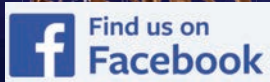


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State's Rainy Day Fund hits cap for first time

The state's piggy bank is nearly full.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar predicts the state's so-called Rainy Day Fund, officially the Economic Stabilization Fund, will reach its statutory limit by 2025, which is 10% of what is deposited in the General Revenue Fund. Rising revenues fueled by spikes in energy prices and inflation have filled the state's coffers, Hegar said.

"The revenue increases that we have seen truly have been historical and unprecedented. We have never seen anything like this in the past, and I don't think we'll see anything like this in the future," he said.

The state experienced record growth in tax collections in 2022 of 25.6% from the previous year, filling the state's coffers with a surplus of \$32.7 billion.

"I am glad to see that lawmakers are giving careful thought to how this tremendous asset can be best put to work for Texans," Hegar added.

Annual TABC compliance finds 127 violations

AUSTIN — A series of covert inspections by agents from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission found that 93% of businesses operated in full compliance with the law during the busy spring break season.

In all, TABC agents conducted 1,726 underage compliance operations during the agency's annual spring break enforcement roundup, finding 127 instances of businesses selling alcohol to people under 21. This year's results mark an improvement from last year's operation, which found a compliance rate of 91%. The annual operation attempts to identify businesses selling alcohol to minors at popular spring break vacation spots such as South Padre Island as well as festival locations in Austin and Houston.

This year's results show that most businesses are continuing to take their role in promoting safe and responsible alcohol service seriously, TABC Executive Director Thomas Graham said. This year's spring break operation included covert inspections, high-visibility inspections at popular vacation destinations, and partnerships with businesses to help identify customers using fake IDs to purchase alcohol, Graham added.

"Spring break is obviously one of the busiest times for retailers across the state, which is why it's important that retailers continue to do their part to keep their communities safe," he said. "We're all extremely grateful to our industry partners for helping us ensure Texans can enjoy the season safely and responsibly."



Union Grove's #8 Carter Cooper slides and is called safe at third base as the Lions go on to beat the Carlisle Indians 4-1. Read about more area sports inside. Photo by Kim Hill



Gladewater's Peyton Hunter captures 100m dash, helps Lady Bears to a 2nd Place finish.

Photo by Chris Jones

WALTER DERRICK RELAYS at Jack V. Murphy-Bear Stadium, Gladewater VARSITY BOYS

Team standings: Texas High 164, Gilmer 115, Center 101, West Rusk 89.5, Henderson 44.5, Spring Hill 44, **Gladewater 35**

Individual results

800 relay: Texas High (T. Austin, T. Ball, W. Winkfield, T. Gray) 1:31.10; Gilmer 1:31.89; **Gladewater 1:31.90**

Long jump: **K. Lewis, Gladewater 21-6.50**; W. Winkfield, Texas High 20-10.50; A. Hamilton, Gilmer 20-6

High jump: B. Webb, Gilmer 5-8; C. Armstrong, Henderson 5-6; H. Lofton, Gilmer 5-6; **T. Maddox, Gladewater 5-6**

VARSITY GIRLS

Team standings: Gilmer 149, **Gladewater 98**, Center 90, Pittsburg 66, Henderson 60, Spring Hill 45, Texas High 41, West Rusk 41

Individual results

100 meters: **P. Hunter, Gladewater 12.87**; M. Jacobs, Henderson 13.08; A. Pope, Pittsburg 13.08

200 meters: **K. Floyd, Gladewater 24.62**; K. Murphy, West Rusk 26.72; H. Balcorta, Gladewater 27.52

400 meters: R. Jeffery, Pittsburg 1:00.87; **H. Balcorta, Gladewater 1:03.65**; J. Jones, Texas High 1:03.78

800 meters: Y. Garcia, Center 2:31.78; **H. Balcorta, Gladewater 2:35.15**; M. Chavez, Gilmer 2:36.68

400 relay: **Gladewater (K. Floyd, P. Hunter, K. Lincoln, M. Police) 49.12**; Center 50.42; Pittsburg 51.10

800 relay: **Gladewater (K. Floyd, P. Hunter, K. Lincoln, M. Police) 1:47.02**; Center 1:48.62; Gilmer 1:50.48

1600 relay: Pittsburg (R. Jeffery, B. Hooks, B. Hernandez, B. Clark) 4:23.02; Gilmer 4:25.08; Henderson 4:30.97

Long jump: T. Hill, Center 16-7.50; **P. Hunter, Gladewater 16-3**; J. Spurlock, Spring Hill 16-1.50

JV BOYS

Team standings: Texas High 250.5, Henderson 96, Gilmer 84, **Gladewater 60**, Spring Hill 51, West Rusk 36, Center 35.5

JV GIRLS

Team standings: Texas High 184, Gilmer 133, Henderson 71, Pittsburg 58, Spring Hill 54, West Rusk 45, **Gladewater 24**, Center 21

HAWK RELAYS

at Lowrance Field, Hawkins

VARSITY BOYS

Team standings: **White Oak 109**, Beckville 102, Troup 83, Frankston 81.5, Tyler Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School 56, Hawkins 49.5, Grand

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Senate backs \$\$\$ boost for retired teachers

The Texas Senate also unanimously approved a package that allocates \$4.7 billion from the budget surplus to increase monthly payments for retired teachers and gives a one-time bump to retirees over 75, the Statesman reported. The bill is now headed to the House for consideration.

The measure calls for a 2% raise for teachers who retired between Sept. 1, 2013, and Jan. 1, 2022, and a 4% raise for those who retired before Sept. 1, 2013. Senate Bill 10 also provides a one-time stipend of \$7,500 for retirees older than 75. The bill affects nearly a half-million retired teachers.

"This is a significant financial commitment from the state," state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, said. "Many TRS retirees have been struggling for so long. We needed to do this."

Retired teachers on average make \$2,100 a month through the Teachers Retirement System.

\$1M bond set in murder case

By Phillip Williams

A 45-year-old Gilmer man charged with murdering his father was jailed last week under a \$1 million bond on that charge and without bond on a state warrant charging him with parole violation, said Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.

Michael Timothy Caffey is charged with killing 66-year-old Timothy Allen Caffey, whose body was found March 27 outside their home in the 2400 block of Airstrip Road in Latch community, said Hazel.

The suspect was charged with murder of his father in Upshur County after being arrested on a misdemeanor charge in Gregg County that day, said Hazel.

Michael Caffey was transferred from the Gregg County Jail in Longview to the Upshur County Jail in Gilmer, where Upshur Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter on March 28 set bond on the murder charge, Hazel said.

The elder Caffey died from "assault," but authorities were awaiting autopsy results before discussing the means by which he was attacked.



Congratulations to White Oak High School drama teacher Rick Higginbotham and his cast and crew of the 2023 One Act Play. They competed at Area Competition last week and are Area Champions advancing to Regionals at TJC in April. And congratulations to Bailey Brondum who was chosen Best Performer, Levi Wright named to the All Star Cast, Mykey Feldhauser winning Honorable Mention All Star Cast and Lauryn Odoms recognized for Tech Award.



The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Gladewater Ranch, formerly the Jack Phillips ranch, and property manager Kim Matthews, to the chamber family last week at a formal ribbon cutting. The 145-acre estate, located at 2000 W Gay Ave., is owned and operated by two best friends, Blake DeWitt and Blaz Korosec, and their wives Kiara and Bolton, who share a passion for providing couples with the gift of a beautiful wedding. Kiara and Bolton share the same dream of having a perfect wedding venue, and their dedication to making Gladewater Ranch a family-owned and operated business. For information call (903) 292-4040 or visit <https://www.gladwatererranch.com>.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Bubbles of joy ...

My chubby little legs swung back and forth as I sat in the pew with the corded gold cushion. I was mesmerized by the play of light on my white patent leather Mary Jane shoes. My sweet lace-trimmed socks were turned down just so and matched my lacy short gloves. My Easter bonnet was a cute little confection that could have passed for an Easter basket if turned upside down.

Remember those new white patent leather shoes? How they smelled? How they scuffed? Our sweet southern Mamas always laid down the LAW...no white until Easter and never, ever after Labor Day. I fully expected social shunning if this rule was broken. Now we demonstrate our raising and good taste by refusing to wear our pajamas to shop at Wal-Mart.

As a small child I remember the gloves, hats and heels Mom wore to church every Sunday. I still have two pair of my stylish Mom's three-quarter length kid leather gloves that are as soft as butter. Still.

In my long ago childhood nearly every Easter began with a sunrise service, followed by the Big Church service and then a dinner that could feed the Multitude of 5,000. Truly biblical proportions of food were generated in my Mama's kitchen.

Egg hunts followed dinner and as the kids grew we were bribed with brightly colored eggs with change instead of candy. I am ashamed to say that bills eventually had to be added for our mercenary, selfish pre-teen selves to participate. My little brother was five years younger than my cousins and me. And yes, the money worked. For a long, long, time.

Some of the best Easters in my memory include my son and the second set of cousins. We repeated the Easter traditions but this time without the gloves, hats or even the heels. Our culture had become a tad less formal.

The sunrise service had disappeared and so had patent leather Mary Jane shoes. But Big Church was still followed

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



by a feast fit to welcome home the prodigal children of our extended family.

Hubby's contribution to the Easter Tradition Remix was kites for everybody young and old who wanted one. They were themed and carefully selected with super heroes, ninja turtles and Star Wars characters. My playful adult contribution was bubbles with the huge wands which pleased kids of all ages. Even the ones with canes and walkers.

Throw in a bit of softball, badminton or croquet, a huge yard, and the continuing feasts following Easter services with songs like "He is Risen!" sung loudly, if off key, and the perfect holiday memories were created.

I will desperately miss my Mom's and Aunt Gwen's specialty foods this Sunday. I will miss my childhood church that no longer exists. I will fervently wish for a chance to share kites and bubbles with the children of our family. But what I will do for sure is remember.

My brothers and cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles, my son and his cousins, a family that lasts beyond distance, time and even life. These memories are where a great deal of my joy resides.

I wish abundant blessings of Joy to each of your homes this Easter. May you make memories that last through generations and may Easter's message of hope, of new beginnings and of LOVE beyond comprehension be yours.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Opportunity Knocks!

The Texas Legislature is inexorably marching toward the biennial State budget. While there are always far more legitimate ways to spend money than available funds, we are starting from a strong – unprecedented, in fact – position.

Over the 2024-25 biennium, the revenue collected and available for general purpose spending is projected to total \$188.23 billion, which includes an expected ending balance for 2022-23 of \$32.69 billion. (The State's fiscal year ends on August 31.) The amount available is over 26% higher than in 2022-23.

Some large transfers come off the top and aren't counted in the \$188.23 billion, including \$10.2 billion of expected 2024-25 oil and natural gas tax collections to the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) and State Highway Fund (SHF); these reserves would be even higher if the ESF was not expected to be maxed out.

The primary reasons for the additional cash available are the state's strong performance since the pandemic and increased activity in the energy sector. However, other contributing factors are decades-high levels of inflation adding to sales tax collections and mountains of funds from the various federal pandemic programs remaining unspent.

Sales taxes typically account for about 53% of total general revenue. Oil production taxes are another large category (8%), with natural gas production taxes leading an additional over 5%. Other percentages include motor vehicle sales and rental taxes (nearly 8%), and franchise taxes (more than 5%).

A large proportion of the State's tax collections can vary widely year to year (hence the ESF, although the politics of using it often gets complicated). Oil- and gas-related taxes, in particular, are volatile because they are driven by both the production of fuels and price levels (which, in turn, depend on global economic conditions). During the pandemic, oil prices literally went negative as traders unwound positions and demand virtually evaporated basically overnight; recently, there was talk of oil getting to \$130 per barrel as the Chinese economy recovered (which is possible, but unlikely given other headwinds). Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes were also affected by the pandemic.

Current proposals for the total (State and federal) pot of about \$289 billion call for increased spending for education (including community colleges and teacher salaries), public safety (including the border), water, broadband, foster care, State employee salaries, and other priorities. There is also likely to be substantial funds devoted to much-welcomed property tax relief (although the replacement dollars would need to be available on an ongoing basis).

It remains to be seen how the details will be hammered out and what will remain amidst the squabbles as the budget is finalized. Texas has a unique opportunity to make generational investments in our future. Let's do it!

Stay safe!

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Texas leads the nation in jobs added

The Lone Star State continues to lead the nation in jobs added with 58,200 new positions in February, bringing the state to nearly 14 million total nonfarm jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. February also marked two full years of uninterrupted job growth in the state.

"The past 24 months of uninterrupted job growth show the strength of the Texas economy and ongoing economic opportunities for Texans," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

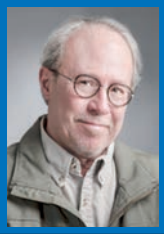
The state's jobless rate in February was 4.5%, which is higher than the national rate of 3.9%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The highest jobless rate in a Texas metropolitan statistical area is 6.8% in McAllen-Edinburgh-Mission. The lowest rate in an MSA is 3.0% in Midland.

Senate passes bill to limit governor's powers

The Texas Senate unanimously passed a bill to rein in the governor's authority during emergencies or disasters, the Austin American-Statesman reported. A matching proposal in the House is awaiting a committee hearing. The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, would require the governor to call the Legislature into special session if the executive office wants to extend a disaster or emergency declaration past 30 days. Only the Legislature would be able to put restrictions on businesses such as those imposed during the initial weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We must no longer allow a 19-month legislative interim to

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



be leveraged against the Legislature, especially during times of emergency disasters that affect a significant number of Texans," Birdwell said.

Under current law, disaster declarations last 30 days but can be renewed by the governor. For example, Gov Greg Abbott has extended a disaster declaration relating to illegal border crossings each month since May 2021, according to the Statesman.

Abbott expressed support in his State of the State address in January for involving the Legislature in disaster declarations that deal with public health crises.

Boaters, anglers urged to avoid coastal rookeries

Anglers and boaters along the Texas coast are urged to watch out for nesting birds during this peak breeding and nesting season, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Brown pelicans, roseate spoonbills, black skim-

mers and reddish egrets are among the birds nesting in dense colonies, called rookeries. TPWD encourages folks to watch out for these nesting birds so they are not disturbed during a sensitive time.

"With too many disturbances, an entire colony of thousands of birds may abandon an island and give up on breeding for the year, which can potentially lead to drastic population declines," said Trey Barron, a diversity biologist with TPWD. "When approached too closely by boaters or people wading nearby, birds are frightened off their nests, leaving eggs and chicks exposed to the summer sun, which can cause them to overheat. The abandoned nests also allow opportunistic predators like gulls and grackles to quickly swoop in and feed on them."

Boaters and anglers are also encouraged to properly dispose of fishing line, tackle and other waste to ensure it does not harm birds, turtles or other marine life.

"The habitats that waterbirds use are the same habitats in which we — including myself — enjoy fishing, hunting and photographing wildlife," Barron said. "We just have to remember to give them their space, especially during the nesting season, and pick up after ourselves. If you're out on the water, look for the yellow signs that identify rookery islands and keep your distance. We can all enjoy the same places, as long as we do it responsibly."

WHY RELIGIOUS CONFUSION?

The religious confusion seen today, is the result of people taking parts of the Bible they like and rejecting parts they do not like. Far too many try to "ride the fence," flip-flopping from one position to another. We are reminded of the question the prophet Elijah once asked Israel at Mount Carmel, as they strayed from God: "How long will you falter (waver, halt) between two opinions?" (1 Kings 18: 21). This was Israel's prevailing attitude. And we read in 2 Kings 17: 40-41 that: "They did not obey, but followed their former rituals. So, while feared the Lord, yet, they served their carved images." It seems they were continually hopping from one belief to another, like little birds hopping from one branch to another.

Central to Christianity, the Bible is God's inspired Word, and it is authoritative in all matters concerning the church and our lives. God's Word does not need revising or rewriting, and yet that's exactly what a lot of people do. They pick parts of the Bible they like and reject parts they do not like! Augustine, who lived in the fourth and fifth century, said: "If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself." We need to take to heart what Jeremiah said in Jer. 10: 23: "O, Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." How true it is, that as man stumbles around in the darkness of his own thinking and in the barrenness of humanist philosophies, he desperately needs to turn to God's Word, which is "A lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." (Ps. 119: 105).

But not content with God's Word as a guide, men have written denominational creeds, and, not content with Christ as Lord, they have bowed down to human authorities, and are determined to do as they personally want to do. (2 Tim. 4: 3-4; Lk. 6: 46). This is why it is so important that we "search the Scriptures," (Acts 17: 11) which are the original source of truth, and that we compare our own beliefs and practices with them. In this world of religious confusion, what is your guide, for your life? Who are you following? (Gal. 1: 10). Think on these things.

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	MISCELLANEOUS	20231566	4:58	LYNN LYNN	LYNN LYNN
	ALARMOTHER	20231567	6:39	RIBS LIQUOR	1801 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	EMS	20231677	12:34		2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20231678	13:53		1061 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20231679	13:57		207 N FERRY FERRY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231680	15:17	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	ABANDONED 911	20231684	17:47		2103 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231685	18:21		SABINE BRIDGE SABINE BRIDGE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231686	18:24		703 MELBA MELBA AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231689	22:13		639 N TENERY TENERY ST
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	ASSIST	20231691	10:46		1081 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW ST
	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID INFO	20231692	12:21	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	FIRE DEPT	20231694	14:43		22 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20231695	15:47		N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20231696	16:08		521 MELBA MELBA AVE
	THEFT	20231697	16:40		639 N GARY GARY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231698	17:34		404 SPENCER SPENCER
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231699	18:24		132 N LEE LEE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20231703	19:07		100 N LEE LEE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231701	19:39	FIREBALL RENTALS	516 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231702	19:43		1105 N ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231703	21:41		1221 SANDERS SANDERS ST
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	BMS	20231705	4:40	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20231706	5:58		520 MELBA MELBA
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20231709	10:08		1211 N CULVER CULVER ST
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	EMS	20231711	10:34		520 MELBA MELBA AVE
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	ASSIST	20231713	11:34		1201 WALNUT WALNUT ST
	THEFT	20231714	11:43	LIVING WATER CHURCH	805 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20231717	13:34	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20231747	14:39		48 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE

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ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
3/28/23	3/28/23	17:10	RABADAN, ALEJANDRO	W	M	NO DRIVERS LICENSE	2100 E BROADWAY AVE
3/27/23	3/27/23	1:58	EASTMAN, ROBERT EDWARD	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	227 S MAIN ST
3/28/23	3/28/23	9:12	PATTERSON, BRIAN ALLEN	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	321 SUNSET ST
	3/28/23	9:12	PATTERSON, BRIAN ALLEN	W	M	ASSAULT: CAUSING PHYSICAL CONTACT	321 SUNSET ST
	3/28/23	9:12	PATTERSON, BRIAN ALLEN	W	M	ASSAULT: CAUSING PHYSICAL CONTACT	321 SUNSET ST
	3/28/23	9:12	PATTERSON, BRIAN ALLEN	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	321 SUNSET ST
	3/28/23	14:41	STARUSKA, SHANNON J	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	100 W UPSHUR AVE
4/1/23	4/1/23	18:27	GORDON, RONNIE KWAME	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	203 S OLIVE
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Free Virtual Seminar on Parkinson's Disease on tap

UT Health East Texas is offering a free, virtual seminar at 6 p.m. Friday, April 14. The seminar will feature a presentation on Parkinson's Disease with Amanda George, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, board-certified family nurse practitioner at UT Health East Texas Neurological Institute.

The seminar is free, and you can register in advance at UTHealthEastTexas.com/seminars to receive an email with the direct link before the presentation starts. When you register, you will also have the opportunity to submit a question in advance through the message box. The presentation will premiere on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas](https://www.facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas).

County Storytime, Easter egg hunt set

The Upshur County Library in Gilmer will hold only one "Storytime" and an Easter egg hunt Thursday (April 6) before closing at noon until the following Tuesday.

The library is closing early for Good Friday, said its children's coordinator, Kari Dunn.

Two books will be read to small children at the 10 a.m. "Storytime." They are "How to Catch the Easter Bunny" by Adam Wallace and "How to Track an Easter Bunny" by Sue Fliess. A craft will follow Storytime, Dunn said.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.) While the events are free to the public, children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Courthouse renovation proceeds

Upshur County Commissioners Court, meeting in special session Wednesday of last week, approved choosing a construction manager rather than seek proposals for comprehensive contracts on the forthcoming renovation of the county courthouse in Gilmer.

At the outset, County Judge Todd Tefteller explained the court's choice was between whether to use a construction manager at risk or take competitive bids. The court settled on using a construction manager as contractor, which County Auditor Connie Williams said is a revision of the construction manager at risk position.

She also said using such a manager would be a "more expedited process" than taking bids. The court planned to advertise in various newspapers for a manager.

The forthcoming project, estimated cost of which is \$12 million, is designed to largely restore the 86-year-old, 5-story courthouse to its original appearance. The renovation



The Annual Red Rock Historical Association (RRHA) Elite Pathfinder event, initiated in 2010, returned to its in-person format on February 13, 2023. Opening its doors for the first time to host its own Pathfinder fundraising event at the newly constructed activity center, six Elite Pathfinders who were both local and worldwide recipients were honored: Mrs. Dianne Keller (Erudite), Mr. Tim Green (Leader), Mrs. Winifred Jackson (Inspiration), Dr. Tonja Ochoma (Triumph), The St. James Historical Marker Committee (Example), Miss Kamryn Floyd (Pathfinder). These honorees were elected and chosen by a committee for sharing their light in the communities of East Texas along their path. (Go to WWW.RedRockHistoricalAssociation.com for details on each honoree) The event also showcased the phenomenal talent of Eva Ruwe' and Sandy Redd, both renowned performers from Chicago, Illinois. The RRHA is the vision of Mrs. Bennie Moore. For donations, please visit the website.

will be funded by state, county and federal monies.

TFFC hosts Deaf Day, Picnic Event April 15

ATHENS — The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) is pleased to announce a brand-new, daylong event on Saturday, April 15. The first-ever Deaf Day and Picnic at the TFFC will run during the center's regular hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with a variety of family-friendly activities. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own picnic, try their hand at fishing with loaner gear provided by TFFC and enjoy a fun spring day.

"The outdoors are for everyone," said Tom Lang, Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center director. "We're excited to be able to offer this enhanced opportunity and further welcome and include members of the Deaf community."

Families attending the event pay the group all-access admission rate of \$2.50. Tyler Junior College (TJC) will provide American Sign Language Interpreters on site and stationed at all TFFC's regular programs, including the dive show, tram tour and at the angler's pavilion at Lake Zebco.

"These [TJC] students and their committed leader are a wonderful representation of our community," said Kate Barkalow, TFFC education coordinator. "TFFC is proud to be a part of their efforts. We're excited to find new opportunities for more people to discover that life is better outside,

especially when fishing!"

Located in Athens, TFFC includes a working fish hatchery, 300,000 gallons of aquaria focusing on underwater wildlife in the state, recreational fishing ponds and fisheries science exhibits.

It is home to the Toyota ShareLunker program, which invites anglers to donate 13-pound-plus-sized largemouth bass for research and breeding purposes. TFFC also houses the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, which honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to freshwater fishing in Texas.

The Texas Game Warden Museum, where visitors can learn about the history of the organization and current TPWD game warden operations, is also located at the TFFC. The center operates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Retired teachers group to meet

Next meeting of the Oil Patch Chapter of Texas State Retired Teachers Association will be April 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Jeter Hall of the First Methodist Church in Gladewater.

The program will be a presentation on flower arranging by Mandy Schwab, owner of Golden Floral and Events.

All retired school personnel are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Union Grove's Current Issues and Events team of Ryan Hickerson, Tommy Branscom, TJ Fowler and Brayden Pirtle won the team title and four individual medals: Branscom first, Fowler fourth, Hickerson fifth and Pirtle sixth.

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Union Grove students advance to Regionals

By Kimber Smith

Twenty-two academic UIL students will represent Union Grove in one or more events of the regional meet at Panola College April 21-22 after earning gold, silver or bronze medals in the district competition.

Accounting students Gracie Stanford, Gracie Winn, Brendon Fuller and Chloe Brooks won first place as a team after Stanford won first individually, Winn second, Fuller third and Brooks sixth. Anna Flanagan earned fourth place and Stanford sixth in Calculator Applications. Stanford also placed sixth in Number Sense and fourth in Mathematics, where Winn placed sixth.

Brayden Carter placed third and Kenneth Flanagan fourth in Computer Applications. Kameron Townsend won Computer Science, followed by Landon Clark in second, Flanagan in third, and Fuller in fourth; together, the boys won the team competition.

The Current Issues and Events team won first place, with Tommy Branscom winning the individual competition. TJ Fowler placed fourth, Ryan Hickerson fifth and Brayden Pirtle sixth.

The journalism team also won first place, pitching in 116 points. Sydney Pritchett won both Feature Writing and Headline Writing and placed third in both News Writing and Editorial Writing and will advance in all four events. Daytona Vaughn placed second in Feature Writing. CreeAnn Bozarth placed sixth in Copy Editing, fourth in both Feature Writing and Headline Writing and fifth in News Writing. Jamie Russell placed fourth in Copy Editing and News Writing, and Nick Scavone placed fifth in both Editorial and Headline Writing.

Ready writers Emily Lynch, Kyler Littlejohn and Sarah Clowers placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th, respectively. Clowers also placed second in Literary Criticism.

Elise Daugherty placed fourth in the overall Science contest but will advance to regionals as the second-highest scorer in chemistry. Freshman Kenneth Flanagan tied for sixth overall but was top scorer in the physics contest.

Littlejohn won the Social Studies contest, and Branscom finished fifth. Isaiah O'Neal and Elijah Parham completed the first-place team.

Colton Mead placed third and will advance in Spelling.

With points earned by Cross-Examination debate pairs in January and One-Act play earlier this month, UG led with 529 points over second-place Ore City with 353 before the speech and debate portion of the meet on March 29. Then Littlejohn placed second in Informative Speaking, followed by Preston Woodall in fourth and Kendall Wenmohs in sixth. Fuller placed second and Mead third in Persuasive Speaking. Clowers took gold and Vaughn silver in Poetry Interpretation, and Mead placed fifth and Russell sixth in Prose Interpretation. Woodall also placed second in Lincoln-Douglas debate, and freshmen Shane Deaton and Hunter Rogers placed fifth and sixth.

Speech medals took Union Grove to 631 total points, for a 129-point win over Ore City. Hawkins finished the meet in third with 155 points. Now, teams are preparing to defend their 2022 regional academic championship.



Chloe Brooks, Gracie Stanford, Gracie Winn and Brendon Fuller win the district UIL Accounting contest for Union Grove with the highest team score of all 2A schools in Region 3.

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- 8 TXism: "fits like hide _____ horse"
- 9 monastery laypersons
- 16 fed. ag. agcy.
- 18 TX Vikki Carr was born "_____ Bisenta de Castillas Martinez Cardona"
- 21 TXism: "cooking _____ the front burner"
- 22 LBJ took _____ of office on Air Force One
- 23 "bidness" abbr.
- 24 roughing it in Dallas' Highland Park? (2 wds.)
- 30 tall beer glasses
- 34 TX summer necessity (abbr.)
- 35 Pancho Villa's birth name: "Jose Doroteo _____ Arambula"
- 36 TXism: "_____ as nails"
- 37 Boerne's "Cave Without _____"
- 39 TXism: "cold _____ cows give ice cream"
- 43 Hitler followers
- 44 an elderly Texan
- 45 TXism: "the tail _____ wagging the dog"

- 46 Astro or Ranger scores
- 47 dir. to Lufkin from Comanche
- 48 TX Willie hardware
- 50 "going _____ fast" (making no progress)
- 53 dir. to Trinity from Nacogdoches
- 54 patriotic org. (abbr.)

- 55 TX country singer, Charley
- 56 TXism: "two _____ full" (ate too much)
- 59 film of TX rancher Chuck Norris "An Eye _____ Eye"
- 60 TXism: "useless as perfume on a _____"
- 61 Dallas university
- 62 TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"

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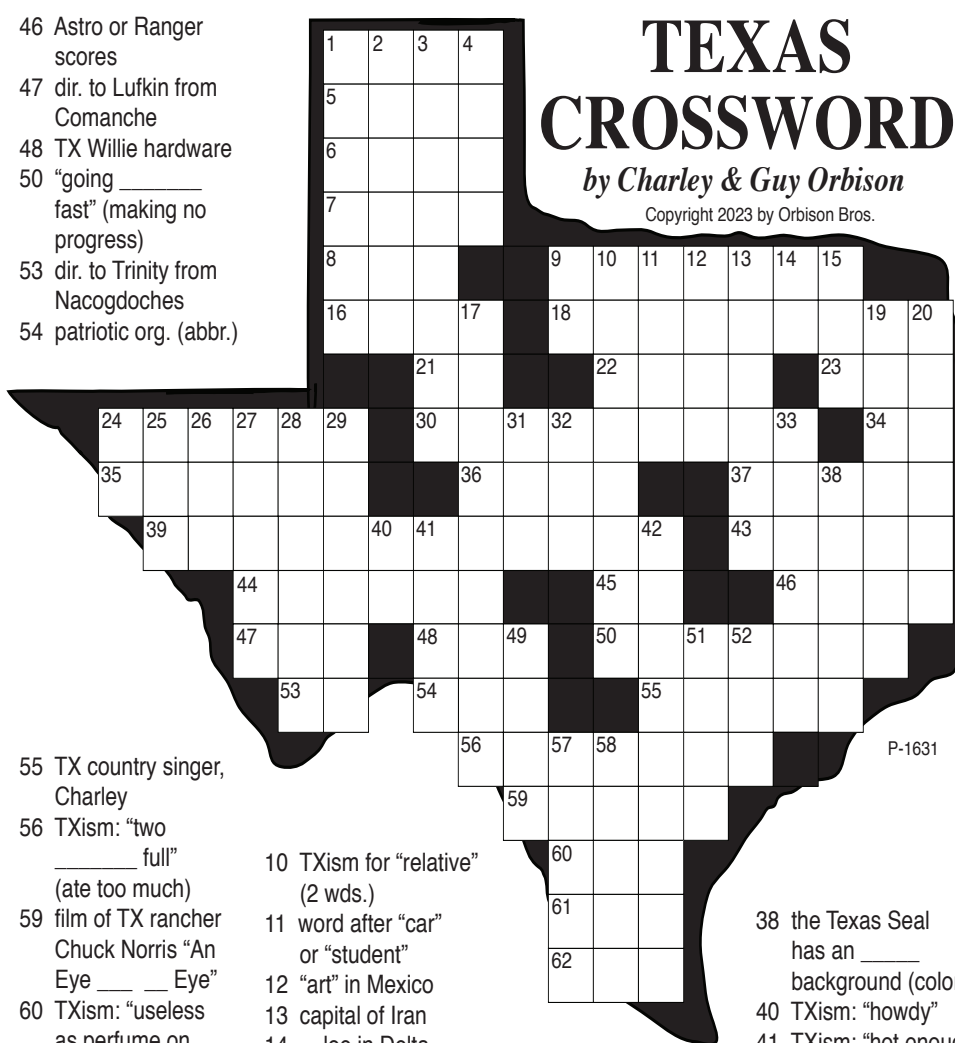
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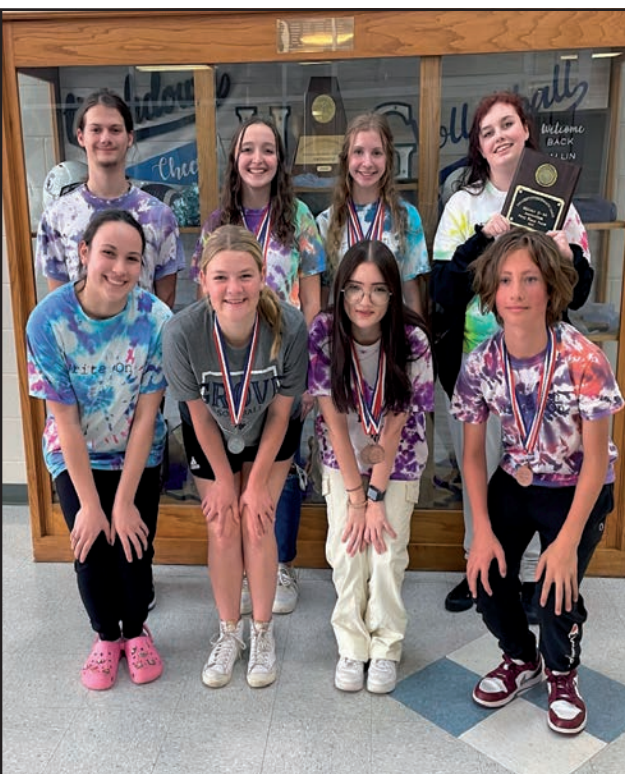
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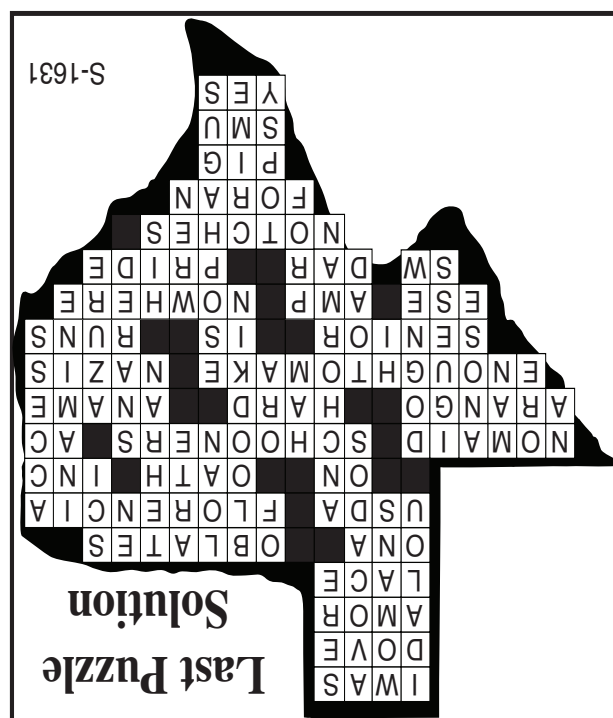
Brendon Fuller, Colton Mead, Sarah Clowers, Daytona Vaughn, Brendon Deary, Jamie Russell, Izzy Gregg and Kyler Littlejohn celebrate Union Grove's speech team's success in the district meet. Preston Woodall, Kendall Wenmohs, Shane Deaton, Hunter Rogers, Paulina Navarro-Gonzalez and Jeremiah McGee also contributed to the team's 141-point total.

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Union Grove's Journalism team of Lucky Woodard, Faith Woodall, Jamie Russell, Daytona Vaughn, Sydney Pritchett, CreeAnn Bozarth, Emma Holder and Nick Scavone won first place team and 13 of 15 possible journalism medals.

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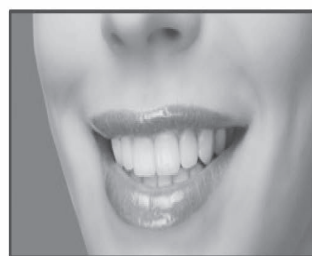


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GEDCO's strategic steps help fuel new growth in Gladewater

PRESS RELEASE

The Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO) puts the energy of its Board of Directors and staff toward calculated growth in this community, cultivated quality jobs while carefully investing the public monies raised through the city's half-cent sales tax.

How? It's a question the organization hears often. Even with a long track record of ongoing efforts and successes, economic development is nevertheless a broad concept when resident's focus is,

understandably, spent on their families, their businesses and all the other things that make Gladewater the place they want to live their lives.

For starters, GEDCO is one of more than 700 EDCS across the state. All are striving to be competitive, hoping to draw healthy companies to put down their roots and contribute to thriving communities across Texas.

In Gladewater, the community's economic development team is regularly taking a hard look at prospects and projects. Each one

is assessed objectively, according to state regulations and other legal guidelines, in addition to the key question: What are the costs and returns for Gladewater and its citizens?

That community benefit drives activity here. There's no room for any 'good ol boy' mentality or handshake deals – Gladewater Economic Development Corporation's directors and staff are committed to transparency and to ensuring the city's best return on every investment.

And each investment requires specific steps...

INQUIRE

Our staff interviews a prospective company or opportunity and assesses it from the base level. Would it be a qualified development for infrastructure, business or industry?

APPLICATION

Prospects are required to complete an Impact DataAnalysis intake form, a 75-question comprehensive application with a required NAICS code as well as data on the number of employees needed (including an average wage), capital improvement goals, current status and project scope.

REVIEW

The analysis is reviewed by GEDCO staff to determine the impact of the project on the local workforce and what the anticipated sales tax generation will be. Based upon these numbers, GEDCO projects a potential return on investment.

FOLLOWUP

Staff will request a visit with the prospect either by phone or at the GEDCO office to discuss the Impact DataAnalysis findings as well as relevant incentive options for the project.

CONSIDERATION

Staff present the project to the Board of Directors under a project number (revealing only the nature of the company's business for privacy reasons) with an incentive recommendation. If the project is approved, the board authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate with the prospect.

NEGOTIATION

At this point, the Executive Director will negotiate with the prospect on the terms for a 'Performance Agreement' that incorporates the application information and other details developed prior to this point.

APPROVAL

The Board of Directors will be presented with the full project and terms of the Performance Agreement for final consideration and potential approval. Upon approval, the agreement then goes before City Council members for ratification.

EXECUTION

Once the Performance Agreement has been ratified, it becomes effective. GEDCO monitors deliverables and project goals, measuring impact along the way. No progress from before the application submission can be considered.

MILESTONES

Agreements include measurements to ensure all parties do their part within the agreed timeline. Those can range from employment numbers to capital investments; it all must be presented by the prospect for verification in due time.

COMPLETION

It's often referred to as 'termination' – the agreement ends when its term period expires. At this point, GEDCO evaluates whether all terms of the deal have been fulfilled and any outstanding aspects are settled. Timeframes vary according to prospect and project – and economic outlooks!

The Gladewater EDC Board of Directors meets eight days prior to the Gladewater City Council's monthly meetings, typically putting GEDCO's sessions on 2nd Wednesdays. GEDCO is required to post at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting. Special meetings can be called within 72 hours. Incentive projects must be approved by the GEDCO Board of Directors and ratified by the City Council. City Council members meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month and adhere to the same public posting period of 72 hours.

Light of Hope Celebration planned

By Phillip Williams

A public "Light of Hope Celebration" to raise awareness of child abuse prevention and victims' rights in Upshur County is scheduled outside the county courthouse in downtown Gilmer Thursday, April 20.

Booths, food and music will be featured at the free event, sponsored by various governmental and private organizations and set for 5:30

p.m.-7 p.m. Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd will be featured speaker for the gathering, which is for entire families.

Attendees are urged to "wear blue in honor of this event to bring community awareness in supporting victims," says a flyer promoting the celebration.

It notes that "as an icon, blue pinwheels will be displayed" outside the court-

house "as a symbol for child abuse prevention. Reflecting the sun, the pinwheels represent a bright future for the community.

"The pinwheels will help raise community awareness to support safety, happy childhoods by educating people about the dangers of child abuse, and steps that can be taken to prevent it," the flyer continued. Pinwheels will be planted by a flagpole on the courthouse's south lawn, it added.

"April is set aside to recognize child abuse and sexual assault prevention. Our focus is not only to protect survivors from abusive environments, but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring," the document said.

It added, "It is your turn to make a difference. Together, we can help protect the victims in our neighborhoods and our communities."

Collaborating agencies for the event include the state of Texas, Women's Center of East Texas, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, Upshur County Sheriff's Office, Upshur County Child Welfare and Protection Board, the Upshur County Juvenile Probation Office, Family and Protective Services, and four city police departments: Big Sandy, East Mountain, Gilmer and Ore City.

County OKs SRO for UGISD

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday approved interlocal agreements for the sheriff's office to provide school resource officers at all but one school district centrally located in the county.

The six schools are Gilmer, New Diana, Ore City, Harmony, Union Grove and Union Hill, all of which except Harmony already had at least one county officer for campus security.

County Judge Todd Tefteller noted the schools reimburse the county for the officers' salaries and benefits, and Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson pointed out the officers also travel with students on school-related matters.

Sheriff Larry Webb said the only district not covered by his office, Big Sandy ISD, is in a town with a city police department. After the meeting, Webb said that district has its own safety and security coordinator.

He also said the schools receiving service will pay more this year than last year since the court granted his deputies salary increases.

In addition, Webb said he must hire an additional officer to cover Harmony ISD.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bears fall to Eagles, 13-1; Roughnecks beat 'Stangs

By Tyler Sutton

The high school baseball and softball season's around East Texas continued on this week as both Gladewater and White Oak teams were in action.

The Gladewater Bears baseball team began its week on Tuesday, March 28th as they hosted the New Diana Eagles and fell by a score of 13-1.

Logan Simmons doubled twice, singled and drove in three runs for New Diana. Peyton Brewer and Elliott Foreman added doubles for the Eagles. Foreman dove in three runs. Austin Kerns had two RBI, and Cohle Sherman and Brewer collected an RBI apiece. Ivan Benoit stuck out six and walked two, giving up one earned run in six innings for the pitching win. Then on Friday, March 31st, these two teams met again on Friday, March 31st, this time in New Diana and it was a back and forth game but in the end, New Diana pulled out a 4-3 victory. Keaton Bogue singled in the bottom of the seventh to score Peyton Brewer with the walk off game-winner. Gladewater led 3-1 before the Eagles scored twice in the bottom of the fourth and won it in the seventh when Brewer led off with a double and came around to score on Bogue's hit. Cohle Sherman doubled and drove in a run for the Eagles, and Elliott Foreman added an RBI. Austin Kerns went the distance on the hill, striking out eight with no walks. With the two losses on the week, the Bears drop to 1-11 on the season and 0-3 in district. Gladewater will be in action on Tuesday, April 4th as they make the trip to Dangerfield to take on the Tigers

The White Oak Roughnecks baseball team was also in action this past week with a couple of games starting on Tuesday, March 28th with a 9-0 win over the Hughes Springs Mustangs, They followed that up with a trip to Hughes

Springs and the Roughnecks came away with a 11-6 victory. The 2 wins improve White Oak's record to 17-2-2 and 3-0 in district play. Next up for White Oak will be a home game vs Sabine on Tuesday, March 4th.

Ladynecks blank Lady Bears

The Gladewater Lady Bears and White Oak LadyNecks Softball were in action against each other this past week. But before that, Gladewater had a game on Tuesday, March 28th and fell to the Sabine Lady Cardinals 4-0.

Amelia Miller went the distance in the circle, tossing a shutout for Sabine. Miller struck out four and walked two. Kyrissa Camacho, Karsyn Watson and Riley Lux drove in runs for Sabine. Harley Eggers doubled and singled in the loss for Gladewater. Alayah Gordon struck out three with no walks or earned runs allowed in the pitching loss.

Then on Friday, March 31st, the Lady Bears and Ladynecks battled each other and White Oak came away with a 14-0 victory. The Lady Bears fall to 3-7-1 and 1-3 in district play. They will next be in action on Tuesday, April 4th with a trip to New Diana

The Ladynecks before they took on Gladewater, they hosted the New Diana Lady Eagles and won in dominant fashion 18-1. Larkin Daniels and Emily Wallace homered for White Oak, and the Ladynecks pounded out seven extra base hits among their 17 total hits. Daniels also doubled and singled, driving in five runs. Wallace added a double and finished with three RBI. Tristyn Cox tripled, singled twice and chased home three runs. Jaidyn Marshall doubled, singled and drove in a run. Addison McClanahan doubled, singled and drove in one. Sasha Graves finished with two hits and an RBI, and Kenzie Jester had two hits and two RBI. Daniels struck out six in two innings, and Kara Kennedy fanned one in one inning. With the 2 wins, the LadyNecks improve to 21-4 and 5-0 in district play. They will next be in action on Tuesday, April 4th with a road matchup at Sabine.

ET AREA TRACK RESULTS

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Saline 45, Tyler Heat 26, Alba-Golden 23, Ore City 23, Harleton 22

Individual results

100 meters: T. Davis, Troup 10.86; C. Claburn, Troup 10.88; **L. Ladwig, White Oak 11.15**

200 meters: **N. Carter, White Oak 22.62**; H. Griffin, Grand Saline 23.54; B. Brink, Tyler Heat 23.76

400 meters: **N. Carter, White Oak 50.34**; B. Brink, Tyler Heat, 51.32; A. Brantley, Beckville 53.01

110 hurdles: J. Williams, Beckville 15.12; B. Givens, Hawkins 16.14; **M. Carter, White Oak 16.22**

300 hurdles: J. Williams, Beckville 42.28; **M. Carter, White Oak 42.28**; A. Harris, Beckville 44.29

1600 relay: Beckville (W. Bogs, J. Williams, A. Harris, A. Brantley) 3:31.92; **White Oak 3:34.47**; TK Gorman 3:44.28

Shot put: B. Keandre, Frankston 42-5; H. Hodges, **White Oak 41-8.50**; L. Woods, Harleton 39-11.50

Pole vault: K. Cobb, White Oak 13-1; **K. Priest, White Oak 13-1**; G. Thompson, White Oak 12-6

VARSITY GIRLS

Team standings: Tyler Heat 114, **White Oak 102**, Frankston 89, Hawkins 70, Linden-Kildare 68, Troup 65.5, Tyler Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School 26, Alba-Golden 24, Beckville 23.5, Ore City 14, Grand Saline 12, Big Sandy 7, Harleton 5

Individual results

100 meters: **J. Pennington, White Oak 13.36**; A. Strickland, Tyler Heat 13.38; C. Straughn, Grand Saline 13.50

200 meters: Jam. Birmingham, Linden-Kildare 26.72; M. Bynum, Linden-Kildare 26.99; C. Straughn, Grand Saline 28.59

400 meters: A. Strickland, Tyler Heat 1:04.11; G. Saboia, Tyler Heat 1:04.39; A. Milligan, **White Oak 1:05.97**

800 relay: Linden-Kildare (C. Hays, M. Bynum, Jak. Birmingham, Jam. Birmingham) 1:50.61; Troup 1:53.30; **White Oak 1:55.97**

1600 relay: Frankston (J. Mitchell, K. Davis, K. Nabors, W. Davis) 4:28.04; **White Oak 4:35.02**; Tyler Heat 4:36.24

Shot put: C. Lennon, Alba-Golden 34-3.25; H. Warrick, Hawkins 32-9; **E. Nix, White Oak 32-4**

Discus: **E. Nix, White Oak 112-2.50**; K. Coleman, Beckville 96-0; R. Burns, Linden-Kildare 90-4

High jump: J. Mitchell, Frankston 5-0; **A. Iske, White Oak 4-10**; G. Schoenberger, Tyler Heat 4-10

Pole vault: B. Gibson, Troup 8-6; **J. Pennington, White Oak 8-6**; O. Morrison, Alba-Golden 8-0; K. Nelson, Troup 8-0

JV BOYS

Team standings: **White Oak 121**, Beckville 114, Frankston 102, Ore City 83, Harleton 58, Troup 44, Tyler Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School 26, Hawkins 25, Alba-Golden 15, Tyler Heat 14, Big Sandy 6, Grand Saline 5

BIG RED RELAYS

at Eagle Stadium, Harmony

VARSITY BOYS

Team standings: Winnsboro 226, Harmony 110, Redwater 78, Sabine 71, Arp 59, Overton 36, **Union Grove 27**, Como-Pickton 12

Individual results

Triple jump: N. Payne, Winnsboro 43-3.50; H. Deaton, Winnsboro, 42-9; **C. Cowan, Union Grove 40-6**

Pole vault: R. Adams, Sabine 11-6; W. Hurst, Arp 11-0; **L. Turner, Union Grove 10-6**

VARSITY GIRLS

Team standings: Harmony 168, Sabine 118, **Union Grove 91**, Como-Pickton 64, Redwater 61, Winnsboro 56, Arp 54, Overton 6

Individual results

800 meters: **G. Winn, Union Grove 2:36.03**; B. Neal, Como-Pickton 2:41.12; E. Logan, Sabine 2:43.22

1600 meters: S. Loftis, Sabine, 5:53.18; B. Neal, Como-Pickton 6:00.28; **G. Stanford, Union Grove 6:02.63**

3200 meters: B. Neal, Como-Pickton 12:34.01; S. Loftis, Sabine 12:42.73; **G. Stanford, Union Grove 13:02.26**

300 hurdles: A. Young, Harmony 51.09; **R. Aiken, Union Grove 55.31**; B. Bowen, Como-Pickton, 55.39

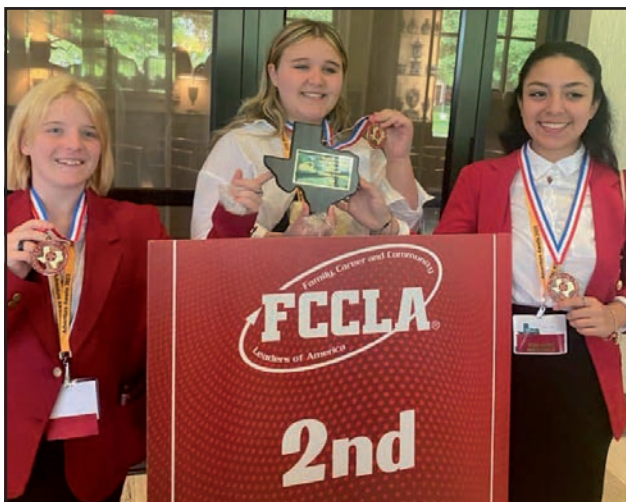
1600 relay: Harmony (M. Davidson, S. Morris, K. Pylant, L. Trimble) 4:25.86; Arp 4:27.39; **Union Grove 4:36.36**

Discus: **S. Mattu, Union Grove 114-2**; **A. Smith, Union Grove 96-10**; M. Baster, Como-Pickton 90-6

High jump: R. Seahorn, Harmony 5-2; M. Campbell, Redwater 5-2; H. Deaton, Winnsboro 5-0; **T. Campbell, Union Grove 5-0**

JV BOYS

Team standings: Winnsboro 221, Sabine 125, Harmony 88, Arp 66, Redwater 50, **Union Grove 31**, Como-Pickton 19, Overton 17



GHS still rising! A group of students competed in FCCLA this weekend. Public policy advocate group took second overall, they advance to State. (Astrith, Aleigha, and Rachel), leadership took 3rd. Overall (Sara Nelms). On all projects they scored 92 percent to 100 percent. So we got GOLD metals. Kaytlin White scored 100 in her competition.

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All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings. If you are unable to attend you may send written comments to Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, City of Gladewater, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

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