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## Lake store proposal hits council snag

By Jim Bardwell

The Gladewater City Council had been scheduled to consider a committee recommendation regarding a new owner/operator to run lake store/bait shop at Lake Gladewater at Thursday's meeting.

But Mayor Scott Owens hit a snag when asking for a motion to do so, because he and the city manager didn't send the two proposals to fellow council members and some council members wondered who authorized this committee. Owens said he and interim city manager Charlie Smith met with three Gladewater Lake Board members and decided which proposal should be considered.

But that didn't set well with council members Brandy Flanagan, Teddy Sorrells and Michael Webber, who questioned how Owens got the authority to make this decision without the council being fully involved.

Sorrells said he remembered the council talking about the lake store at the January meeting, but didn't remember the council agreeing to have Owens and Smith make such a decision without the full council involved. Sorrells then asked the city clerk to refresh his memory from the January council minutes and no such approval was given by the council.

Smith assured the council the proposal he and Owens were offering up for consideration was the best of the two. Sorrells said he was confident Smith was correct in that aspect, but he still questioned why the council wasn't included in the process.

Owens said he wasn't asking the council to approve a contract on a proposal they hadn't seen, but only asking them to give the city manager authorization to begin negotiations on a contract proposal.

That didn't suit the three council members and they asked to see the two proposals. Smith apologized for not including the proposals in the council packets and said he would e-mail them out for the full council to review.

The lake store issue was then tabled. However the delay could cause problems for the potential store operator. He said he needed to know soon if his proposal would be accepted because he had pending deals with vendors for the lake store.

In other business:

- The council had to re-approve a "Joint Election Agreement" between Gladewater Independent School District and the City of Gladewater because at the January meeting the agreement had 2022 and not 2023 on the document.

- Authorized the city manager to negotiate the best deal on the city's new accounting software, which will cost around \$200,000 and was tentatively approved at the January meeting pending a final request for a cap on future price increases.

- Heard a presentation by Airport Advisory Board regarding ground space lot size adjustments in "G" hangar area at Gladewater Municipal Airport. No action was taken.

- Amended an ordinance for a rate increase for residential and commercial solid waste disposal for 54-cents, which the city will pass along to customers.

- Approved "Regional Equipment Transfer MOU" between the City of Gladewater Police Department and the City of East Mountain. The city is trading a 2012 SUV patrol vehicle for \$2,000 cash equipment - for a total of \$5,000 in value.

- No action was taken regarding the Christmas Tree which is placed downtown each Christmas holiday. The current tree, which is owned by the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, is about 6 years old and in need of replacement. The chamber would like the city to donate to the project. A new tree will cost around \$18,000.

The city has helped erect the tree and take it down each year, but the tree was purchased by the chamber.

Discussion also included whether a live tree should be purchased and planted in place of an artificial tree. The future location of the tree - live or artificial - also was batted around. Owens suggested it be moved to the city parking lot on the south side of the railroad tracks for safety reasons. Currently it has been located at the corner of US 271 and Pacific Street.

It was also discussed when the tree will be taken down. It was up as of Monday (Feb. 20). City crews usually remove it shortly after Jan. 1, but harsh weather and water repairs have now allowed the extra time to remove the tree, the city manager told the *Mirror*.



## ONCE A BEAR, ALWAYS A BEAR ...

By Jim Bardwell

Several hundred GHS alumni turned out Saturday for a walk down memory lane at the old senior/junior high school on Melba Street.

While many whose hair that has gone from black to gray strolled the halls at a slightly slower pace with old classmates, no doubt fond memories were as vivid as the day they were born. Alumni from classes going as far back as the 1940s were given a wonderful opportunity to relive their youth in a place they all called home as teens.

The former high school, which has been sold to outside

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Photos by Jim Bardwell

## WOISD draws one challenger, trustees expected to name new super Thursday

The 2023 city/school candidate filings for May's election closed Friday at 5 p.m. and only White Oak ISD will need to have an election.

Stephanie McKinney and Aaron Combs are both seeking the Place 3 seat on the White Oak ISD school board. Meanwhile, incumbents Place 4's David Trest and Place 5's Lance Noll drew no challengers.

On Thursday, the current WOISD school board is expected to name the lone finalists for superintendent, who will be replacing Brian Gray, who retired over the Christmas holidays. The WOISD board was slated to interview applicants this week.

Over at White Oak City Hall, it will be business as usual as all four incumbents - Place 1 - Dana Mizell, Place 2 - Joe Stephens and Place 3 - Thomas Cash - drew no challengers. This will allow the city to not have to hold an election and will save taxpayers the cost of an election. However, potential candidates still have

until February 21 to be a write-in candidate.

In Gladewater, there will be no change on the Gladewater City Council as all four incumbents filed for re-election and none drew an opponent. Those keeping their seats include: Place 4 - Teddy W. Sorrells, Jr.; Place 5 - Elijah Anderson; Place 6 - Rocky D. Hawkins; and Place 7 - Kevin Clark.

Over on the Gladewater ISD School Board, incumbents Chris Thompson - Place 4, and Danielle Budro - Place 6, filed for school board. This will be their first time to serve as an elected GISD trustee. Both were recently appointed to the board to fill vacancies.

GISD officials said no one filed for the Place 5 seat currently held by David Floyd. He has been on the school board since 2005.

In the past, the school board has chosen to fill vacant seats after seeking qualified applicants, rather than hold a special election. And since no one chose to run, appointment would be the logical way to fill the seat.

## Upshur courthouse renovation discussed

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefeller told a meeting of the commissioners court last week that he doesn't expect the county courthouse in Gilmer to be vacated by April's end for the building's forthcoming \$12 million historical renovation.

Tefeller said at the Feb. 15 meeting, however, that a representative of Komatsu Architecture, a Ft. Worth firm working on the project, would be present the next day to make final edits on the blueprints so the project could be advertised for bids. When offices will temporarily vacate the five-story Gilmer courthouse will "kind of depend on what" the representative says, the judge added.

Plans call for moving the offices to the nearby former Gilmer ISD administration building, and possibly to a former locker plant now owned by Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative on Texas 154.

The renovation, aimed at restoring the courthouse largely to its original appearance when it was completed in 1937, is expected to take more than a year and a half.

While the state is financing part of the project, County Auditor Connie Williams told last week's meeting at the courthouse that the county's share of the cost is \$7.6 million.

In other business, the court opened bids on numerous materials for the Road and Bridge Department and, without voting on the matter, decided to have County Road Administrator Andy Jordan recommend which to accept at the court's next meeting. Several firms submitted bids on at least one of the materials, which included such items as gasoline, diesel, road oil, oil dirt, hot oil sand, rock materials, rip rap (12-15 inches or larger rock) materials, limestone flex base, emulsions, etc.

## W. Mt. homeowner shoots trespasser

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office has been investigating a shooting in which a male was wounded in the West Mountain community on Wednesday of last week, said Sheriff Larry Webb.

The male was admitted to CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, said Webb, who identified neither him nor the shooter in a press release. Asked about the hospitalized man's condition, Webb wrote only that he was admitted.

The case remained under investigation.

Webb wrote that deputies were called about 6 p.m. to a house in the 7300 block of Pacal Road for "a shooting incident." The news release then described the sequence of events in the case as follows:

"When law enforcement arrived, the (male) resident advised that while he was working on a vehicle in his driveway, an unknown subject drove by and yelled at him in a threatening manner for no known reason. Approximately 15 minutes later, the resident heard

screams and yelling coming from the back of his property.

"When he went to investigate who was behind his house, he encountered the same subject who had yelled at him from the roadway. The unknown trespasser was told to leave, but he refused. The resident commanded the trespasser to leave and displayed a weapon.

"The unknown subject refused to comply and continued to advance toward the resident while making threatening statements toward him. The resident, in fear for himself and his wife and child, who were located in the house, fired his weapon at the unknown subject. The trespasser was advanced close enough to engage . . . (the) resident in a physical altercation.

"The trespasser was struck by the resident's gunfire," causing him "to retreat back into the woods." Deputies located him, and emergency medical services transported him to a hospital for gunshot wounds.

# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Glorious indeed ...

Isn't creation amazing?

I was at Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden Monday taking pictures of the thousands of daffodils (their website says millions). I didn't take the time to count so will err on the side of journalistic integrity and underestimate.

At a few points I got out of my car and walked among the flowers to get better shots. There were, maybe millions, of big fat yellow daffodils. Standard color, size and height. Scattered about were a few Paper Whites and jonquils as well. But then my eye was caught by the one flower that was unlike any of the others.

Yes, it was yellow. Yes, its height was about the same as the other daffodils. BUT, it was different. It was a triple daffodil. A dilly of a daffy. An immediate reminder that if we have the "eyes to see" we may be amazed by what we find.

Most of us live lives of routine, by a schedule with our little noses to the grindstone and our little feet running that hamster wheel as fast as we can. And then, something causes us to look up ... or in Ur's case down, to see the unusual, the different, the singular gift that turns our ordinary into extraordinary.

And for that gift I am so very grateful.

So dear readers, I challenge you to take the time to not only look, but to see. Expect to be surprised. Exercise your sense of wonder and share the gifts that surround you with others. You might even find yourselves delighted when

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



your mundane and routine day becomes a dilly of a day.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Luke 12:27

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Flying High ...

It's been about three years since COVID-19 and measures taken to slow its spread brought the world to a screeching halt. One of the hardest hit industries was airlines. The numbers of travelers through TSA checkpoints fell from over two million most days in February 2020 to fewer than 100,000 per day through part of April (a drop of more than 95%).



Even with government infusions to keep the system intact, the financial losses were massive. Airlines and all travel-related industries were left with the same (or even higher) fixed expenses and almost no revenue. Companies were forced to lay off workers. Investments were delayed, and expenses were slashed to try to stay afloat.

Through most of 2020, passenger volumes remained a fraction of what they had been, though they began to edge up from the April 2020 lows. Many restrictions remained in place, and some people were naturally reluctant to travel even where it was officially allowed.

When things began to somewhat normalize, travel trended upward. The level of pent-up demand was high, and trips canceled during the pandemic were rescheduled. At the same time, people had money to spend, with several federal stimulus packages sending cash payments to much of the US population plus savings due to not being able to venture out and do things during the shutdowns. Restrictions were eased over time, with significant variations by country hampering recovery in international traveler levels.

The most recent numbers of passengers through TSA checkpoints indicates that the pre-pandemic levels are being reached on some days, though averages aren't quite there yet. The total available capacity on US airlines is well below pre-pandemic levels, with schedules pared down. Ticket prices are relatively high and are likely to remain so, with fuel cost being a significant culprit.

The global air travel industry is projected to finally return to profitability this year. North America is expected to lead the way, with other areas hampered by issues such as the slower pace of China's reopening. Industry experts indicate that many of the worst problems with high-profile meltdowns, cancellations, long lines, and other issues are likely behind us. (Let's hope so!) The inability to invest in technology and upgrades through the pandemic years, however, could continue to cause issues (and, of course, there is always the threat of weather disruptions).

Going forward, one of the biggest challenges will be labor shortages. It's an economywide problem, and even though air travel industry involves high average wages, it will still be difficult to find enough workers (including pilots, which are among the most highly trained professionals anywhere). It will take time to fully recover, but things are looking up, up, and away! Stay safe!



# Abbott lays out seven top priorities

Gov. Greg Abbott, in a State of the State address last Thursday, outlined his seven top priorities for the ongoing legislative session before an invitation-only audience at a manufacturing facility in San Marcos, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Those priorities include \$4 billion for border security, property tax relief and more school choice for parents, which he called "education freedom." He avoided use of the word "vouchers."

The governor, beginning his third term, announced that school safety would also be a legislative priority, while avoiding any mention on curtailing the availability of guns, something Democrats hammered on in their 10-minute rebuttal.

Abbott is proposing that \$15 billion of the state's hefty surplus go toward cutting property taxes.

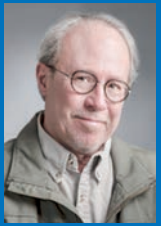
### Patrick also announces priorities

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick a few days earlier released 30 legislative priorities, which also includes property tax relief. Patrick, who presides over the state Senate, also wants to increase the punishment for illegal voting, protect children "from obscene books in libraries" and eliminate tenure at public colleges and universities.

The Houston Chronicle reported other items on Patrick's list include banning critical race theory in higher education and prohibiting COVID-19 mandates.

"Just because a bill does not make the priority list does not mean it is not a priority for me or the Senate," Patrick said in a statement. "We will pass over 600 bills this session. As I like to say, every bill is a priority to someone, otherwise, we would

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



not pass it."

Patrick is also pushing for teacher pay raises, expanding mental health services in rural areas, and strengthening the state's power grid.

### Black lawmakers blast Abbott's hiring directive

A directive from Abbott to state agencies ordering them to end the use of diversity, equity and inclusion practices in hiring employees has drawn the ire of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Texas NAACP. Both groups met last week to urge major national sports groups to refuse to hold championship games in Texas if the governor does not reverse his ruling.

The Statesman reported that the groups called on the NBA and MLB to not host All-Star games in the state, the NFL not to hold Super Bowl games, and the NCAA to decline to host championship games in Texas, unless the ruling is reversed.

"I am proud to say that the NAACP urges all citizens of goodwill to join us and our partners in fighting to stop our state from continuing to move back to Jim Crow," NAACP President

Gary Bledsoe said. Some employment law experts have said the governor's interpretation of DEI practices is misguided.

The governor's office has said that hiring on factors other than merit violates state and federal law.

### State park to become gated community

A popular Texas state park located 90 miles southeast of Dallas will close at the end of the month, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced. After more than 50 years of public use, Fairfield State Park was notified by Vistra, the power company that leased the property to the state, that it is terminating the lease and selling the property to a private developer.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Reader not happy with signs

Dear Editor:

Recently being out of town and arriving back home I noticed a new sign as we returned. Surprisingly not like the one we have had for several years. The new sign is ridiculous and does not represent our fine city. Not knowing who or what is responsible for this must not like Gladewater.

I cannot believe our city council would approve something this vile.

Leon Watson

## CAFETERIA RELIGION

Cafeteria religion consists of picking and choosing religious beliefs, doctrines, and practices, mixing and matching them much as one would select food in a cafeteria. Hence the trend today is that many people choose the parts of Christianity that they find appealing and reject the rest. The result is that people abandon a standard of authority. They, instead, often select teachings and practices from a smorgasbord of religions and philosophies. We are certainly seeing this more and more in the thinking of people, which includes religious people. Absolutes are rejected in favor of "that may be true for you, but not for me" approach. News-week, in the cover story "The Search for the Sacred" highlights the same patchwork spirituality taking root in America. Lacking a clear pattern to follow, people wander like sheep without a Shepherd, and without the restraining influence of Scripture. When people follow no clear pattern, they are left to make up their own religion. Jeremiah the prophet said long ago that "the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10: 23). When The Israelites rejected God at the base of Mt. Sinai, they worshiped the golden calf and embraced immorality. We are seeing the same trend today. When people stop looking to the Scriptures, they fill the void in their lives with religion on their terms. Objective truth is rejected in favor of relativism. The consequence is cafeteria-style religion, a do-your-own-thing spirituality that inevitably trivializes God to fit the contours of individual taste. A good definition might be "Christianity Lite" which simply put, is the kind of happy-go-lucky, doctrine-does-not-matter gospel preached by the likes of Joel Osteen, and the money-focused televangelists. What can we do? We can turn to the light of God's Word which is "a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path" (Ps. 119: 105), and we can preach it (2 Tim. 4: 2-4). Think on these things.

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## Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
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	EMS	20230731	11:52		802 PACIFIC PACIFIC W
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230732	12:37		55 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20230733	14:37		1592 N RODEO RODEO ST
	WARRANT	20230734	15:24		WOODBINE WOODBINE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20230735	16:44	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20230736	17:26	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20230737	17:38		2919 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	SEXUAL ASSAULT	20230738	17:59		
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	EMS	20230740	19:15		314 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE
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	ALARM/OTHER	20230744	21:50		512 RODEEN RODEEN LN
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	10-50 MINOR	20230759	7:27	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	20230760	8:05		315 MILLER MILLER ST
	FIRE DEPT	20230761	8:24	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20230762	9:05		217 HURLEY HURLEY
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20230789	23:15		2516 GAY GAY
2/16/23	ASSIST	20230792	11:26	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20230793	17:10		EMPIRE EMPIRE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20230794	17:34		812 POST POST ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20230795	17:43		700 N MAIN MAIN ST

## WOPD Police Arrest Report

For the reporting period of February 13th through the 19th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 183 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Traffic Problems (crashes, motorist assists, investigative stops), Burglar Alarms, Animal Complaints, Disturbances, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Two traffic collisions were investigated resulting in no injuries and one continuing criminal investigation.

One arrest was made by White Oak Police during the reporting period:

Cobi Allan Tribble, 18, of White Oak for Assault of a Pregnant Person and Resisting Arrest.

## Man gets 28-year prison sentence for meth

By Phillip Williams

An Upshur County jury sentenced Dalton Dale Rogers to 28 years in prison and \$5,000 fine in Gilmer last Thursday after convicting him of possession of methamphetamine, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Rogers, 40, of Gilmer, pleaded not guilty in 115th District Court, but the 8-woman, 4-man jury took only about eight minutes to convict him before deliberating about an hour to determine sentence, said Byrd.

Rogers had nine previous felony or misdemeanor convictions from around East Texas, the prosecutor added in a news release.

## Police Activity Report

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ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1	
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## 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

By Phillip Williams

Two books by Kelly DiPucchio will be read to small children at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer Thursday, Feb. 23. "Oona" and "Oona in the Arctic" will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154.) A craft will follow each Storytime. Although the events are free to the public, children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at [www.youseemore.com/upshur](http://www.youseemore.com/upshur).

## GHS hosting blood drive

The Gladewater High School student council is sponsoring a blood drive with Carter BloodCare on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 9-3. Carter BloodCare will have a bus parked at the high school.

## Upshur Expo set for Feb. 25

The 40th annual Upshur County Community Expo, formerly known as the county health fair, is scheduled from 9 a.m.-12 noon Saturday at the East Texas Yamboree Event Center in Gilmer.

Admission is free at the event, scheduled at 181 Bob Glaze Drive near Walmart. The expo, hosted by the Upshur County Health Coalition, will feature vendors who will "educate the public on living healthy lifestyles," said Julie York, a county extension agent who oversees the coalition.

The expo will be "focusing on health and wellness for all ages," York added. Sponsors include CHRISTUS Health, Diagnostic Clinic of Longview and Kinetic Physical Therapy.

Numerous vendors will offer items or information on several health-related topics. They range from vision screening, free smoke alarms and veterans' benefits to health insurance, mental health, dental health education, resources for those age 60 and older, and captioned phones, among others.

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will also hold a mobile blood drive. For more information, contact York at 903-680-8128 or Amorette Burch at 903-227-1749.

## Help solve conservation resource problems

Two agriculture-related agencies invite the general public to a March 1 meeting in Gilmer to recommend how to solve conservation resource problems.

The meeting, hosted by the Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service, is set for 10:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center on south U.S. 271. (The center houses the district.)

"Be part of the process that helps manage the natural resources that your community depends on in the future," the agencies said.

For more information, contact the district at 903-734-8732.

## Move for St. Jude event slated

Kilgore's Cub Scout Pack 251 will be holding their annual Move for St. Jude and Pack Bike Rodeo benefitting St. Jude's Hospital on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Dudley Road Trailhead on The Creekside Trail in Kilgore, Texas. All kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Everyone is invited to attend.

Get your registration online at <https://fundraising.stjude.org/pack251> or sign up that day.

## Worn-out flags sought

American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 in Gilmer is seeking worn-out or tattered American flags to be destroyed in a April 15 ceremony according to U.S. Code, said Legionnaire Jimmy Sanders.

The public ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. behind the Legion's meeting place, which is the old fire station facing on Harrison Street. (The parking lot where it will be held is off Silver Alley.) The Gilmer High School Air Force Junior ROTC will assist with burning the flags in a barrel.

U.S. Code guidelines, issued by the federal government, state that when a flag "is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, the flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The Legion has held several such public flag retirement ceremonies.



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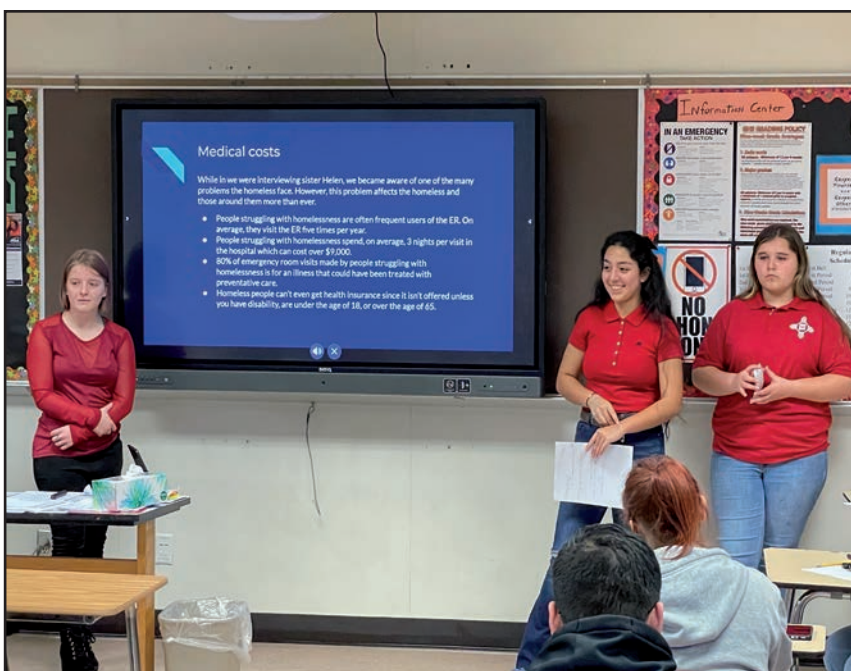
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**Three Gladewater High School students - Rachel Shepard, Astrith Alvarez and Aleigha McGuyer - are working on a project to spread awareness and advocate for homeless Texans. They have been presenting their project and ideas to the public, and are 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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# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Lady Bears fall in Area Round

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Lady Bears great season ran into a buzzsaw on Thursday night, February 16<sup>th</sup> as they saw their playoff run come to an end falling to the Mount Vernon Lady Tigers 63-42 in Pittsburgh.

Mount Vernon jumped out to a early 9-1 lead as the Lady Tigers could not miss to start the game, Gladewater was able to cut the lead down to 9-6 but Mount Vernon's hot shooting continued as they took a 23-9 lead after 1 quarter. Gladewater found more success in the scoring department in the second quarter, but it still saw Mount Vernon's lead grow to 38-21 by halftime.

The Lady Bears continued to try and fight, but it was just too much for them as Mount Vernon continued their hot shooting and pulled away for good.

"We had a great season," Gladewater girls basketball head coach Jermaine Lewis said of the successful year that his team had. "We were able to win district for the third year in a row and make the playoffs for the fourth year in a row."

The Lady Bears were lead 12 points apiece from Kyla Lincoln and Calice Henderson.

The Lady Tigers were lead by a game high 30 points from Aaliyah Taylor and 17 points from Summer Rogers. Gladewater ends its season 13-10 record. Mount Vernon moves on to take on Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill in round 3 of the playoffs.

The Gladewater Bears saw their season come to an end in their regular season finale on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> falling to the White Oak Roughnecks 53-49. North Texas signee Kollin Lewis finished up his high school basketball career with 18 points and 7 rebounds. Tristan Linwood also had a good game with 12 points and 6 rebounds. For White Oak, Zac Jacyno had a game high 27 points and 12 rebounds.

"Just a frustrating season. We just could never get any consistency going and we struggled to get the offense in any rhythm," said coach Curtis Armstrong.

The Bears finish their season with a 5-13 record and 2-8 in district play. The Roughnecks meanwhile improve their recor to 21-12 and another district title going 9-1. They will open up the playoffs on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> against Waskom.

In what was one of the biggest surprises of East Texas girls basketball's 1<sup>st</sup> round of the playoff's, district co champ White Oak was upset 42-39 by the Waskom Lady Wildcats on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Bobcat Gym in Hallsville. Waskom used a huge 4<sup>th</sup> quarter comeback to stun White Oak who was thought to be poised to go on a long playoff run once again. It was a disappointing ending for a huge bounce back season for the Lady-

Necks. After winning just 2 games the previous season to being co district champs this season with Gladewater.

Defense was tight as the game began because a basket wasn't allowed for nearly four minutes. Tiera Chatman eventually broke up the streak with back-to-back field goals between the 4:02 and 3:44 marks of the first quarter. She then added a corner three at the 3:20 mark to give Waskom an early 7-0 lead.

Whitni Rayson finally provided a White Oak answer when she made both her free throw attempts to cut Waskom's advantage to five points with 2:23 remaining in the opening quarter. Emma Nix then made shots from three-point and two-point range to tie the score at the 31.6 mark of the period, and Bella Baker's late three gave White Oak a 10-7 advantage before the end of the frame. Baker and Rayson both produced an early second quarter field goal to give the Ladynecks a 14-7 lead with six minutes remaining in the first half.

In the loss, White Oak was led by Nix's 12 points, six rebounds and two steals, and Baker's 10 points and two rebounds. Rayson added eight points, Anna Iske six and Paiz three. Iske also had 13 rebounds and five blocked shots. Rayson added nine rebounds, and Karlyn Jones finished with four assists.

"Turnovers, that's what killed us," White Oak girls basketball head coach Dee Lewis said of his team's opening round playoff loss on Monday. "The second half of not taking care of the ball, it nipped us pretty quick."

## Gladewater, White Oak Baseball, softball preview

By Tyler Sutton

As the calendar treks towards March that can mean only one thing. And that's Baseball and Softball seasons are underway and I am here to give you and early preview of the Gladewater Bears Baseball and Lady Bears Softball teams. As well as the White Oak Roughneck Baseball team and Ladynecks Softball team

**Gladewater Baseball:** The Bears are coming off a rough 2022 season that saw them go 2-8 overall and 1-5 record in district. They will have a new head coach in 2022 as Zac Spears takes over the program

Returning players: Le-Tourneau signee P Tanner Gothard, LF X'Zavier Woods, P Devin Walker, OF Austin Verner, P Michael Torres, 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman Trenton Jackson, Catcher Ben Alvarez, P Wyatt Webb ( Who will miss some time after getting hurt in a scrimmage )

The Bears opened up their season on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with a game at West Rusk

**White Oak Baseball:** The RoughNecks are com-

ing off another great season that saw them win another district title going 26-10 and 10-3 in district play. That included playoff series wins over Harleton, Mineola and West Rusk before falling just short of the state finals losing in 2 games in the state quarterfinals to Pottsborro. There will be a new name leading White Oak as Charles Foshee takes over for Skylar Stanger The Roughnecks will try to extend their playoff season streak to 15 in 2022.

Returning players: Gavin Jones, Tyler Puckett, Noah Carter, Drake Kneifl, Colton Millwood

**Gladewater Softball:** The Lady Bears Softball team is coming off a 11-16 overall record and a 6-6 record in district play. The Bears got in the playoffs as the 4<sup>th</sup> place team in district and fell in the opening round in 2 games to West Rusk. Coach Kevin Clark brings back a experienced club with 6 players back with starting experience from last season.

Returning players: Karlee Moses, Lexi Betts, Aminah Gordon, Zandi Tyeskie

**White Oak Softball:** The LadyNecks are coming off a 22-12-1 season and a runner up finish in district play going 10-2. White Oak won a playoff opening round series with a 2 game sweep of Tatum before falling in round 2 in two games to Queen City. Coach Nineveh Blakenship brings back a ton of experience and the LadyNecks will once again be a favorite in district play

Returning players: Larkin Daniels, Sasha Graves, Tristyn Graves, Addison McClanahan, Jaidyn Marshall, Kenzie Jester



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- 5 boot underside
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_shoe, Texas
- 7 West Texas climate
- 8 "keep a stiff upper \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9 TXism: "fits like scales \_\_\_\_\_ fish"
- 12 golfing mistake
- 17 many diets call for this (2 wds.)
- 19 wax your car, e.g.
- 21 TX Larry Hagman 1960s sitcom: "I \_\_\_\_\_ Jeannie"
- 22 the first King Ranch land was purchased for 2-cents \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_\_\_" (jukebox)
- 28 flower stalk
- 29 "if I \_\_\_\_\_ then what I know now"
- 30 electrical installation in a house, e.g.
- 31 Marie Osmond country tune: " \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted You"
- 35 long-tailed parrot
- 36 end result of a terrorist situation? (2 wds.)
- 42 TX Dan Jenkins novel (hyphenated)
- 44 TX Ty who was a skating cowboy in the "Mighty Ducks" films
- 46 type of drilling used at Spindletop (2 wds.)
- 48 Benny of UH's "Phi Slama Jama" (1982-84)
- 49 Rock of 1956 Texas epic "Giant" (init.)
- 50 song " \_\_\_\_\_! San Antone"
- 51 vehicle sideways slide
- 52 \_\_\_\_\_ City, Texas in Matagorda County
- 53 parent to child: "because \_\_\_\_\_ so"
- 54 certain sandwiches
- 56 agreeable head movement
- 57 in 2023, TX Willie will have lived 90 of these (abbr.)
- 58 TX Oliver is a DT for the Buffalo Bills

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- 2 Elgin newspaper
- 3 sets of dots indicating the omission of words in writing
- 4 what you spit when eating a watermelon
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- 13 Texas bars/dance halls (2 wds.)
- 14 Ladd of 1957 film "The Big Land" about Texas cattle
- 15 " \_\_\_\_\_ work if you can get it"
- 16 once an FM in Childress, TX
- 18 admission test for any Texas college
- 20 TXism: " \_\_\_\_\_ two-steps to his own beat" (individualist)
- 23 dir. from Canyon to Friona
- 24 Spurs star power forward, Duncan
- 25 historical periods
- 26 slang for a Japanese car
- 27 feel love for
- 32 TX Roy Orbison hit: " \_\_\_\_\_, Pretty Woman"
- 33 TXism: " \_\_\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"
- 34 " \_\_\_\_\_ and behold"
- 36 TXism: "a sight \_\_\_\_\_ sore eyes"
- 37 "I don't \_\_\_\_\_ it" (don't believe it)
- 38 "when hungry, \_\_\_\_\_ a bite at Whataburger"
- 39 populous South Asia country
- 40 disadvantaged
- 41 a fish in found in the brackish water of East Texas
- 43 helper to a teacher (abbr.)
- 45 19th governor of Texas: " \_\_\_\_\_ Ross"
- 47 this Perry pitched for the Rangers and seven other teams
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**PRESS RELEASE**

It was a learning experience for both sides of a new job shadow program launched in Gladewater last week.

Gladewater High School seniors got a glimpse behind the curtain of an array of careers while the businesses and agencies who hosted the students report renewed confidence in the future of the local workforce.

"These business leaders investing in our seniors shows the students there are worthwhile careers here in Gladewater," according to Michelle Palmer, executive director of Gladewater Economic Development Corporation. "They don't have to export themselves to be successful. They can accomplish their dreams in their hometown and bring their hometown to a new level with their success. Their success is the city's success."

Likewise, "It encourages the businesses about the talent pool that they have right here. I hope it reassures them they don't have to import their talent to bolster their workforce."

With the success of the first year, Palmer is hopeful even more students will participate in the future – they have plenty of options to shadow thanks to the great volume of businesses stepping up to welcome them.

Destinations for the Job Shadow project included Austin Bank, The Byrd's Nest, City of Gladewater Public Works, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, Gladewater Fire Department, Gladewater Police Department, MavTex, McDonald's, TICO and Texas Real Estate Executives – The Daniels Group.

"I got positive feedback from the students that they were glad they had participated, they felt it was a worthwhile use of their time, and they received nuggets of wisdom they knew they wouldn't forget," Palmer said.

The trio of seniors who visited TICO started with a tour of the facility alongside owner Arron Watson.

"I really enjoyed being able just to sit down and give some advice," he said. "If we can work with the younger generation and mentor them, in five or ten years we can get more of that skilled labor back in."

Palmer developed the pilot at GEDCO in coordination with Robin Romano, a Success Coach / Advisor who works on behalf of Kilgore College at Gladewater High School. Some of the placements focused on information and instruction, some opted for hands-on experiences in the four-hour day-in-the-life project Feb. 15.

It was eye-opening for some of the participants, Romano reported, truly learning what a particular job entails.

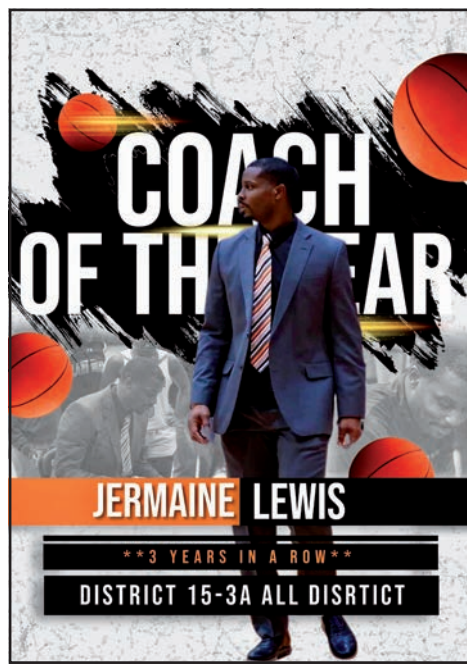
"When each student can see what a job actually is and what it takes, it helps them to narrow down whether they need a true two-year or four-year college or maybe they just need the Career/Technology pathway" that institutions like Kilgore College offer.

For Karla Byrd, owner and director of the Bluebird Room and the Byrd's Nest in downtown Gladewater, it was a chance to share some of the lessons she learned firsthand.

"You're here to mentor, and you're here to learn. If I knew at their age what I know now, it would be a game-changer. It really would."

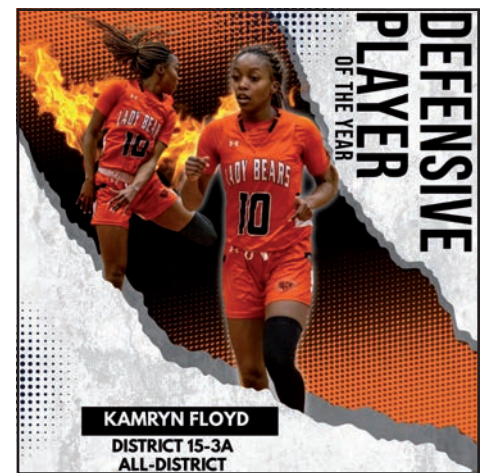
It was a great experience overall, she added, grateful to Romano and Palmer for launching the project.

For Palmer, "Our hope is that this program will really take root and develop into something that we can do each semester."



The District 15-3A All-District Awards 2022-2023 GHS recipients are

- Coach of the Year** SYDNEY KELLER  
(For the 3rd Year in a Row)
- COACH JERMAINE LEWIS**
- MVP** CALICE HENDERSON
- Defensive Player of the Year** KAMRYN FLOYD
- 1st Team All-District** MAKAYLA POLICE
- Academic All-District** KİYONA PARKER



- 2nd Team All-District** AVA LANGFORD
- KYLA LINCOLN
- KARLEE MOSES
- Honorable Mention RAMYA RANSOM
- JAIDEON EEDS
- SAVANNAH WARREN
- Academic All-District** (90 Avg during District) AMINAH GORDON
- KİYONA PARKER
- KAMRYN FLOYD
- SYDNEY KELLER
- AVA LANGFORD
- KARLEE MOSES
- KYLA LINCOLN
- MAKAYLA POLICE



White Oak Roughneck Zac Jacyno goes up and over Gladewater's Tristen Linwood for 2 of his 27 points in White Oak's 53-49 narrow victory over the Bears. Jacyno also collected 12 rebounds in the game that was tied 47-47 with 1:20 to go. The Roughnecks open the playoffs on Tuesday night at Spring Hill High School against Waskom. The results of that game were not available at presstime. Photo by Mike Peery

**OBITUARY**

**White Oak Girls Powerlifting Regional**

**AVE NELL STARKS**

Ave Nell Starks, 85, of Gladewater, Texas passed away on February 19, 2023. There will be a graveside at Rock Springs Cemetery, Gladewater, Texas on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 10 o'clock in the morning. Services are under the direction of Croley Funeral Home, Gladewater, Texas.

**Qualifiers:**

- Ashley Eich - 105lb weight class
- Lizzy Still - 114lb weight class
- Gracye Horn - 123lb weight class
- Kyndal Langley - 148lb weight class
- Danica Vaughn - Alternate 198lb weight class

**Alternates:**

- Preslee Twomey - Alternate 132lb weight class
- Alyssa Spurger - Alternate 132lb weight class
- Bree Gonzales - Alternate 181lb weight class

The Regional Meet will be held in Eustace on March 3rd, 2023

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Gladewater High School's Kendall Williams and Sydney Keller won first place in Mixed Doubles at the Gladewater tournament.




Gladewater High School's Ethan Flores and Tanner Hammett placed 3rd in Boys Doubles at the Gladewater tournament.



Union Grove Lady Lions assistant coach Jill Winn comforts daughter Gracie Winn in the final moments of Union Grove's area playoff game loss against Tenaha on Feb. 16. Photo by Kimber Smith

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### PUBLIC HEARING

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### Divide & Conquer Estate Sale for Jane (Mrs. Raymond Lee) Whitney

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

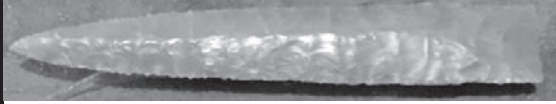
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DATED the 16th day of February 2023.

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developers, might not be education future generation but it will remain a beacon for past generations and the city.

"We're going to be part of the community and preserve the heritage of the building, and make sure this becomes the center of the growth of the city," said Shu Jahat of XELEMENTS, adding plans for the site have not yet been made public.

So before the old school building turned the page on its next chapter, developers wanted those who grew up at GHS/GJH to share one final memory - together.

The old high school, located at 700 Melba Avenue, was originally built in the early thirties. It served as the junior and senior High School for grades seven thru 12.

When a new high school was built, the old Neo-Egyptian Architectural-style high school became the middle school. It most recently was used as a learning facility for area students with disciplinary issues.

The school has a rich history, even touched Rock-N-Roll greatness when on April 30, 1955, Elvis Presley performed in the school gymnasium. By show time, approximately 3,000 country music fans were jammed into the 2,500 seats.



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