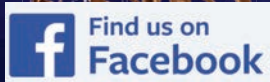


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House OKs \$302 billion state budget

The Texas House approved a \$302 billion budget last week that included an amendment prohibiting the use of state money on private school tuition — a major setback to Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to establish a school voucher system. The Austin American-Statesman reported that more than 20 Republicans joined nearly all House Democrats to pass the amendment, while 11 lawmakers voted present.

The amendment is seen as a rebuke to Abbott, who has traveled the state pushing what he calls "school choice."

The amendment's sponsor, state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, said his proposal to block using public money for private schools boiled down to "public money for public schools."

The House's budget now heads to the Senate, which has passed an education reform bill calling for \$8,000 in state funding a year for a student who attends a private school. Since that funding is not included in the House budget, the issue could lead to tense conference committee negotiations between the two chambers. Some lawmakers have speculated the conflict could lead to a special called legislative session after the regular term ends on Memorial Day.

Among the highlights of the House budget are record funding increases for public schools and highway construction, as well as raises for state employees.

Deputies make multiple arrests

By Phillip Williams

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested eight persons on drug-related charges in March, Sheriff Larry Webb announced Monday.

Details of the cases, based on a report by sheriff's Lt. Gary Shirley, were as follows, and all suspects were taken to the county jail in Gilmer after being arrested on traffic stops, Webb said:

A man and woman were arrested March 23 as the result of a traffic stop which led to a search of his Ore City area home, and seizure of multiple types of narcotics from the vehicle and residence.

Lee James Taylor II, 59, was charged with three felony offenses—possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of controlled substance (cocaine), and manufacture/delivery of those drugs.

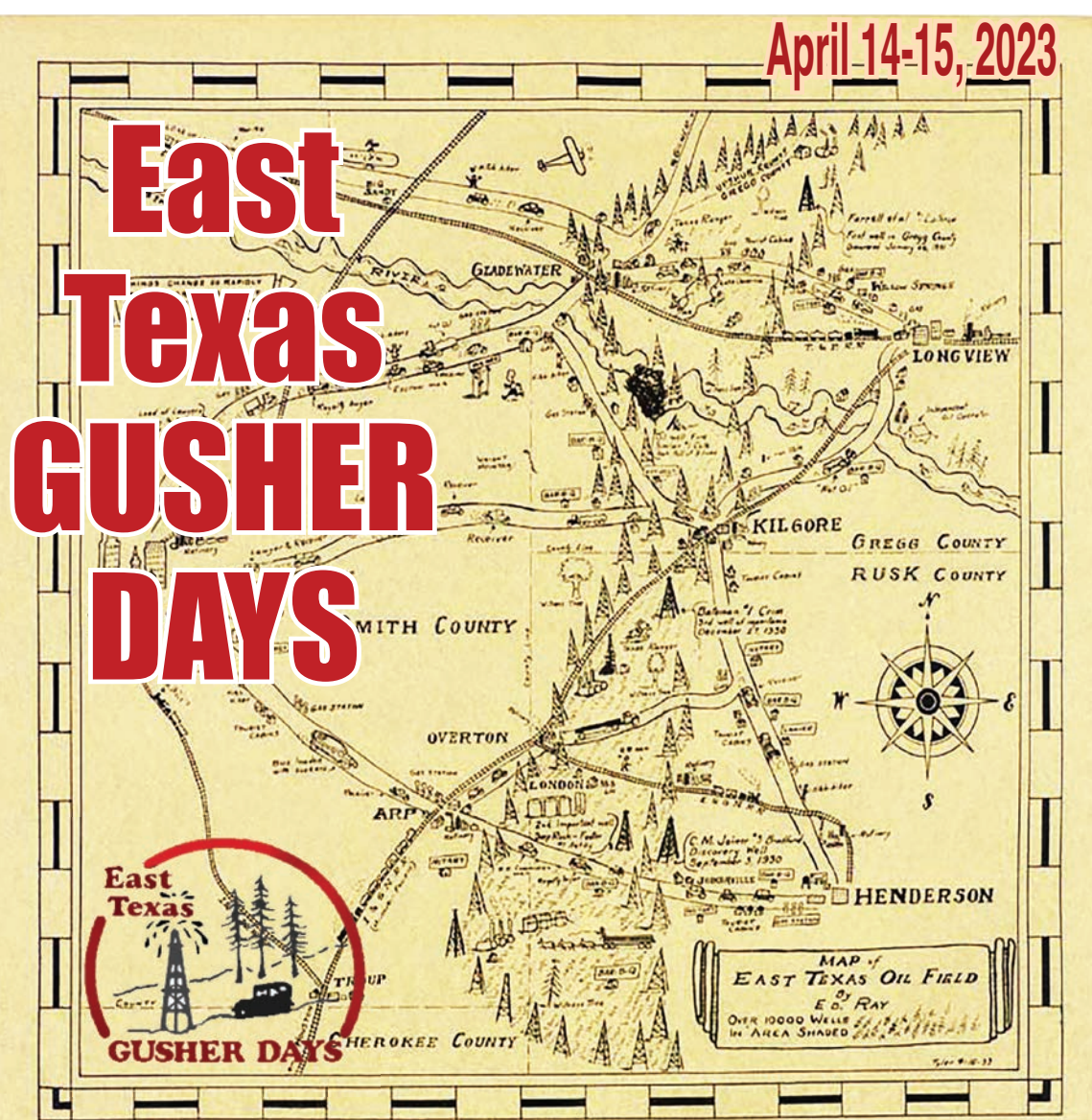
A passenger in the vehicle with Taylor, Jessica Danielle Nicole Sellers, 31, of Longview, was also charged with possession of controlled substance.

The unit was working drug interdiction in the Ore City area when it stopped the pair's vehicle at Camp Joy and Oliver Street, resulting in seizing 13.7 grams of methamphetamine, 4.4 grams of powdered cocaine and two grams of crack cocaine.

During its investigation, the SIU learned Taylor, who was driving, had more drugs at his residence. The officers searched the home with his consent and seized 594 grams of methamphetamine, 5.3 ounces of marijuana, and more than \$2,500 believed to be proceeds from selling drugs.K

Margie Lois Stiles, 70, of Longview, was arrested March 6 when the unit stopped her vehicle and seized 7.4 grams of methamphetamine in the Union Grove area.

She was charged with possession
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East Texas Gusher Days kicks off Friday

Look inside for the Gusher Days special section

The East Texas Gusher Days, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Gladewater invite our East Texas communities to join the family fun at the 2023 East Texas Gusher Days.

The main event will take place Friday, April 14th, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 15th, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the Annual Gusher Days Bass Tournament at beautiful Lake Gladewater Saturday, April 22nd. Registration for the tournament is at 4:30 a.m. with the competition starting at 6 a.m.

Friday April 14th Schedule

● 1 - 10 p.m. Food and Craft Vendors
● 7 - 10:00 p.m. - Venture South live on the Gusher Days Stage

Saturday April 15th Schedule

● 7 - 10 a.m. - LIONS Pancake Breakfast at the Big Derrick Pavillion
● 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Food and Craft Vendors
● 9 a.m. Gladewater Gusher Days 42 Tournament (event by Darrell Morgan and National 42 Player's Association) at the BlueByrd Room
● 8 a.m - 1 p.m - CASI Chili Cook-Off
● 8 a.m - 12 p.m - Classic Car Show, with live performance from Dale Cummings from 10 a.m - 12 p.m
● 12 and 3 p.m - League of Lions Wrestling
● 12 p.m. Contestants for this years Gladewater

Round-Up Rodeo Little Miss and Miss Gladewater Rodeo Queen

- 12:45 p.m. - 1 p.m. GHS Cheerleaders
- 1 p.m. Brownie Bowl Licking Contest - Ages 3 - 7 & 8 - 12 (register on-site)
- 2 p.m. Longest Beard Contest
- 2:30 p.m. Best Dressed Roughneck Contest
- 3 p.m. Dance Studio Entertainment
- 7 - 10 p.m. - Darrin Morris Band

Both days will feature a unique shopping and dining experience with local arts and crafts and food vendors, live music with street dancing, health fair, and plenty of activities for the entire family to enjoy. Children's activities include inflatables and games, face painting and airbrush tattoos, dunking booth and more.

"This is one of Gladewater's most cherished annual events," said Ricky Burcalow, East Texas Gusher Days President. "We look forward to hosting East Texas Gusher Days, which raises much-needed scholarship funds."

A portion of East Texas Gusher Days proceeds fund scholarships for Gladewater High School and Union Grove students, supporting them in their higher education endeavors.

For more information, visit Gusher-Days.com

Bardwell picked for newspaper Hall of Fame

Former Bardwellink owner/editor Suzanne Bardwell has been elected to the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Suzanne, along with her husband Jim, owned and operated the Gladewater Mirror, White Oak Independent and Lindale News & Times. She was killed in a car accident on Jan. 7, 2022. Suzanne was an award winning and highly respected journalist after a long, successful career as a teacher.

The Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame is to honor those who:

- Have made an outstanding contribution to Texas newspaper journalism or, through Texas journalism, to newspaper journalism generally, or
- Have made an extraordinary contribution to their communities, regions, the state of Texas or the nation through newspaper journalism, or
- Have advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press, and
- Have inspired others to improve the quality of the profession of journalism.

Honorees must be natives of the state of Texas or have established a significant portion of their professional reputations in Texas. They must have shown exemplary contributions to the newspaper industry during a period of at least 20 years prior to being nominated and may be living, retired or deceased. Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, including editorial, photojournalism, advertising, business, production, circulation, management or any combination of backgrounds.

Phil Major, publisher of the Wood County Monitor, nominated Suzanne stating:

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• Have advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press, and

• Have inspired others to improve the quality of the profession of journalism.

When Suzanne Bardwell passed away suddenly on Jan. 7, 2022, the breadth and depth of her contribution to community journalism was instantly brought into sharp focus.

She was my friend, so I did not think of her in Hall of Fame terms, but when the idea was suggested, my first thought was that she was one of the most Hall-of-Fame people I have ever known.

As I read through the description of those deserving nomination to the hall (above), she easily checks all those boxes.

Perhaps the greatest testament came in the days following her death when, thanks to social media, those offering accolades numbered well over 1,000. I'm sure she would have appreciated the irony that it came from a media she despised.

These poignant comments told many stories. What shone through was that she had accomplished her purpose. Many of those comments came from former journalism students, and it was clear that she had taught them to write well, and to do so with passion.

I won't print those comments but would invite you to view a sampling

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On Good Friday morning the Marion County Sheriff's Office dispatcher received a call from a fisherman. The fisherman stated he was on the south side of Lake o' the Pines in south west Marion County, Texas. He reported observing a black jeep submerged about forty feet from the Woody's Camp boat ramp. Deputies arrived at the scene as well as a local wrecker service. As the jeep was being prepared for removal from the water, it was discovered a person was still in the vehicle and moving. With the assistance of the wrecker service, fisherman, and Marion County deputies, a female was safely rescued from the submerged jeep. EMS responded to the location and transported the female to a local hospital. During the incident, it was determined the woman was listed as a missing person from the Longview Police Department.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Oil is in the blood ...

Gusher Days is on the way this week with fun activities that run through next Saturday's fishing tourney. I can already smell the turkey legs and taste the lemonade. And maybe, if the rain will hold off, my sweetie will ride the ferris wheel with me and hold my hand. Well, it was a sweet thought anyway.

Oil Patch culture runs deep in my family and Jim's as well. His granddaddy Clyde came to East Texas with the cavalry when lawlessness was running as freely as oil. He met Jim's Piney Woods' Granny and that was it. Clyde was here to stay. In the '60s Granddaddy Clyde ran wells and Jimmy grew up running them with him, learning how to drive before his feet could reach the pedals of that old green Chevy truck.

My dad worked the oilfield at night and farmed during the day for years before he moved to the Sunoco office job where he got to use a slide rule which I still have. I have no idea how to use it, but I have it.

My grandmother's brother lost his life in an oil field accident. He was knocked unconscious and fell from near the top of a derrick. She grieved for her baby brother until she left this earth. There was danger. A great deal of it. There still is.

My grandfather was a wildcatter for a few years and two of my great-uncles helped bring in the West Texas oilfields and helped build the industry around the Permian Basin.

I really do have a little of that black gold in my blood, along with all that black dirt between my toes that I grew up on. Roughnecks and cowboys are as Texas as you can get and Gladewater has had its fair share of both. So has my family. I like that connection. Nope, I love that connection.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Magnolia Oil was birthed in Corsicana, my as 'close as it gets' hometown. Of course, Magnolia evolved into Mobil Oil. When I was working on my graduate degree in history I did research on that part of Texas oil history. My dad's Mobil Pegasus belt buckle is missing and that makes me so sad. I loved that buckle with the flying horse. I still get that warm and fuzzy feeling when traveling through Dallas and there Pegasus sits atop a downtown building.

My curiosity about the industry led me to attend Kilgore College's Petroleum Institute in the '80s. We learned about geology, chemistry, engineering and the history of the Woodbine oilfield. We toured drilling and historical sites. I loved every minute and when we toured KC's new Oil Museum it was thrilling. No kidding, thrilling.

Gusher Days carries its own thrills too. From the nationally sanctioned chili cooks to the youngest kids clutching balloons this is small-town fun and charm.

I am excited to be a part of Gladewater's continuing heritage. And I always look forward to Gusher Days. It is family fun at its best and a community enjoying life as a family. It just doesn't get any better than that.

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

Short-Term Outlook for the US Economy

The US economy is currently enduring some major headwinds. High inflation persists even as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates. Fallout from the escalating interest rates is affecting a number of industries and individuals, with ripple effects throughout the economy. Geopolitical uncertainty is also a factor, with not only Russia-Ukraine, but several other areas showing signs of rising tensions. However, while there will almost certainly be some bumps along the way, I don't anticipate a major meltdown. In fact, our latest projections call for notable growth over the next five years. Let's briefly explore a few key issues.



Inflation has proven difficult to manage. Many analysts underestimated the inflationary power of massive stimulus packages and what would happen when people started trying to spend that extra bonanza even as the supply chain was reeling from the pandemic. Added to that pressure were the disruptions in energy and agricultural markets stemming from the invasion of Ukraine, a fire in a major South Korean semiconductor facility, and other assorted calamities. Markets for various items continue to be constrained at times, pushing up prices.

Though we are saddled with some of these pressures for a while, others are lessening. Inventories of many items are rising, which should tame price increases. The housing market has cooled to some extent (see below), helping with costs to buy or rent. Wholesale prices are also moderating, which is often a harbinger of things to come. Looking over a five-year horizon, I think we'll see inflation at very manageable levels, though it will likely take a while to get there.

As the Federal Reserve has taken action to raise target interest rates, there has been significant fallout. The housing market is particularly sensitive to borrowing costs; in most areas, prices and new construction are down. Uncertainty about the economy is adding to real estate challenges, though there isn't a massive structural problem such as we saw during the Great Recession. High-profile bank failures (largely due to poor management of interest rate risk and institution-specific issues) have made headlines, but no major systemic issues appear to be present.

For these and other reasons (such as tensions in several regions of the globe), concerns regarding the future performance of the economy are causing some retrenchment. It's an unavoidable outcome of what the Fed is trying to do and the vagaries of the times. Growth in the near term will undoubtedly be curtailed, though I think the chatter greatly exaggerates the risk of a major downturn. Our latest forecast anticipates growth in real gross product at a 2.81% annual pace over the next five years, while employment rises by 1.73% per year. All things considered, that is not too bad.

Stay safe!



Controversial electric grid plan passes Senate

The Texas Senate has passed a controversial plan to build more natural gas-powered plants in the state, despite widespread opposition from critics who say the two bills could lead to billions in added costs to customers. The goal of the bills, according to its sponsors, is to avoid another massive power outage such as the one in the winter of 2021 that killed more than 200 people, the *Texas Tribune* reported.

Houston Chronicle columnist Chris Tomlinson reported that 22 out of 24 people who testified on Senate Bill 6 voiced opposition. The plants would sit idle at least 97% of the time.

"The Association of Electric Companies of Texas found common ground with the Sierra Club. Texas Competitive Power Advocates agreed with the South Texas Electric Cooperative. Energy giant NRG joined the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen in declaring SB 6 a lousy idea," Tomlinson wrote.

State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, the lead sponsor of both bills, said the measures were "in memory of the hundreds of Texans that died and the millions of Texans that suffered."

Court rules degrees can be revoked for misconduct

The Texas Supreme Court reversed previous lower-court rulings and ruled last week that Texas universities can revoke previously awarded degrees for academic misconduct, the *Statesman* reported. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



University, in separate cases that were consolidated, argued they should be able to revoke doctorate degrees from students who committed academic misconduct to "protect their reputations and the value of degrees conferred upon their students."

Both cases involved students accused of fabricating data that was discovered after the degrees had been conferred. Both students sued their respective universities after their degrees were revoked.

"The only difference between expelling a current student for academic misconduct and revoking the degree of a former student for the exact same academic misconduct is one of timing," Justice Debra Lehrmann wrote.

Temps topped 100 degrees in Texas prisons

The indoor temperature inside at least 15 state-operated jails and prisons exceeded 100 degrees last summer, according to a report by *The Dallas Morning News*. The data indicates that both inmates and staff are exposed to dangerous levels of heat

in the state's facilities that do not have air conditioning.

A lack of climate control has contributed to the deaths of nearly two dozen inmates between 1998 and 2012, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as well as the heat-related illnesses of dozens of prison guards.

The News reported that state standards say county jails and animal shelters should get no hotter than 85 degrees, but Texas prisons are not required to have air conditioning.

While previous attempts to fund air conditioning for the state's prisons have failed, the House budget passed last week sets aside more than a half-billion dollars for that purpose. In addition, two bills to install cooling systems in the prison system were approved in committee.

Texas General Land office awards \$6 million for coastal counties

The Texas General Land Office has awarded \$6 million for projects across seven coastal counties with a combination of federal and state funding.

The projects are intended in part to improve amenities for greater beach access in a number of locations, as well as developing early warning systems for coastal flooding.

"As a Texan who grew up near the coast and lived in Galveston for more than a decade, preserving our state's precious shorelines and their communities is a top priority of mine," said Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham.

CHANGING GOD'S MESSAGE

There was an amusing little story about a Vermont restaurant near an Interstate highway that had a large sign saying "STEAK." But when the restaurant was sold, and became a Chinese restaurant, it no longer served steaks. The new owner, however, didn't change the sign until people began to pressure him to stop advertising what he didn't sell. Finally he solved the problem by removing the letters "S" and "K" so the sign read "TEA."

God's original message in the Bible can also be changed by removing parts of the message. For example, God tells us to believe in Christ, (*Mk. 16: 16; Jn. 3:16*), repent of our sins (*Lk. 13: 3; Acts 2: 38*), confess our faith in Jesus (*Rom. 10: 9-10; Acts 8: 37*), and be baptized in water for the remission of our sins (*Acts 2: 38*). But many have removed baptism from the message. True, many still practice something called baptism, but in many churches real (scriptural) baptism has been replaced with mere sprinkling, and baptism of believers has been replaced with infant baptism, and baptism for the remission of sins has been replaced with being baptized because one already has remission of sins, and to qualify for membership in a denomination.

However, in the Bible, baptism was immersion, and it was for people who believe, and it was never administered to join a denomination. Thus, *Acts 2: 38, Acts 22: 16, Gal. 3: 27, 1 Pet. 3: 21*, and other places in the Bible teach that baptism is a part of what God requires of people who want to be saved and become Christians.

Like the restaurant sign that was changed from "STEAK" to "TEA" by removing some of the original letters, preachers who have tried to remove baptism from God's plan of salvation have changed the original message. For example, *1 Pet. 3: 21* says "even baptism doth also now save us." Thus, preachers change the "w" to a "t" making the apostle Peter say "even baptism doth also not save us!" Better think on these things.

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	ASSIST	20231831	12:57	WELDON HOMES	EDDY EDDY ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231832	14:31	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20231833	16:28	810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE	810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
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	FIRE DEPT	20231835	17:46	N 271 LEAVING GLDWTR 271 LEAVING GLDWTR	N 271 LEAVING GLDWTR 271 LEAVING GLDWTR
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	10-50 MINOR	20231837	18:29	135 BY AIRPORT 135 BY AIRPORT	135 BY AIRPORT 135 BY AIRPORT
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231838	18:47	485 LOOP LOOP	485 LOOP LOOP
	ABANDONED 911	20231839	19:34	100 N LEE LEE ST	100 N LEE LEE ST
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20231842	20:50	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1823 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231844	22:11	605 N TENERY TENERY	605 N TENERY TENERY
4/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231847	4:24	AJ S FAST STOP EXXON	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ABANDONED 911	20231848	5:17	308 TAYLOR TAYLOR	308 TAYLOR TAYLOR
	THEFT	20231849	8:22	THE TIRE AND ROAD SHOP	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20231850	8:28	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE

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	10-50 MINOR	20231851	10:49	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20231852	11:53		200 BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20231853	14:16		5083 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20231855	14:53		124 LEE LEE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20231856	16:46	FIREBALL RENTALS	516 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231857	17:00		512 TYLER TYLER S
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231858	18:42		HWY 80 HWY 80
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231859	19:06	CHICKEN EXPRESS	1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20231860	21:11		703 MELBA MELBA AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20231861	22:14		12 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231862	22:54		227 S MAIN MAIN
4/23	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	20231863	0:23		530 NORTH NORTH ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231864	0:43	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231865	0:49	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	ABANDONED 911	20231866	1:34	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
	EMS	20231867	1:55		304 OAK OAK DR
	EMS	20231868	3:41		1116 RICKS RICKS CR
	EMS	20231869	9:15		539 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
	CRIM MIS	20231870	9:48		205 W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231871	9:51		511 S TYLER TYLER
	RECKLESS DAMAGE	20231872	10:24	WASH TUB LAUNDRY MAT	201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231873	10:54		104 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231874	12:27		1520 E SEPHERD SEPHERD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231875	13:55		211 W GAY GAY
	CRIM TRESPASS	20231876	14:18		511 S TYLER TYLER
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231877	16:00		810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	SUSP LETTER/SUBSTANCE	20231878	16:10	4B FEED & SUPPLY	807 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20231879	16:36	CASH AMERICA PAWN 552	207 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20231880	17:36	TIRE ROAD	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20231881	18:51		TENERY TENERY
	ABANDONED 911	20231882	20:16		107 TENERY TENERY
	ALARM/OTHER	20231883	21:04	NEW LIFE CHURCH	815 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231884	22:17		N MAIN MAIN
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4/23	10-50 MINOR	20231886	22:42		1386 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231888	1:55	PENNYS FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231889	2:10	PIZZA HUT	1210 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20231890	3:15		303 COOPER COOPER
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20231891	7:18		1012 KAY KAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231892	9:41		403 E COMMERCE COMMERCE
	EMS	20231893	10:36		54 GREENWAY GREENWAY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231897	12:00		308 W SHEPPARD SHEPPARD ST
	HARASSMENT	20231898	12:19		
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231900	14:18		68 WELDOM HOMES WELDOM HOMES ST
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WOPD Police Arrest Report

For the two week reporting period of March 27th through April 9th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 344 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Investigative Follow-ups, Burglar Alarms, Traffic Issues, Juvenile Problems, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Two traffic collisions were investigated resulting in no injuries and one continuing criminal investigation for Driving While Intoxicated.

Four arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period: James Jason Moss, 34, of Gladewater on an outstanding Upshur County warrant for Driving While Intoxicated,

Jace Dale Quaid, 22, of White Oak for Assault - Family Violence - Impeding Breath or Circulation,

Luis Alfonso Mosqueda-Contero, 32, of White Oak for Assault - Family Violence - Impeding Breath or Circulation, and

Donna Lynn Pesnell, 52, of White Oak for Driving While Intoxicated.

Upshur County library hosts storytime

Two books by Tedd Arnold will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (April 13).

To be read at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. gatherings are "There Was An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Fly" and "There Was An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Shell," said County Librarian Cynthia King.

A craft will follow each Storytime, she said. The library is located at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154).

While the activities are free to the public, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at www.youseemore.com/upshur.



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PUC of Texas adopts tighter timeline for utilities to respond to complaints

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) last week approved rule changes reducing the number of days an electric service provider has to respond to consumer complaints filed with the PUC. Effective September 1, 2023, electric service providers must respond within 15 days.

Under current rules, electric utilities and retail electric providers have up to 21 days to respond to the PUC's Customer Protection Division (CPD) after being notified of a consumer complaint. This rule change will speed up the complaint resolution process for electricity consumers in Texas and allow CPD to help more customers resolve issues with their electric service providers. The rule change also brings greater consistency to the agency's complaint process by making response deadlines uniform across water and electric complaints.

Commissioners approved the rule change at the April 6 open meeting along with additional revisions to Chapter 25 Substantive Rules Applicable to Electric Service Providers.

The PUC encourages consumers who experience an issue with their electric, water and sewer, or telecommunications service to first contact their service provider to resolve the issue. If the consumer is unable find a suitable resolution with their provider, they can contact the PUC's Customer Protection Division for assistance or file an informal complaint.

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).

Library to host diabetes seminar

The Lee-Bardwell Public Library will play host for Oak Street Health, a primary clinic for adults on Medicare, April 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. The topic for the event is diabetes and what you can do to help you manage it.

WO splash pad now open

The White Oak splash pad is now open daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., unless there is a reservation for a private party.

You can reserve the splash pad by calling city hall at 903-759-3639

Discovery Day set for April 14 for students interested in KC

Registration is underway for Kilgore College Discovery Day to give potential students an opportunity to learn more about the exciting opportunities KC offers.

The event is set for Friday, April 14, with online registration available at www.kilgore.edu/discovery-day.

It is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about KC. Instructors will be available to answer questions during division showcases that will provide a hands-on approach to learning about what the college offers.

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.

Flag retirement ceremony slated

American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 in Gilmer will destroy 50 worn-out or tattered American flags in a public "flag retirement ceremony" according to U.S. Code this Saturday, said Legionnaire Jimmy Sanders.

The public is invited to the 1 p.m. event, to be held behind the Legion's meeting place, which is the old fire station on Harrison Street. The Gilmer High School Air Force Junior ROTC will assist with burning the flags in a barrel.

U.S. Code guidelines, issued by the federal government, say that when a flag "is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, the flag should be destroyed in

a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Saturday's ceremony will last 45-50 minutes, Sanders said.

The Legion post, currently led by Commander Pat Taylor, has held several such public flag retirement ceremonies in the parking area behind its meeting place. Although the building faces on Harrison, the parking lot is off Silver Alley.

Flags to be retired in a future ceremony may be brought to Saturday's event, or left at the Legion headquarters, the Gilmer Fire Department, Computer Tech or Williams Furniture Co..

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.

OBITUARIES

WANDA JOAN ALLARD

Wanda Joan Allard, age 88, of Gladewater, passed away on April 8, 2023. She was born on April 30, 1934 in Gladewater to Joel and Verlie Smith.

Wanda worked as a Wholesale Purchaser in the Jewelry Industry for many years. After retirement she continued working in real estate flipping houses. She enjoyed gardening and was very proud of her Azalea bushes; to the point of relocating them at every house she moved in. Wanda was a loving mother and grandmother. She will be truly missed by all the loving family and friends she leaves behind.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son; Bradley Wendell, siblings; Troy Smith, Foy Charles Smith, Doris Norfleet, Juanita Baird, and Jewel Dahl.

Wanda is survived by her children; Dawn Elrod and husband Steve of Gladewater, Sonja Hughes of Forney, John Wendell and wife Natalie of Mabank, and Trace Wendell of San Francisco; sister; Barbara Mackey of Silsbee; grandchildren: Stephanie Griffith and husband Jerry, Krystal Coker and husband Ryan, Justin Elrod and wife Krystal, Tanna Wendell, Taryn Smith, Joshua Hughes and wife Amber, Zachary Hughes and wife Kayla, Tyler Wendell, and Toby Wendell and wife Ashley; and 16 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. The family will receive friends from 1:00 until service time on Friday. Interment will follow services at Rock Springs Cemetery.

JEFFREY LYNN MCMINN

Jeffrey Lynn McMinn, age 61, of Gladewater passed away on March 6, 2023. He was born on September 1, 1961 in Gladewater.

Cremation arrangements are being made and no services are planned at this time.

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Grandfather headed to prison

By Phillip Williams

A state judge sentenced a 73-year-old grandfather to two concurrent 50-year prison terms in Gilmer on Monday after the defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual assault of two minor girls, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Winston David Tackett of Diana community was sentenced by 115th District Judge Dean Fowler on a plea bargain reached before a jury was to be selected, said Byrd. The defendant will be ineligible for parole until he is 100 years old, the prosecutor said in a news release.

"The offense dates go back to the year 2020 and each victim had been assaulted multiple times," Byrd wrote. "The defendant holds a position and respect in both the community and in his family, and used that to hide his crime and keep his victims silenced."

Byrd said the case came to law enforcement's attention in 2022 "when a victim began sending anonymous emails to a teacher at her school asking how someone should report another person hurting them. Ultimately, the teacher did a really good job identifying the student and contacted Child Protective Services" before the county sheriff's office took over the investigation.

Marshall attorney Brendan Roth represented Tackett. Byrd represented the state.

ET lakes have toxins

The Texas Department of State Health Services has issued fish consumption advisories for several lakes in East Texas and beyond. These advisories can be issued for mercury, ciguatoxin, dioxins, dieldrin and polychlorinated biphenyls being present in fish populations. Recreational fishing is an over \$115 Million industry in East Texas district, report says

Mercury causes heavy metal poisoning, ciguatoxin causes vomiting, diarrhea and numbness, dioxins are carcinogens, dieldrin can cause Parkinson's disease and breast cancer and PCB's can cause skin conditions and cancer.

These East Texas lakes, rivers and creeks have the following consumption advisories from the Texas Department of State Health Services:

The Clear and West Forks of the Trinity River in Anderson, Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Kaufman, Navarro and Tarrant counties. Persons should not consume any species of fish from these waters.

Lake Livingston and Trinity River from US Highway 287 to US 90 in Anderson, Freestone, Houston, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity and Walker counties. Persons should not consume any species of gar from these waters.

Adults should limit consumption of certain fish species as indicated below. Women of childbearing age and children under 12 should not consume the indicated fishes from these waters.

Blue and flathead catfish: no more than one 8-ounce serving per month. Smallmouth buffalo: no more than one 8-ounce serving per month. Freshwater drum: no more than two 8-ounce servings per month. For white bass and striped bass, adults are advised to limit consumption to three 8-ounce servings per month. Women of childbearing age and children under 12 should consume no more than one 8-ounce serving per month.

The Neches River and all contiguous waters from State Highway 7 bridge west of Lufkin downstream to the US 96 bridge near Evadale, including B.A. Steinhagen and Sam Rayburn reservoirs in Angelina, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Trinity and Tyler counties.

Adults should limit consumption of certain fish species as indicated below. Women of childbearing age and children under 12 should not consume the indicated fishes from these waters.

Smallmouth buffalo: Do not eat. Flathead catfish and gar: No more than one eight-ounce serving per month. Blue catfish over 30 inches long, largemouth bass over 16 inches and spotted bass over 16 inches: No more than two eight-ounce servings per month.

Clear Lake in Panola County: For largemouth bass, freshwater drum and bowfin, adults should limit consumption to no more than two, eight-ounce meals per month, and children under 12 years of age should limit consumption to no more than two, four-ounce meals per month. Women of childbearing age who are or might become pregnant, or who are nursing should not consume largemouth bass, freshwater drum or bowfin from this lake.

Hills Lake in Panola County: For largemouth bass and freshwater drum, adults should limit consumption to no more than two, eight-ounce meals per month, and children under 12 years of age should limit consumption to no more than two, four-ounce meals per month. Women of childbearing age who are or might become pregnant, or who are nursing should not consume largemouth bass or freshwater drum from this lake.

Big Cypress Creek in Marion County; Caddo Lake in Harrison and Marion counties; and Toledo Bend Reservoir in Newton, Panola, Sabine and Shelby counties.

All Locations: For largemouth bass and freshwater drum, adults should limit consumption to no more than two, eight-ounce meals per month, and children should limit consumption to no more than two, four-ounce meals per month.

Lake Kimball in Hardin and Tyler counties and Lake Pruitt (Black Cypress Creek) in Cass County.

For all species of fish, adults should limit consumption to no more than two, eight-ounce meals per month, and children under 12 years of age should limit consumption to no more than two, four-ounce meals per month.

Lone Star Lake (aka Ellison Creek Reservoir) in Morris County: Persons should not consume common carp or hybrid striped bass from this reservoir.

For channel catfish, flathead catfish, spotted gar and sunfishes, adults should limit consumption to one eight-ounce meal per month. For largemouth and white bass, adults should consume no more than two eight-ounce meals per month.

Children under 12 and women of childbearing age should not consume channel catfish, flathead catfish, white bass, hybrid striped bass, sunfishes, common carp or spotted gar from this reservoir; and should limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than one four-ounce meal per month.

Lake Daingerfield in Morris County and Lake Ratcliff in Houston County: For largemouth bass, adults should limit consumption to no more than two, eight-ounce meals per month, and children should limit consumption to no more than two, four-ounce meals per month.

"Our consumption advisories may recommend limited or no consumption of fish or aquatic life from a body of water," Texas Department of State Health Services said. "This is because tests found contaminants at unsafe levels. Eating more fish or aquatic life than our consumption advisory recommends may pose potential human health risks."

To see which Texas bodies of water don't have consumption advisories visit the Texas Department of State Health Services online .



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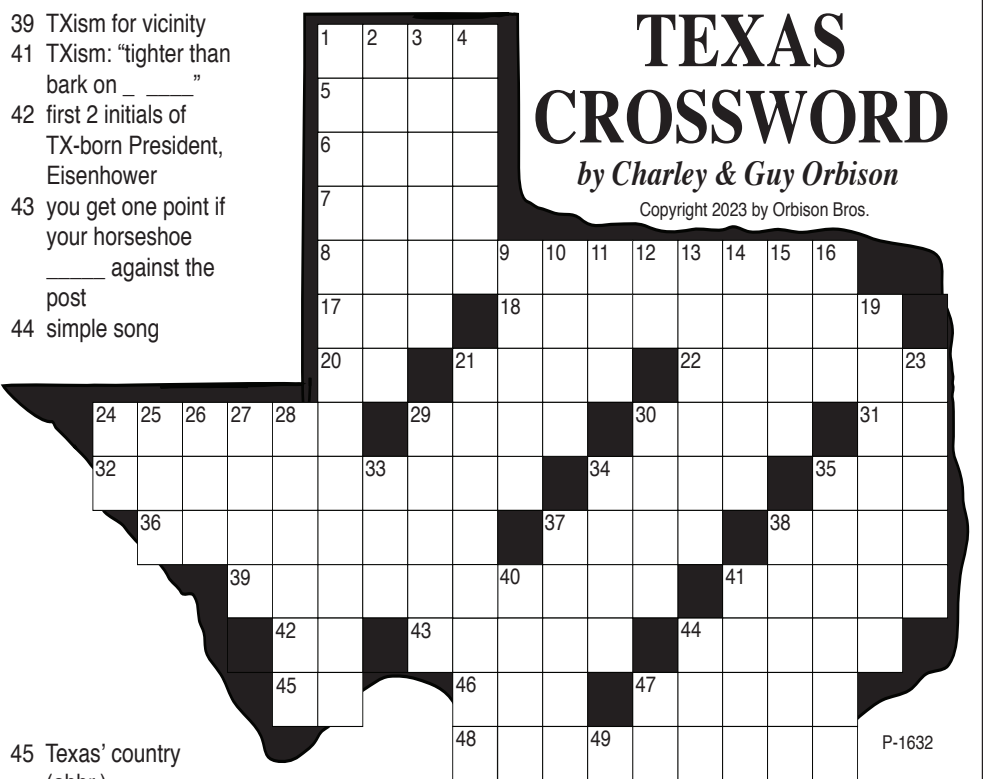
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- 10 Chinese gang
- 11 TXism: "split a _ _" (laughed hard)
- 12 TXism: "the brand _ _ still smoking" (rare meat)
- 13 seat of Wilbarger County
- 14 " _ _ Believe It's Yogurt" was founded in Texas
- 15 TXism: "not a lick"
- 16 _ _ Monkey Railroad once ran through Palo Duro State Park
- 19 TXism: "attracted like flies _ _"

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- 29 cattle rustlers do it
- 30 groove-billed birds at Bentsen park
- 33 "The eyes of Texas _ _ upon you . . ."
- 34 domino collections
- 35 Spanish explorer
- 37 TXism: "gave me a song and dance"
- 38 house storage area
- 40 TX Oatmeal Festival once featured an _ _-Thon race
- 41 TX Willie's Farm _ _ was in 1985
- 44 "picture show" treats
- 47 where TX Kenny Rogers didn't want Ruby to take her love (2 wds.)
- 49 early TX river transport

See Answers Below

TPWD Cautions:

Don't handle wildlife, especially babies

AUSTIN — Spring has sprung. With extended sunshine and milder days, more people are enjoying the outdoors as native wildlife adds new fawns and hatchlings to their broods. Texans may start to notice more wildlife in their backyard, neighborhood or surrounding areas. The best thing to do is to leave them alone.

Birds, rabbits, deer and snakes become more active this time of year; their young can be mistaken as abandoned. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) experts caution against lending a helping hand and remind you that it is illegal to possess wildlife in most cases.

Baby animals are sometimes picked up by well-meaning citizens. Many such human-animal encounters are unnecessary — they can even be detrimental to the animal.

Fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat hides them from predators. A doe may leave her fawn for hours at a time while

browsing for food. During that time, people may spot the fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many assume it has been abandoned by its mother and needs help, but this is rarely the case.

Biologists recommend

leaving all young animals alone unless they are obviously injured. Spend time observing it from a distance to make the determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning; interfering too soon may do more harm than good.

The same principles apply to young birds out of their nests. If the bird has open eyes, feathers and can hop around, mom and dad are likely nearby. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

Deputies make multiple arrests

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of controlled substance—more than four grams, but less than 200, of methamphetamine. The SIU was performing drug interdiction when it stopped her at the intersection of U.S. 271 and Willow Oak Road.

In another case involving drug interdiction in the Union Grove area, two women were arrested March 7 when the unit stopped their vehicle at the intersection of Bob O Link and Bailey roads.

Felecia Lee Moore, 33, of Longview, was charged with possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) while a 34-year-old Gilmer woman was

charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana—less than two ounces.

The SIU seized .5 of a gram of methamphetamine and under two ounces of marijuana.

An 18-year-old Ore City woman was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana March 15 when the unit, performing drug interdiction in the Ore City area, stopped her vehicle at Wild Onion and Verbenia roads.

The SIU seized less than two ounces of the drug.

Tommy Glenn Holdeman, 44, of Diana, was arrested March 16 on an outstanding Gregg County warrant charging him with bond forfeiture and felony posses-

sion of controlled substance.

The unit was performing drug interdiction in the Ore City area when it stopped Holdeman in the 1300 block of Janis Street.

Stephen Douglas Bonnefield Jr., 31, of Dallas, was arrested March 22 on charges of possession of controlled substance—more than four, but less than 400 grams of amphetamine, and misdemeanor unlawful carrying of firearm.

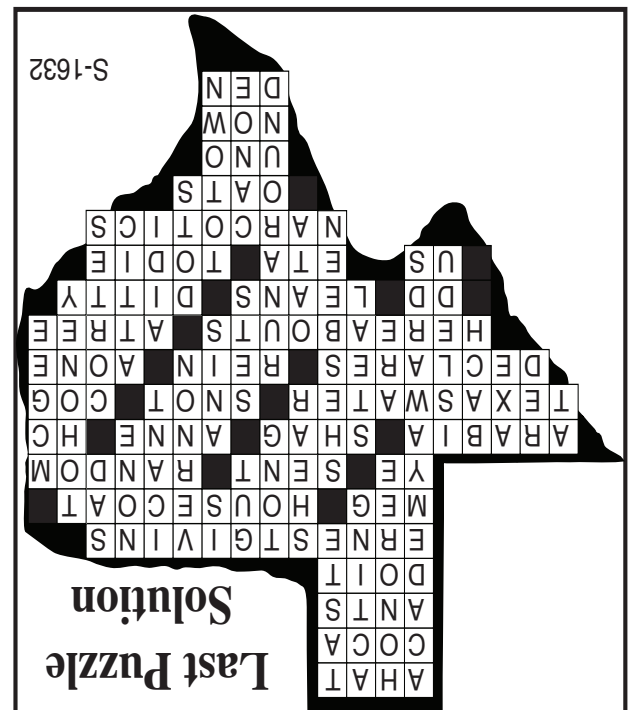
The SIU was performing drug interdiction in the Gladewater area when it stopped Bonnefield's vehicle on U.S. 80 near the Gregg County line, resulting in seizure of amphetamine pills weighing a collective 5.3 grams and the gun.



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ETCOG announces regional award recipients for exemplary contributions to East Texas

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) honored regional citizens who exemplify excellence in performance, innovation, and contributions to the community at its 103rd Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting last week at Bear Creek Smokehouse in Marshall, Texas. Award criteria and recipient information are as follows:

REGIONAL FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS

ETCOG conferred two Regional First Responder Awards, recognizing first responders who have rendered extraordinary service, putting their lives on the line for our safety while performing their duties. Tyler Stroschein with Longview Police Department, and Darren Renshaw with Emory Volunteer Fire Department, and Reserve Deputy for Rains County Sherriff Department were this year's award recipients.

Officer Tyler Stroschein was selected for the award for an extraordinary act of service in which his training and experience came to aid. On October 16, 2022, Officer Stroschein responded to a shooting where an individual accidentally shot himself in the leg, causing severe damage to his femoral artery. Officer Stroschein acted quickly and applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, which allowed the subject to receive medical attention. Thanks to Officer Stroschein's timely intervention, the subject was able to keep his leg, regain full motion, and walk again.

Darren Renshaw was selected for the award for his outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to his community. In his award nomination, Rains County Commissioners Court expressed their admiration for Darren's selflessness and unwavering dedication to the betterment of the community. Darren has been a key figure in the Volunteer Fire Department and in his service as reserve Deputy for Rains County Sherriff's Department, having been on the scene for over half of the 1155 calls in the past two years. He has also played a significant role in recruiting and mentoring numerous individuals into the VFD. Despite his busy schedule, Darren always makes time for others, leading by example and inspiring others in their citizenship and servanthood. The Court called Darren one of the best role models in the community and thanked him for his tireless efforts in making the community a better place.

REGIONAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ETCOG's Regional Citizen of the Year award is designed to honor a citizen of East Texas who has contributed to the well-being of the East Texas region. The City of Kilgore's Mayor, Ronnie Spradlin, III, and Dr. Beverly Waddleton Johnson of Quitman were honored with the awards.

Mayor Spradlin, a lifetime resident of Kilgore, has been awarded this prestigious award for his unwavering commitment to education and community service. Mayor Spradlin's dedication to education is evident in his work mentoring and funding the dreams of many students, as well as supporting KISD and the Rangerette organization. His community involvement spans several decades, co-founding organizations such as the Kilgore Historic Preservation Foundation, Kilgore Boys and Girls Club, and the Community Development Corporation and helping to establish the Texas Shake-



spare Festival and Hearts Anonymous. His contributions to the community include a quarter of a million dollars to The Lazy S Splash Pad in Kilgore to honor his late parents, donating land for the Kilgore Dog Park, and serving on the city council from 2007 to 2010 and as Mayor since 2010.

Dr. Beverly Waddleton Johnson has dedicated over 40 years of service to her community, making significant contributions to the field of medicine and community involvement in East Texas. She was the first Black female physician in Wood County, where she served as Clinic Medical Director and Cardiac Rehab Medical Director at UT Health East Texas. Dr. Waddleton's unwavering commitment to education and medical care is reflected in her various board memberships, including the Tyler Junior College Wesley House and the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry for the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Her contributions to the medical field have been recognized through numerous accolades, including being chosen as one of the 50 Heroes for Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2020. Dr. Waddleton is a member of several community organizations, including the Wood County Economic Development Health Committee, Quitman Chamber of Commerce, Quitman First United Methodist Church, and the Quitman Rotary Club. After more than 40 years of selfless service to her community, Dr. Waddleton now enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

REGIONAL CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Regional Corporate Citizen of the Year award honors a corporate partner in East Texas that has contributed to the well-being of the East Texas Region. The ETCOG board conferred the award to the Northeast Texas Public Health for their unwavering commitment to public health. Every month, NET Health clinics see approximately 28,000 pregnant women, new mothers, new fathers, and children up to age five, ensuring healthy pregnancies, healthy babies, and healthy young children. The NET Health Regional Laboratory is also instrumental in ensuring public safety, performing regulatory milk analysis of dairies throughout northeast Texas, and testing municipal water supplies. "The organization has also played a significant role in protecting the community against emergencies such as weather-related events, bioterrorism, and most recently, COVID-19," said ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland. "Their dedicated service during the pandemic has been especially noteworthy, with George

Roberts and his staff doing everything possible to educate, encourage, and vaccinate vulnerable East Texans against COVID-19. They are the rock stars of public health, addressing nearly every major threat to public health in East Texas, including West Nile, H1N1, Tuberculosis, Zika, Ebola, and Whooping Cough, and more."

REGIONAL STATESMANSHIP AWARD

Former Anderson County Judge Robert Johnston has been awarded this year's Regional Statesmanship Award for his valuable and dedicated service to regional cooperation. Since taking office in 2011, Judge Johnston has served Anderson County, ETCOG, the East Texas Region, and the State of Texas in a variety of capacities. He has been a member of the ETCOG Board and Executive Committee since his tenure began and became Chairman in 2015. In 2022, Judge Johnston was elected the first ETCOG delegate to serve as President of the Texas Association of Regional Councils Board. This statewide association of regional councils focuses on enhancing the quality of life through regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions. "Judge Johnston's leadership has been marked by several characteristics that make him an outstanding public servant. He loves the region he serves, always does what he believes is right, and consistently supports our agency. He is a humble, dedicated public servant who always places the needs of others before his own," said Cleveland.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARD

Kristy Swan Range serves on the ETCOG EasTexConnects transportation committee. Through her exemplary service, she was chosen for the Regional Committee Service Award, which recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a sustained, dedicated commitment to ETCOG efforts and activities. Kristy is an exceptional public transportation advocate and passenger who has made outstanding contributions to the development of East Texas and the well-being of its residents. Kristy's passion for educating the public on their transportation options is unmatched, and she has worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone has access to public transit. She serves as the Regional Mobility Manager for East Texas and is actively involved in several committees, including the East Texas Veterans Community Council, EasTexConnects Regional Transportation Committee, Smith Co Passenger Advisory Committee, and Smith Co Transportation Advisory Committee.

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UG FFA Livestock Judging took 3rd place team and is headed to state State Qualifiers include: Livestock Judging - 3rd place team - Josh Baker - 5th high individual and Will Wilson, Katherine Potter and Chloe Brooks. Vet Science - 4th place team - Emily Bible - 7th high individual And Jeremiah McGee - 10th high individual, along with Madeline McGee and M'Kenzie Smith. Ag Mechanics - 5th place team - Rowdy Williams - 4th high individual ad Cash Coleman, Aiden Vanmeter and Thomas Navarro.

THE White Oak High School Vet Science team is headed to state. Grace Pratt, Jaidan Johnson, Alli Good, Logan Dugger and alternate Kelsey Burch will be competing. White Oak will join Winnsboro, Hallsville, Longview, Union Grove, Beckville and Mount Vernon at the state competition.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Tyler Sutton

Another week of dodging weather was on tap this week for Gladewater and White Oak Baseball and Softball. But all the teams were able to get their games in.

The Gladewater Bears baseball team had a two game home and home series this past week with the Dangerfield Tigers. Beginning on Tuesday, April 4th where the Bears picked up their first district win of the season knocking off the Tigers 4-2. The same two teams met again on a wet and cold evening on Friday, April 7th as Gladewater came up with a 5-3 victory to cap off senior night festivities. The two victories improve the Bears record to 3-11 on the season and 2-3 in district play. Next up for the Bears will be a home matchup with the Sabine Cardinals on Tuesday, April 11th.

Meanwhile the White Oak Roughnecks baseball team was also in action this past week with two games with the Sabine Cardinals. First on Tuesday, April 4th, White Oak scored lone runs in the fifth and sixth innings to overcome a 3-2 deficit and earn a 4-3 win over the Sabine Cardinals. Noah Carter, Gavyn Jones, Tyler Puckett and Landyn Grant all doubled for White Oak.

Carter and Jones had two hits apiece, and Jones and Grant drove in runs. Jones struck out four, walked six and gave up two earned runs in four innings. Puckett fanned four with two walks in three frames. Jayden McPherson singled and drove in a run and Braylen Hawkins had a single and two RBI in the loss for Sabine. Payton McBride fanned five with one walk and two earned runs allowed in six innings to shoulder the pitching loss. Then switching to Friday, April 7th the Roughnecks dropped their first district game of the season in walk off fashion in Sabine in the bottom of the 11th inning by a score of 2-1.

Hudson Pepper delivered a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 11th as the Sabine Cardinals walked off with a 2-1 win over the White Oak Roughnecks on Friday. Jaydan McPherson walked to lead off the inning, moving to second on an error. Payton McBride was issued an intentional walk to load the bases, and Pepper hit a fly ball to left to bring in McPherson with the game-winner. Conner Tucker added an RBI for Sabine, and Braylen Hawkins had two singles. Tucker worked seven innings on the hill, striking out four and walking one.

Pepper fanned two and walked one, giving up no runs on

one hit in four innings. The 1-1 week for White Oak has their record at 18-3-2 and 4-1 in district play. The Roughnecks will next be on the field on Tuesday, April 11th when they host the New Diana Wildcats.

Moving over to the softball diamond, the Gladewater Lady Bears had 2 games this past week. First on Tuesday, April 4th on a frigid night the Lady Bears dropped a 11-1 game to the New Diana Lady Eagles in New Diana. Taryn Reece, Reagan Reece and Avery Howard all drove in two runs for New Diana. Howard and Abi Shafer both doubled for the Lady Eagles. Kiley Stanley had three hits and an RBI, and Chloe Green, Taryn Reece, Howard and Shafer finished with two hits apiece. Green and Peyton Abernathy also drove in runs. Kiley Stanley struck out five, walked seven and gave up one earned run in five innings.

Karlee Moses singled and drove in a run in the loss for Gladewater. Alayah Gordon fanned two and walked three in four innings. Then on Friday night, April 7th the Lady Bears traveled to Hughes Springs and fell to the Lady Mustangs 16-0. Shae' Leigh Johnson and Riley Lowery both homered for Hughes Springs. Lowery drove in three runs, adding a double to her big day, and Johnson singled. Claira Robinson doubled, singled and drove in three. Alyssa Baxter doubled, singled and added two RBI.

Emma McKinney tripled and singled. Sadie Golden singled and drove in two runs, and Hailey Crews contributed an RBI. Baxter fanned two in two innings, and Maggie Pate struck out two in her one inning inside the circle. Alayah Gordon had the lone hit for Gladewater. The losses drop the Lady Bears record to 3-9-1 and 1-5 in district play. Gladewater will be back home on Tuesday, April 11th for Teacher Appreciation night vs Dangerfield

White Oak Lady Roughnecks softball was also in action this past week. First making the short trip to down to Sabine and walking away with a 6-1 win over the Lady Cardinals. Shasha Graves and Tristyn Cox had two hits and two RBI apiece to back a strong pitching outing by Larkin Daniels. Addison McClanahan doubled, singled and drove in a run for the Ladynecks.

Daniels struck out 14, walked two and gave up one earned run in seven innings. Kyrissa Camacho doubled, singled and drove in a run for Sabine, and Madison Pierce added two singles. Isabella Sawyers struck out 10 and walked six in

the pitching loss. Then on Friday, April 7th, the Lady Necks came away with a back and forth hard fought 2-1 home win over New Diana. Larkin Daniels struck out 15 with no walks and three hits allowed, and Addison McClanahan and Emily Wallace drove in runs for the Ladynecks.

Wallace tripled, and McClanahan and Sasha Graves both doubled for White Oak. Graves had two hits. Chloe Green struck out two and walked one in six innings for New Diana. Ava Smith singled and drove in the lone New Diana run. The two wins improves White Oak's record to 23-4 and 7-0 in district play. Next up is a trip to Hughes Springs on Tuesday, April 11th.



Congratulations Lainey ledbetter. Lainey not only hit a homerun, but she also celebrated her 500th career strike outs, coming as the Lady Lions beat Big Sandy 7-0 on the road.

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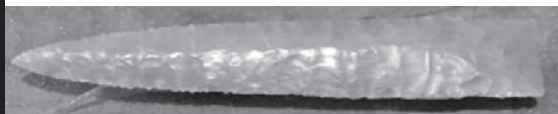
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White Oak High School Student Council earns 8th consecutive top national award

For its exemplary record of leadership, service and activities that improve the school and community, the White Oak High School student council has been recognized as a 2023 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council).

The NatStuCo program is supported by its parent organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

“This award is based on a calendar year not school year,” student council advisor Kim Taylor said.

“The National Gold Seal is for exemplary record of leadership, service and service and activities that improves the school and community. This is our eighth consecutive year to be awarded the National Gold Council Of Excellence Award.

“Some of our projects for this are Breakfast for first responders, senior sunrise and sunset, help serve the senior citizen luncheon and Veterans luncheon for our community, host 3 blood drives a year, numerous teacher appreciation projects, Military Week, Huge Pink out fundraiser for a

community member or student battling cancer every year, Teens in the Driver Seat and so much more for our school and community.” “Exceptional student councils are a hallmark of exceptional schools,” said NASSP CEO Ronn Nozoe. “The White Oak High School council has taken student leadership to the next level, creating a culture promoting scholarship and citizenship that resonates far beyond their team.

“I’m delighted to recognize their hard work with the National Gold Council of Excellence Award for their commitment to service, leadership and uplifting the voices of their peers.

“I am so excited to be a part of this honor,” Taylor said. A student council must meet a variety of criteria to earn the National Council of Excellence Award.

In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings and a democratic election process, the councils must have demonstrated successful sponsorship and participation in activities such as leadership development and service to the school and community.



There are 6 former and current Gladewater students who currently play in the East Texas Symphonic Band of Longview.

They are (from left to right): De Davis, GISD Class of 2011, Current band director at Tatum ISD; James Thomas, GISD Class of 2008, Current band director at Harmony ISD; Madie Bedair, GISD Class of 2024, Current student at Gladewater ISD; Sarah Walbridge, GISD Class of 2023, Current student at Gladewater ISD; Matt Smith, GISD Class of 2023, Current student at Gladewater ISD; Jeff Smith, GISD Class of 1992, Current band director at Gladewater ISD.

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White Oak ISD has 36 Academic UIL Regional Qualifiers

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1st Bailey Brondum
5th Levi Wright
6th Carley King</p> <p>Informative
1st Avery Spencer
2nd Brody Miller
5th Zoey Cabral</p> <p>Persuasive
2nd Anna Iske
4th Kylee Bright
6th Gavin Slpes</p> <p>LD Debate
2nd Addison Milligan
3rd Avery Spencer
4th Lalya Hidalgo
6th Zoey Cabral</p> <p>Speech Champions
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1st Trinity Noll
2nd Chloe Bates
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5th Trinity Noll
News Writing
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Headline Writing
2nd Alli Sims
3rd Colin Wheat
4th Kate Dusek</p> <p>Journalism Champions
Computer Apps
1st Kenzie Jester
4th Emma Nix
6th Gavyn Jones
Computer Science
4th Peyton Sweeney
6th Seth Anderson
2nd place team
Number Sense
2nd Place Team
Calculator
2nd Place Team
Accounting
1st Caden Tyner
2nd Sydney Caraway
3rd Lucy Phan
4th Cole Caraway
1st Place Team
Spelling
2nd Kara Kennedy</p> | <p>5th Grace Pratt
Alli Sims
Zach Jacyno
2nd Place Team
WILDCARD
Ready Writing
1st Chloe Bates
4th Avery Spencer
Lit Crit
4th Jenna Crum
6th Sydney Caraway
Christian Grammer
Layla Hidalgo
2nd Place Team
WILDCARD
Math
6th Jayce Parker
2nd Place Team
Science
4th Jayce Parker
Payton Sweeney
Michael Rivera
Jordan Crum
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WILDCARD
Social Studies
5th Keller Lott
6th Jenna Crum
2nd Place Team
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Bardwell picked for newspaper Hall of Fame

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Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, including editorial, photojournalism, advertising, business, production, circulation, management or any combination of backgrounds.

Phil Major, publisher of the Wood County Monitor, nominated Suzanne stating:

- Have made an outstanding contribution to Texas newspaper journalism or, through Texas journalism, to newspaper journalism generally, or
- Have made an extraordinary contribution to their communities, regions, the state of Texas or the nation through newspaper journalism, or
- Have advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press, and
- Have inspired others to improve the quality of the profession of journalism.

When Suzanne Bardwell passed away suddenly on Jan. 7, 2022, the breadth and depth of her contribution to community journalism was instantly brought into sharp focus.

She was my friend, so I did not think of her in Hall of Fame terms, but when the idea was suggested, my first thought was that she was one of the most Hall-of-Fame people I have ever known.

As I read through the description of those deserving nomination to the hall (above), she easily checks all those boxes.

Perhaps the greatest testament came in the days following her death when, thanks to social media, those offering accolades numbered well over 1,000. I’m sure she would have appreciated the irony that it came from a media she despised.

These poignant comments told many stories. What shone through was that she had accomplished her purpose. Many of those comments came from former journalism students, and it was clear that she had taught them to

write well, and to do so with passion.

I won’t print those comments but would invite you to view a sampling on the Gladewater Mirror Facebook page in the days following her death.

That alone is an incredible legacy to Texas journalism. I wish there were statistics that would show the contributions her students have made to society.

Then after 33 years in the classroom, all the while supporting community journalism through the scholarship committee of the North and East Texas Press Association, and being the backstop, supporter and cheerleader for her husband, Jim, a career community newspaper man, she “retired.” More like jumping out of the frying pan.

Her work on the scholarship committee was actually just an extension of her life’s work as a teacher, helping shepherd her students on to the next level. And beyond that she served as a contest judge numerous times (newspaper and high school journalism), contributed in various ways to local newspapers, and in the early days of Jim’s career, assisted with publishing a regional high school sports tabloid.

They purchased the Gladewater Mirror, where Jim had worked for many years, in 2012, along with the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. They eventually sold the Journal, and then in 2018 took over the operation of the nearby White Oak Independent – in the same community where Suzanne had spent the last 18 years of her teaching career – and also the Lindale News and Times.

They didn’t buy the Independent to make money, they bought it to preserve the community’s voice and outlet. Suzanne did most of the work keeping it going, as only a good Texan could,

with baling wire and duct tape. I learned that one of her last acts on earth was to text the superintendent and let him know his column was due.

As these papers were, and are, typical small town, mom-and-pop operations, her contributions were too numerous to recount, from selling ads to shooting photos (including the pothole of the week). Among those tasks was an award-winning column that pulled few punches when it came to setting the record straight. It could make you laugh or cry, cajole you or flat out tell you what’s what. (one sample is included)

She supported causes, most notably saving the Gladewater Library from closing after the 2021 Texas winter storm severely damaged the facility. Call any community leader in Gladewater.

They will likely tell you it wouldn’t have happened if not for Suzanne and her threat to chain herself to the building when the bulldozers arrived. She rallied the community, sought out grants for repairs and reported on the progress. She also supported the local food bank, and frankly, every other worthy cause in the community – hands on as well as editorially.

She was a fierce advocate for the First Amendment, writing about it frequently and contacting lawmakers about issues that threatened those rights. I would have paid good money to be a fly on the wall this spring when she was supposed to make her first sojourn to Washington to advocate for newspapers in the halls of Congress.

Her advocacy went far beyond newspapers, students, freedom of the press and her community. When Texas teachers faced a battle with the state legislature for adequate retirement funding, she was on the front lines, speaking and organizing. And when the high-speed rail project



between Dallas and Houston threatened her family’s ranch, she jumped directly into the fray. Chains and bulldozers could well have been on the horizon.

Here’s what the founder and former director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism, and a Hall of Fame inductee, had to say:

Tommy Thomason - The real mark of greatness in a life is not people who build great cathedrals or design great art or discover unknown truths -- all that stuff, as wonderful as it is, will someday pass away. The mark of greatness is people who pour their lives into other people. And that is what Suzanne did. There are thousands of people whose lives are forever different because they encountered Suzanne.

Thank you for your consideration of Suzanne’s nomination. I have sat in your place and understand the difficulty as well as the high honor of your work and fully support your decision.

- Phil Major

“I can’t find the proper words to express my joy and appreciation for this honor that will be bestowed on Suzanne at this summer’s press convention,” said her husband Jim. “I do know Suzanne would never have considered herself worthy of such a high honor. But that was the type of person



she was and still is - always placing others ahead of herself. I hear from her former students regularly and I am still amazed at the influence she made in their lives.

“As many of you know, one of her favorite movies was ‘Its a Wonderful Life,’ starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey. His character reaches a critical emotional

crossroads and he questions if his life really made a difference. He soon learns his life was important and due to him many others had better lives.

“Well, all I can say is - George Bailey hasn’t got anything on Suzanne. And I appreciate her peers recognizing that she really did have a wonderful life and so did we thanks to her.”