TxDOT eyes \$100 billion transportation plan for safety

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing a record \$100 billion, 10-year transportation plan to improve congestion, increase safety and maintain the state's roadways. That's a \$15 billion increase over the original plan and comes after record projected revenue for the state, generated by oil and gas fees that are dedicated to highway projects.

The latest plan would increase funding in a number of areas, including "safety, energy sector, rural and urban connectivity, border infrastructure, maintenance and preservation," according to a TxDOT statement.

"Safety is a top priority for Tx-DOT, and these funding levels reflect that," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said.

TxDOT now has more than \$33 billion in transportation projects under construction throughout the state. More than 7,000 projects are either underway or scheduled to break ground this year.

TEA releases teacher, staff vacancy report

A task force appointed last year by the Texas Education Agency has released its recommendations to address the teacher and staff vacancy crisis in Texas, as record numbers of both leave the education field in the wake of the pandemic and other issues.

The Teacher Vacancy Task Force, established last March, was comprised of teachers and school system leaders from across the state. The recommendations

- A significant increase in overall teacher salaries
- Enhancing teachers' total compensation package, including reducing cost of health care
- Provide incentives and support for hard-to-staff areas, such as special education and bilingual education teachers.
- Improve the pipeline and preservice preparation of novice
- Expand training and support for teacher mentorship.
- Provide access and support for high-quality instructional materi-
- Demonstrate respect and value for teacher time.
- School culture and discipline supports.



New Roughneck head coach/AD hired

The White Oak ISD school board welcomed their new Roughneck Head Football Coach and Athletic Director last Thursday at a special board meeting. Michael Ludlow will take over for Coach/AD Kris Iske, who will retire at the end of this school year after nine seasons as the head football coach and athletic director for the White Oak Roughnecks. Ludlow plans to begin work on March 1. He and his wife Jennifer have been married for 16 years and have 3 children - Jansen, 15; Tucker, 13; and Kyndal, 10. Coach Ludlow comes to White Oak from Robinson, where he served a head coach. Prior to Robinson, Ludlow coached at North Forney, Texas High and Marshall. He graduated from Beckville High School and Stephen F. Austin University.

Photo by Jim Bardwell



The White Oak Fire Department celebrated receiving its new Pierce fire engine last Tuesday. The new engine took about a year and a half to be delivered since it was custom built and will replace the previous main engine which was aging out and parts were getting hard to find. This custom Enforcer pumper is built with top mount pump controls, 1,000 gallons of water, 1.250 GPM pump, Husky 3 foam system, and more. The truck also features "Roughnecks" on the front to show support for White Oak High School's athletics program. WOVFD firefighters took part in a long-standing tradition called the



"push in" ceremony, which pays respect to fire departments from a time before there were motorized vehicles and were pulled by horses.



Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons accepted a \$10,000 check from Sabine River Authority officials Monday at the Gladewater Firehouse. The money will be used to help the GFD with "swift water rescue" - rescue dealing in white water river conditions. Due to the added pressure of moving water, swift water rescue involves the use of specially trained personnel, ropes and mechanical advantage systems that are often much more robust than those used in standard rope rescue. Simmons was joined by Gladewater city, fire and police officials, as well as Sabine River Authority's board directors Cliff Todd, Darrin Rudolph and Janie Walenta. Also on hand was SRA Upper Basin Regional Manager Troy Henry. **Photo by Jim Bardwell**

RRC concerned Texas may not be able to maximize federal funds to plug orphaned oil and gas wells

AUSTIN - The Railroad Commission of Texas has filed comments on draft guidance issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) for utilizing formula grants to plug orphaned oil and gas wells.

Several aspects of the draft guidance have caused concern for the RRC because it could hinder the state's efforts to use as much funding as possible for important work that protects residents and the environment.

Among the concerns is the fact that the DOI may end up changing formula funding calculations for states, which could mean Texas could get less than the approximately \$318 million that was originally due to the state.

The guidance also has program requirements for states that go beyond the scope of the federal legislation that authorized the well plugging funds. These requirements are burdensome and sometimes unrealistic to implement, which will inevitably hamper the momentum of the state's plugging efforts resulting in less wells being plugged than could be.

The comments submitted by the RRC are guided by the agency's expertise in plugging orphaned oil and gas wells. That expertise was key to Texas' first in the nation status utilizing federal funds to plug orphaned wells, when work began in October 2022 with the state's \$25 million initial grant.

Adding unnecessary requirements to the next phase of federal funding, the formula grants, can hinder the state's ability to plug as many orphaned oil and gas wells as possible.

"As Chairman of the Railroad Commission, I believe it is crucial for this agency to thoroughly assess all strings attached to federal money. When dealing with the federal government, we always read the fine print," said RRC Chairman Christi Craddick. "The Commission is responsible for ensuring health and safety standards for all Texans while overseeing responsible stewardship of our state's abundant natural resources. The Department of Interior's draft guidelines are extremely concerning and our comments reflect our commitment to prioritizing Texas. Money intended for well plugging efforts should be used for just that - not bureaucratic red tape. Advancing the Biden administration's political agenda at the expense of Texans is unacceptable, and this

agency will continue to push back on all unreasonable regulations put

forth by the federal government." "President Biden's Interior Department needs to stop playing politics with taxpayer dollars and allow Texas and other oil and gas states to get to work plugging more wells and producing much-needed reliable energy," said RRC Commissioner Wayne Christian. "Texas is not only the national leader in producing oil and natural gas, but is also a leader in plugging abandoned wells, protecting groundwater, and reducing flaring. Taxpayer dollars should ALWAYS be used with the utmost care—Biden's Interior Department needs to walk back their overreaching guidance which only adds onerous regulations making abandoned well plugging more costly and less timely."

"Taxpayer dollars – regardless of their origin - should always be used efficiently and effectively to achieve the desired result," said RRC Commissioner Jim Wright.



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Please, please ...

Last week's "Politically Incorrect" column has apparently hit a nerve. I have had visitors to the office, phone calls, Facebook messages and mailed thank you notes for last week's column. All positive.

Since then we have been criticized on Facebook for posting a Politico.com article with the headline: "Republicans pressure Trump to back down on border emergency". No political point of view from reporter in story, just WHY some Republicans were pressuring the President to back down on border emergency and why it is a dangerous precedent.

Just a part of a poster's critical comment read: "Fake news we all know the gladewater mirror is Dems and left supporting media outlets".

Fake news?

First, tired old Jim Bardwell and I are hardly a leftist media conglomerate. I am a third generation Texan from a farming/ranching background and Jim traces his Texan roots all the way to the Battle of San Jacinto. You can't get anymore Texan or hardworking than that.

I am fairly open minded and have friends from varied political and religious viewpoints. Imagine that? I have friends I don't fully agree with. The further this country moves right or left, and the angrier the rhetoric, it just pushes me toward center (except on a select few issues based on conviction).

The fury occasionally directed at us comes most often with posting Texas Tribune stories on our newspapers' Facebook pages about politics at the state level. Seldom have the posters actually read the article. Often they are only reacting to the headline.

Anyone who follows our newspapers or Facebook pages knows that we support property rights, close study of how our taxes are spent, government transparency, government efficiency, and any- thing else that ensures that the average citizen's interests are served by government officials.

I messaged my Facebook critic to try and reassure them that we were a small Mom and Pop business and not a corporate entity with little investment in the community. I shared that we covered the local city government, school board meetings, county government and as many aspects of the schools and community that we have room for.

The response I received and I quote verbatim: "I do not lesson (sic) to the news, watch the news, nor read it. An I will continue to judge for myself who lies and who's honest. Have a blessed day.'

That would be the heart of last week's column. How in the world can you have an informed opinion when your opinion is based on opinion?

And NO, not everything is relative. There ARE facts.

The teacher in me is dying inside. An informed, participating citizenry with the ability to compromise is essential to the health of our democracy. When enough uninformed people are politically active and easily led history tips toward fascism. When enough uneducated people are hungry

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and desperate it tips toward socialism or communism. That is not my opinion. That is the history of the 20th century.

As Fake News is screamed at stories people disagree with or simply dislike the topic, people begin to forget the importance of the First Amendment and the role journalism plays in our democracy. What the heck happens when we only read or watch what we agree with? How will we function in an uninformed society?

It is time to regain our balance and work for the good of the nation and each other. And please, please remember, just because you disagree with something doesn't make it untrue. And please, please remember, that political talk shows are NOT journalism. And please, please remember that journalism at its best is doing just what Clark Kent did: "Fighting for truth, justice and the American Way".

It's a truly unappreciated calling.

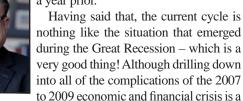
THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

This is NOT 2008!

Recent data regarding the state of the housing market is negative, with sales of existing homes falling to levels not seen since the aftermath of the Great Recession. According to the National Association of Realtors®, January existing-home sales across the country were down for the twelfth consecutive month to an annual rate of four million, though some regions (includ-

ing the south) saw modest improvement. Nationally, sales were 36.9% lower than a year prior.



task requiring more verbosity than a column permits, a quick rundown for context is worthwhile.

The economy had been growing for a number of years thanks in part to low interest rates (by the standards of the time) as the Federal Reserve took action after the dot-com downturn of the early 2000s. Home prices rose while underwriting standards decreased dramatically in an attempt to enable more people to qualify. A vibrant market for securities backed by subprime mortgages developed, even though many of the underlying loans were sketchy at best. The SEC encouraged risk-taking by large firms by lowering capital requirements. Even derivatives (side bets) on mortgage debt were all the rage.

It was a house of cards - and somebody sneezed! Interest rates began to rise, and the housing market was saturated. The subprime mortgage market collapsed, and some of the most prominent financial institutions in the world were eliminated. It took several years for total US employment to recover, and the housing market and construction were slow to recover.

This time, it's very different. During the pandemic, the Fed dropped interest rates close to zero and trillions in stimulus money flowed into households across the nation. The housing market spiraled upward for these and other reasons. Once the Fed began escalating rates to slow inflation, the housing market's reaction was an unavoidable consequence given its sensitivity to interest rates and their effects on affordability. Unlike 2008, this one is pretty much a garden variety housing

Even with the slowdown, however, housing inventories remain very low. It is only recently that buyers had any negotiating power at all, and some backing off of sky-high prices is not all bad (they are higher than they were two years ago in most markets). The main point, however, is that this time around we should see a much more rapid and orderly return to more normal conditions than we endured following the Great Recession. The circumstances are as different as apples and elephants.

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Street takeover spurs governor's action

Gov. Greg Abbott has created a statewide task force after several "street takeovers" recently took place in Austin in which motorists obstructed intersections, shot off fireworks

and drove recklessly. Videos posted after the events showed vehicles doing donuts, crowds gathering around intersections, and people setting off

fireworks, according to the Austin American-Statesman. Seven people were arrested in the incidents, which occurred at four Austin intersections.

Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to investigate the events and "target the organized crime aspect" of the events, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"We are seeing fireworks fired at officers in crowds, lasers pointed at aircraft, drivers driving upwards of 130 miles per hour with no lights on in the dark of night — all of it is reckless, and it needs to be stopped," DPS Director Steve McCraw said. Additional arrests are expected, law enforcement officials

Bills would ban COVID restrictions

A trio of bills by state Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, would address Gov. Greg Abbott's calls to end COVID-related restrictions put in place as the pandemic began in 2020.

"This legislation is aimed at preventing future repeats of these controversial public health measures, which did little to slow the spread of the virus and did serious damage to the economy and education systems," Kolkhorst said in a statement, as reported by the Statesman.

The measures, if passed, would codify executive measures

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issued by Abbott in 2021 that prohibited employer or governmental COVID-19 mandates requiring people to wear masks or to be vaccinated.

Since Abbott has made the COVID-19 package an emergency measure, it bypasses many of the rules put in place by the state constitution to slow passage of legislation, the Statesman reported.

Senate revives effort to make illegal voting a felony

After lowering the penalty for illegal voting to a misdemeanor in 2021, leaders in the Texas Senate appear poised to again raise the penalty to a second-degree felony, the Texas Tribune reported. Legislation filed by state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, would also modify the standard for determining a person's intent to vote illegally.

Current law says a person commits a crime if they "knowingly or intentionally" vote or attempt to vote and know they are not eligible. Under Hughes' bill, the language changes that to say anyone who votes or attempts to vote in an election in which

"the person knows of a particular circumstance that makes the person not eligible to vote" could be charged.

That means, for example, that someone who knows they are not a U.S. citizen but did not know they were ineligible to vote could still be prosecuted. An attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project criticized the proposed change as a "very nasty and very potentially consequential provision."

"That is why this intent requirement exists, because it's not fair for people to go to jail for good-faith mistakes," attorney James Slattery said.

State could foot AG office's legal bill

A \$3.3 million settlement of a whistleblower complaint filed against the Texas attorney general's office should be paid by the state and not personally by Attorney General Ken Paxton, an agency attorney said.

The AG's chief of general litigation told lawmakers that the agency, not Paxton personally, is the defendant under the Texas Whistleblower Act, and that taking the case to trial would cost even more.

"The agreement itself is contingent on legislative funding," he said. "It's a settlement that we made in order to save money for the state of Texas. It was the prudent thing to do to minimize litigation risk," Chris Hilton of the AG's office said, according to kut.org.

However, House Speaker Dade Phelan has said he does not support using taxpayer dollars for the settlement. Abbott has said "this is an issue that the attorney general is going to have to fully explain to both the House and the Senate."

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THE TRUE DESTINATION OF SIN

Sin has never led man in the right direction. Sin always takes one where he doesn't need to go, allows him to stay longer than he needs to stay, and causes him to say and do things he ought not say and do. That's just how sin is; it takes one in the wrong direction!

Furthermore, Rom. 6: 23 says "the wages of sin is death." Sin is a profitless investment, ultimately leading only to LOSS! Sin's only return is shame and ongoing moral deterioration. If you invest in sin, it will wreck your family, bring bad stuff to your relationships, and in the end, completely ruin your life. Furthermore, you can't sow a little sin and reap a little sin. It always produces more than you sowed! But more than that, and this is the bottom line, this is where the rubber hits the road; "the wages of sin is death-ETERNAL DEATH! Sin will cause you to lose your soul. And when that time comes there won't be any turning back. There won't be any second chances. There will be no beginning again. There will be only EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION! That, my friend is where sin leads. It's a long, downward path leading to a bad end.

But, and here's the good part: the wages of sin is death, but to those who love and obey Him, God gives a free gift. While Rom. 6: 23 says, "For the wages of sin is death," the rest of the verse says, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Thus, you can serve sin and receive sin's wages-eternal death, or you can serve God and receive, not wages, but rather that which no man can earn, eternal life, which is God's gift through Jesus Christ our Lord to those who serve Him. 2 Cor.9: 15 says: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." It is your choice, my friend. Think on these things.

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Gladewater Storytime set

Storytime at thew Lee-Bardwell Public Library will be held Thursday at 4–4:30 pm. The library is located at 312 W Pacific Ave, in downtown Gladewater.

And each Saturday the library will host Cozy Crochet every at 1 p.m., even if they are hosting other events. The club has garnered a lot of interest. Everyone is welcome, all ages. Oh, and even though it's a crochet club, if you knit, you are welcome as well!

No Upshur Storytime this week

No "Storytime" for small children will be held at the Upshur County Library in Gilmer on Thursday (March 2) as county offices will be closed for Texas Independence Day.

Two books by Kelly DiPucchio, "Gaston" and "Antoinette," will be read to youngsters at each of the library's two weekly Storytime sessions Thursday, March 9.

They will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions. A craft will follow each Storytime.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.) Although the events are free to the public, children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.youseemore.com/upshur.



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Gladewater High School students - Astrith Alvarez, Rachel Shepard, Aleigha Mcguyer - won first place for their project to spread awareness and advocate for homeless Texans. They competed at the recent Texas Family, Career and Community Leaders of America leadership conferences. The main goal of their 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

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.

Flags to be retired may be taken to any of four locations in



Steven Chamblee, Executive Director at the Longview Arboretum was Gladewater Rotarian Todd Clifton's guest speaker at the Feb. 23



Mica Sterling of Beds of Hope was the Feb. 16 Gladewater guest speaker. She was presented by **Rotarian Todd Clifton.**

Gilmer: the Legion headquarters, the Gilmer Fire Department, Computer Tech or Williams Furniture Co.

The Legion has held several such public flag retirement ceremonies in the parking area behind its meeting place. Though the building faces on Harrision, the parking lot is off Silver Alley.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Tyler Sutton

Spring is close to being here and that means baseball and softball season are well underway and the Gladewater Bears baseball team and Lady Bears Softball team were both in action this week with multiple games.

The Bears baseball team opened up its season on Monday, January 20th taking on the West Rusk Raiders and fell 4-2. The Raiders got on the board first when Will Jackson lead off the 2nd inning with a double and was brough home on a rbi single by Jason Reasoner. Reasoner ended up with 2 runs drove in as he later had another rbi single to make it 3-0 West Rusk. The Bears finally got to West Rusk starting pitch Kullen Tavarez in the 6th inning for 2 runs to cut the Raiders lead to 3-2. But West Rusk got a all important insurance run in the bottom of the 6th inning and Jackson then moved to the mound to shut down the Bears in the 7th to win it.

The Bears were the back in action on Thursday as they began play in the Grand Saline tournament. Starting off with an 11 a.m game on Thursday, February 23rd with a 8-0 loss to West Rusk. They followed that up going 1-3 for the rest of the weekend with a win over Eustace and losses to Van, Canton and Grand Saline. The Zac Spears led team is off to a 1-6 start to the season.

The Bears will head to Frankston on Thursday to begin play in the Frankston tournament.

The Gladewater Lady Bears continued their season opening homestand with a 10-0 loss to the Arp Lady Tigers. It was a rough night for Gladewater pitching as Arp scored at least one run in every inning including 2 inning where they scored three plus runs. The Lady Bears were held to just 2 hits. A couple of singles by Zandrea Tyeskie and Izzy Mize had the only 2 hits for Gladewater. Then on Thursday the Lady Bears began play in the Arp Tournament falling 10-1 to Cross Roads Bri Wilson drove in the lone run for Gladewater. On Friday the continued in the Arp Tourney with their first win of the season as Gladewater knocked off Buffalo 3-1. Improving their record to 1-3-1.

Switching to the hardwood, the White Oak Roughnecks basketball team began their playoff run on Monday, February 22nd at Spring Hill's Panthers gym with a dominating 61-33 victory over the Waskom Wildcats. Both teams struggled in the opening period as it was deadlocked 4-4 after 1. But the Roughnecks finally got going as they dominated the 2nd quarter outscoring the Wildcats 20-6 and taking a 24-10 lead into halftime. The Roughnecks continued their hot shooting in the 3rd quarter to basically put the game away. Zac Jacyno had another big game for White Oak with another double double as he poured in 18 points and 10 rebounds. Colton Millwood added 9 points and 7 rebounds and Kaleb Sorgee had 9 points.

However, White Oak saw its 2022 basketball season come to and end on Friday, February 24th in Hallsville as they fell in the 2nd round of the playoffs to the Atlanta Rabbits 50-35. It was a back and forth battle in the first half as the Rabbits held a slim 21-18 lead at the half. But Atlanta began to pull away in the 2nd half as they outscored the Roughnecks 29-17. Senior Zac Jacyno playing in turned out to be his final game at White Oak led the way for the Roughnecks with 11 points and 8 rebounds. White Oak finishes its season at 25-12.

The Roughnecks baseball and softball teams were also in action during the week. The Baseball team opened up its 2022 season in big fashion with a 14-2 run rule victory over Pine Tree. Davis Tolliver gave White Oak an early 1-0 lead with an rbi single. That was followed up by a 2 run single by Noah Fritsche and the Roughnecks had a quick 3-0 1st inning lead. The Roughnecks got a great outing to begin the season from their ace Gavin Jones, a Texas Tech commit who threw 5 innings giving up just 2 runs. It was win # 1 at White Oak for new head coach Charles Foshee. Then on Thursday, February 23rd White Oak began play at the Rains tournament with a 2-2 tie with Central Heights. Davis Tolliver drove in both runs for the Roughnecks and Landyn Grant was great on the mound going 4.2 innings giving up just 2 earned runs. They followed that up with yet another tie this time with Athens. A 3-3 contest.

On Friday, February 24th, the Roughnecks defeated Malakoff 8-1 and fell to Brook Hill 4-2.

Next up for White Oak will be the Grand Saline tournament. Play begins Thursday, March 2nd

The White Oak softball team had a wonderful week as they went 6-1 and improved their record to 10-2 overall. The Lady Necks picked up wins over Canton, Edgewood, Redwater, Pittsburgh, Carthage and Waskom. With their only loss off the week coming to Royse City.

The White Oak High School Varsity Boys team finished 8th overall vs. Longview, Hallsville, Pine Tree, and others, outscoring Kaufman and Jefferson. The Roughnecks were led in scoring by the field event athletes. Sophomore Kyler Priest finished 2nd with a new personal best of 13'00". Seniors,

Kirkland Cobb and Grayson Thompson, were 3rd and 4th. Cobb and Thompson have also cleared 13'00" this season. The boys 4x400 meter relay team finished 4th overall. Noah Carter, Mitchell Carter, Mason Barlow and Nick Johnson ran a 3:35.

The White Oak girls team 7th out of 10 schools. Senior Anna Iske scored in the 100 meter hurdles and the High Jump. This was the first meet of the year for some of the girls coming in from the playoffs in basketball. Anna Cleared 5'00" for 8 points and a silver medal. Senior Emma Nix placed in both the Shot and Discus. Finishing 5th in the shot and taking the gold in the Discus at 106'03".

Pole Vaulters Johanna Pennington and Lizzy Still finished first and second to lead that event.

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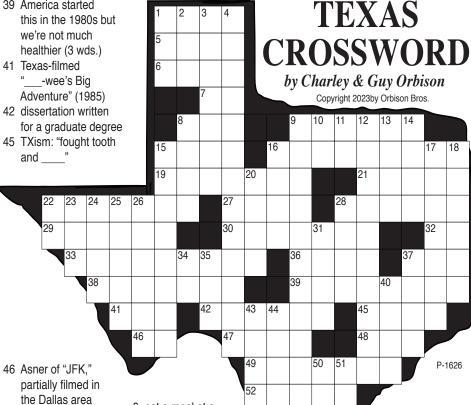
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Holden Hodges from White Oak was selected to play in the FCA all star football game. The game will be played June 3rd in Longview at Lobo Stadium.

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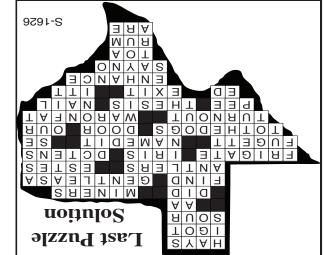
Union Grove's Jaxson Daniels keeps the ball from his Timpson defender in the area playoff game at New Summerfield Feb. 24. Daniels scored 15 points for the Lions, including two three-pointers. The Lions finished their 18-14 season as bi-district champs and area finalists. **Photo by Kimber Smith**

Parker leads White Oak powerlifters in win

White Oak's powerlifter Jayce Parker took 1st Place in the 123lb weight class w/total of 680lbs while Nick Johnson won 2nd Place 148lb weight class w/total of 75lbs and Adam Caldwell - 3rd Place 165lb weight class w/total of 1000lbs

Jose Garcia won 5th Place 1811b weight class w/total of Dakota Greene - 3rd Place 198lb weight class w/total of

Other participants increasing all personal records were Gunner Daniels, Kaleb Morales, Gage Davison and Jackson



OBITUARY

WANDA FAY JARMAN

Wanda Fay Jarman, 75, of Gilmer passed away on February 24, 2023 in Longview. She was born on October 14, 1947 in Longview to the late William Oval and Georgie (Hall) Meyer. She married Larry Jarman in July of 1966, and he



passed away in December of 1971. Wanda married Lonnie Mitchell on October 4, 1972.

Wanda started working as a server at Reber's Root Beer Stand at the age of 14. For over 49 years she worked as a server for many different restaurants in the Gladewater and Longview area including Denny's, Shamrock, Henry's and retired from working for The Ranch

Café in East Mountain.

She was known as a dedicated, selfless, hard worker, who put everyone else's needs ahead of her. Wanda was fearless and would do anything that was put in front of her, including working cows or running a wood loader. She had no quit in her, which was shown in a way that after she retired, Wanda quickly returned to her studies to obtain her GED. Wanda's passions in life were singing and dancing, which she loved to do.

She is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Lonnie; children, Curtis Jarman, Kenneth and his wife, Burnetta Jarman, DaWanna Jarman, Lawan Starr; grandchildren, Christopher Jarman, Brittney Jarman, Shauntae Turner, CheyAnne Hawkins, Seth Jarman, Candous McGuire, Levi Starr; siblings, Nona Gordon, Patricia Shelton, Kenneth Meyer, Wilma Barton, Terry Meyer, Debra Wheeler, Rodney Meyer; as well as many other extended family members. Wanda is preceded in death by her parents, William and Georgie Meyer; grandchildren, Krystal Jarman and Austin Alexander; siblings, Tony Meyer, Alma Gordon and Clifford Meyer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jarman will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 11 am at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer. A visitation will be held Friday, March 3, 2023 from 6-8 pm at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer. Following the funeral services, interment will take place at the Mitchell Cemetery in Upshur County.



Herrmann named outstanding citizen

By Phillip Williams

Gilmer City Councilman and retired longtime businessman Pete Herrmann was named the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce's "Outstanding Citizen" for 2022 at the chamber's recent 2023 banquet.

Five other awards were presented to individuals or groups at the gathering, which chamber Executive Director Gloria McLuckie said more than 200 persons attended at the Yamboree Event Center. The banquet theme was "Unity."

Besides the awards presentations, Sara Kate Jenkins took over the chamber presidency from Angela Fielden.

Other than Herrmann, other award recipients included New Diana High School teacher Ashley Moore, "Educator of the Year"; Police Chief Lana Davidson and the Gilmer Police Department, "Top Hand Award"; Shawn Owens, "Unsung Hero"; Bob Bates,"Humanitarian of the Year"; and Brent Goudarzi and Marty Young, the "John Brogoitti Impact Award."

In presenting Herrmann his award, Brandon Dodd cited the former Gilmer Buckeye football star from the early 1960s, and retired longtime owner of Economy Auto Supply, for his involvement in church, the chamber, local Rotary Club and family.

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Congratulations to White Oak HIgh School's Kim Taylor and her art students on their awards at VASE competition this past weekend. They had 20 gold medalists and 1 advancing to state. Freshman and Art I student, Marshall O'Brien, will compete at the state contest. Students pictured are: Front Row - Valerie Deleon, Allie Root, Lilly Cutler, Jessica Lowery. Middle Row Fiona Rolland, Kylie Wallace, Andicen Cain, Kalyn Hepler, **Emma** Richeson, Keatyn Hamilton. Top Row Chloe Malicieux, Destiny Ward, O'Brien, Marshall Charlie Samford, Ryley Kuhn, Vivian Scurlock.



Gladewater Area Ladies Association celebrates 20 years

In 2003, a group of women from the Gladewater area who were associated with a national businesswomen's group (BPW) at that time, decided it had become too political for them, and they lacked local autonomy. The group decided to drop membership in BPW and form their own 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, naming it Gladewater Area Ladies Association or G.A.L.A.

According to founding president and current first vice president, Rita Osha, "This change allowed us to devote most of our efforts and financial resources to our own community, and since we would no longer be affiliated with a state or national organization, we would be less restricted. We wanted to focus more on local concerns and people, and a majority of club members at the time, were in opposition to some of the views and policies of BPW."

An advisory committee was chosen and met on February 6, 2003, to write a constitution and by-laws and to work on the application to become a non-profit organization with the 501(c)3 status, allowing for tax-deductible contributions. Mrs. Osha also developed the club's mission statement: The purpose of Gladewater Area Ladies Association is to support women in their many roles in life, including, but not limited to, education and employment, home and family, and community and country. While we are not a religious or political organization, we will encourage patriotism, honoring our country and symbols of freedom. In addition, we will support the right of each

person to worship the God upon whose Truths our nation was established. We will encourage individual growth as well as responsibility, and we will, to the best of our ability, aid those within our ranks and community who are in need. We desire to mentor the next generation of women and to assist them in developing the great potential that lies in each one.

According to current President Latresa Powell, "This statement still describes what G.A.L.A. is about. We are a service organization that truly makes a positive difference in the lives of our community members. In reality, we are people who love people. Over the years, we have raised over \$100,000 and have awarded multiple yearly scholarships to high school seniors, which continues to be our main

focus. We have held numerous annual fund raisers, which have helped support various groups through the years with donations to local organizations like the Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Restored 180, East Texas Women's Center, GISD food pantries, Manna House, pregnancy centers, Angel Tree, and many more. In addition, we offer educational programs for our members on interesting topics utilizing guest speakers, something we hope to extend to the community in the future. Topics like self-defense, identity theft, adoption, hospice, wills, etc.

"Since we are celebrating our 20th year in existence, we are focusing on our accomplishments and are working to grow our membership and expand our community

presence. We invite women (18 and above) to be our guest at one of our meetings to try us out," continues the president. Gladewater Area Ladies Association meets at the Chamber of Commerce at 215 N. Main in Gladewater on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, alternating between noon and evening meeting times. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, at noon.

For more specific information, please contact Rita Osha via email - famosha@juno.com or call Lois Reed at the Chamber of Commerce (903) 845-5501.

The current slate of officers include:

President - Latresa Powell 1st VP Programs - Rita Osha 2nd VP Membership - Pat Applegate

Secretary - Jane Gregston Treasurer - Letha Cross



In the recent Oil Patch TRTA meeting each person talked about their hobby or collectible. Those participating included: Becky Cerliano, Lois Reed (symbols of her life), Ann Clay, Elaine Roddy (quilting), Gail Meadows (Cook Books), Tess Nichols (Willow Ware), Cindy Byrd (photography), Marilyn Vaught (oil painting), Renee' Steele (pottery), Pam Word (ceramic dog owned 70 years), Elano Osteon (George Washington Plates)

WOPD Police Arrest Report

For the reporting period of February 20th through the 26th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 153 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Traffic Problems (crashes, motorist assists, investigative stops), Domestic Disturbances, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated resulting in one injury and no continuing criminal investigations.

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

Brandon T. Bratcher, 33, of White Oak on an outstanding Gregg County Bond Forfeiture warrant for Obstructing Highway,

Adrian Odis Taylor, 23, of Longview for Possession of Marijuana and Unlawful Carrying a Weapon, and

Yair De Jesus Rodriguez, 30, of Longview for Evading Arrest w/a Motor Vehicle and on nine (9) outstanding Gregg County warrants for (1) POCS PG 1 over 1 less than 4 grams, (2) POCS PG 3 less than 28 grams, (3) POCS PG 1 less than 1 gram, (4) POCS PG 1 less than 1 gram, (5) POCS PG 1 less than 1 gram, (6) Bond Forfeiture / Possession Dangerous Drug, (7) Bond Forfeiture / Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ounces, (8) Bond Forfeiture / POCS PG 3 less than 28 grams.

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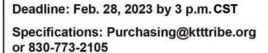
The residence of Guardian is in Gregg County, Texas, and the mailing address is: Guardian of the person and estate of TOBI ANTHONY JOVEL, c/o, 208 W Lynnwood Ln, Longview, TX 75604.

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

SIGNED on February 9, 2023.

MARIA JOVEL Matthew R. Patton, IV Attorney for Guardian State Bar No. 24002736 E-Mail:matthew@matthewpattonlaw.com 316 N. Titus Gilmer, TX 75644 Telephone: (903) 843-3029 Fax: (903) 680-0163

The Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas is accepting proposals for construction of 10 new homes in the Vega **Land Subdivision**



All proposals and scope or work will need to include materials, equipment, and labor for 10 new wood frame homes. Proposals must be received in a sealed envelope labeled: CONSTRUCTION OF 10 NEW HOMES IN THE VEGA LAND SUBDIVISION. A performance and payment bond will be required for this project. All proposals should be sent/delivered to: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, Government Building, 2212 Rosita Valley Rd., Eagle Pass, Texas 78852

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The Alamo Collections Center, located behind the Alamo Church, boasts 10,000 square feet of exhibition space, expanding the current galleries fivefold and offering stateof-the-art storage and conservation space for the Alamo Collection. It is the newest construction on the Alamo grounds since the 1950s and will showcase items from the Phil Collins Collection, the Donald and Louise Yena Spanish Colonial Collection, and the Alamo Collection until they can be displayed in the new Visitor Center and Museum, set to open in 2026.

Dr. Kate Rogers, Alamo Trust, Inc. Executive Director, said, "The new Alamo Collections Center is an essential step forward in preserving and showcasing the complete history of the Alamo. For the first time, visitors will have the opportunity to see priceless artifacts from the Alamo Collection. It's an exciting moment for the historic site and its 1.6 million annual visitors."

The Alamo Collections Center will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can purchase timed-entry tickets online, with entry available every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friends of the Alamo members enjoy free admission, while non-members are encouraged to join.

Admission prices for non-members are as follows:

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For more information on the Alamo Collections Center and its artifacts, please visit our website at TheAlamo.Org.



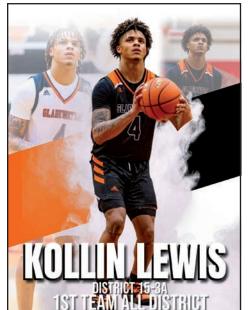
The White Oak Roughnecks won their Bi-District Championship game against the Waskom Wildcats with a score of 61-33. However, their season came to a close with a record of 25 wins and 12 losses after they were beaten by Atlanta in the Area Playoff game with a final score of 50-35.

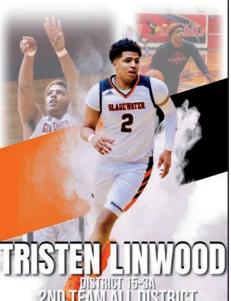
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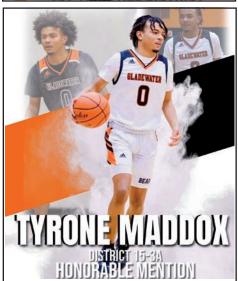
Local student named to Dean's List in U of A's **Fulbright College**

FAYETTEVILLE, AR -Terry Miller of White Oak was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

To qualify for the Dean's List, the following local students achieved at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours.









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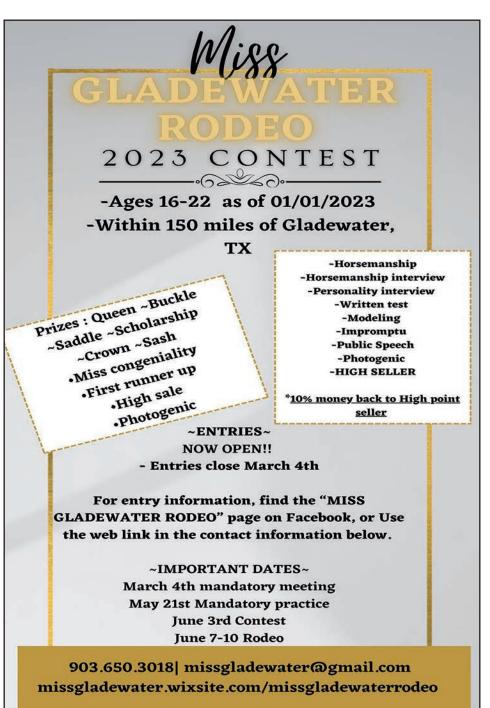
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- 9. Ralls 8-2
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- 11. Thorndale 4-2 12. Linden-Kildare 6-2
- 13. Hamlin 6-2 14. Snook 3-1-1
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- 3. Dekalb 7-0
- 4. Llano 7-0
- 5. Troy 5-0
- 6. East Bernard 8-1 7. Iowa Park 7-1
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- 12. Hughes Springs 5-2 13. Bushland 2-0
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- 15. Lorena 9-3-1 16. Taft 7-2
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- 18. Jacksboro 11-2 19. Little River Academy 10-2
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- 24. Columbus 4-1 25. Hempstead 3-0



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