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Don't miss this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet in conjunction with Gladewater's 150th Celebration, March 23. Contact the Chamber Office at (903)845-5501 to purchase tickets. A table seats 8 and cost \$200.

## Students join fight to end DUI deaths

Drunk drivers claim the lives of hundreds of Texans every year, and spring break can be a particularly deadly time. TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign is working with college students around the state to highlight the dangers of impaired driving by sharing stories from people who have experienced the consequences firsthand.

One person in Texas dies every 7 hours and 43 minutes in a DUI-alcohol (driving under the influence) related traffic crash. In 2021, 1,134 people in Texas were killed and 2,565 seriously injured because someone chose to get behind the wheel while impaired. During spring break of 2021, Texas recorded 874 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 31 deaths and 107 serious injuries.

"The loss of life on our highways is tragic," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It is all the more tragic to know that the vast majority of these lives lost could be prevented. Our message to students is this: Help keep yourself and others safe by finding a sober ride, taking a cab, using a rideshare, or simply staying put. There are severe and deadly consequences to drunk driving, and we don't want to see lives and futures destroyed."

TxDOT is partnering with college campus-based U in the Driver Seat, a peer-to-peer program led by students at Texas A&M University, focused on saving lives by preventing traffic crashes. Student leaders from around the state will join the campaign and urge their fellow students to always find a sober ride.

Drinking and driving is an all-too-often regrettable decision with far-reaching consequences. Beyond the inherent risk of injury and death—to the driver, passengers or other innocent bystanders—driving while intoxicated is often accompanied by a lingering emotional and financial toll, resulting in legal, career, and mental health repercussions. Every day, impaired driving devastates the lives of offenders and survivors alike.

Throughout March, TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign will host outreach events at key spring break locations. Each event will showcase a mobile video exhibit featuring powerful testimonials from Texans who intimately understand the consequences of drunk driving, either as offenders or survivors. TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day.

## Blood drive draws donors

The Gladewater High School Student Council sponsored a blood drive with Carter BloodCare Feb. 28.

Carter BloodCare provided a bus parked at the high school and the high school provided the donors.

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will hold two mobile blood drives in Gilmer in March.

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative will host one March 13, while a "Gilmer Community Blood Drive," sponsored by the Upshur County Health Coalition, is set March 30.

The Upshur Rural drive at the cooperative on Texas 154 is set from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information, contact Dee Wingfield at 903-680-0227.

The community blood drive, scheduled on the downtown courthouse square, is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information on it, contact Julie York, an Upshur County extension agent, at 903-680-8128.

For more information on blood drives scheduled throughout East Texas in March, contact Carter blood drive consultant Donna Russell at 903-574-4998.

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Here are just a few of the ways blood helps.

### Cancer Patients Ideal Donation Type

Platelets donation, because certain cancers and cancer treatments prevent patients from producing their own.

### Ideal Blood Type

A positive, A negative, B positive, O positive, AB positive and AB negative

### Trauma Patients Ideal Donation Type

Power Red, because red cells



"People are in need of blood so I thought I'd help out."

Taylor Pickett



"So I'll be able to get my medical card."

Jaida Hawley



"I want to help people, and I got a free shirt."

Timothy Heashe

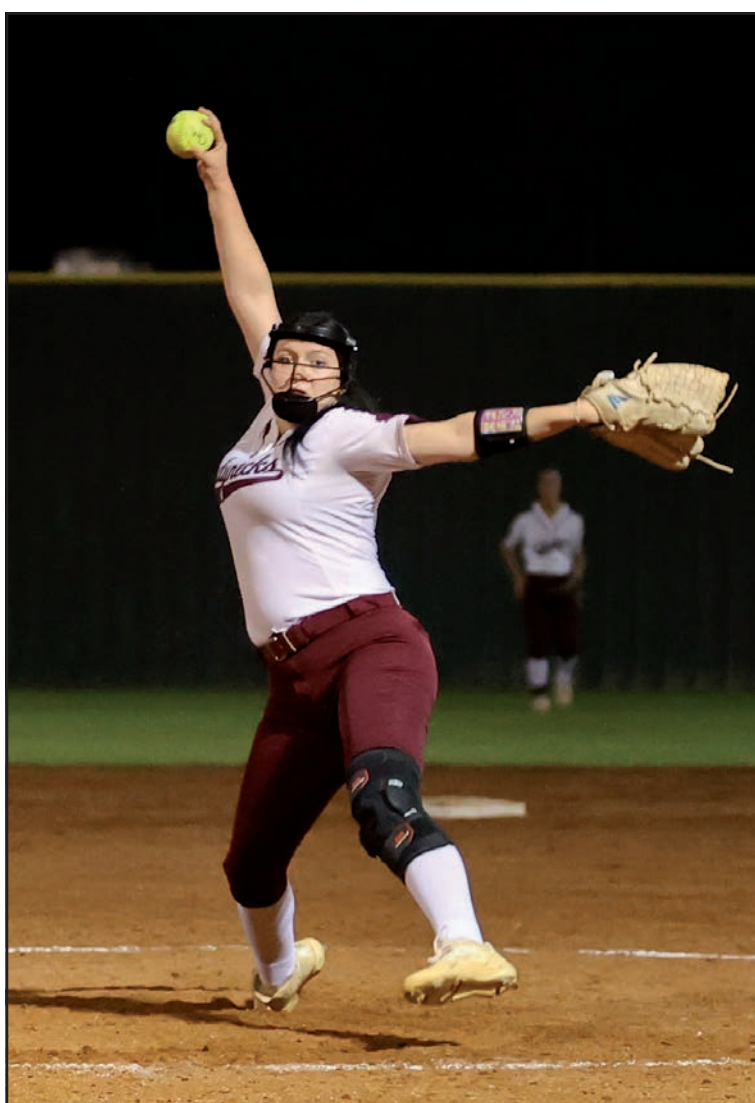
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carry oxygen throughout the body and are frequently given to trauma and surgery patients.

AB Elite plasma donation, because AB plasma is needed to help stop bleeding. Call 1-800-RED CROSS to make an AB Elite ap-

### Ideal Blood Type

For Power Red: O positive, O negative, B negative, A negative  
For AB Elite: AB positive, AB negative



White Oak's Larkin Daniels delivered her third no-hitter of the year striking out 20 batters with no walks in the Ladynecks' 5-0 shutout of Mineola. The Ladynecks' offense was led by Jaidyn Marshall, who singled and drove in three runs.

Photo by Mike Peery

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



## Daylight saving time starts this Sunday

Spring is approaching, and so is daylight saving time, which starts at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12. Clocks jump ahead an hour, so if you forget to adjust the time you are liable to show up for church an hour late and miss the service.

The first two countries to use daylight saving time were Germany and Austria in 1916. They did so to save fuel used for artificial lights during World War I. The United States followed suit in 1918.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., has reintroduced legislation to make daylight saving time permanent across the country, which he says would end the "antiquated practice" of changing clocks twice a year.

"This ritual of changing time twice a year is stupid. Locking the clock has overwhelming bipartisan and popular support. This Congress, I hope that we can finally get this done," Rubio said in a statement Thursday.

The bill, called the Sunshine Protection Act, passed the Senate last year by unanimous consent, meaning no senators opposed it. But it stalled in the House and expired at the end of the last session of Congress.

If it is enacted, daylight saving time, which begins in March and ends in November, would become permanent year-round in the U.S.

American Samoa, most of Arizona, Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time and would not be required to under the legislation.

Several senators in both parties co-sponsored the original bill, including James Lankford, R-Okla., Ron Wyden, D-Ore., Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., Rick Scott, R-Fla., Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., and Ed Markey, D-Mass.

## White Oak ISD hires new super

By Jim Bardwell

White Oak ISD trustees Wednesday night named Dr. William Paul its lone finalist for superintendent.

By law, WOISD must wait 21 days from March 1 to officially hire Paul, who is the Windthorst ISD superintendent.

Windthorst ISD is in Archer and Clay counties, about 30 miles north of Graham.

Paul was one of three finalists interviewed last week and WOISD school board president Dr. David Ummel said all three were "excellent candidates."

Paul replaces Brian Gray, who retired over the Christmas holidays. Gray became superintendent in 2020, replacing Mike Gilbert.

Paul and his wife RaKel have four children.

Prior to being named superintendent at Windthorst ISD in 2021, Paul served as Breckenridge High School principal. Paul moved to Breckenridge in 2018 from Lexington, where he was the junior high principal. While in Breckenridge, Paul finished his doctorate in education from Texas Tech University.

He also served as Assistant Principal at Brenham Junior High in Brenham; Teacher/coach at College Station High School in College Station; Teacher/coach at Lancaster High School in Lancaster; Teacher/coach at Terrell High School in Terrell; Teacher/coach at Conrad High School in Dallas; and Teacher/coach at Bryan High School in Bryan.

According to Paul's LinkedIn profile, he earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Educational Leadership and Administration, General from Texas Tech University. He earned his Master of Education (M.Ed.) Educational Leadership and Administration, General from Lamar University, and his Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Texas A&M University.

Paul is the second new hire at WOISD. The school board welcomed its new Roughneck Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Michael Ludlow the week before at a special board meeting. 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 AD.



# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## My hero, Gen. Sam ...

One of the men in my life celebrated his 230th birthday March 2. I have been in a close relationship with him since 1978 when I wrote my Masters' thesis about him. He is my hero for several reasons, not the least of which was his ability to start over and in the effort change the course of history in the process.

Here is a short dirty lesson about the man known as The Raven.

As a fatherless youth he often crossed over and spent summers with the Cherokees. As a young man under the command of General Andy Jackson he distinguished himself in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend against the Creek Indians who were making hash of Jackson's troops.

Old Hickory was in a rage with his white hair standing on end as he whipped his white horse around yelling commands at his splintered troops. Sam, a young ensign who was being treated for an injury sprang onto his horse and charged the Creek inspiring an advance that saved the day and winning Jackson's admiration and affection.

Sam who was raised without a father looked to Jackson to fill that role. Jackson looked to Houston as the son he never had who was destined to shape America's future.

As governor of Tennessee Sam married a sweet young thing who apparently was in love with someone else. She abandoned the statehouse and Sam for her lover. Sam retreated to his Cherokee family and stayed drunk for some time. But eventually he emerged from his embarrassment and hangover to be called to the Capital by Jackson who was now President and Commander-in-Chief. Sam who met the President in his buckskins earned a turn of Jackson's back and tossed a bag of coins with the comment to return when he was dressed as a civilized man.

Shortly after their time together Sam made his way to the Mexican territory known as Texas and the wild young man grew into a visionary leader of historic legend. He also fell in love with a good woman who helped him be a better man.

Sam Houston was the kind of man who could stand up to ridicule, just and unjust criticism, the tragic loss of men he admired at battles like Gonzales and Goliad, and the kick in the gut that was the Alamo and its "13 Days of Glory".

Who do you think was blamed for the loss of those heroes?

Sam Houston led the rag-tag revolutionary army in what was derisively called the Runaway Scrape until he backed his army onto a bayou that he knew he could defend with his limited troops. And with the burning of a bridge by Deaf Smith he was ready to win a war and birth a nation.

Sam Houston served as president of the Republic of Texas and a senator and governor of Texas. As the Civil War approached he was the Unionist governor of a pro-secession state.

Houston begged legislators not to support secession and

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



they brutally kicked him out of the governor's office. While they voted for secession he stood on the steps of the Capitol and begged Texans to vote against the bill. After it passed elderly ex-governor Sam Houston toured the state begging voters to vote against secession. He stood on the steps of many a courthouse, including the one in Gilmer speaking directly to the people who more often than not pelted the elderly hero of San Jacinto with rotten fruit. Yet he futilely rode from town to town in the effort to stem the tide.

Long ago I presented a paper on my hero at the East Texas Historical Association and used the book "The Great Designer" by historian Lorena B. Friend as my main source. When it was over, a tiny older woman approached me and drawled in a lovely Southern accent, "I used to say I was the last woman in Sam Houston's life. Suzanne, I now pass that title

to you."

And so, as Miss Lorena's self-declared "last woman" I share with you the words of this very flawed man. The words that made him a hero for the ages.

"Some of you laugh to scorn the idea of bloodshed as the result of secession, but let me tell you what is coming... Your fathers and husbands, your sons and brothers, will be herded at the point of the bayonet... You may after the sacrifice of countless millions of treasure and hundreds of thousands of lives, as a bare possibility, win Southern independence... but I doubt it. I tell you that, while I believe with you in the doctrine of state rights, the North is determined to preserve the Union..."

If you go to war with the United States, you will never conquer her, as she has the money and the men. If she does not whip you by guns, powder and steel, she will starve you to death... I predict the civil war which is now at hand will be stubborn of long duration..."

In the name of the constitution of Texas, which has been trampled upon, I refuse to take this oath. I love Texas too well to bring civil strife and bloodshed upon her."

Sam Houston was deposed from office on March 15, 1861 and died on July 26, 1863, with his wife Margaret by his side. His last words were "Texas! Texas! Margaret."

Sam Houston sacrificed everything he had ever won or deeply wanted for his convictions. Texas and our nation could use a few more statesmen like him today.



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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Open for Business ...

There has been a move afoot of late in Texas to reduce or eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies in settings such as higher education and hiring. Such efforts run counter to my boyhood notions of Texas as an open and welcoming place. Irrespective of any purported rationale behind these efforts, they put the state on a slippery economic slope with potentially substantial adverse consequences.

We have studied these issues and engaged in extensive research and modeling to analyze potential economic implications of policies which appear to be discriminatory or exclusionary. Empirical studies indicate that non-discrimination protections encourage the location of knowledge workers and young workers in an area, thus contributing to the attraction and retention of high-growth industries conducive to long-term economic growth. In fact, research has demonstrated that non-discriminatory employment policies foster enhanced growth in technology enterprises. These positive effects would likely be magnified by policies assuring access to housing, public places, education, and employment opportunities. As the nation faces long-term shortages, a skilled workforce will be the currency of economic development. Policies which make Texas less attractive to this critical resource will be counterproductive.

Similarly, surveys of travelers and convention professionals demonstrate that full access is increasingly necessary for an active tourism market. Social policies which are perceived to be discriminatory can have a detrimental effect on travel and tourism by decreasing the attractiveness of an area to event planners and potential visitors. Controversial laws can reduce numbers of attendees, for instance, which can cause professionals who organize conferences and events to avoid such locations. In addition, scheduling an event in a location with a law that is considered to be harmful by some groups can be interpreted as support for the policy, and some organizations and sponsors will choose to avoid locations with controversial laws in order to avoid the appearance of approval of the public policy.

The potential economic stakes are sizable. In a prior study, we estimated that passing a comprehensive non-discrimination policy would bring Texas over \$100 billion in annual gross product and more than 700,000 jobs by 2045. Business activity also generates tax revenue, and the potential stimulus associated with passage of such a measure would generate notable increases in tax receipts to the State and local governments. Moving in the opposite direction is clearly counterproductive.

Assuring that Texas creates a welcoming environment for all workers and visitors is a key to sustained and accelerated growth in several sectors that are crucial to the future economic performance and prosperity of the state in an increasingly competitive environment. DEI principles are important to ensuring Texas is seen as a welcoming place for all – which is essential to long-term success.

Stay safe!

## Texas again leads state in new corporate projects

Texas once again has topped the list for new and expanded corporate facilities added in a year, according to Site Selection Magazine. With 1,028 new projects in 2022, the state had more than the next two states combined – Illinois and Ohio.

"Texas truly is America's economic engine, and we stand apart as a model for the nation," Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said, according to The Dallas Morning News. "When choosing where to relocate or expand their businesses, more and more innovative industry leaders find themselves at home in our state."

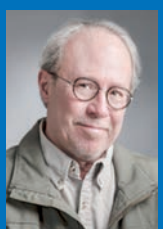
Two projects valued at \$8.5 billion each helped snare the state's top spot: a chemical plant in Orange and a liquefied natural gas plant in Corpus Christi. They were followed by a \$5 billion silicon wafer plant in Sherman.

"The Lone Star State's economy is larger than that of Canada, South Korea and Australia," Site Selection said in its March issue.

### New court system for businesses proposed

A new court system devoted solely to settling business disputes is being proposed by the state's top three elected officials, though it has its share of critics as well. The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott, House Speaker Dade Phelan and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in separate announcements proposed the creation of a specialty business court, modeled after the Chancery Court of Delaware. The court has been in existence for more than two centuries and has been emulated by a few dozen states. The specialty business court has been listed as a top priority of legislators during this session.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abbott said the court would provide consistency in applying state law when businesses end up court disputes. A high-powered lobby group, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, is backing the plan.

"Businesses today know the same case with the same facts can produce wildly varying outcomes simply based on which part of the state it's filed in and which judge is hearing it, and we know attorneys are telling their clients not to litigate in Texas because of this unpredictability," TLR spokeswoman Lucy Nashed Cafrelli said in the Statesman story.

The judges for the business court would be appointed by the governor, according to House bill 19, filed last week. The president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association called that problematic.

"The bottom line is that Texans value electing their judges," San Antonio attorney Laura Tamez said.

### Child fatalities drop in last fiscal year

The number of children in Texas who died due to accidents,

maltreatment and unsafe sleep declined by 27% in the last fiscal year. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services reported 182 children died due to abuse and neglect in the state during fiscal year 2022. The most common causes of fatalities involving neglect were drowning, unsafe sleep, physical neglect and medical neglect, DFPS reported.

Children 3 years of age and younger comprised almost 80% of all confirmed child abuse and neglect fatalities over the past 10 fiscal years. However, in the past three years, there has been a marked increase in fatalities involving older children. In all confirmed cases of abuse and neglect, parents were the most common perpetrators.

### TPWD celebrates park centennial with grants

As Texas state parks mark their 100th anniversary, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is awarding the largest sum of grants in the program's history. The agency is distributing more than \$2.8 million to create 55 new grant-funded partnerships across the state to promote conservation and recreation.

The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) was established in 1996 to introduce under-represented audiences to outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education. Among the projects approved are students monitoring water quality along the Rio Grande, communities of color learning about the cultural history of the Buffalo Soldiers while hiking at Fort Davis State Park, and breast cancer survivors learning to fly fish in the state's rivers. The grants are funded through a portion of Texas' sporting goods sales tax.

## COMMON SENSE

In today's enlightened age it appears that common sense is becoming very uncommon. Someone said: "It is a thousand times better to have common sense without an education than to have an education without common sense." We see this evidenced in the theory of evolution. Evolutionary biologist Ernst Mayr said: "No educated person any longer questions the validity of the so-called theory of evolution, which we now know to be a simple fact." Let's put it to the common-sense test.

Hebrews 3: 4 makes a common-sense observation that also applies to God's existence. "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God." That certainly makes sense, doesn't it? Have you seen any houses lately that built themselves? No, you haven't and our complex cosmos did not accidentally make itself either! For one to say that the universe created itself is nonsensical. Common sense points directly to God, the Creator, i. e. - the First Cause.

The story is told of a 19<sup>th</sup> century skeptic, who, while visiting a friend, picked up a globe, and asked: "Who made this?" His friend, who was a believer in God, said: "Nobody, it just made itself." Of course, that was an absurd and ridiculous statement, intended to show the atheist how ridiculous and absurd his idea about the universe having no Maker was. Belief in the theory of evolution requires a blind leap of faith, which we are told all educated (?) people are willing to espouse and embrace, without any validity or factual evidence to support it.

Genesis 1: 1 explains: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Isaiah 42: 5 describes God as the One who "Created the heavens, and stretched them out..." So yes, common sense says that every house was built by someone, and the universe also had a Maker, and that mighty Maker is God! Dear friend, don't be intimidated by skeptics, who portray themselves as keen-minded and perceptive intellectuals, when in truth, they are blind to the obvious evidence all around them, that there is a Creator. Think on these things.

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	ALARM/OTHER	20231134	12:34	510 WOOD WOOD	
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# GPD Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
2/27/23	2/27/23	14:16	BUNCH, SHANNON RACHELLE	W	F	EVADING ARREST DETENTION W/VEHICLE	1508 ST LYNN N
3/4/23	3/4/23	10:53	JONES, JOSHYLYNN TYRELL	B	M	DISORDERLY CONDUCT DISCHARGED/DISPLAY FIREARM	804 TENERY ST
	3/4/23	10:53	JONES, JOSHYLYNN TYRELL	B	M	UNLAWFUL CARRYING WEAPON	804 TENERY ST
	3/4/23	10:53	JONES, JOSHYLYNN TYRELL	B	M	TAMPER FABRICATE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE W/INTENT TO	804 TENERY ST

# WOPD Police Arrest Report

For the reporting period of February 27th through March 5th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 168 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Investigative Follow-ups, Burglar Alarms, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

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

Four arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period: Destiny Renee Ayers, 30, of White Oak on an outstanding Upshur County Probation Revocation warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Brandon Ramon Vollm, 40, of Longview for Public Intoxication, Carl Douglas Stokesberry, 44, of Kilgore for Public Intoxication and Illegal Dumping < 5 lbs, and Manuel Roldan Moreno, 23, of White Oak for Assault.

# Monthly Wrapups

For the month of February, The Gladewater police responded to 39 Criminal Investigations, arrested 13 people for various Offenses or Warrants, conducted 90 Traffic Stops, worked 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, responded to 355 Calls for Service and Answered 400 9-1-1 calls.

For the month of February The Gladewater fire department had a total of 111 calls for service, those calls were:

- Medical 76
- Public Service 12
- Canceled 5
- Fire 4
- HazMat 4
- Accident 3
- Rescue 2
- Utility Problem 2
- Alarm 2
- Agency Assist 1
- For the month of February

White Oak VFD ran 33 calls for service.

- Medical - 21
- Fire - 5
- Alarm - 2
- Controlled Burn - 1
- HazMat - 1
- Smoke Investigation - 1
- Utility Problem - 1
- Accident - 1

This is a 78% increase in call volume from February 2022.

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## Spring city-wide clean up day set

Its time to clean up!

Gladewater residents may deposit bulky, household garbage and items into dumpsters located along E. Commerce St, downtown Gladewater on Saturday, March 25, 8 a.m.-noon.

Prohibited items include paint, shingles, batteries, chemicals, refrigeration items and commercial waste. Please note that those items will not be accepted.

## Protecting Texas Children discussed

"Protecting Texas Children" will be theme of a presentation by Sarah Jessica Fields on Friday night at a public meeting co-sponsored by Republican Women of Upshur County and the Convention of States.

The event, which has free admission and free food, is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Barbwire Halo Cowboy Church, 6761 State Highway 154 West outside of Gilmer.

Fields, a mother of three and Whitehouse resident, is president and director of advocacy of the Texas Freedom Coalition. Her appearance and subject matter were announced by De'Borah Deaz, a member of both organizations sponsoring Friday's event.

Fields will discuss several topics, according to a flyer for



Gladewater Rotary Club's March Union Grove students of the month were Blake Moore and Gracie Stanford. Rotary President Darren Richardson welcomed them to the March 2 meeting.

the event. Among them are Social Emotional Learning (also known as Critical Race Theory) programs "and invasion of parental rights."

She will also discuss "explicit material used to indoctrinate children" and "Texas Education Code that protects possible criminals and pedophiles," the flyer says.

According to her biography, Fields holds a master's degree in psychology from the University of the Rockies and a bachelor's degree in gerontology. She also said she served in the military police before leaving the U.S. Army in 2010

Fields said in an email she works closely with State Sen. Bob Hall, who has filed multiple proposed bills that "address the issues I will be discussing" Friday night.

## Gladewater Storytime set

Storytime at the 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!

Here is this month's calendar if events:

- March 9th: Storytime at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- March 13th-17th: Gladewater ISD Spring Break
- March 14th: STEM Event: Magnetic Slime



The Gladewater Rotary program for March 2 featured RYLA Students Katy King and Kameron. Townsend. Rotarian Avon Bateman presented the program. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

- March 16th: Storytime at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- March 16th: Lion's Club Vision Screening @ 4:00 PM
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th: 1st Day of Spring Kid's Craft Event
- March 23rd: Storytime at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- March 25th: Youth Rally/Youth Challenge and Spring Clean-Up Event
- March 28th: Book Club Meeting @ 6:00 PM. Reading March by Geraldine Brooks
- March 30th: Storytime at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

## 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 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.



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# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Lions grab basketball post-season awards

By Kimber Smith

Union Grove's Lions and Lady Lions' basketball teams earned several all-district awards after both teams won their bi-district championships and competed in area playoff games.

Jace Roberts won the Defensive MVP award among the 21-AA boys. Jaxson Daniels and Colton Cowan were named first team all-district and Kayden Day second team. Lane Turner and Peyton Laake received honorable mentions.

For the girls, Sarah Prince brought home the Newcomer of the Year award, and Gracie Winn, Gracie Stanford and Ava Wightman won first-team all-district positions. Taylor Campbell earned a second team nod with Kyler Littlejohn, Analeice Jones, Brady Colby, Esmeralda Escobedo and Keira Taylor as honorable mentions.



## Dee Mackey Relays results

Union Grove hosted their annual Dee Mackey Relays event Friday, March 3.

Ore City won the JV boys division, followed by White Oak in second. For the roughnecks, David Watson placed second in the 800m run where Logan Langewisch placed fifth. Watson also placed second in the long jump, fifth in the triple jump, and fifth in the 400m run, and Langewisch also placed fourth in the 1600m run, followed by Nathan Watson in sixth. Jai Young placed fourth in the 400. Levi Sipes placed fourth in the 110m hurdles and second in the 300m hurdles, and Jackson Jowell placed sixth in the 100m dash. The 4x200m relay team of Terrall Beall, Bryce New, Kenny Poul and Trevor Sizemore placed sixth. Jowell, Watson, Sipes and Young made up the third place 4x400m relay team. Colin Wheat took second in the discus, and Beall placed sixth in the high jump. Sizemore won the pole vault, with teammates Jayce Parker and Tyson McKinney in second and third.

Cason Cowan placed fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump for Union Grove's JV. Gracen Graham finished in fourth at the high jump, and Carter Cooper placed sixth in the pole vault.

Harmony won the varsity boys' division where White Oak tied Frankston for second.

White Oak's 4x100m relay team of Nick Johnson, Logan Ladwig, Jesse Pratt and Langford-Barlow placed sixth. The 4x400m relay team of Mitchell Carter, Gavin Sipes, Johnson and Langford-Barlow took second. Sipes placed third and Johnson fourth in the 400m run, and Carter won the 300m hurdles. Noah Carter won the long jump, and Holden Hodges placed second in the discus, followed by Corbin Fryant in fourth. Fryant also placed second in the high jump. Grayson Thompson, Kirkland Cobb, and Kyler Priest went 1-2-3 in the pole vault.

For the Lions, Kohl Sirmans placed sixth in the 800m run, and Brendon Fuller placed sixth in the 1600m run. Colton Cowan placed second in the triple jump, and Josh Baker placed fifth in the discus. Lane Turner placed sixth in the pole vault.

Union Grove's varsity girls placed second behind Harmony. Gracie Stanford started the Lady Lions with a win in the 3200m run, followed by Sophie Pyle in fourth. Stanford also took second in the 1600m run, where Pyle took fifth. Gracie Winn won silver in the 800m run and Jenna Scott sixth. The 4x100m relay team of Rylee Aiken, Gracelyn Head, Ava Wightman and Taylor Campbell placed fifth, and the 4x200m team of Keira Taylor, Sarah Prince, Campbell and Wightman placed third. The 4x400m relay of Taylor, Winn, Prince, and Campbell placed second. Addison Smith took silver in shot put and third in discus. Sumeet Mattu won discus, and Campbell placed second in high jump.

Anna Iske placed second in the 300m hurdles, fifth in the 100m hurdles, and fourth in the high jump for the Ladynecks, and Addison Milligan placed third in the 400m run. Pennington placed third in the 100m dash, and Londyn Bodovsky placed sixth in the 1600m run. Emma Nix won the shot put and took second in discus, and Elizzabeth Still placed sixth in pole vault.



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- 1 TXism: "winder" (exciting)
- 5 Texas boxer Jack Johnson was called the "Galveston Giant"
- 6 Greek given name
- 7 TXism: "bunched up like \_\_\_ at a trough"
- 8 birth month for TX "Dandy Don" Meredith (abbr.)
- 9 with 36-across, cartoon animals named by Bill "Tex" Henson
- 16 actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"
- 18 American Airlines Center to the Dallas Mavericks (2 wds.)
- 21 sch. exercise (abbr.)
- 22 drug addict
- 23 TX "alligator" or "spotted" fish
- 24 ground-huggin' cloud? (2 wds.)
- 30 boot repairs (2 wds.)
- 34 private San Antonio university (abbr.)
- 35 gas at \$2.50 per gallon these days? (2 wds.)
- 36 last name in 9-across cartoon
- 37 Texas among other states?
- 39 TXism for "vulnerable" (3 wds.)
- 43 murders
- 44 San \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- 45 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)

- 46 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gunpowder \_\_\_"
- 47 TXism: "\_\_\_ bunkhouse chili"
- 49 restaurant reminder: "\_\_\_ server"
- 52 Texas peak: "\_\_\_ Capitan"
- 53 Love or Hobby guess
- 54 ethanol scopolamine, e.g. "truth \_\_\_"

- 55 most slippery
- 58 showy cup-shaped flower
- 59 TX George W. to George H.W.
- 60 Cowboy Dalton Schultz position
- 61 \_\_\_ Rio, TX

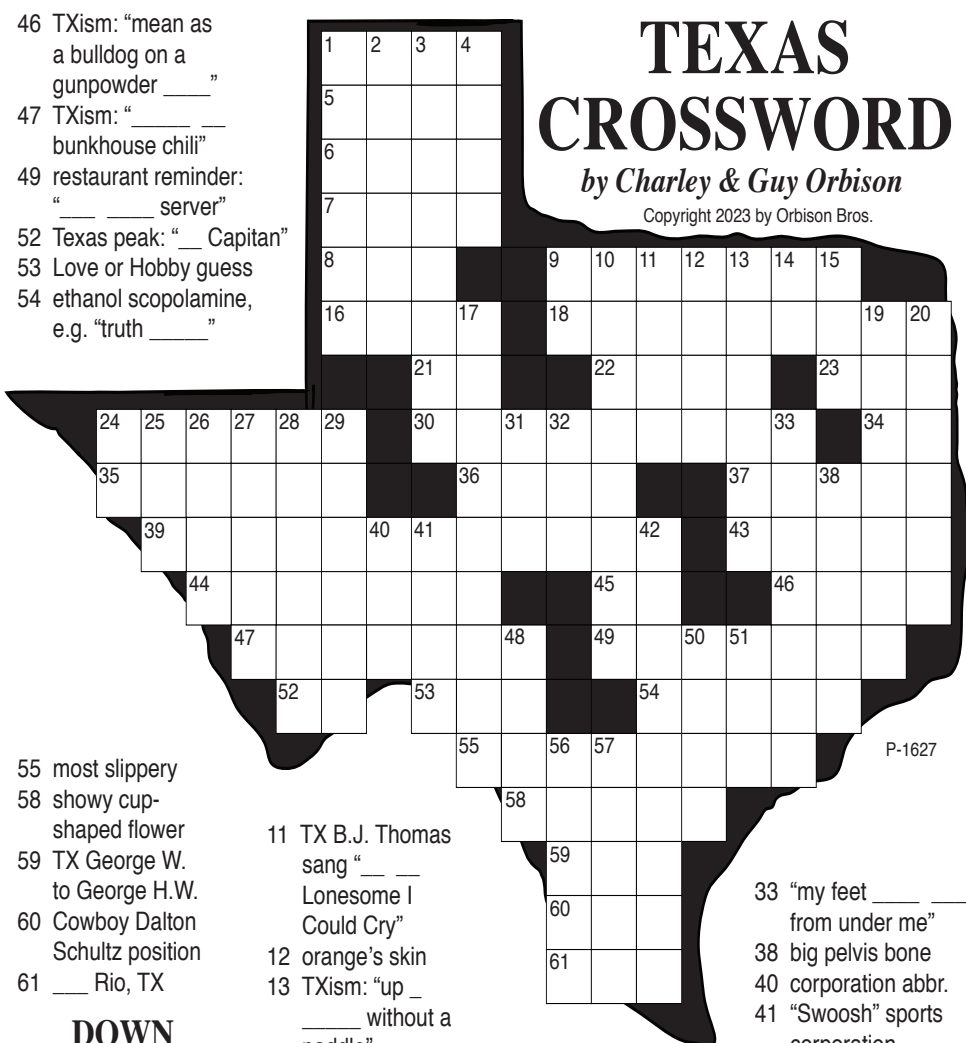
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- 1 this "Happy" made "Alamo Village" for 1960 Alamo film
- 2 TXism: "takes a big loop \_\_\_ him"
- 3 Springtown newspaper
- 4 "Don't \_\_\_ With Texas"
- 9 this Hilton started his hotel chain in Texas (init.)
- 10 TXism: "fat as a boarding \_\_\_"
- 11 TX B.J. Thomas sang "\_\_\_ Lonesome I Could Cry"
- 12 orange's skin
- 13 TXism: "up \_\_\_ without a paddle"
- 14 TXism: "leave \_\_\_ stone unturned"
- 15 TXism: "he \_\_\_ his own grave" (did it to himself)
- 17 woolly critters at the front? (2 wds.)
- 19 snake in Texas
- 20 most factual
- 24 \_\_\_ Porte, TX
- 25 female eggs
- 26 TXism: "if he \_\_\_ dog he wouldn't wag his own tail" (lazy)

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 33 "my feet \_\_\_ from under me"
- 38 big pelvis bone
- 40 corporation abbr.
- 41 "Swoosh" sports corporation
- 42 German Christmas market in Texas, if spelled with a "K": "\_\_\_ market"
- 48 TXism: "\_\_\_ some away" (save)
- 50 sneak a look
- 51 TX Willie has lived 89 of these (abbr.)
- 56 TX Waylon sang "\_\_\_ to love her but it's all over now" (2 wds.)
- 57 it cost \$31,000 to \_\_\_ famed Texas longhorn "Starlight"
- 27 "Alibates \_\_\_ Quarries National Monument" in Texas
- 28 TX Willie Nelson sang: "Turn \_\_\_ lights, the party's over"
- 29 what you'd better do when the dipstick is dry
- 31 young British man
- 32 viral infection, e.g.

See Answers Below

## Baseball, softball action in full swing

By Tyler Sutton

Another week of the high school baseball and softball season's was in full swing this week as both Gladewater and White Oak's baseball and softball teams were in action this past week.

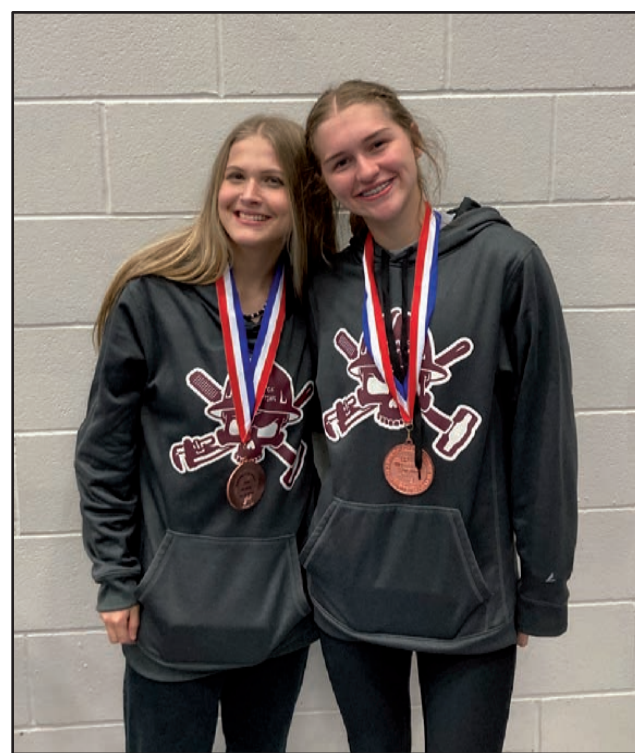
The Gladewater baseball team was in action multiple times this week. On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> the Bears dropped a 4-1 decision to the Frankston Indians at home. Gladewater got out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning with an rbi single from Caden Elrod. But the Indians answered with two runs in the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning to take a 2-1 lead. They would then add another solo run in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> innings. The Bears then headed to Frankston for the Frankston tournament where on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Gladewater picked up their first victory of the season as they beat the Overton Mustangs 16-9. The Bears offense mashed all night for a season high in runs ( 16 ) and hits (18). Gladewater would wrap up their play in that tournament with a 12-7 loss to the Quitman Bulldogs. "I feel we finally got off the mat and got a win. I think it will finally get us going" said Bears head coach Zac Spears.. The Bears record now sits at 1-6 on the season. Gladewater will hit the road on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to begin a tournament in Van.

For the White Oak Roughnecks, Gavyn Jones homered twice, drove in four runs and scored three times, and Tyler Puckett dominated on the hill for the Roughnecks in a 9-0 win over Wills Point.Noah Carter tripled and drove in two runs and Kelton Cates added a double for the Roughnecks. Puckett struck out 13 with no walks, giving up one hit in five innings. In a 7-4 win over Grand Saline, Puckett doubled and drove in three runs and Davis Tolliver added two hits and two RBI for the Roughnecks. Drake Kneifl singled twice, and Jones singled and doubled. Collin Wheat fanned four, walked two and gave up three earned runs in five innings for the pitching win. The Roughnecks improve to 6-1-2 on the season. White Oak will be back in action on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> when they begin play in the Elysian Fields tournament

Moving over to the softball diamond, the Gladewater Lady Bears softball team had a successful week going 3-2. They started out with a 19-7 victory over Quitman on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Lexi Betts had a big game with 3 hits including 2 doubles that drove in 3 rbi's. Zandrea Tyeskie also had 3 hits and 2 rbi's/ Karlee Moses drove in 2 runs as well as Gladewater scored a season high 19 runs. Alayah Gordon had a good night on the mound going 5 innings striking out five. The Lady Bears then made the short trip to Longview's Leer park to take part in the 2-step tournament. They began play on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> dropping a pair of games to Pine Tree by scores of 5-0 and 14-0. In the first game, Gladewater was held to just 3 hits ( all singles ). In Game 2 they were once again held to just 3 singles. The Lady Bears bounced back on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> winning a pair of games. Shutting out Bloomburg 5-0.as Alayah Gordon was masterful on the mound and at the plate as she was 2-3 with a triple and single. Lexi Betts has 8 runs driven in as well. Then later in the day Gladewater routed Waskom. In that game Harley Eggers and Zandrea Tyeskie both tripled while Ma'khya , Alayah Gordon, Izzy Mize and Karlee Moses all doubled. The Lady Bears now set with a 5-6-1 record, Gladewater will be back in action after spring break when they will begin district play on March 17<sup>th</sup> when they host New Diana.

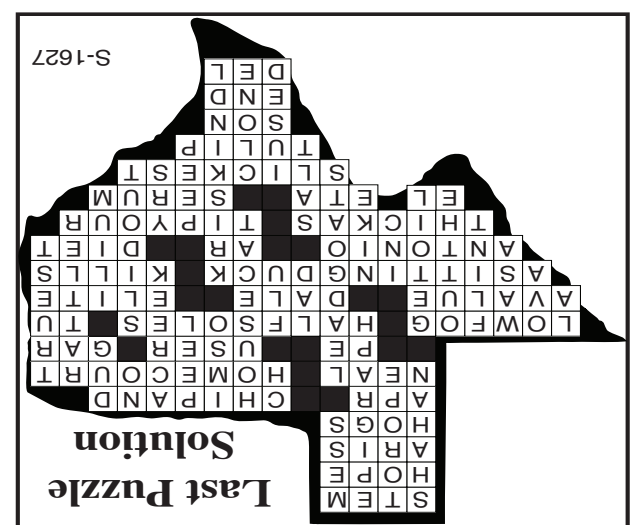
For the White Oak LadyNecks, they also had very good

week on the softball diamond. Beginning on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> with a 5-0 victory on Mineola. Larkin Daniels tossed her third no hitter of the young season. Jaidyn Marshall singled and drove in three runs to pace the offense for White Oak. Sasha Graves singled and drove in a run. Andee Bridges added an RBI, and Kenzie Jester, Emily Wallace , Addison McClanahan and Daniels all had hits. The Ladynecks then went 4-1 over the weekend in the Frankin tournament with wins over New Waverly, Grand Saline twice and Bremond. Falling only to Monahans 1-0. White Oak improves their record to 12-3 on the season. They will be back in action on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> when they host Pleasant Grove.



White Oak's Ashley Eich placed 5th Place in the 105 lb Weight Class for a total lift of 420 lbs and Lizzy Still placed in 5th Place in the 114 lb Weight Class for a total lift of 530 lbs at the Girls Regional Powerlifting Meet. Others competing were Gracye Horn, Kyndal Langley and Danica Vaughn.

Courtesy of Clay Hodges



## OBITUARY

### WILLIAM MALCOLM HEWITT

Memorial services for William Malcolm Hewitt, age 88, of Gladewater were held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. Mr. Hewitt passed away on February 11, 2023, at his home.



William was born on October 22, 1935 in Belcherville, Texas to Jesse Earl Hewitt and Dama Margarita Vannoy. William was in the Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Hawaii. He worked in the motor pool at the Scofield Base. He was an avid outdoorsman, whose main hobbies were fishing and hunting. He also worked as a rancher for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Earl Hewitt.

William is survived by his wife Sharon (Sherry Waggoner) Beall Hewitt, formerly of Gladewater; son; Preston Massey and wife Rhonda of White Oak; daughter, Sheree Gibson of Gladewater; nephew; William Earl Hewitt and wife Gracie of Fort Worth; 9 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.



## KC awarded participation in multi-million-dollar Talent Strong Texas Pathways grant

Based on outstanding accomplishments and dedication to student success, Kilgore College has been selected to participate in Talent Strong Texas Pathways.

The \$16 million, five-year statewide economic mobility grant administered by the Texas Success Center is designed to increase the number of credentialed Texans prepared for high-demand careers that offer a living wage.

"Being selected to participate in Talent Strong Texas Pathways signifies that KC has achieved a tremendous amount of progress toward advancing its student success agenda," said Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president.

"We are honored to be selected to participate and be recognized for our accomplishments, and efforts toward, increasing the number of credentialed students to help boost the Texas workforce. Our participation in this program will only further enhance student learning and student success at the college – increasing the number of students who are certified for high-demand careers that provide a self-sustaining wage."

The state's higher education strategic plan, Building a Talent Strong Texas, targets expanding the attainment of valuable postsecondary credentials. The intent is to increase employment opportunities and income for individuals while creating a deeper talent pool for employers.



### Westbrook elected SFA's 10th president

The Stephen F. Austin State University Board of Regents celebrated Presidents Day by officially electing Dr. Steve Westbrook the 10th president of the university. Here, Westbrook signs the Bible all previous SFA presidents signed before him while surrounded by his family: wife, Dayna, and sons, from left to right, Reed and Bryce. In addition to friends, family and past regents, Dr. William R. Johnson, SFA's fourth president, and relatives of the late Dr. Baker Pattillo, SFA's eighth president, attended the board meeting. Westbrook will serve until his retirement May 31. He is not a candidate for the 11th president's position.



### Legislative Spotlight

Here are some highlights from bills Rep Jay Dean introduced this Session:

**HB 1284:** Eliminating the retired teacher rehiring penalty. Right now, Texas is in the middle of a historic teacher shortage, and yet, Texas law currently penalizes schools for hiring proven and qualified teachers who want to be in the classroom.

Currently, the State charges a high surcharge penalty for re-hiring a retired teacher. This penalty makes it harder for schools to hire eager, experienced, and qualified teachers, while taking money that could be used for books, classrooms, and even teachers' salaries.

This is why I've filed HB 1284 to remove this obstacle and make the jobs of schools easier. In addition to making the process of hiring well-trained teachers easier, this bill would allow schools to use taxpayer dollars to solve taxpayer problems.



### Affairs of the State

This Wednesday was the first meeting of the Committee on State Affairs. This week, we began to tackle the task of reviewing the ERCOT market. We heard from the President of ERCOT, Chairman of the Public Utility Commission, and many other stakeholders. Though this will take quite some time, it is not all I will be doing here at State Affairs. In fact, this Committee may see more bills than any other House committee! My position on this Committee is unique as all 3 of our counties in HD 7 are not in ERCOT. I appreciate the opportunity to bring a non-ERCOT East Texas perspective to the conversation.

### Contact Rep. Dean at:

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The Premix Marbletite groundbreaking in September '22 marks a key step in the multinational operation's ongoing performance agreement with Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

(Photo by D. Christian Allen)

## GEDCO works with prospects to generate more tax dollars

### PRESS RELEASE

The same sales tax dollars that fund Gladewater Economic Development Corporation are injected back into the local economy to generate even more revenues.

GEDCO's 'performance agreements' with new and existing companies put those dollars to work.

For a recent example, look to last September's groundbreaking for Premix MarbleTite and to its ongoing investments in Gladewater – in facilities, in equipment, in jobs and more.

For Michelle Palmer, "This company is a perfect example of how performance agreements build strength in a local economy."

GEDCO's executive director was brought into the PMM recruitment effort in March 2022. She joined other stakeholders in boosting Gladewater to the site selectors for the Florida-based manufacturer of products ranging from pool plaster and stucco to roof tile and more.

They succeeded, not just for community strengths like its location as a hub for major transportation routes but also because of a robust performance agreement GEDCO crafted for the prospect.

"When we were doing our location search, we did look at a number of different areas in East Texas but also in other states," says Mike Venturelli, General Manager and Divisional Vice President for QEP Company Inc. / PMM Products. "The reason that we ended up with Gladewater was primarily due to the amazing efforts, work, commitment and help that we got from GEDCO, primarily Michelle Palmer, the City Council and Chamber of Commerce."

They're a large, publicly-traded, multinational operation with plants around the world and continue to be impressed by the caliber of Gladewater's success-oriented hospitality.

"We have been very pleased with everything that's transpired," Venturelli said. "We made a commitment to them, they made a commitment to us."

Such performance agreements, Palmer said, lead to gains both direct and indirect for Gladewater, its people and existing businesses: "That new company coming in is going to generate sales tax that will then further fuel this local economy. They are also providing new jobs. When those people show up, they spend dollars within the city limits

that fuels secondary jobs."

GEDCO's operations are funded by a portion of the City of Gladewater's overall sales tax levy – a Type A corporation (with Type B permissions), the organization receives a half-cent per \$100 valuation.

GEDCO uses those monies strategically for community gains.

With PMM, "We reviewed their financials and were able to determine what our estimated return on investment would be," Palmer noted, "then the board decided what incentive to offer to entice them to choose Gladewater."

A performance agreement isn't a handout of tax dollars or a cash-upfront incentive. Rather, it's an understanding a company will be rewarded (in time) for investment that generates more local sales taxes.

There's a lot of minutiae involved, but, basically, in negotiations with GEDCO a company typically commits to invest specified resources (in things like infrastructure, capital expenses, jobs or other categories) within a specific period of time.

When the company has fulfilled the parameters of the agreement, it's reimbursed by GEDCO for the agreed upon amount, derived from the corporation's half-cent sales tax revenues. The reimbursement amount adopted by GEDCO's board reflects the scale of the project, the company's commitment.

"Performance equals reward," Palmer said. For PMM, at \$75,000, "This is a big incentive for us."

According to Venturelli, it's already reaping real benefits for the community.

"They've more than kept up their end of the bargain, and we have as well. Not only have we hired local people, we've spent close to \$1 million in equipment. It all needed to be built and assembled by people here," he said. "Going forward, the ripple effect of our impact on the community will be the truck drivers, fuel, auto repairs... from local purchases at the gas pump to furniture for the office, all the way down to lunches and breakfast that we get in the local economy. These all benefit the actual city tax revenues they're looking for."

"Our overall corporate philosophy, wherever we are, is to become an active, participating, important member of the community, and we've done everything we could possibly do in this short period of time to make that come true."

## UCSO firing range dedication

A public dedication ceremony for the Upshur County Sheriff's Office's new firing range in Pritchett community is scheduled Thursday morning (March 9).

The event is set for 10 a.m. at the range, located inside the county's pugmill property at 1426 Cottonwood Road. Attendees should turn at the gate and follow a dirt road until arriving at the range. Sheriff Larry Webb will recognize several private entities, individuals, and the county Road and Bridge Department for their roles in financing and/or working on the range.

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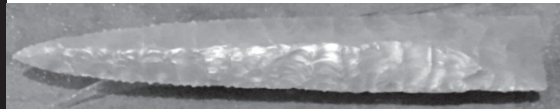


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TAPR

A public meeting to present the 2021-2022 Texas Academic Performance Report for White Oak ISD will be held in the Board Room of the Administration office located at 200 S. White Oak Road. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Assistant Superintendent Mitzi Neely at 903.291.2209.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

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White Oak sophomore Katherine Dusek was among the 18 individuals who were recently inducted into the WOHS National Honor Society during a ceremony held on Sunday at the C.C. Simmons Auditorium. The lighting of candles is a symbolic initiation into this select group of scholars. Photo by Mike Peery



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The Union Grove varsity baseball team won their home conference game against Union Hill by a score of 10-0 on March 3rd. Photo by Kim Hill



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