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## Man indicted for assault/family violence

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury returned 26 indictments, 12 of them sealed, in Gilmer on April 6. District Attorney Billy Byrd announced last week. Jurors also passed one case and no-billed another, he said.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments were as follows, Byrd's office reported:

- Joseph Nathan Wilson, 48, of Gladewater, assault/family violence--occlusion last Dec. 26. He was freed on \$75,000 bond.
- Joan Ann Payne, 63, of Longview, driving while intoxicated; subsequent offense--habitual offender on Jan. 31. She was released on \$20,000 bond.
- Christopher Chad Dykes, 47, of Gilmer, theft of property--less than \$2,500--with two or more previous convictions on June 27, 2021. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.
- Michal Lee Womack, 43, of Gilmer, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Feb. 14. He remained in county jail under \$50,000 bond.
- Reginald Taywan Perry, 43, of Longview, was charged with multiple offenses in two separate indictments.
- One includes five counts of aggravated assault with deadly weapon--(an) enhanced (charge). The other charges him with unlawful possession of firearm by felon.
- Perry is accused of committing all the offenses Jan. 16. He remained in county jail under \$400,000 bond on the indictment alleging assaults. No bond amount was shown on the possession charge.
- Rita Renae DeWeese, 43, of Big Sandy, abandon/endanger a child on Sept. 29, 2021. She remained in county jail on other charges.
- Logan Robert Bengel, 18, of Ore City, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) on Jan. 22. He remained in county jail under \$10,000 bond.
- Lageusila Danyl Black-Whitaker, 46, of Ore City, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on Feb. 2. He was released on \$5,000 bond.
- Joel Lee James, 39, of Gilmer, assault/family violence--occlusion on March 3. He remained in county jail under \$35,000 bond.

## TXDOT calls for safe driving in work zones

Following a year in which fewer people were killed in work zone crashes in Texas, TXDOT is calling on all drivers to stay vigilant and help continue that downward trend. As National Work Zone Awareness Week kicks off, TXDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign is reminding drivers to stay alert and exercise caution when going through road construction and maintenance areas.

Traffic fatalities in the state's work zones were down 16% in 2022, decreasing for the first time since 2018. Despite that, 205 people lost their lives and another 788 were seriously injured in Texas work zones last year. The vast majority of those killed, 85%, were drivers or their passengers.

The "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign offers five tips for safely navigating work zones:

- Slow down. Follow the posted speed limit and proactively adjust your driving to match road conditions. Excessive speed is one of the leading causes of work zone crashes.
- Pay attention. Avoid distractions, keep your mind on the road and put your phone away.
- Watch out for road crews. Roadside workers want to get home safely, too. Always follow instructions and be mindful of construction area road signs.
- Don't tailgate. Give yourself room to stop in a hurry, should traffic stop suddenly. Rear-end collisions are the most common type of work zone crashes.
- Allow extra time. Road construction can slow things down. Count on it, and plan for it.



Richard Wallace of Jacksonville took home the top prize in the 38th Annual East Texas Gusher Days CASI Chili Cook-off held Saturday in downtown Gladewater. Second place went to David Trice of Hallsville and third place went to Larry Russell of Shreveport. David Trice's Dr. Dave VooDoo Stew took the top prize for Showmanship. Cooks came from as far as Frisco, Texas, and as close at Winona to compete to win points to make it to the World Championship chili cook-off later in Terlingua.



The winner of the longest beard contest in honor of the city's 150th anniversary was John Gillespie.



The Darrin Morris Band performed Saturday night, while Venture South kick off the 2-day event on Friday.



Gladewater Mayor Scott Owens pitched in (or dropped in) at this year's dunking booth to help raise funds for the GFD Bucket Brigade.



## Sales Tax Holiday for emergency supplies, April 22-24

With the severe weather season upon us, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 24.

"While we can't know in advance when the next flood, tornado or hurricane may strike, we can make sure our families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations. Don't wait for disaster to strike. Take the time now to get prepared."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save

nearly \$2 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and
- portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax-free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a rescue ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

- Purchases that do not qualify include:
- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
  - camping stoves and camping supplies;
  - chainsaws;
  - plywood;
  - extension ladders and stepladders; and
  - tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website.

## Local sales tax revenue continues to exceed 2022

Gladewater riding 19-month wave, White Oak posting high numbers

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$977.2 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 12.8 percent more than in April 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Gladewater continues to ride a 19-month wave - exceeding previous year's numbers.

White Oak, Clarksville City and Union Grove also posted sales tax revenue numbers above 2022.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$8,446.87	\$6,268.45	34.75%	\$34,877.80	\$26,888.87	29.71%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$4,843.29	\$3,285.46	47.41%	\$19,552.05	\$18,131.28	7.83%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$114,502.46	\$92,278.42	24.08%	\$519,652.21	\$413,532.44	25.66%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$776,258.63	\$606,917.13	27.90%	\$3,332,821.85	\$2,844,490.06	17.16%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$24,104.04	\$18,874.90	27.70%	\$100,519.17	\$85,692.82	17.30%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$3,521,072.97	\$2,820,813.96	24.82%	\$15,414,362.10	\$13,940,564.22	10.57%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$1,044.60	\$829.65	25.90%	\$5,778.33	\$5,347.58	8.05%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$118,346.69	\$99,128.16	19.38%	\$539,484.06	\$507,825.25	6.23%
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$21,223.84	\$20,121.86	5.47%	\$96,557.67	\$97,347.80	-0.81%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$3,991.24	\$2,437.97	63.71%	\$19,965.08	\$13,845.62	44.19%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$205,900.13	\$169,508.55	21.46%	\$899,421.26	\$806,028.21	11.58%
Upshur	Ore City	1.250%	\$16,137.33	\$17,029.22	-5.23%	\$67,700.61	\$73,218.48	-7.53%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$522.85	\$226.53	130.80%	\$1,892.78	\$1,719.66	10.06%





# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## I am a bookaholic...

Hi! My name is Suzanne, and I am a bookaholic.

I don't just enjoy books I devour them. I once had a professor who said that I didn't READ a book I RAVISHED it (only he used a different term).

I have bookshelves next to my bed, books squirreled into a space by my pillow, a box of books crammed to overflowing in a hidden corner just waiting to be read. In the den my magazine rack is spilling over and there is a handy, dandy paperback under the couch within reach. My dream bathroom was built by my dreamy husband and has a huge spa tub...with books stacked under the window in easy reach.

My charming country kitchen has a cookbook nook that is full. I enjoy reading them more than using them to produce meals. There are NO books in the unused dining room...I think. But our son's old bedroom has its fair share, I have a small library room that no longer holds books. The books are holding the shelves together they are packed so tight.

As far as I know there are no books in my laundry room...just piles of laundry. But in our big living room we seldom use, of course there are books and sheet music, and hymnals, and my complete collection of high school yearbooks I advised and will always cherish.

But wait, there's more. I keep books in my car and in Jimmy's SUV. You never know when you may need a read at Sonic, or in a traffic jam, or while waiting for an appointment.

And yes, I have a Nook with several books downloaded and unread. And yes, I have a Kindle I won as a prize and have never used. I am tactile. I love to touch the paper, bend the corners of the pages and snap the spine of a paperback so that it knows whose hands it is in.

After working on a screen for hours upon hours the last thing I want to do is read on a screen. Heck, I even love the way books smell. Most. Not the moldy ones.

Reading is essential to my life.

Every night regardless of how late I get in or finish working at home, I read for at least an hour. Usually three.

I have been around the world, to outer space, other worlds and throughout time. My inner space is where all these characters and worlds reside. The place where a turn of phrase can make me stop to make a note. Where an idea can make me go deeper. Where opinions that are not my own remind me I am not always

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



right, nor am I the center of God's creation.

If you are not a reader, well, you must be or you wouldn't be reading this column...if you are not 'much' of a reader I challenge you to set aside 15 minutes a day to read. I will even give you a list of works that have impacted my life in powerful and profound ways.

1. The Bible—no book has influenced me, or history for that matter, as much as the Good Book. I strongly recommend an Amplified Version for greater understanding.

2. "All Over But the Shouting" by Rick Bragg—that man can write better than anyone I have ever read. Heads up, it is non-fiction and he had me when he said that he crawled up his mother's backbone to success.

3. The Narnia Chronicles by C.S. Lewis did a great deal to mature my theology. These are children's books...supposedly.

4. "Gone With the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell. I thought I was Scarlett when I was young. Somewhere in my 40s I realized I was Melanie with Scarlett's attitude.

5. The Ring Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien. Those fantasy worlds speak truth about sacrifice, nobility and purpose.

6. The New York Times obituaries and wedding announcements. I used them to teach kids about the importance of showing who some-one is not telling who they are or were.

7. Handwritten letters from the people I love. (Refer to your own collection please.)

8. The Constitution of the United States and the Federalist Papers...for obvious reasons.

9. Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried" about the Vietnam War. Caution: not for children.

10. "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen...oh, to live during a more polite and civil time when words were used as weapons of love and wit.

Of course, my list could go on, and on. Just remember your homework and read every day. It's good for the mind and feeds the soul.

**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

### Outlook for the Texas Economy

It goes without saying that there's a lot going on in the economy these days. The United States (and most of the rest of the world) is dealing with high (though moderating) inflation, rising interest rates, struggling industries and markets, geopolitical tensions, and a host of other uncertainties.

Nonetheless, I remain optimistic regarding the potential for growth, although the path will probably not be as smooth as we would hope.

For Texas, recent performance has been strong. Over the past year (ending in February, which is the latest data available), the state gained 604,800 net new jobs. That is an annual employment growth rate of 4.59%, significantly higher than the corresponding US rate of 2.91%. The professional and business services segment is leading the way in terms of the numbers of new jobs, and all major industry groups saw job gains in Texas over the period.

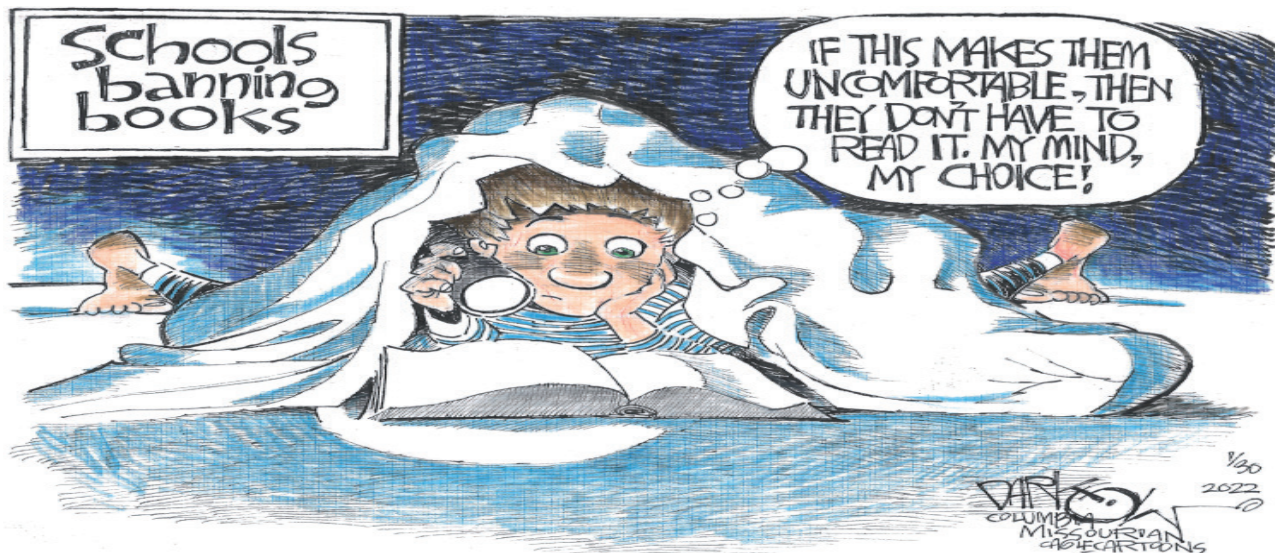
In addition to this momentum, the state continues to attract more corporate locations, expansions, and investments than any other by a huge margin. The ongoing capital commitments and future opportunities are substantial. We are also seeing an influx of people, including many highly skilled professionals. Things are beginning to slow to some extent, but positive expansion is anticipated.

Though the state's industrial base is far more diverse than in decades past, it helps that oil and natural gas development and production has been on an upswing of record proportions. Uncertainty regarding global economic performance and, thus, demand for fuels is a dampening factor for price levels, but China's reopening and OPEC's surprise production cuts are a useful counterweight. It appears as if trading will continue in a profitable range going forward.

Over the next five years, we are projecting that Texas economic output (real gross product) will expand at a 3.49% annual pace, with mining (oil and gas) playing a dominant role. We are also forecasting a gain of about 1.3 million net new jobs through 2027, an increase of 1.83% per year. The largest sources of employment growth are projected to be the professional and business services industry group, as well as health care and social assistance.

Texas obviously cannot fully escape the current challenges. With the state providing \$1 of every \$6 in US exports, the performance of the international economy can't help but notably affect overall performance. Similarly, Texas firms and consumers must also face essentially the same inflationary pressures and higher borrowing rates as those in other areas. Despite these risks, Texas is well positioned to deal with what comes and emerge with momentum. The state's multi-faceted industrial mix and enormous natural resource endowments will help to diffuse the worst of any downturn that may come our way.

Stay safe!



## Parental book bill passes the Senate

The Texas Senate passed a bill last week that would require schools to inform parents of all books their children check out of school libraries, The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, said she sponsored the bill after being contacted about sexually explicit materials in school libraries.

"I cannot unsee what I saw," Paxton said on the Senate floor. "More importantly, a child cannot unsee sexually explicit materials, and this certainly shouldn't happen in a school library, of all places."

Critics say the bill could lead to politicized book bans and undermine the work of librarians. It requires school boards to create local library advisory panels made up mainly of parents.

The bill now heads to the Texas House for consideration.

### Drought expands into Central, W. Texas

Warmer temperatures and less rain in March expanded drought conditions throughout the central and western parts of the state, hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel of the Texas Water Development Board reported. More than two-thirds of the state is affected by drought, up five percentage points from the previous month. The exception is in the eastern portion of Texas, which is now drought free.

The La Niña weather system, which is at least partially responsible for drought conditions in the state for the past

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two-and-a-half years, is predicted to give way by fall to El Niño conditions, which tend to be wetter, according to Wentzel.

"Why are La Niña, neutral, and El Niño conditions important to Texas? Each of these conditions sets up different atmospheric circulation patterns that impact weather around the world, including Texas," Wentzel wrote.

### 100's apply for HISD board of managers

With the Texas Education Agency taking over management of the Houston Independent School District, nearly 400 applications have been received to join the district's Board of Managers. In a news release, TEA said it is looking for Houston residents with "a wide array of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives who believe all children can learn and achieve at high levels when properly supported and who can work together as a governance team."

"I am looking for Houstonians with wisdom and integrity

who can be laser-focused on what is best for students," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said. "It is exciting to see so many Houstonians express a willingness to help move the school system forward in service of students."

The Board of Managers will hold public board meetings and has the same legal requirements and obligations as any elected school board, according to TEA.

### More funding for community colleges?

A bill approved last week by the Texas House would allocate additional funding to the state's 50 community college districts, the Statesman reported. The additional amount each district would receive would be based on several factors, including the number of degrees and certificates a college awards "that equip students for continued learning and greater earnings," the Statesman reported.

The bill is one of House Speaker Dade Phelan's priorities and has more than 90 co-authors.

"This would be the most significant state investment for community colleges in decades," said Ryan Franklin, senior director of policy and advocacy for Educate Texas.

Community colleges in Texas are funded by a combination of local property taxes, tuition and fees, state revenue, and various other sources. The bill guarantees a certain amount of funding for rural community college districts that are unable to raise as much in property taxes as urban districts.



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### IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT?

How relevant is the Bible in today's world? Some think it isn't relevant at all. But I submit to you, that if the Bible is not relevant, then God is not relevant, because God cannot be separated from His Word! Thankfully, many millions of people, however, are still finding the Bible relevant to their lives and problems. That is one reason it is still the best-selling book.

It has been said, "The Bible has not been tried, and found wanting; it has been found difficult, and not tried." How true that is. The reason some think the Bible isn't up-to-date is because they dislike its answers. The answers work, but they aren't always easy answers. For some, nothing is relevant unless it is easy, self-indulgent, and self-justifying.

Others just assume the Bible must be out-of-date because it wasn't recently written. They forget that human nature, and human problems, haven't changed at all. They also forget that God could foresee modern problems long ago, and give the world a message relevant to any age. Then there are many others who just do not know what the Bible really teaches. They listen to skeptics, and others who misrepresent the Bible's teachings. They see weird TV evangelists who exploit religion by perverting the Bible's teachings. They may even have opened the Bible at random, and unsuccessfully sought an answer, but they themselves really don't know the answer. So, it isn't surprising when someone unaware of the Bible's true teaching doesn't perceive its value and relevance.

The Bible is actually as up-to-date as tomorrow's newspaper. Furthermore, it will still be relevant when tomorrow's newspaper is forgotten! First Peter 1: 25 says the "Word of the Lord endures (abides) forever." Isaiah 40: 8 says: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." A bumper sticker reads: "God said it; I believe it; that settles it." But it settles it: "God said it; that settles it; I believe it." When God speaks in His word that should let it whether one believes it is relevant or not! I recommend that you read God's Word regularly, and live your life by it, and you will see its relevancy. Think on these things.

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# Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
4/9/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231888	1:55	PENNY'S 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 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES ST
	EMS	20231901	15:18		707 N HOLLY HOLLY
	EMS	20231903	16:07		318 N LEE LEE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20231904	18:24	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20231905	19:11	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20231906	19:31		S LOOP 485 S LOOP 485
	CRIM MIS	20231907	19:55	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	1302 S HWY 271 HWY 271
	ASSIST	20231908	23:01		311 S MILL MILL ST
4/10/23	TERROR THREAT	20231909	1:24	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231910	7:16	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231912	7:39		104 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231913	8:27		1612 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP RD
	FIRE DEPT	20231914	9:04		HOLLOW OAK HOLLOW OAK
	10-50 MINOR	20231915	9:59	ANYTIME FITNESS	603 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231916	10:10		
	EMS	20231917	10:56		1103 NELWYN NELWYN
	CRIM MIS	20231918	11:30		1026 FM2685 FM2685
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231919	13:24		4 WOODLAND SPRINGS WOODLAND SPRINGS
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231920	14:58		2379 GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY
	ALARM/OTHER	20231921	16:03		507 NE LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	ASSIST	20231922	16:21		2207 PINECREST PINECREST DR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20231923	16:27		LOOP 271 LOOP 271
	CRIM TRESPASS	20231924	17:01		1300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	HARASSMENT	20231925	17:17		621 ELEANOR ELEANOR
	ASSIST	20231927	17:34		MCKAIG CIRCLE MCKAIG CIRCLE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231928	17:38		225 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231929	17:50		3 MCKAIG CIRCLE MCKAIG CIRCLE
	EMS	20231930	18:56		321 E EDDY EDDY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20231931	21:08		MARTHA MARTHA
	ASSIST	20231932	21:25		W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20231933	21:35		10980 FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20231934	22:37	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20231935	22:50		S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
4/11/23	ALARM/OTHER	20231936	0:11	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20231937	0:22		1300 E MARY MARY ST
	EMS	20231938	6:43		707 N HOLLY HOLLY ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231939	6:48	SUNBELT MANUFACTURING	100 S PINE PINE ST
	WARRANT	20231940	7:09	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20231941	8:36		36 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231942	8:50		117 N FERRY FERRY ST
	EMS	20231943	12:56		777 S TYLER TYLER ST
	FIRE DEPT	20231944	13:42		N TENNERY TENNERY ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20231945	14:46		806 E MARY MARY
	HARASSMENT	20231946	15:07		509 N FERRY FERRY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20231947	15:16		363 FIR FIR RD
	HARASSMENT	20231949	15:25		305 TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	20231951	16:06		3 MCKAIG MCKAIG
	EMS	20231952	17:08		511 S TYLER TYLER
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231954	17:41		2207 PINECREST PINECREST
	HARASSMENT	20231955	17:51		NL CHEROKEE TRACE CHEROKEE TRACE
	THEFT	20231956	18:53		7 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	HARASSMENT	20231957	20:05	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231959	22:31		106 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20231960	23:41		S TYLER TYLER
4/12/23	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231961	1:16		2 MCCAIG MCCAIG
	ABANDONED 911	20231962	2:53	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST



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	EMS	20231963	3:25		512 HANCOCK HANCOCK
	THEFT	20231964	4:37	TIRE ROAD	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20231965	4:51		2402 WOODBINE WOODBINE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231966	7:40		S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20231967	11:39	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	EMS	20231968	12:05	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231969	12:33		1207 CANNON CANNON ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20231970	13:10	TELES MEXICAN RESTAURANT	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20231971	13:59		609 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	THEFT	20231972	14:31	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	ASSIST	20231973	15:57		512 S TYLER TYLER ST
	THEFT	20231974	16:14		MAIN MAIN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231975	16:45	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20231977	17:13		321 W SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20231978	17:30		512 S TYLER TYLER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20231979	18:06		1600 E VIOLA VIOLA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231980	18:21		606 DANIEL DANIEL ST
	ASSIST	20231981	19:16		204 OAK OAK ST
	THEFT	20231982	19:38		904 E MARY MARY AVE
	EMS	20231983	19:46		1520 SHEPARD SHEPARD E
	FIRE DEPT	20231984	19:54		PINE RIDGE PINE RIDGE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20231985	20:02		
	CRIM TRESPASS	20231986	20:44		2400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	INJURY TO CHILD	20231987	20:50		110 TIMBER TIMBER DR
	HARASSMENT	20231988	20:56		1620 VESTA VESTA AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20231989	21:55		1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20231991	23:48	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
4/13/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20231992	0:14		LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	CT/WARNING	20231993	9:13	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20231994	10:35		S LOOP 485 S LOOP 485
	10-50 MINOR	20231995	12:25		80 HIGHWAY HIGHWAY
	ASSIST	20231996	14:07		1618 N LYNN LYNN ST
	INCIDENT W/REPORT	20231997	14:50		321 W SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	ASSIST	20231998	15:00		711 MARTHA MARTHA ST
	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	20231999	15:59		2636 RAMPY RAMPY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232000	16:46		2100 W HAROLD HAROLD ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232001	16:50		1105 OLIVE OLIVE N
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232002	19:02		271 LOOP LOOP
	ALARM/OTHER	20232004	19:07	GLADEWATER ISD	700 MELBA MELBA
	ABANDONED 911	20232005	19:35		701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ABANDONED 911	20232006	19:54		112 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232007	20:21		701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20232008	20:47		2808 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232009	21:56		E HWY 80 HWY 80
	ABANDONED 911	20232010	23:09	ALLSTATE COATINGS	100 N LEE LEE ST
4/14/23	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20232011	1:10		FM 2685 FM 2685
	EMS	20232012	2:17	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	20232013	7:24	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	ASSIST	20232014	9:12		S LOOP 485 S LOOP 485
	ASSIST	20232015	11:09		407 N LIVE OAK LIVE OAK
	ESCORT	20232016	12:25	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	FORGERY	20232017	12:56		308 W WALTON WALTON ST
	ASSIST	20232018	13:40	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20232019	14:43		515 MARSHALL MARSHALL
	ASSIST	20232020	15:09	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20232021	15:59	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20232022	16:20	NEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	EMS	20232023	16:55		1305 N EDWARD EDWARD ST
	10-50 MINOR	20232024	17:25	DOLLAR GENERAL	2670 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20232025	17:44		1675 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232026	17:48		1307 N RODEO RODEO ST
	EMS	20232027	17:59		113 LAUREL OAKS LAUREL OAKS DR
	ALARM/OTHER	20232028	18:11		700 W MELBA MELBA
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232029	18:28		HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20232030	18:42		10980 FM 2685 FM 2685
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232032	21:33		703 MELBA MELBA AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232033	21:38	GREENWAY VILLAGE	9 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	10-50 MINOR	20232034	21:45	HWY 271 MOBILE HOME PARK	512 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232035	21:59	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232036	22:31	GREENWAY VILLAGE	GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	20232037	22:47	RESTORED 180 WOMENS PROGRAM	214 E GLADE GLADE
4/15/23	EMS	20232038	0:58		10980 FM 2685 FM 2685

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## Manna House needs donations

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## 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

## 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.

## Lee-Bardwell Public Library hosting bingo

BINGO! Oak Street Health, a primary clinic for adults on Medicare, welcomes one and all to play Bingo on April 26 from 2-3 p.m. at the Lee-Bardwell Library. There will be games, prizes, refreshments, and lots of fun!

Also, the library hosts "Cozy Crochet" every Saturday at 1pm. Everyone is invited! Call 903-845-2640 for information.

## Congressman Moran to speak in Gladewater

U.S. Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-Tyler) will speak to the public monthly meeting of the Cherokee Rose Republican Women's Club in Gladewater on April 24.

All conservatives are invited to attend the 6:30 p.m. event, which features free admission and a free meal at The Blue-Byrd Room, 208 S. Main (U.S. 271), said club President Cynthia Ridgeway.

She said local public officials are encouraged to attend, and will be permitted to give Moran input, and ask him questions, about "what he is prioritizing" during his first term in Congress.

Applications to join the club, which is also open to men, will be available as well. For more information, contact Ridgeway at (903) 968-6822 or (903) 736-9615.

## County library offers storytime

Two books will be read to youngsters at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (April 20.)

"One Earth" by Eileen Spinelli, and "My Friend Earth" by Patricia MacLachlan, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. readings. A craft will follow each Storytime at the library, located at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154.)

While the events are free, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the library at 903-843-5001 or visit [www.youseemore.com/upshur](http://www.youseemore.com/upshur).



Gladewater Rotarian Todd Clifton introduced this month's students of the month - MaKayla Police and Edgar Rojas (not pictured).

## 'Light of Hope' in Gilmer Thursday

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 courthouse "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.

## Texas to receive \$21.75 million in federal funding for urban forestry initiatives

COLLEGE STATION — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded Texas A&M Forest Service \$21.75 million for projects that will expand and conserve forests in the state's urban areas.

The funding, part of the Biden administration's Inflation Reduction Act, will help Texas expand its urban forest canopy, improve air and water quality, reduce energy consumption, and enhance the health and well-being of communities.

"This is a major investment in the health and resilience of our communities," said Gretchen Riley, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Systems Department Head. "By expanding and conserving our urban forests, we can enhance the overall quality of life for Texans."

The funding will be used to support a range of urban forestry projects across Texas, including tree planting and maintenance, tree canopy assessments, and community engagement and education initiatives. The priorities for the funding align with the Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives initiative, which aims to raise awareness about the importance of urban forests and encourage Texans to get involved in urban forestry activities.

Urban forests provide numerous benefits, including:

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# OBITUARY

## WANDA JOAN SMITH ALLARD

Wanda Joan Smith 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's favorite colors were red & gold as well as leopard print. She wore it and it was also in her house with pillows, blankets, throws,



and even her chairs. Her favorite item was her large leopard picture trimmed in gold that she took to every house she owned, which was a lot.

She owned the Merle Norman Cosmetics studio at her home then later moved it to downtown Gladewater on Main St. Later when she moved to Dallas, she worked for Herbert Stehberg Wholesale Jewelry Co. and a buyer and salesperson. Her hobby was remodeling houses and most of them she lived in while she brought them new life. Her other passion was landscaping the yards of all the homes. When she retired back to Gladewater, she flipped 10 houses and lived in 8. She made sure the Azaleas she had along with crystal chandeliers moved to each home. Her motto was "I'm trying to make Gladewater beautiful one house at a time".

Wanda loved a bargain as she shopped for clothes or home goods. Her sister Barbara would go with her almost every weekend to scope out garage sales to find bargains and many things she found were repurposed in her homes.

She was invested in the town she was born in, she was a member of and served as an officer on many committees: Gladewater Memorial Cemetery board where she started baby area, GEDCO, Garden Club, Gladewater Museum, Lee-Bardwell Public Library, Former Students, Beautification Committee. With her love of decorating she helped with weddings, banquets, Chamber of Commerce activities and the Rodeo ticket sales. She delivered Meals on Wheels and helped others with her services.

Mama Wanda or Grandma as her grands called her would attend their functions and any family gatherings as long as her health held up.

She is preceded in death by her son Bradley Wendell and siblings: Troy Smith, Foy Charles Smith, Juanita Baird, Doris Norfleet and Jewel Dahl.

Wanda is survived by her sister, Barbara Mackey of Silsbee TX, her children Dawn Elrod & Steve of Gladewater; Sonja Hughs of Forney, TX, John Wendell and wife Natalie of Mabank, TX; and Trace Wendell San Francisco, CA. Her grandchildren Stephanie Griffith and husband Jerry, Krystal Coker and husband Ryan, Justin Elrod and wife Krystal all of Gladewater; Zachary Hughs and wife Kayla of Crandall, TX; Joshua Hughs and wife Amber of Canton, TX; Olivia Hughs of Forney, TX; Taryn Smith, Tanna Wendell of Kaufman, TX; Tyler Wendell of Forney, TX; Toby Wendell and wife Ashlynn of Terrell, TX. Great grandchildren, Landon and Landry Griffith, Hudson and Grayson Coker Cadon, Ryder and Jett Elrod, Nathan Rich, Joseph Doris, Troy Nail, Dustin and Darren Haney, Marlee and Madeline Hughs and Addison and Lukas Hughs, along with her special friend Adron Dunnavant. She will be missed by her loving family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 2:00 pm at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. The family received friends from 1:00 until service time on Friday. Interment was followed at Rock Springs Cemetery.

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**ACROSS**

1 nachos are Texas "\_\_\_ d'Oeuvres"

5 TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_ ape"

6 seat of McLennan County

7 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ bricks shy of a load"

8 Texas actor Torn of "Men in Black"

9 she married Bobby Ewing on "Dallas"

12 John Neely Bryan's historic abode in downtown Dallas

17 TX Jim Hart wrote the screenplay for "Brad Stoker's \_\_\_"

19 TX O. Henry's "\_\_\_ Santone"

21 carpet alternative: \_\_\_ tile

22 daughter of Texas Louise Mandrell

23 Sam Houston's Indian home "Wigwam \_\_\_"

28 disfavored group: "Ku Klux \_\_\_"

29 former Cowboy guard, Newton

30 TXism: "he uses barbed wire for \_\_\_ floss"

31 TXism: "never let \_\_\_ you sweat"

35 Streep of TX filmed "Silkwood"

36 TX Cruz & Cornyn hang-out (2 wds.)

42 as a \_\_\_ team, TX "Babe" won 1932 AAU

44 Atlantic \_\_\_

46 bone-connecting tissues

48 takes an oath to tell the truth before testifying

49 TX Tommy \_\_\_ Jones

50 TXism: "quit spittin' \_\_\_ handle" (get to work)

51 politician's first words in a scandal? (2 wds.)

9 mountain lion

10 Col. Travis drew \_\_\_ at the Alamo

11 Texas actress Meredith \_\_\_ Rae

12 TXism: "I \_\_\_ dance to that tune" (agree)

13 TXism: "that's \_\_\_ you do"

14 \_\_\_ Chica Bay

15 TX Janis Joplin's "\_\_\_ Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"

16 world's longest river

18 "\_\_\_ Aggies" (teams at the University of California at Davis)

20 dir. to Buna from Silsbee

23 Fighting Irish school (abbr.)

24 Texas Capitol architect Myers (init.)

25 hole in \_\_\_

26 TX Tanya's "San Antonio \_\_\_"

27 TX Sandra of the Golf Hall of Fame

32 \_\_\_ Vernon, TX

33 TXism: "\_\_\_ long"

34 \_\_\_ Lago, TX

36 TXism: "\_\_\_ esta" (how are you?)

37 prayer ending

38 TXism: "britches"

39 frozen drinks

40 slants or tilts

41 NFL Hall of Fame DB, TX Yale

43 Washington, to USPS

45 TX George H.W. Bush's "Stormin'" general (init.)

47 put in charge? (2 wds.)

48 the Alamo is a Texas historic \_\_\_

55 TX Johnny Rodriguez song: "Pass \_\_\_"

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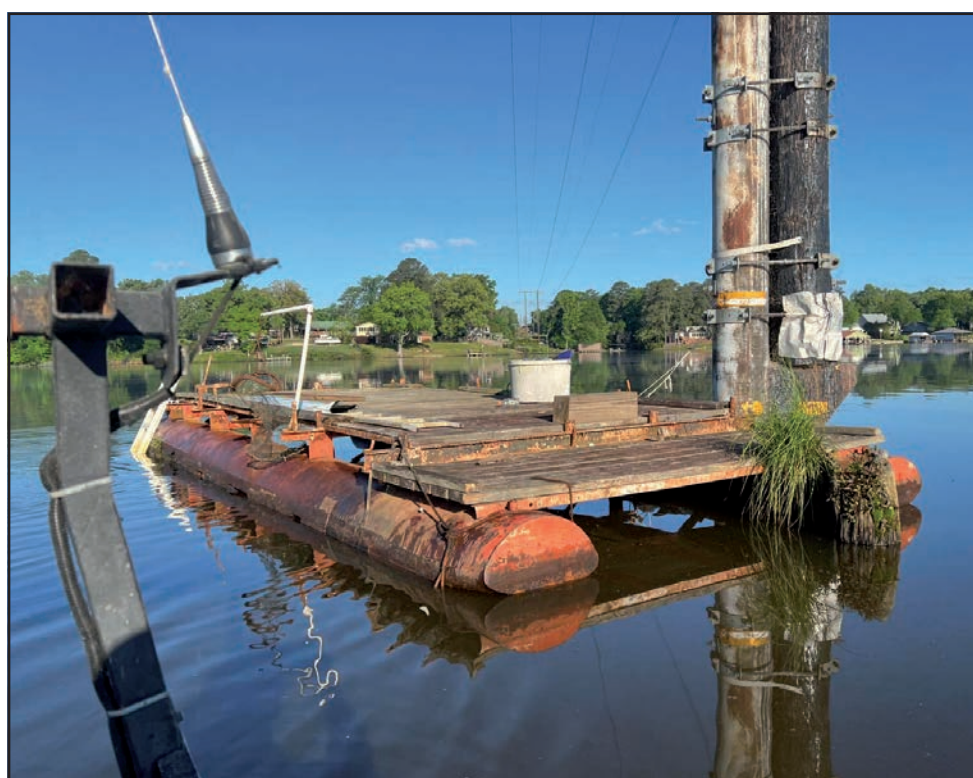
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## WOPD REPORT

For the April 10th through the 16th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 191 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Investigative Follow-ups, Juvenile Complaints, Vehicle Driving Complaints, Juvenile Problems, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated resulting in no injuries and one continuing criminal investigation for Hit & Run.

No arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period.



The Gladewater Fire Department was called to Lake Gladewater last week to secure a dock found floating loose in the area near the boat launch. The GFD tied it up at the power poles just out from boat launch ramps and posted it on Facebook and asked the dock owner to retrieve it.

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# SPORTS ROUNDUP

**By Tyler Sutton**

As the school year gets closer to the end, the Baseball, Softball and Track and Field seasons have started to heat up around East Texas and this past week was no different as they were a ton of games and meets going on.

**BEARS**

The Gladewater baseball team was in action twice this past week beginning on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> as they hosted the Sabine Cardinals and in the end the Cardinals came away with a 12-8 victory.

Payton McBride homered and added a pair of singles, Braylen Hawkins added three hits and two RBI. Hudson Pepper, Colt Sparks and Dalton Taylor all doubled for the Cardinals, who scored eight times in the final two frames.

Jaydan McPherson had two hits and two RBI, Pepper two hits and an RBI, Sparks two RBI, Conner Tucker a single and an RBI, Cade Silvertooth two hits and Taylor one RBI. Hayden Torres doubled, singled twice and drove in two runs in the loss for Gladewater.

Austin Verner singled and drove in three runs. Luke Brown had two hits and an RBI, and Sean Burke chipped in with an RBI. Brown fanned four, walked two and gave up three earned runs in five innings to shoulder the pitching loss.

Then on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> these two met again this time in Liberty City at the Cardinals home park and Sabine scored early and often as they cruised to an 8-1 victory. Conner Tucker struck out 11, walked one and gave up one earned run in a complete game for the Cardinals. Payton McBride homered, singled and drove in two runs for Sabine. Jaydan McPherson had three hits.



Anna Iske of White Oak took first place in the 3 high jump and 300 meter hurdles. Photos by Mike Peery



Peyton Hunter helped the Lady Bears win the 400m relay at district.



Kollin Lewis was among the "Double Gold" medal winners in the long jump and 4x100 relay, while Mitchell Carter won the 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles.



Colt Sparks added two hits and two RBI. Tucker singled twice and drove in a run, and Braylen Hawkins and Dalton Taylor both singled and had home runs. Preston Bohanon doubled, singled twice and drove in a run in the loss for Gladewater.

The 0-2 week drops the Bears to 2-14 on the season and 1-6 in district play. Gladewater will play 2 games this coming week against cross town rival White Oak including Senior Night on April 21<sup>st</sup>

**LADYBEARS**

The Lady Bears softball team also were on the field as they had their Teacher

Appreciation night game on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Karlee Moses homered, Lexi Betts tripled, doubled and drove in a run and the Gladewater Lady Bears earned a 10-2 win over Daingerfield. Tati Gunter added a triple and an RBI for Gladewater. Alayah Gordon and Izzy Mize had two hits apiece, with Mize driving in a run. Ma'khyia Boone singled and drove in two runs, and Bri Willson also chased home one run.

Gordon struck out nine with no walks and two hits allowed in five innings. Willson fanned four and walked three in two innings.

Then on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> The Lady Bears hosted the Sabine Lady Cardinals on Senior Night and Bailey Pierce tripled and singled, driving in three runs, and Addyson Carney, Madison Pierce and Isabella Sawyers all drove in two runs for the Lady Cardinals as Sabine blanked Gladewater 12-0.

Carney had three singles. Madison Pierce doubled and singled, and Bailey Pierce and Riley Lux both tripled. Amelia Miller struck out three and walked one in five innings for the pitching win. Zandrea Tyeskie had two hits in the loss for Gladewater.

With the 1-1 week, the Lady Bears record is now 4-11-1 and 2-7 in district play. Gladewater will wrap up its season on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with a trip to White Oak.

**ROUGHNECKS**

Moving across town to White Oak as the Roughnecks baseball and softball teams were in action as well beginning on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> as they hosted the New Diana Eagles and Gavyn Jones struck out 11, walked two and gave up one earned run on four hits in a complete game for the Roughnecks as the Roughnecks edged the Eagles 2-1.

Tyler Puckett doubled, singled and drove in a run for White Oak. Drake Kneiff had two hits, and Davis Tolliver added an RBI. The Roughnecks won in walk off fashion when Collin Wheat led off the bottom of the seventh with a single and Levi Sipes came in to run. Kneiff singled, and Jones was intentionally walked to load the bases before Puckett ended it with a single to plate Sipes. Elliott Foreman had two hits and an RBI in the loss for New Diana. Ivan Benoit struck out three, walked two and gave up two earned runs in 6.1 innings.

These same two met again on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in New Diana and this time the shoe was on the opposite foot as Cohle Sherman delivered a bases-clearing, two-out single in the bottom of the seventh, and the New Diana Eagles walked off with a 6-5 win over the White Oak on Friday. White Oak led 5-3 heading to the bottom of the seventh, but Haden Thomas singled, and Jacob Newland walked with one out. Landon Holly then drew a two-out walk to load the bases, and Sherman cleared the bags with a single. El-

liott Foreman doubled and singled for the Eagles, and Logan Simmons added an RBI.

Austin Kerns pitched three innings, striking out two and walking one. Sherman fanned two and walked three in four innings. Landyn Grant drove in a run for White Oak. Grant also pitched 5.2 innings, striking out seven and walking six while giving up one earned run. Tyler Puckett fanned one and walked two in one inning. The 1-1 week puts the Roughnecks record at 19-4-2 and 5-2 in district play. They will have 2 games this up coming week with rival Gladewater beginning with Senior Night on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LADYNECKS**

Moving over to the LadyNecks softball team, they traveled to Hughes Springs on Tuesday, April 12. The Lady Mustangs scored three times in the bottom of the fourth to break open a close game and added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth in a 6-1 win over the Ladynecks. Sadie Golden singled twice and drove in two runs for Hughes Springs. Alyssa Baxter had two hits, and Riley Lowery and Madison Heller both drove in runs. Maggie Pate struck out five with no walks in seven innings for the pitching win. Sasha Graves doubled, and Larkin Daniels singled and drove in the lone White Oak run. Daniels struck out five and walked one in the pitching loss.

Then on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> the LadyNecks took out some frustration from a tough loss on Tuesday as White Oak pounded out 20 hits and put together a pair of 10-run innings on the way to a 23-0 win over the Daingerfield Lady Tigers. Sasha Graves and Jaidyn Marshall tripled for White Oak, and Emily Arnold, Larkin Daniels, Graves and Taylor Morgan all doubled. Graves had three hits and an RBI. Marshall finished with three hits and three RBI.

Daniels recorded three hits. Morgan, Wallace and Arnold all drove in two runs. Tristin Cox and Graycen Stipes had two hits and an RBI apiece, and Jaaliyah Collins, Andee Bridges and Danica Herrera all chipped in with RBI. Daniels struck out all nine of the batters she faced in three innings, and Kara Kennedy fanned one and walked one in an inning of action. The 1-1 week puts

White Oak's record at 24-5 and 8-1 in district play. The LadyNecks will wrap up their regular season with one more tune up before postseason play as they host rival Gladewater on Senior night.

**TRACK & FIELD**

Moving over to Track and Field, all 3 of Gladewater, White Oak and Union Grove had meets this past week. White Oak hosted a 15-3A meet at Roughneck stadium which also featured Gladewater.

On the boy's side, the Roughnecks took home the win with 170 points. Gladewater came in 5<sup>th</sup> with 70 points. Some individual winners included: Julius Maddox for Gladewater in the 100 meters, Noah Carter of White Oak in the 200 and 400 meters, Mitchell Carter of White Oak in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, Kollin Lewis of Gladewater in the long jump, Fryant of White Oak in the high jump and Priest of White Oak in the pole vault. Team winners included: Gladewater in the 400 meter relay, White Oak in the 1600 meter relay.

On the girls side, White Oak came in second and Gladewater in 3<sup>rd</sup> behind winner Sabine.

Individual winners included: Hunter of Gladewater in the 100 meters, Kamryn Floyd in the 200 meters, Balcorta of Gladewater in the 400 and 800 meters, Anna Iske of White Oak in the 300 meter hurdles and high jump, Karlee Moses of Gladewater in the shot put, Nix of White Oak in the discus, MaKayla Police of Gladewater in the triple jump. Team winners included: Gladewater in the 400 and 800 meter relay and White Oak in the 1600 meter relay. Union Grove was also in action in a 21-2A meet at Lowrance field in Hawkins. On the boy's side the Lions fell just short of winner Hawkins finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> with 133 points.

Individual winners included: Fuller of Union Grove in the 800 meters and Turner of Union Grove in the pole vault.

On the girl's side, the Lady Lions took home the win with 169 points. Individual winners included: Winn of Union Grove in the 400 and 800 meters, Stanford of Union Grove in the 1600 and 3200 meters, Campbell of Union Grove in the long jump and high jump.


Team winners included: Union Grove in the 1600 meter relay

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To the registered voters of the County of Gregg, Texas:  
 (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Gregg, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 1 06 2023 for voting in a general election to elect

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White Oak ISD School Trustee Election  
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Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Sitios de votación el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
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White Oak ISD Administration Building 200 S WO Rd.	7:30 am - 4:30 pm April 24 - April 28 -May 1 - 2

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*Julle Bodovsky*  
 Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Diputado que Preside)



## Distillery on council's Thursday agenda

The Gladewater City Council will conduct a public hearing at Thursday's 6 p.m. monthly meeting regarding a zoning change request by David Passmore from light industrial to oil & gas for a distillery on land on E. Commerce (820 E. Commerce Ave., 1013 E. Commerce Ave., 1011 E. Commerce Ave., 812 E. Commerce Ave.) and 700 E. Glade Street.

The council also will consider paying 25% by appropriations or in-kind services, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife providing 75% matching for the construction of a boating access facility on Lake Gladewater.

The grant states the construction of such a facility would be of benefit to the citizens of the City of Gladewater as well as transient recreational boaters from the State and other states and the city will operate the ramp.

perform all necessary maintenance and repairs to ensure public use, health and safety; and provide security surveillance to eliminate creations of nuisance or hazard to the public or adjacent property owners.

The council also will consider filling board positions on the Airport Board, Beautification Board, Board of Adjustments, GEDCO Board, Lake Board and Planning & Zoning Commission.

The council also will hear the annual Gladewater Police Department "Use of Force Report" and annual Gladewater Police Department "Racial Profiling Report."

In executive session, the council is expected to discuss the following: a) deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property-ballpark; b) deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property- lift station at corner of Loop 485 and US Highway 271 South; c) deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property - lake store; d) deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property - lake house; e) personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

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No formal action can be taken in closed session and any action will need to be done in open session. Also in open session, the council is scheduled to vote to suspend the effective date for the increase in rates by CenterPoint for 45 days.



Congratulations to the winners of the Brownie Bowl Licking Contest held on the East Texas Gusher Days Stage. The winners were: Ages 3 - 7 Nikolas Snow and Ages 8- 12 Zylar Vaughn.



## LOOKING BEHIND THE CURTAIN



The Gladewater Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors recognizes the service of outgoing board member Laura Talley, standing alongside (from left) board members Mark Carpenter and John Paul Tallent, board vice president Jim Bardwell and president Luke Kimbrough. (Photo by Michelle Palmer)

## GEDCO thanks outgoing director, recruits new contributor to board

PRESS RELEASE

Board Secretary Laura Talley is cycling off Gladewater Economic Development Corporation, and the GEDCO board is working with city stakeholders to find an ideal candidate to follow in her footsteps.

"It's a good opportunity to recognize her accomplishments and what she's done," GEDCO Executive Director Michelle Palmer said.

Talley has chosen not to seek reappointment with the organization, due to personal commitments. With five spots on the board – including three executives (president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer) – directors can serve two consecutive three-year terms at the Gladewater City Council's discretion.

Amanda Nobles, longtime economic development executive and GEDCO consultant, praised the outgoing director's service to the organization. Talley invested significant time in reorganizing the GEDCO office, helping keep things moving during the interim period while a new executive

director was being recruited.

"She volunteered many hours to do that job, unpaid. She obviously did that because she loves Gladewater, and she wanted to help," Nobles said. "It was a big job, and she was very conscientious, of reorganizing the office and figuring out a systematic filing system that enabled others like me to be able to find those files."

"She really did dedicate her days to taking care of that stuff. It was awesome."

Talley came in and kept that office afloat, Palmer echoed.

"What she did before I got there really helped the organization to be stable."

It's typical for the current board to review applications (available at CityofGladewater.com) from interested community members. Sometimes, that involves follow-up interviews. The board makes recommendations to council members about who they think will be the best fit for the group.

At council, "Sometimes they go with the recommendation, and other times they'll go against it," Palmer added. An ideal candidate for the board

embodies many characteristics: "Somebody who has a sound understanding of the inner workings of business and business finance. It's helpful for them to understand commerce relationships and the purposes of sales taxes."

"It's good to find someone who has creative ideas and effective solutions."

Would-be board members don't actually need to know anything about economic development, Nobles added, but they do need to be prepared to sit back and learn. It typically takes three months of observing the organization and board to really get the hang of things.

"It just takes a while to get the gist of what's going on how you can contribute," she said. A business background is definitely helpful but not absolutely necessary. "There are financial recommendations to council members that have to be made as you're taking care of public money. There are rules about it."

"You want to be able to explain how you're using the money a certain way and how it's going to benefit citizens and the community."



The Gladewater High School Honeybears took it the Rangerette Revels, the Rangerettes annual spring show and the culmination of their performing season, last week in Dodson auditorium on the Kilgore College campus.



Citizens Bank hosted last Thursday morning's Gladewater Chamber of Commerce/Gladewater Economic Development Corporation breakfast at its 678 N Main St. location. Thank you to Luke Kimbrough, Citizens Bank Gladewater CEO, and his staff for a great start to the morning.

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