gladewater, and Jaelyn Leigh Wood, 40, of Longview, were charged with felony possession of controlled substance (more than one, but less than four grams of methamphetamine).

Wood was charged with two addi-

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Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden blooming

Mrs. (Helen) Lee's Daffodil Garden is now open, and while it is early in the blooming season everyone is excited for you to see all of the hard work that's been going on.

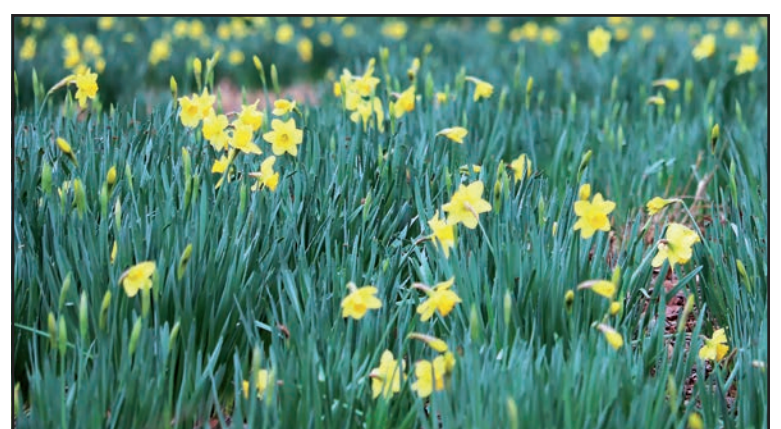
The Mohan Family has been hard at work reworking the dirt roads so cars and buses can make their way through safely and making the gardens a great place to visit.

But you better hurry. East Texas weather is very fickle and cold weather can cut the beauty short at Mrs. Lee's Gardens.

Mrs. Lee's Garden, located at 21600 County Road 3103 south of Gladewater off US 271 is an 816-acre tract of land that is drastically transformed every February and March with millions of golden daffodils, scattered over approximately 28 acres.

Visitors travel along a four-mile trail around two lakes, between wooded valleys, and around a replica pioneer log cabin when the daffodils are in bloom.

Mrs. Lee passed away in July 1984, and at her request the garden was opened to the public in the spring, following her death. Since that time, thousands of visitors have traveled to Gladewater to enjoy Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden.



Local sales tax up, Gladewater riding 17 months of growth

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for February, 9.3 percent more than in February 2022.

And Gladewater and White Oak are experiencing this growth. Gladewater is riding a 17-month increase over last year - 50.92-percent - and White Oak is seeing a jump of 20.77-percent over the same reporting period a year ago.

Clarksville City posted a 33.01-percent increase in local sales tax revenue over last year and Gilmer posted a 11.24-percent boost from the same period in 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2022 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$11,305.22	\$8,499.31	33.01%	\$17,853.70	\$15,050.55	18.62%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$5,056.85	\$5,432.34	-6.91%	\$10,241.27	\$10,092.32	1.47%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$172,241.50	\$114,125.71	50.92%	\$282,516.57	\$219,373.41	28.78%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$947,748.58	\$884,603.66	7.13%	\$1,773,046.33	\$1,567,258.30	13.13%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$28,918.12	\$25,325.83	14.18%	\$51,432.67	\$45,707.32	12.52%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$4,806,911.52	\$4,438,936.23	6.84%	\$8,503,116.35	\$8,010,086.26	6.15%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$1,749.24	\$1,848.76	-5.38%	\$3,586.02	\$3,141.19	14.16%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$148,878.69	\$187,930.06	-20.77%	\$288,633.85	\$299,418.80	-3.60%
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$30,336.18	\$32,951.41	-7.93%	\$56,222.28	\$54,162.09	3.80%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$7,401.94	\$5,407.62	36.87%	\$11,494.18	\$8,667.79	32.60%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$260,856.12	\$234,497.35	11.24%	\$484,940.97	\$437,673.16	10.79%
Upshur	Ore City	1.250%	\$18,247.58	\$21,520.92	-15.21%	\$35,017.92	\$39,386.34	-11.09%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$566.39	\$608.93	-6.98%	\$1,033.31	\$1,129.67	-8.52%

Lt. Gov. Patrick announces Top 30 Priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session

AUSTIN - Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued the following statement this week:

"Each session, the 31 members of the Texas Senate file thousands of bills. Some are duplicates because members often have similar priorities voiced to them by their constituents. The tradition has been for bill num-

bers 1 through 20 to indicate the Lt. Governor's and the Senate's priorities. In 2017, I increased the low bill number to 30. Senators like to get a low bill number because it shows their bill is also a priority of the Lt. Governor and has a great chance of passing. I believe Texans support our priorities because they largely reflect

the policies supported by the conservative majority of Texans. Most will pass with bipartisan support.

"This session I could have used 50 low bill numbers because there are so many issues that need to be addressed. Just because a bill does not make the priority list does not mean it is not a priority for me or

the Senate. We will pass over 600 bills this session. As I like to say, every bill is a priority to someone, otherwise we would not pass it.

"This year, several of our policy initiatives are already addressed in the budget as opposed to specific bills. One example is Texas border security funding. Since President

Biden took office and implemented his open border policies, Texas has stepped into the breach. Texas should not have to use our tax dollars to do the Federal Government's job, but it is vitally important that we maintain our law enforcement and National Guard presence. If we

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

... The Talk

Have you had 'The Talk'? No, not THAT one. The one you should have been given when you were old enough to think you were an adult but not experienced enough to be one well.

In the movie "Second Hand Lions" Robert Duvall's character had a gift for giving teenage boys 'The Talk' on how to be a man.

Some men have that gift of presence, dignity and power that makes 'The Talk' life-changing.

It is obvious to me that a lot of folks these days have never had 'The Talk' or if they did it sure didn't take.

In Sunday's local daily newspaper there was a short story about a 32-year old young man getting 35 years

in prison for cattle rustling (12 head) and the theft of saddles, tack and ranch equipment.

Now that young man is just a year older than my son who after a week of wildland burn management or firefighting, spends his evening hours as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He certainly isn't cruising the county roads stealing other people's possessions.

Lots of people are raised right but go crooked. But when a young man has strong men in his life that 'Give the Talk' it is a great deal harder to take the wrong fork in the road.

I once saw 'The Talk' change a kid's life. Our neighbor's live-in nephew

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



was arrested with some of our calves in the trunk of his car. Now these neighbors had never been what you would remotely call 'close' but Dad was a 'turn the other cheek' kind of Christian...at least the first time.

Dad went to the police station, sat down with the young man and gave him 'The Talk'. Then Dad reached out his hand, shook the kid cattle rustler's hand and said "I pray you choose a better life than the one you

are working on now".

Dad left the young thief with a handshake, memory of a talk on what matters in life and what makes a man a man. Then he left without pressing charges.

The young man chose to join the military after graduation that May. He eventually became a non-commissioned officer and made a point of visiting my Dad in his dress uniform, once and only once..

He came to shake his hand.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Girding the Grid ...

The Texas power grid passed another test recently, when a winter storm covered much of the state in a sheet of ice. Although there were significant power outages, some of which lasted a while, they were largely due to ice on lines and trees breaking lines and similar issues. We also had enough power to deal with the even more brutal cold in late December.

Since Winter Storm Uri in February 2021 exposed vulnerabilities, countless hours and millions of dollars have been spent studying the reasons for the problems and proposing and implementing solutions. Some of the obvious things (such as making sure that power is not curtailed to natural gas producers during periods of high demand) have been fixed.

Even so, neither of the recent cold snaps came close to Uri in terms of length, breadth, or severity, and issues remain (it also occasionally gets hot in the summer in Texas). For one, the State needs to ensure that there is sufficient power winterized and ready to go online even if the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing. Battery technology is improving, and a number are being installed, but they are not yet a realistic solution for the entire system. That means conventional fuels or nuclear power (or both) will remain critical. Renewables are clearly a vital part of meeting needs, but they cannot do it all for the foreseeable future given the current state of technology. This reality is verified by projections from the US Department of Energy.

I and others pointed out decades ago as Texas moved to a competitive approach that the lack of a mechanism to assure capacity was available would become a problem. Unlike the old regulated system, the market structure was designed such that suppliers only receive revenue when power is sold. There is no incentive to maintain reserve capacity because it's too expensive to build if it's not generating revenue (such as on a mild, breezy day when there's more than enough wind power). This issue needs to be fixed.

The Texas population continues to expand, and more people means we will need more electricity. The economy is also growing, including in some relatively high power usage industries such as crypto mining and certain manufacturing. We are projecting long-term expansion at a pace exceeding most parts of the country, and meeting future demand will require additional generation and transmission capacity.

The grid obviously wasn't prepared for Winter Storm Uri or similar weather extremes, but some progress is being made. By contrast, the steady population and economic growth of Texas is readily apparent and somewhat predictable, and the need for additional capacity and resilience in the future is beyond question.

Stay safe!!



Abbott issues disaster declaration, seeks fed help

Gov. Greg Abbot has issued a disaster declaration for Texas counties affected by the early February ice storm and is seeking a federal declaration as well for areas in Southeast Texas affected by rare January tornadoes. The ice storm caused considerable damage to property and power outages in the affected areas. The declaration for ice-storm damaged counties includes Denton, Hays, Henderson, Milam, Smith, Travis and Williamson counties.

"Through this disaster declaration, we will be able to provide additional assistance to Texans and communities who have experienced property damage and localized power outages from this ice storm," Abbott said.

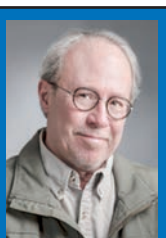
The ice storm brought tree limbs snapping and crashing onto power lines. More than 170,000 Austin households were without power for several days, with some going more than 10 days without power.

Abbott also requested a presidential disaster declaration for counties in Southeast Texas hit by tornadoes and severe storms in late January. That request includes Harris, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange counties. If that request is granted, residents and businesses in those counties would have access to federal loans and grants.

Religious freedom bills bipartisan support

Three bills have been filed in the Texas House aimed at improving Texans ability to practice their religions. The Austin American-Statesman reported that state Rep. Salman Bhojani, D-Eules, filed the bills to expand the state's list of optional holidays to include more religious holy days; prevent

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standardized tests being given on those days; and ensure that religious leaders of all faiths can legally perform marriages.

Bhojani, one of the state's first Muslim legislators, was joined at a news conference by Republican state Rep. Jacey Jetton, R-Richmond, who is Christian, and fellow Muslim state Rep. Suleman Lalani, D- Sugar Land.

"As legislators, it is our duty to ensure that Texas is the religious freedom state, where we can practice our faith with pride, where we can pray in a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, jamatkhana or gurdwara, where we can love God by any name," Bhojani said.

Plan to ban TikTok on state-owned devices released

Abbott last week also announced a security plan to ban the use of the popular video app TikTok as well as other software on all state-issued devices, as well as personal devices used to conduct state business. Abbott contends the Chinese-owned company can harvest data from TikTok user's devices and poses a security risk to Texas.

After Abbott issued the initial order in December, The University of Texas at Austin banned TikTok on all its Wi-Fi networks. The latest security plan also includes other lesser-known apps, such as WeChat. A number of hardware manufacturers are also prohibited from being used by state agencies and employees.

TikTok, which is known for its short videos, is owned by the Chinese company ByteDance and has more than 86 million users in the United States.


A wet January for parts of the state

January brought above-average rainfall for large swaths of East Texas while the rest of the state had below-average precipitation, hydrologist Mark Wentzel wrote in the Texas Water Development Board's monthly report. Drought conditions expanded by five percentage points to include 54% of the state, while statewide storage in water supply reservoirs is at 72.5% of capacity, down about 10 percentage points from what is normal this time of year.

Drought conditions have been all but eliminated in the eastern portion of Texas, while much of the state is in moderate to severe drought conditions. The worst drought conditions now are in a circle of counties around Bexar County.

Wentzel predicted that except for northeast Texas, much of the state will see expanded drought conditions.

"However, with the anticipated breakup of La Niña conditions later this year, there is some hope that the rest of Texas may see at least some easing of drought conditions as early as May," he wrote.



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WRITING RULES FOR GOD

There is always the danger of writing rules for God. As an example, the Pharisees had all sorts of extraneous interpretations which could be interpreted as adding rules for God. We need to understand that in religion there is one LAWGIVER and it is God who writes the rules and His rules are found in His Word. James 4: 12 says: "There is one Lawgiver and Judge." Guy Wood wrote: "It is a remarkable fact that God has always looked with greater severity upon those who presume to make laws for Him than upon those who break the laws which He made. The latter may result from weakness, ignorance and downright stupidity; the former is officious presumption of the most highhanded nature." *The Epistle of James p 240.*

No body of men or church, however powerful, has the right to pass laws on what pleases or displeases God, and what He demands of us and bind them as obligations on others. It is to be understood that we cannot write rules for God, because He has already spoken. Hebrews 1: 1-2 says: "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in the past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." Thus, we have no right or authority to judge anyone by our words and rules because the Lord's words will judge us all in the last Day (Jn. 12: 48).

No one has the right or authority to write a book of rules, and judge men and women thereby, because God already has a book. Revelations 20: 12 says: "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books." Thus, the only binding rules or authority we have, in religion originated with the Lord, who has all authority both in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28: 18). Colossians 3: 17 says: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." Therefore, whatever we teach, and whatever we practice, must be by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we all need to be very concerned with writing rules for God. In a world of religious bodies, each with their human creeds and tests for loyalty, the Lord's church acknowledges no document as authoritative in religious matters, but God's Book. It is all that is needed because it is complete and will make man complete (2 Tim. 3: 16-17). In matters where God has given us liberty, we must allow others to have the same liberty. We must refrain from binding our rules, opinions, and judgments upon others. To follow and obey God's rules (Word) is a way that is right and cannot be wrong. Think on these things.

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Police Activity Report

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	ABANDONED 911	20230605	19:38		1620 N MAIN MAIN
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	EMS	20230618	14:34		10980 FM 2685 FM 2685
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	MISSING PERSON	20230620	20:30		1608 VESTA VESTA DR
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	EMS	20230708	20:33		904 MARY MARY E
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20230709	20:35		42 GREENWAY GREENWAY VLG
	ABANDONED 911	20230710	22:05		1008 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230711	22:28	TELES MEXICAN RESTAURANT	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
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GPD Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
2/6/23	2/6/23	10:31	BARBER, MICAH SHANE	W	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	605 GARY
2/9/23	2/9/23	16:54	BAIRD CURTISS, ANGELA RENEE	W	F	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	601
	2/9/23	16:54	BAIRD CURTISS, ANGELA RENEE	W	F	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	601
2/12/23	2/12/23	15:39	FERGUSON, CODY RAY	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	2500 WOODBINE ST

WOPD Police Arrest Report

For the reporting period of February 6th through the 12th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 170 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Burglar Alarms, Motorist Assists, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.). No traffic collisions were investigated and two arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period: Jesse Junior Dominguez, 23, of White Oak on an outstanding Morris County Probation Violation warrant for Possession of Marijuana, and Rondrael Lamar Rossum, 44, of White Oak on an outstanding Gregg County Bond Forfeiture warrant for Theft < \$2500 w/ Two or More Previous Convictions.

Couple arrested on drug charges

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tional offenses - U.S. Marshall Service warrant for Probation Violation/ Amphetamine

Both remain in the Upshur County Jail where they were arraigned by Judge Potter (JP2) who set bonds for Mrs. Woods at \$55,000 and Mr. Williams at 50,000.

The SIU also had been investigating suspicious activity at the Outpost game room at the intersection of Texas 300 and FM 1844 when it stopped the couple's vehicle at an Exxon station across the street and seized methamphetamine.

Brandi D. Posey, 43, of East Mountain, was arrested Jan. 26 on a charge of possession of controlled substance (less than a gram of methamphetamine).

The unit was performing drug interdiction in the Union Grove area when it stopped her ve-

hicle on U.S. 271 at the Upshur-Gregg county line, resulting in seizing the drug.

Donald Elliott Jr., 52, of Gilmer, was arrested Jan. 30 on an outstanding Upshur County warrant charging him with felony failure to comply as a sex offender(s) duty to register. (This was unrelated to the aforementioned Jan. 3 case).

Also, Casey Joe Hefner, 45, of Gilmer, was arrested Jan. 9 on a charge of possession of controlled substance--less than a gram of methamphetamine. The unit was investigating "suspicious activity" at the Lucky 7 game room in the West Mountain community area when it stopped a vehicle Hefner occupied at a nearby Chevron station on U.S. 271.

The stop resulted in seizing methamphetamine.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Congratulations to tshi month's Gladewater Lions Club students of the month Jaiden Eeds and Kyle Martin.



Hannah Waddle of Parkour East Texas was last week's Lions Club guest speaker. This is a great program for children to learn overcoming obstacles physically and mentally to prepare them for any challenge in life.

Retired teachers set meeting

The next meeting of the Oil Patch Chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will be Thursday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m., in Jeter Hall of the Gladewater Methodist Church. The program will be a "Show and Tell." Members are encouraged to bring an item that represents something they collect or make, travel souvenirs, or something that represents their interests or personality.

All retired school personnel are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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, mac-n-cheese., and more to go with all the peanut butter they have been getting. So, 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.

Hannah House banquet set

Tickets are on sale for the Hannah House maternity home's 5th annual "Cherish Celebration" banquet, scheduled Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Holiday Inn North in Longview.

Hannah House, located in the rural Glenwood community area of Upshur County, describes itself on its website as a "faith-based maternity home for young women who choose life" over abortion, including those who plan to have their child adopted.

The banquet will feature dinner, testimonies, silent and live auctions and live music. Musical headliner will be Jason Waldon and The Alibis. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner set for 6 p.m. and the program scheduled at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Hannah House at (903) 238-5351.

Upshur Storytime on Thursdays

Two books will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday, Feb. 16.

"Small Saul" by Ashley Spiers, and "No Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou" by Rhonda Gowler Greene, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions, said a library spokeswoman. The events are free to the public, but children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult

For more information, call the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.youseemore.com/upshur.



Congratulations to Gladewater Bear Band members who participated in the All-State Competition. In class 1-3A, Madysyn Bedair is 5th chair clarinet, Sarah Walbridge is 4th chair trumpet and Matt Smith is the 1st chair baritone player!



Gladewater Students of the month for Rotary last week were Rigo Castaneda and Lexi Betts. They were greeted by Rotary President Darren Richardson.

Photo by Darla Ferguson



Gladewater Rotarian Sam Cloud and President Darren Richardson welcomed last week's program guest Dean Hansen, Gladewater Back Pack Coordinator. The program strives to assist children who might not always have enough food available over the weekends. Read more about it at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057631501859>

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lady Bears, Ladynecks district co-champs

By Tyler Sutton

It is celebration time for the Gladewater Lady Bears basketball team as they captured their 3rd straight district title albeit this time sharing the honor with White Oak as they wrapped up the regular season with a 49-23 victory over Hughes Springs.

The Lady Bears also won in the first round of playoffs Monday night, beating the Arp Lady Tigers 53-45 in Winona.

Gladewater took an early 16-8 lead after one and held 28-16 advantage at the half. But Arp was able to chip away in the 3rd quarter to cut the lead down 40-30 after 3 quarters. The Lady Bears started to pull away again early in the 4th quarter to lead big enough that coach Lewis was able to get some of his young players in. But Arp took advantage of that and cut the lead down to as little as eight points. The starters were put back in and were able to close it out. Calice Henderson had a great game with 15 points and 7 rebounds. Kiyona Parker had 12 points and 3 assists. Kamryn Floyd also had another very good game with 10 points and 4 rebounds.

"I loved our start to the game and we never looked back. We have to keep that momentum up into the next round," said coach Jermaine Lewis. Gladewater will now take on Mount Vernon in the second round of the playoffs on either this Thursday or Friday. Time and location to be determined.

In the Hughes Springs victory, Kamryn Floyd led the way for Gladewater with a triple double of 13 points, 11 rebounds and 10 steals. She also had 7 blocks and 6 assists. Calice Henderson also had a good game dropping in 8 points and 10 rebounds. The Lady Bears ended the regular season on a 8 game winning streak to finish the season with a 18-12 record and 9-1 in district play.

"Just feels great to continue the streak of district championships. But the job isn't finished. Now we gotta get hot in the playoffs," said coach Lewis.

Ladynecks fall in playoffs

Down the road, the White Oak Lady Necks wrapped up their best regular season in a while and grabbed a co-district championship with Gladewater with a 73-10 win over the Dangerfield Lady Tigers on Tuesday, February 7th. The Lady Necks raced out to an 18-2 lead after one quarter on the way and never looked back.

Unfortunately the Ladynecks slipped in the first round of the playoffs, losing to Waskom by a score of 42-39 in Hallsville Monday night.

In the battle with the Dangerfield Lady Tigers, Whitney Rayson led a balanced White Oak scoring attack with 21 points. Bella Baker added 17, Anna Iske 16, Elyse Paiz 10, Karlyn Jones five, Emma Nix four, Kalyne Hepler and Lexi Palmer two apiece and Kayleigh Woodard one.

Iske had a monster night inside with 18 rebounds and seven blocks to go along with five steals and two assists. Nix added seven rebounds, Baker seven steals, Jones six steals and three assists, Paiz five steals and four assists, Rayson five rebounds and six steals and Hepler five rebounds.

Gladewater Bears slip against Eagles

The Gladewater Bears Basketball team had their senior night on Friday, February 10th and ultimately fell 50-40 to the New Diana Eagles. Kollin Lewis, one of the 4 seniors playing their final game at home led the way for the Bears with 18 points. Tristan Linwood also had a good game with 10 points and 5 rebounds.

"Just wish we could have got the seniors one last win here at home. But we just couldn't get enough offense to do it," said coach Curtis Armstrong.

The loss drops the Bears to 5-12 and 2-7 in district play. Gladewater wrapped up their season on Tuesday, February 14th with a road game at White Oak. The final score was not available at presstime.

Roughnecks ready for playoffs

The White Oak Roughnecks basketball team, on the other hand, inched even closer to the playoffs by capturing a district championship.

Zac Jacyno scored 16 points and collected six rebounds, and the White Oak Roughnecks clinched their third straight district championship with a 53-30 win over Hughes Springs.

Colton Millwood added nine points for White Oak, which led 14-4 after one quarter and 30-11 at halftime. Caden Tyner finished with six points and six rebounds, Jaydon Medlin six points, Kanaan Moore five points, Terrall Beall and Gavin Sipes four points apiece and Kaleb Sorce two points. The win improves White Oak to 23-10 on the season and 8-1 in district play.

Lady Lions capture bi-district win

Over at Union Grove, the Lady Lions won their bi-district game against Cushing by a score of 42-26. The Lady Lions are now 20-12 on the season and was 8-4 in district play, good for third place.

Cobb wins at MP meet

By Clay Hodges

Boys:

Kirkland Cobb - 1st Place 123lb weight class, total lift of 1,115lbs; Ranked #1 in the Region

Nick Johnson - 5th Place 148lb weight class, total lift of 910lbs

Holden Hodges - 1st Place 181lb weight class, total lift of 1,415lbs; Ranked #1 in the Region

Jackson Thorp - 5th Place 242lb weight class, total lift of 1,085lbs

Others competing were Jayce Parker, Kaleb Morales, Gunner Daniels, Adam Caldwell and Jose Garcia

Girls:

Lizzy Still - 4th Place, total lift of 485lbs

Gracye Horn - 4th Place, total lift of 525lbs

Danic Vaughn - 5th Place, total lift of 480lbs

Others competing and improving on totals were Aubrey Still, Ashley Eich, Alyssa Spurger, Preslee Twomey, Erin Lawson, Kyndal Langley and Bree Gonzales

The girls team will be competing in the Sabine Last Chance to Qualify Meet on Thursday and the boys have this week off and will finish off the regular season at Sabine on Thursday, Feb. 23.



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1 Guadalupe River floater

5 TXism: "busy as ___ tender on pay day"

6 Laredo smelter turns stib ___ into antimony

7 large TX family

8 TXism: "___ mouth" (discouraged man)

17 TXism: "sticks like tar ___ road"

18 TX Willie Nelson & George Strait, e.g.

21 TXism: "let it ___"

22 TX "___ - Million" Gates risked everything on barbed wire

23 famous TX heart surgeon, Denton

24 "Texas Water ___" boat race

29 flowerless plant

30 soldier beds

31 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)

32 near Newton: "___ Canyons" trails

34 charged atoms

35 Stetson can be used to ___ a fire

36 TXism: "___ old range cow"

37 Houston beat Santa ___ at San Jacinto

38 TX Willie Nelson film: "Honeysuckle ___" (1980)

39 an account to pay property taxes and insurance

40 TXism: "hook, ___ and sinker" (all)

41 TX Patrick Swayze film "___ Dancing"

42 sax's sound quality? (2 wds.)

44 "Whoopie ti yi yo, git along, little ___"

45 TX "In Dreams" singer Orbison (init.)

46 TXism: "plows ___ row" (dependable)

48 news/weather program

49 Garth Brooks album: "___ the Wind"

50 TXism: "___ like red ants out of a burning stump"

51 played for 2022 NCAA nat'l football title but lost badly to Georgia

52 TXism: "if ___ a rooster, he'll crow"

DOWN

1 TX Patrick Swayze's former spread in California (2 wds.)

2 Taylor County seat

3 TXism: "___ boardinghouse cat"

4 current style

9 TXism: "horse ___" (western)

10 "___ Wild"

11 gun assn. (abbr.)

12 "___ I knew then ..."

13 in Montague County on U.S. 82

14 horse gaits

15 health care groups

16 TXism: "slippery as an ___"

19 sample again?

20 TX William ___ Porter was writer O. Henry

22 TXism: "feel like I've ___ rode hard and put up wet" (weary)

24 dir. to Pittsburgh from New Boston

25 TXism: "I ___ to" (intend)

26 TXism: "high tail it"

27 track sprint (2 wds.)

28 bitter resentment

29 imperfections

30 holder of TX Blue Bell scoops

33 TX George W. is ___ of George H.W. Bush

34 TX Dennis Quaid 1987 sci-fi film

35 TXism: "would trade all the mineral rights in Texas ___" (highly desired)

37 TXism: "what he don't know ___ learning" (smart)

38 TXism: "it's a ___ smart piece" (far)

40 TXism: "he couldn't beat a drum"

41 TXism: "runnin' with the big ___" (going well)

43 bronze body color acquired on a Texas beach

44 this Malouf wrote "Cattle Kings of Texas"

47 small saclike cavity in a gland

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See Answers Below

O.H. Ivie delivers its 7th Legacy Lunker of 2023

ATHENS – O.H. Ivie Lake remains in the spotlight of the 2023 Toyota ShareLunker collection season with a 13.06-pound largemouth bass caught on Thursday afternoon. ShareLunker 640, landed by Kasey Swan of Jacksboro, is the lake's seventh overall entry and fifth Legacy Class Lunker in February alone. Swan is the eighth angler to submit a Legacy Lunker this season.

Unfortunately, ShareLunker 640 experienced extreme barotrauma and in the interest of the health of the fish, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff elected to provide the best treatment possible for her onsite and not transport the fish to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC). Once the fish care process was completed, the fish was immediately returned to Swan.

"While it is unfortunate that ShareLunker 640 will not have the opportunity to spawn with the male offspring of a previous ShareLunker at the TFFC, TPWD biologists were able to collect length and girth data and genetic information, which will serve future fish management efforts," said Natalie Goldstroph, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "Because of Kasey's willingness to donate and coordinate with TPWD to provide this valuable data, he will receive all prizes and accolades associated with the Legacy Class, including a high-quality replica mount of his Lunker from Lake Fork Taxidermy."

The fishing was slow in the morning for Swan, who had seen several big fish but couldn't get many bites. However, his persistence paid off when he reeled in his first-ever Legacy Lunker and in the process recorded a new personal best.

"I kept throwing at them and eventually this fish ate a swim bait in about 40 feet of water, and that's about all there is to it," said Swan. "Working with the ShareLunker program was great and TPWD staff got there right away. This is the first fish I've submitted to the program and I'm a huge fan. Obviously, they are doing something right and have been doing it right for quite a long while. You can look at our reservoirs in Texas and see the fruits of their labor."

O.H. Ivie is on a roll, producing four Legacy Class Lunkers in four days in the first weekend of the month, followed by Thursday's catch. The fishery claimed two of the three entries in January. O.H. Ivie is only five entries away from matching its 2021 and 2022 collection season totals of 12 with more than half of the season remaining. Since January 2021, O.H. Ivie has generated a combined total of 31 Legacy fish.

During the first three months of the season (January through March), anglers who reel in a 13-plus pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers call the ShareLunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 through March 31.

Anglers who catch and donate a 13-plus pound Lunker earn Legacy Class status, a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13-plus pound Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event and a high-quality replica mount of their Lunker fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy. These anglers will also receive entries into two separate contests — a Legacy Class drawing and the year-end Grand Prize drawing. First place in either wins a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and a resident (or non-resident) annual fishing license.

The year-round Toyota ShareLunker program offers four levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds



or 24 inches in Texas. In addition to Legacy Class (13-plus pounds between January and March), ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8-plus pounds), Elite Class (10-plus pounds), and Legend Class (13-plus pounds from April to December).

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Local men named in indictments

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury last Thursday returned 34 indictments, 15 of them sealed, and no-billed one case in Gilmer, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments were as follows, Byrd's office said:

Patrick Obrian Foster, 53, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) last Dec. 14. He remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$100,000 bond.

Brandon Wade Harper, 28, of Gladewater, evading arrest/detention with vehicle last May 17. He was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Michael James Sprayberry, 30, of Longview, unlawful possession of firearm by felon on Dec. 22. He was being held without bond in county jail as he was wanted on a "blue warrant" alleging parole violation.

Wesley David Loy, a Big Sandy resident who turns 23 Saturday, unlawful possession of firearm by felon. He remained jailed under \$15,000 bond.

Devondre Jerome Gaston, 25, of Rowlett, burglary of building last Nov. 14. He also remained jailed under \$15,000 bond.

William James Jackson, 36, of Kilgore, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) last Dec. 10. He remained jailed under \$100,000 bond.

Iris Anthony III, a 21-year-old Overton man, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) last April 10. He remained jailed on other charges.

Randy Travis Johnson, 27, of Longview, was separately indicted on charges of unlawful possession of firearm by felon and burglary of building, both alleged to have occurred Jan. 15. He remained jailed under

\$25,000 bond on the possession charge, \$5,000 on the burglary charge.

Dalton Dale Rogers, 40, of Scroggins, bail jumping and failure to appear on Jan. 9. He remained jailed on other charges.

Fredrick Andrew Preston, 43, of Garland, bail jumping and failure to appear on Jan. 9. He also remained jailed on other charges.

Lewis Allen Whatley, 62, of Tyler, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on March 12, 2021. He was freed on \$50,000 bond.

Elijah Popplewell, 68, of Ore City, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 26, 2020. He was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Michael Edward Sampson, 50, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Nov. 13. He was released on \$20,000 bond.

Crystal Rashea Roberts, 42, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on March 17, 2021. She was freed on \$5,000 bond.

Bobby Glenn Allen II, 37, of Kilgore, unauthorized use of vehicle on March 8, 2021. He remained in county jail under \$20,000 bond.

Erik Villeda, 22, of Mt. Pleasant, possession of controlled substance (Psilocin) on Nov. 24, 2021. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

Tauran Donshay Montgomery, 39, of Ore City, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Feb. 10, 2022. He was freed on \$3,500 bond.

Joshua Alexander Graves, 29, of Gilmer, assault of a pregnant person last Dec. 26. He remained jailed under \$75,000 bond.

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

UT Tyler announces new honors college

TYLER – The University of Texas at Tyler has announced the successful transition of its Honor Program to a new Honors College. Honors programming, which began in 2009 with an inaugural cohort of 20 students, has grown to about 200 students and is projected to reach 300 students by fall 2025.

Dr. Paul Streufert, UT Tyler associate professor and founding director of the former Honors Program, has been appointed inaugural dean-elect for the new college. UT Tyler's Honors College is the sixth within the UT System.

"I would like to thank Dr. Streufert for his incredible leadership as we move forward to grow our honors education and start an official Honors College, which will be comprised of some of the best and brightest students here at UT Tyler," said UT Tyler President Kirk A. Calhoun, MD, FACP.

The Honors College provides specialized content and programming for high-achieving and intellectually curious students at UT Tyler. The college emphasizes small, unique courses with engaged faculty and rigorous undergraduate research. To join, qualifying students must be incoming freshmen with a 3.75 or higher high school GPA. Honors professors are selected UT Tyler faculty who are active scholars in their respective fields and have demonstrated teaching excellence.

"The new UT Tyler Honors College will help recruit more high-achieving students and engage more fac-

ulty in honors education at our institution," said Dr. Amir Mirmiran, UT Tyler provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "The greater visibility of the new college, in turn, will also help our graduates to better serve East Texas and beyond."

UT Tyler students who complete the Honors College will earn a special Honors designation on their final transcript. This distinction will reflect each student's enriched studies and accomplishments as a UT Tyler undergraduate. Because of their diverse and enhanced collegiate experience, graduates of the Honors College are among the most sought-after by employers and graduate schools.

"We are so excited to have the opportunity to grow and reach more students in our community," said Streufert. "Over the past 14 years, as the Honors Program, we have helped curious students explore ideas and live the life of the mind. With our Honors College, we hope to continue this work, reaching many more students through our faculty and staff, our co-curricular programming and our commitment to student research and scholarship."

All Honors Program students are now members of the Honors College, and next year's recruited class will be the first to join the college as incoming freshmen, Streufert added.

For more information, visit uttyler.edu/honors/ or contact Streufert at pstreufert@uttyler.edu.



Governor Abbott touts efforts to protect speech on college campuses at YAF Freedom Conference

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today participated in a fireside chat with former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker at the Young America's Foundation (YAF) 2023 Dallas Freedom Conference. Addressing a crowd of over 350 young conservatives from across the nation, Governor Abbott highlighted critical topics ranging from Texas' unprecedented border security efforts, protecting free speech on college campuses, and the robust Texas energy industry.

"Our schools, both at the local level and at the university level, are for education – not indoctrination," said Governor Abbott. "We need to ensure that free speech is protected across college campuses so that students of any political affiliation have the right to be heard. If conservatives' voices are still being canceled, we must take another look at what else should be done to ensure everyone has the ability for their voices to be heard on college campuses across Texas and America."

In 2019, Governor Abbott signed Senate Bill 18 into law protecting the rights of any person to engage in free speech activities on college and university campuses.

GISD school board hears TARP results

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater ISD board of trustees met Monday night in regular session and heard how the school district did during the pandemic based on the Texas Academic Performance Report for 2021-2022.

"The 20-21 TARP report illustrated how the pandemic negatively impacted student learning," GISD Superintendent Dr. Sedric Clark told the school board. "The 21-22 TAPR illustrates how our students and teachers put in the work to bounce back and be successful."

Clark said GISD made gains in eight out of eight elementary level tested subjects and seven out of eight middle level tested subjects.

"Sadly, the percentage of passing declined in all high school tested areas," Clark explained. "Overall, these results show passing rate increase of: 5% in reading; 4% in math; 5% in science; and 7% in social studies."

"Our 21-22 passing percentages were closer to state and regional numbers. We actually exceed the state and region in 7th reading, 8th reading, 8th math, 8th science, and 8th social studies."

"I'd like to commend our students, teachers, and administrators on the work that they did and are doing daily to ensure growth and success."

GISD's Executive Master Teach-

er/Chief Academic Officer Kim Dolese gave updates on the district's TIA and TAP programs with mentor teachers speaking about the program. The TIA is a state funded program created by House Bill 3 to recognize and financially reward highly effective teachers. And TAP is a system of building a capacity in teachers that was created by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

GISD was given \$4.6 million in grant funding and most of it will go out as bonuses to teachers who become better teachers. The proof of that is shown in student improvement.

The program is in its first year and it is experiencing growing pains - but each teacher told the school board in the long run the program will make GISD a better place to teach and learn and the students will excel.

In other business, the board approved 14 tax refunds, most for homestead exemptions.

The board also approved budget amendments to purchase and installation of new equipment for GHS and GPS cafeteria, for additional food supplies for all campuses, and for an increase revenue and expenses to account for the Supply Chain Assistance Grant.

The board also ordered the May 6, 2023 School Board Trustee Election.

Many Texas school districts switching to four day weeks

School districts all over Texas are switching to a new school week schedule of four days rather than the traditional five day. This new scheduling idea was introduced to schools to help attract more teachers to districts that were lacking staffing power. Several schools have already made the switch with many more still on the fence about the idea.

The list of schools that have/are going to make the switch are as follows:

East Texas School Districts

Apple Springs Independent School District: Started 2021-2022 school year. Mondays off, school days 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Athens Independent School District: Started 2019-2020. Fridays off. School day is 7:10 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Corrigan-Camden Independent School District: Started 2020-2021 school year. Fridays off. Elementary school hours from 7:25 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Junior high and high school hours from 7:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DeKalb ISD: Starts 2022-2023. Fridays off. Earliest start at 7:45 a.m., latest bell is 4:15 p.m.

Devers Independent School District: Started 2019-20. Fridays off. 7:25 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Hardin Independent School District: Hybrid schedule starting 2022-23. 5-day weeks in August, September, January, and May. Fridays off rest of the year. School day is 7:40 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Hubbard ISD: Starts 2022-23. Fridays off.

Hull-Daisetta Independent School District: Fridays off starting 2022-23.

Jasper Independent School District: Starts 2022-23 school year. Fridays off.

Latexo ISD: Flex Fridays started 2020-2021 school year. Elementary school day from 7:50 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. and junior high and high school 7:55 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Liberty Independent School District: Started 2021-2022 school year. Fridays off. 7:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. school days.

Malta ISD: Starting 2022-23. Fridays off. 7:25 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

New Boston Independent School District: Starting in the 2022-23 school year. Fridays off.

New Summerfield Independent School District: Fridays off starting 2022-23 school year. School day from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pewitt Consolidated Independent School District: Starting in the 2022-23 school year. Fridays off.

Sulphur Bluff Independent School District: Starting 2022-23. Fridays off. 7:55 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Timpson ISD: Starts 2022-23. Fridays off.




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Lt. Gov. Patrick announces Top 30 Priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session

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Lt. Gov. Patrick's Priority Bills:

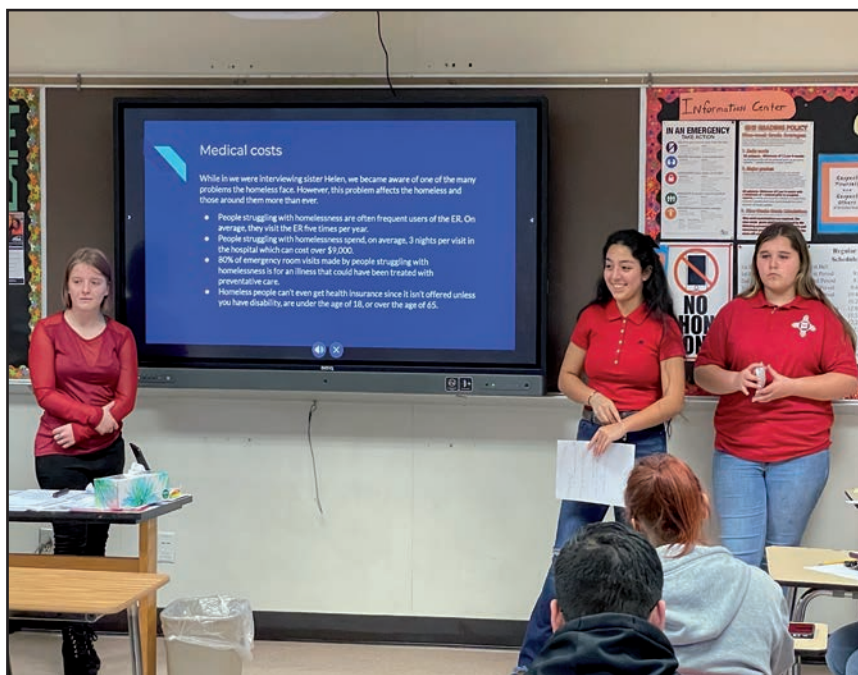
- Senate Bill 1 – State Budget
- Senate Bill 2 – Restoring Voter Fraud to a Felony
- Senate Bill 3 – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$70,000
- Senate Bill 4 – Adding Additional Property Tax Relief
- Senate Bill 5 – Increasing the Business Personal Property

Tax Exemption

- Senate Bill 6 – Adding New Natural Gas Plants
- Senate Bill 7 – Continuing to Improve the Texas Grid
- Senate Bill 8 – Empowering Parental Rights – Including School Choice
- Senate Bill 9 – Empowering Teacher Rights – Teacher Pay Raise
- Senate Bill 10 – Adding 13th Checks for Retired Teachers
- Senate Bill 11 – Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure

- Senate Bill 12 – Banning Children's Exposure to Drag Shows
- Senate Bill 13 – Protecting Children from Obscene Books in Libraries
- Senate Bill 14 – Ending Child Gender Modification
- Senate Bill 15 – Protecting Women's College Sports
- Senate Bill 16 – Banning Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Higher Education
- Senate Bill 17 – Banning Discriminatory "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) Policies in Higher Education
- Senate Bill 18 – Eliminating Tenure at General Academic Institutions
- Senate Bill 19 – Creating A New Higher Education Endowment Fund
- Senate Bill 20 – Removing District Attorneys Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law
- Senate Bill 21 – Removing Judges Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law
- Senate Bill 22 – Assisting Rural Law Enforcement Funding – Increasing Pay and Needed Equipment
- Senate Bill 23 – Creating A Mandatory 10-Year Prison Sentence for Criminals Committing Gun Crime
- Senate Bill 24 – Expanding Alternatives to Abortion
- Senate Bill 25 – Creating New Scholarships for Registered Nurses
- Senate Bill 26 – Expanding Mental Health Care Beds Across Texas – Focus on Rural Counties
- Senate Bill 27 – Creating A New Business Specialty Court
- Senate Bill 28 – Addressing Texas' Future Water Needs
- Senate Bill 29 – Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates
- Senate Bill 30 – Supplemental Budget

Three Gladewater High School students - Rachel Shepard, Astrith Alvarez and Alright M Guyer - are working on a project to spread awareness and advocate for homeless Texans. They have been presenting their project and ideas to the public, and are competing for Texas FCCLA. The main goal of the project is to help advocate for a new compassion law that may help lower the medical costs that the state of Texas has to pay for the homeless' visits to the ER. This would most likely be done by being able to allow for scheduled doctors appointments at clinics, which would save money and therefore lower the medical expenses. With lowered medical expenses, the State of Texas would be able to save money for other situations.



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White Oak ISD is accepting proposals for security equipment and related installation. The RFP document can be accessed on the WOISD website at: <https://www.woisd.net/page/business-office> in the Bid Information section. The Q&A period ends at 12:00 PM Thursday, March 2, 2023. **Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM Thursday, March 9, 2023.**

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The White Oaks Roughneck Basketball team clinched the District crown last week. Senior Zac Jacyno cuts the nets as his teammates watch after the Roughnecks clinched the District Championship with their 53-30 victory.
Photo by Mike Peery



Mackenzie Goode and Layne Simpson were named Co-Basketball Sweethearts for the White Oak Roughnecks on Parent Night at E.B. Carrington Gymnasium in White Oak. Head Coach Brett Cloud posed with the two young ladies before the start of the Hughes Springs basketball game.
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GHS Seniors (L-R) Kollin Lewis, Tristen Linwood, Tyrone Maddox, Davante Powers
Photo by Chris Jones



GHS Soccer Seniors



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City council to meet Thursday

The Gladewater City Council will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at City Hall and discuss the following:

- CONSIDERATION of CORRECTED Joint Election Agreement between Gladewater Independent School District and the City of Gladewater
- CONSIDERATION of new accounting software
- PRESENTATION by Airport Advisory Board regarding ground space lot size adjustments in "G" hangar area at Gladewater Municipal Airport
- CONSIDERATION of revised Personnel Policy Handbook §316 -Health Insurance, amending waiting period for new

employees

- CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 0-23-03 regarding amended rate for residential and commercial solid waste disposal
- CONSIDERATION of Regional Equipment Transfer MOU between the City of Gladewater Police Department and the City of East Mountain
- CONSIDERATION of committee recommendation regarding owner /operator to run lake store / bait shop at Lake Gladewater
- DISCUSSION regarding City Christmas Tree

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