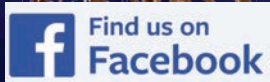


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## Distillery approved by city council

By Jim Bardwell

After three years of trying to find the right location to build his distiller in Gladewater, David Passmore finally got the OK from the Gladewater City Council Thursday.

Zoning was the holdup for Passmore, after following Thursday's public hearing at the monthly council meeting, his property on E. Commerce was rezoned from light industrial to oil & gas, which will allow for the distillery to be built and operated.

The rezoning includes property at E. Commerce (820 E. Commerce Ave., 1013 E. Commerce Ave., 1011 E. Commerce Ave., 812 E. Commerce Ave.) and 700 E. Glade Street.

In other business, the council approved a resolution which will allow the city to seek a Texas Parks and Wildlife - possibly as much as \$1.25million - for construction at Lake Gladewater for rehabilitation of docks and ramps and other public use areas.

If approved, the city would pay 25% by appropriations or in-kind services, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife providing 75% matching for the construction costs.

The council also filled several seats on city boards, including:

**AIRPORT BOARD** - Reappointment of Joe Wise, Winn King, and Dr. Bert Sharp.

**BEAUTIFICATION BOARD** - Vabbie Fortson and Farrell Alexander both reappointed. Jon Keller resigned from the board.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS** - reappointment of Dean Simmons, Matt Maines, and Harold Wells.

**GEDCO BOARD** - Reappointment of Mark Carpenter and Jim Bardwell and the appointment of Danny Darden to fill the seat vacated by Laura Talley.

**LAKE BOARD** - Reappointment of Sam Chenoweth, Crystal Carroum, and Shari Midler. Noah Blackmon was named alternate member.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** - Reappointment of Jesse Hawkins and Rick Maddox. Farrell Alexander was moved from alternate member to fill the vacancy left by Ann Clay's departure.

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

(See the full report on the *Mirror* website)

Following a lengthy executive session, the council gave raises the following employees:

1. City Prosecutor Madison Hood was given a 5-percent raise on top of her \$14,700 salary.

2. City Judge Tim Bryan was given a 5-percent raise on top of his 18,000 salary.

3. City Manager Charlie Smith's car allowance was increased by \$400.

4. City Treasurer Meghan Davis was given a \$15,000 raise to her current \$70,000 salary and will take on additional duties of employees who are leaving and their slots won't be filled.

5. City Clerk Judy Van Houten was given an \$8,000 raise on top of her current \$44,500 salary.



**Roughneck pitcher Gavin Jones shut out the Gladewater Bears 8-0 while striking out 12 and allowing only 3 hits. Colton Millwood provided the power for Roughnecks with a homerun and a double, driving in 3 runs. See more sports inside. Photo by Mike Peery**



White Oak's Noah Carter glances over his shoulder at the competition as he wins 400m dash easily at the Area Meet in a time of 50.37.

## Gladewater, White Oak excel at Area Meet

Emma Nix won the discus event with a throw of 111' 8" at the Area Meet held in White Oak. She will be competing at the Regional meet this weekend in Whitehouse for a chance to return to the state meet in Austin

Johanna Pennington took the gold medal in the pole vault at the Area Meet with a jump of 9' 9".

Kyler Priest cleared the bar at 14' 0" to take top honors in the pole vault at the Area Meet. Kyler will be joined by teammates Kirkland Cobb and Grayson Thompson to compete at the Regional meet held in Whitehouse this weekend for a chance to go to the state meet.

Makayla Police won the gold medal in the Long Jump and Peyton Hunter the bronze medal for the Lady Bears.

Noah Carter glances over his shoulder at the competition as he wins 400m dash easily at the area meet in a time of 50.37. Mitchell Carter finished 2nd in both hurdle events at the area track meet.

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Photos by Mike Peery

## Congressman Moran speaks to local GOP

By Phillip Williams

Freshman U.S. Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-Tyler) told a Gladewater audience Monday night that saying "there's a real problem with China" is the "understatement of the year."

Foreign affairs was among several issues Moran discussed in a 54-minute presentation to the monthly meeting of the Cherokee Rose Republican Women's Club. About 40 persons, including several judges from area state appellate courts, attended the public meeting at The Blue Byrd Room.

"We do not want a military conflict with China," said Moran, who took office in January after serving as Smith County judge. "We need to flex our muscle" with diplomacy and "economics" since "economics drives foreign policy."

He explained that China is building coal plants and water facilities "all over the world," causing nations to shape their foreign policy around that country—something the United States doesn't want.

Referring to speculation that China will attempt to take Taiwan, Moran said Taiwan is important partly because China taking it gives China semi-conductors. (According to Google, semi-conductors control and manage "the flow of electric current in electronic equipment and devices," and is essential to nearly all sectors of the economy, ranging from autos and clean energy to medical devices.)

In addition, Taiwan matters because 80% of the goods shipped around the world go through the straits of Taiwan, the congressman said.

America "can't let China dominate this world because China is a Godless nation" which would like to "squeeze South Korea out of business," Moran contended. Thus, the United States needs "military preparation so we don't have to have military action," he said.

Still, Taiwan has paid the U.S. for billions of dollars of military equipment that "we can't give to them," Moran said. Since America is providing weapons to Ukraine, he added, he has been asking why the U.S. hasn't done so for Taiwan.

Concerning another issue—illegal immigration—Moran said he introduced a bill to "heighten penalties" for overstaying the time allowed to remain in the U.S. on visas, which the 911 hijackers did. That proposal became part of another bill and passed, he noted. He also said a House committee had approved a "border security omnibus" bill, and that he was among those trying to put some of former President Donald Trump's executive orders into law.

As for illegal immigrants, Moran said, "You either gotta detain people or you gotta return them."

Concerning the political scene, the congressman predicted "We will get a Republican President in 2024." As for who the party's nominee will be, said Moran, "You guys pick who you want. I'm not gonna weigh in on it."

## Senate, House begin budget reconciliation process

The Texas Senate unanimously approved a \$308 billion two-year budget last week, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. The next step is to reconcile that budget with one passed earlier by the Texas House.

The Senate's budget funds \$10 billion in electric grid reforms, provides pay raises to state employees, and devotes more than half of its budget to funding education.

"Over the next few weeks, I will be working with my colleagues in the Senate and the House to reach a consensus on the differences between the two chambers, and I look forward to sending the final appropriations bill to Gov. (Greg) Abbott

before the legislative session ends," state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston said in a statement. Huffman chairs the finance committee.

The main difference in the two budgets is in how to provide property tax relief. The House version dedicates \$17.3 billion to cutting the annual amount a home's appraisal can increase, from 10% to 5%.

The Senate budget allocates \$16.5 billion for property tax relief by increasing the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$70,000, with added breaks for homeowners 65 and older.





# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## I remember it well ...

It was a horrible storm. You could hear the shingles lifting on the ranch house. It got so bad Mom had me standing with her in an interior room while we prayed for my Daddy and baby brother who were out on the ranch with the cattle.

When my Daddy came in sopping wet, his first words were, "I saw something I have never seen before. I saw a ball of fire fall out of the sky."

That "ball of fire" was Braniff International Airways Flight 352. That ball of fire fell 50 years ago.

Two of my best friends, Sara and Joyce were playing outside when they saw that "ball of fire".

That ball of fire crashed into a million pieces on farmland outside of Dawson in Navarro County. It was May 3, 1968.

We were in eighth grade.

"They" turned our gym into the morgue. The mortuary workers who came from all over wore masks and smoked cigars to mask the smell.

The gym was not air conditioned.

The government sent in the National Guard and occupied our town and the surrounding area for weeks.

Men and teenage boys of the community picked up the pieces after the crash.

Literally.

It has taken decades to pick up the pieces of the trauma itself. The plane was en route from Houston's Hobby Airport to Love Field in Dallas. The Lockheed L-188A Electra carried five crew members and 80 passengers. There were no survivors.

Among those killed was Texas state representative Joseph Lockridge, the first black man to represent Dallas County in the Texas Legislature, several doctors and their wives returning to Dallas after a conference, half a dozen Air Force and Army personnel and several Mobil, Continental and General American oilmen.

This was a month after Martin Luther King was assassinated. The Vietnam War was at its height and it felt like the world was wobbling on its axis.

And it was.

I remember our high school boys and local farmers, ranchers and businessmen turned into recovery workers. They gave willingly of

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



their labor in a scene of absolute horror at a time in which no one worried about emotional impact on those involved.

For years jewelry or something from a piece of luggage would turn up and be turned over so that it could be traced and sent 'home' to a family member.

The ladies of the Garden Club made sandwiches, as did church groups, for weeks on end as if they were the local USO serving the soldiers who had our community on lockdown.

One FAA investigator described the crash graphically.

"When he (the pilot) went into the cloud it was almost a tornado. He tried to get out, and when he pulled that split-S maneuver, it tore the wing off. It just yanked the wings off it," investigator Dean Montgomery reported.

According to a story in the Corsicana Daily Sun Montgomery said he wondered repeatedly about the passengers and their last terrible moments.

"They were alive until they hit the ground," he said in that 2008 story.

A marble marker sits in Dawson's city park surrounded by blooming roses. A plaque is posted with the names of those lost. The gym still stands. Only the flooring has been replaced.

The memories have faded but hauntingly remain.

I was a part of this story. It was our gym. Our friends, our family and community members who picked up the pieces. Learning to fly without fear has been one of the greatest accomplishments of my life.

On this the 50th anniversary of the Braniff crash I pray for the families who lost a loved one and I pray for the men and boys who saw unspeakable horror and did what had to be done. I remember the ladies of the community feeding hungry soldiers and law enforcement personnel. I remember the roadblocks and fleets of hearses. I remember a community that did what it had to do.

I remember it all.

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### The Counting Man

Dr. Steve Murdock, our foremost Texas demographer and my dear friend, recently passed away. Steve had a distinguished career spanning endowed positions at three major universities, designation as the State Demographer, and a stint as Director of the US Census Bureau. More



important, however, he was the clarion voice proclaiming a reality that we all needed to hear.

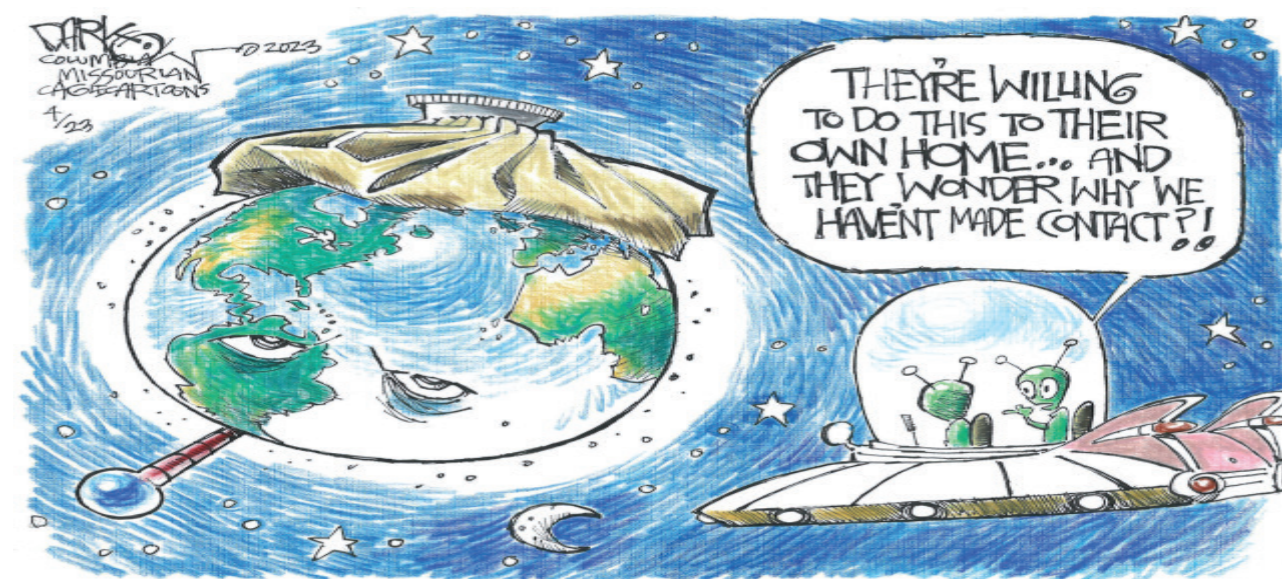
Over 40+ years, Steve and I undoubtedly shared hundreds of platforms and hearing rooms and many more hours of lively conversation about my native and his adopted state. We often collaborated on projects. He had a wonderful wit that was about as dry as his subject matter. Whenever I was asked to assemble a group to explore the future of Texas, he was my first call — and he invariably said "Yes!" I tried to reciprocate. Our research approaches were vastly different, but we were bound by an unwavering belief that the results we generate are neither liberal nor conservative — Republican nor Democratic. They are simply the unbiased product of careful analysis.

One of our more humorous interactions occurred as he was being named the first "State Demographer" by the legislature. I always testified supporting his requests for additional funding, but, in this instance, he asked that I prepare a brief analysis showing the value of his efforts. For decades afterwards, I called it "The Economic Impact of Steve Murdock" study. That apparently annoyed him greatly (which, after all, was the point), but I think (hope) that he secretly enjoyed it. In fact, it made its way into some of his infamously dense slide presentations.

As noted, demography is not the most scintillating of sciences. Essentially, it is the study of how many of us are born, how many die, and where we live in between. What Steve found in his tedious efforts was, however, a gripping tale of obstacles and opportunity. Texas remains in the midst of massive changes in the sheer size of its population, with seismic shifts occurring in age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and urban/suburban concentration. These movements have profound policy implications for public and higher education, workforce preparedness, healthcare access and affordability, infrastructure, water resources, rural viability, metropolitan area livability, and myriad other issues.

Through prolific writing and speaking, Steve kept these facts ever before us, reminding us that the stakes were immeasurably high. It is no exaggeration that the demographic patterns which he painstakingly chronicled simultaneously represent the greatest potential asset and the most formidable challenge facing Texas.

Steve Murdock meticulously documented the half of the equation that we don't control. Our future prosperity — indeed, our future sustainability — depends on our response. The messenger will be sorely missed, but the message will endure and must be heeded! Stay safe!



## Medicaid expansion for new moms possible

The Texas House has passed a bill that allows low-income moms to stay on Medicaid for a full year after childbirth.

The Texas Tribune reported that is a marked increase from current practice, in which postpartum Medicaid expires two months after birth in Texas.

The bill has widespread support, including from Gov Greg Abbott and more than 170 groups in the state across the political spectrum. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, has not publicly stated his position on the measure.

Texas has the largest uninsured population in the country, with nearly 1 in 5 Texans lacking health insurance, the Tribune reported.

"As I have said before, it is essential that the Texas House makes meaningful progress this year on better supporting mothers and children in the state — and that starts with extending health coverage for new moms to a full year," House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, said previously when outlining his priorities for the legislative session.

### Bill bans 'sexually explicit' books in school libraries

The Texas House last week passed a preliminary measure that requires vendors to assign a rating to books with sexual content before selling them to school districts, *The Dallas*

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



*Morning News* reported. The measure requires one more vote in the House before heading to the Senate, where it is likely to pass.

"This bill is about radically sexual content in the hands of unaccompanied children in public school libraries," state Rep. Jared Patterson, R-Frisco, the bill's sponsor, said from the House floor Thursday.

Opponents to the measure are concerned it would lead to books about LGBTQ people being banned from libraries. About a dozen people with the Texas Freedom Network held a read-in on the Capitol rotunda's floor as the bill was being debated.

State Rep. Venton Jones, D-Dallas, is one of eight openly LGBTQ legislators. He said the bill would hurt children who grow up feeling out of place because of their sexual orientation.

"I remember going to my school library looking for books when healthy conversations with my loved ones were not always available or always comfortable," Jones said. "What I was looking for was materials that spoke to me and for stories of the people who came before me."

### Billions more for university research likely

Billions of dollars for higher education research appear likely as two bills have passed the House, the Statesman reported. One measure changes the name of the National Research University Fund to the Texas University Fund, while another proposes a constitutional amendment to enact the bill and allocate \$3.5 billion to the fund.

Both bills were filed by state Rep. Greg Bonnen, R-Friendswood.

"This is a transformative piece of legislation that will allow Texas for generations to come to be the intellectual capital of the world," Bonnen said last week. "It changes the eligibility requirements for access to this fund, and it does so in a merit-based approach and in an approach that, as other universities grow and enhance their research performance, they will be able to access this fund and not dilute the ones that are currently in the fund."

Similar measures have already passed the Senate, though that body allocated \$1 billion less than the House measure.



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## THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUTH

Unfortunately, we are living in a day when many scoff at the idea of absolute truth, and many others, even religious people, minimize the importance of knowing truth. A lot we are hearing today is being passed off as truth, such as "This is my truth, and everyone has a right to their own truth," is sheer nonsense. Many reason that "it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere." Well, if it doesn't matter what a sincere person believes, then it follows that truth is not important at all. The problem with such unintelligent thinking is that one can be sincere and still be wrong at the same time. Such occurs in life all the time, and many find out to late that it does matter what one believes, and often it leads to disaster.

John 3: 36 states: "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe (obey) the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." To believe in the Son entails obeying the Son, and disobeying the Son involves failure to believe in the Son. "Believe" in this passage refers to a faith that acts, thus, *the faith that saves is the faith that obeys.*" Clearly, one can be sincere, and yet fail to believe in Christ, and such matters very much to God!

While it is true that the Bible teaches that sincerity is vital in serving God, it also teaches that one can be sincerely wrong in what they believe, and at the same time be lost! (See Rom. 10: 1-3). Therefore, instead of teaching that knowing the truth is unimportant, the Bible teaches us that knowing, believing, and obeying truth is vital, even essential. Think on these things.

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# Police Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
4/18/23	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20232066	2:08	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20232067	7:22	42 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS ST	
	EMS	20232068	7:35	713 MARTHA MARTHA	
	EMS	20232069	8:45	506 N MAIN MAIN ST	
	CRIM TRESPASS	20232070	9:24	301 COMMERCE COMMERCE	
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20232071	11:32	703 MELBA MELBA AVE	
	EMS	20232072	11:45	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485	
	ASSAULT CLASS A	20232073	12:11	321 W SUNSET SUNSET	
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232074	12:50	32 GREENWAY GREENWAY	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232075	12:55	802 PACIFIC PACIFIC ST	
	CRIM TRESPASS	20232076	13:10	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE	
	ASSIST	20232077	13:39	5 HWY 271 HWY 271	
	EMS	20232078	13:41	328 S TYLER TYLER	
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232079	13:53	LOOP 271 LOOP 271	
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232080	14:00	GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE	
	ABANDONED 911	20232081	15:20	12 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS ST	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232082	16:29	202 W WALTON WALTON	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232083	17:05	W GLADE GLADE	
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20232091	21:24	129 E MILLER MILLER	
	EMS	20232092	21:28	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232094	21:42	31 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE	
	ARSON	20232095	21:59	814 W QUITMAN QUITMAN	
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	EMS	20232097	6:35	1615 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS	
	ALARM/OTHER	20232098	7:28	MCKAIG CHEVROLET	1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20232099	8:30	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	EMS	20232107	12:12	UNION GROVE ELEMENTARY	11220 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232108	12:31	ABC AUTO PARTS	705 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	ANIMAL CONTROL	20232114	16:53	1107 HACKBERRY HACKBERRY ST	
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	EMS	20232122	20:36	522 MELBA MELBA AVE	
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232123	23:06	801 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE	
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232124	23:16	HWY 80 HWY 80	
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	EMS	20232128	4:40	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	20232130	8:40	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20232131	8:59	COTTON COTTON	
	THEFT	20232132	10:10	CITY OF GLADEWATER	711 MARTHA MARTHA ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232133	10:12	GLADEWATER HOUSING AUTHORITY	777 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	10-50 MAJOR	20232141	15:25	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
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	10-50 MINOR	20232154	4:43	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20232155	7:37	1300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE	
	EMS	20232156	7:38	707 N HOLLY HOLLY ST	
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232157	10:30	2110 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS ST	
	EMS	20232159	12:55	10790 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD	
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	ASSIST	20232162	14:29	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	CREDIT/DEBIT ABUSE	20232163	14:54	JOHN UNDER OPERATING COMPANY LLC	204 N GRIFFIN GRIFFIN ST
	ASSIST	20232164	15:38	307 N CENTER CENTER	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232165	17:08	807 W MARSHALL MARSHALL	
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232166	17:35	HWY 271 NB HWY 271 NB	
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20232167	18:03	416 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE	
	ABANDONED 911	20232168	18:15	389 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD ST	
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232170	20:02	MAPLE MAPLE AVE	

# Police Activity Report

	EMS	20232171	20:29	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232172	21:12		2827 COBY COBY ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232173	22:51	CHURCH OF CHRIST	1000 N LOOP 485 LOOP 485
4/20/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232174	0:21	JO WILLIAMS	419 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20232175	6:06		212 W GAY GAY
	ALARM/OTHER	20232176	7:38	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232177	7:59		402 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
	THEFT	20232178	8:28		204 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232179	9:29		302 PINE RIDGE PINE RIDGE RD
	ABANDONED 911	20232180	9:36		1205 CANNON CANNON ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232181	9:38		2827 COBY COBY ST
	EMS	20232182	9:58		1072 FM 2865 FM 2865
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232183	9:59		315 N LEE LEE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20232184	10:20		SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	ABANDONED 911	20232185	12:33		500 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232186	13:00		507 W QUITMAN QUITMAN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20232187	13:43		113 HOLLOW OAK HOLLOW OAK LN
	10-50 MINOR	20232188	14:58		DEAN DEAN
	ABANDONED 911	20232189	15:22		1511 N ALICE ALICE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232191	18:04		2827 COBY COBY ST
	ABANDONED 911	20232192	18:25		104 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	EMS	20232193	18:40	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
	EMS	20232194	18:55	DOMINOS	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232195	19:30		31 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE
	ABANDONED 911	20232196	19:58		1300 MARY MARY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232197	21:51	CVS PHARMACY	1402 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	WARRANT	20232198	22:22		400 FERRY FERRY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232199	22:53		31 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE
	WARRANT	20232202	21:55		FERRY FERRY
4/21/23	ALARM/OTHER	20232200	0:45	CHICKEN EXPRESS	1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232201	1:01	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232203	2:07	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID INFO	20232204	9:44		1396 W GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20232205	10:08	LAURAS PET BOUTIQUE	821 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20232206	12:21	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
	FORGERY	20232207	12:40	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232208	13:24		205 N MILDRED MILDRED ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20232209	13:54	HOLLY DENTAL	1050 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	CRIM MIS	20232210	16:55		1108 VESTA VESTA DR
	EMS	20232211	17:02		65 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20232212	18:07		GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY
	EMS	20232213	19:02	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232214	20:41		1613 LAKE LAKE DR
	EMS	20232215	20:58		700 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20232216	21:25		700 W MELBA MELBA AVE
4/22/23	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20232217	0:29		900 S TYLER TYLER ST
	INCIDENT WIREPORT	20232218	0:46		MARY MARY
	EMS	20232219	2:51		4640 OLD HIGHWAY 135 N OLD HIGHWAY 135 N
	ABANDONED 911	20232220	3:14		303 COOPER COOPER ST
	EMS	20232221	5:23	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
	ALARM/OTHER	20232222	7:01		2204 W HAMPTON HAMPTON
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232223	7:51		305 COOPER COOPER
	EMS	20232224	9:49	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232225	10:17		1011 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20232226	10:26		703 N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232227	10:37		1302 S TYLER TYLER
	FIRE DEPT	20232228	11:28	LAKE GLADEWATER STORE	LAKE SHORE LAKE SHORE DR
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	20232229	13:14	FIREBALL RENTALS	516 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232230	13:50	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	10-50 MINOR	20232231	14:08	BODACIOUS BBQ	1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	THEFT	20232232	14:10		511 S TYLER TYLER
	EMS	20232233	14:18		903 N GARY GARY
	10-50 MINOR	20232234	14:29	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232235	15:11		31 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20232236	15:37		62 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	EMS	20232237	15:47		MAIN MAIN
	EMS	20232238	16:21		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232239	17:51		700 W MELBA MELBA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232240	18:38		FM 2865 FM 2865
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20232241	22:24		401 W MELBA MELBA
	ASSIST	20232243	23:19		485 TYLER TYLER
	THEFT	20232244	23:25	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
4/23/23	BURGLARY/BUILDING	20232245	8:22	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232246	14:17		200 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
		20232247	15:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



Manna House volunteers Gary Hinds and Bob Sedgwick are ready to help unload donations.

## Manna House needs donations

The local Manna House is always in need of food so they can help our neighbors. So please continue your weekly donations of jelly and cereal, along with bread, canned fruit. So, when you are grocery shopping, consider picking up a few extra items for Manna House, so they can keep helping others. Drop off the non-perishable items at 519 E Broadway Ave. or at the *Gladewater Mirror* at 211 N. Main. Got questions, call (903) 845-3128.

## 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.

## County library offers storytime

Two books by Josh Funk will be read to youngsters at each of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (April 27.)

"Lost in the Library" and "Where Is Our Library?" 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).

## County-wide cleanup set

Upshur County will hold one of its twice-annual County-Wide Cleanups at which county residents can dump certain items Saturday.

It is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (while dumpster space is available) at the county pug mill site, 1426 Cottonwood Road in Pritchett community. That road intersects with FM 1404.

The cleanup is open only to households, not businesses.

Residents are limited to one trip for a truck or trailer combination, two trips for cars and sports utility vehicles. A voter registration card or vehicle registration must be shown to prove residency in Upshur County.

Etex Communications will be present to recycle appliances, computer towers, batteries, and various metals. Those bringing such materials are asked to, if possible, have them sorted so all can be removed simultaneously.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley said other examples of items which can be dumped include mattresses, box springs, old televisions, broken furniture, worn-out lawn mowers, and broken musical instruments.

Items which can't be disposed of include chemicals, liquids, brushes, paint, construction materials, tires, shingles, asbestos, Freon and any wood which can be burned in a personal burn pile.

For more information, call (903) 680-8157 or (903) 738-5143.

## ETCOG GoBus drivers needed

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) will host a Hiring Event for part-time and PRN (as-needed) GoBus Operator positions on Thursday, April 27. GoBus is ETCOG's rural, demand response public transit system with about 30 vehicles on the road making approximately 500 trips a day, five days a week, throughout 14 counties in East Texas. The hiring event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Workforce Solutions East Texas, located at 4100 Troup Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703. Interested applicants may apply ahead online at [www.etcog.org/employment](http://www.etcog.org/employment).

## Sheriff offering women's handgun class

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office will present a "wom-



April's Union Grove Students of the Month for the Gladewater Rotary are Brayden Pirtle and Aiden VanMeter. They were introduced by Rotary President Darren Richardson.

Photo by Darla Ferguson

en's handgun safety class" Saturday, May 27.

The free class will begin at the Stanley Jenkins Training Center, 152 E. Taylor in Gilmer, and proceed to the sheriff's office's firing range on Cottonwood Road in Pritchett, said Sheriff Larry Webb. The training center is in the parking lot just south of the Upshur County Justice Center.

The class, open to women at least age 18 and legally eligible to possess a firearm, begins at 8 a.m. It will end between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. after a lunch break, Webb said.

A notice of the class on the sheriff's office's Facebook page tells participants "you will learn to safely handle, load, and fire your handgun. Other topics discussed are safe storage of your firearm at home and carrying the firearm while away from home."

Participants must bring their own firearm and ammunition, and will also need eye and ear protection to use at the range.

Webb said he will be head instructor, assisted by range safety and firearms instructors.

The class is open to the first 20 women who register. To do so, call the sheriff's office in Gilmer at (903) 843-2541 and ask for Mrs. Hawthorne.

The numbers are in and the city reports 3.4 tons of recyclable items were collected at the Spring City-Wide cleanup in April and Chamber president Farrell Alexander cooked up burgers and hotdogs for all the workers, courtesy of GEDCO and the chamber.



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# OBITUARY

## ROYCE LEE DAY

I am sad to announce the death of Royce Lee Day. He passed away on March 7th, 2023 at his home in Gladewater. Royce was a true East Texas son. Born in Kilgore and settled in Gladewater. He passed away peacefully at the age of 74, surrounded by friends and family. Royce enjoyed being around friends and family, fixing anything mechanical, and being outside in nature. A proud Marine Vietnam veteran who loved his country, Royce was wiry, ornery, and always cracking jokes. He was the type of man to give you the last shirt off his back.

No funeral or memorial is planned at this time. Any future correspondence will be passed via Royce's friends and family network. Royce was happily married and preceded in death by Tonna Marie Day. They are survived by two children, an older son, John Day, and younger daughter, Amy Day.

## SHERRY DIANE WOOD

Sherry Diane Wood, 74, of Gladewater went home to be with her Heavenly Father on April 14, 2023. Diane was born on July 1, 1948, in Gladewater to Mary Odell Davis and she was raised by her loving aunt and uncle Earline and Emmitt Arnold.



She graduated from Gladewater High School in 1966 and married Jackie Dean Wood of Longview in November of 1967. Diane and Jackie made their home in Gladewater and raised two sons, Jackie Glen and Chris. Diane was a loving and dedicated wife, supporting Jackie in his many roles including their company, JDW Services, as mayor of Gladewater, and as president of the Gladewater Round Up Rodeo Association.

Diane was a lover of plants and animals and was a long-time member of the Gladewater Garden Club. She enjoyed rescuing creatures both domesticated and wild. She was loved by everyone she met because of her kind and gentle nature and generous and giving spirit. She was especially proud of her grandchildren. Diane was a beautiful and strong woman who defied all odds and expectations by surviving leukemia for 22 years.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Diane's beloved longtime caregiver and friend, Angela Milliom.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Jackie Dean Wood, son Jackie Glen Wood, son Chris Wood and wife Mandy, grandsons Jackson Wood, Brayden Wood, and Carson Wood. Also left to cherish her memory are special friend Susan Kennedy, her beloved cousins and extended family including Catherine Pyeatt, Sydney Sturm, Judy Brice, Adonna Bromley, and Marilyn McIntosh, and an entire community of friends.

A celebration of life will be held on April 29 at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church of Gladewater sanctuary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center at gifts.mdanderson.org.

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**ACROSS**

1 Gulf waves

5 TXism: "put \_\_\_ shut up"

6 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't \_\_\_"

7 actor Begley in film "Lone Star" (1952)

8 actor Vigoda or President Lincoln

9 TXism: "thing-\_\_\_" (gadget)

15 1963 film: "\_\_\_ for Texas"

16 TXism: "plain \_\_\_ \_\_\_ on your face"

19 birth state of Texas outlaw Sam Bass

21 TXism: "cream \_\_\_ to the top"

22 Texas car dealer objective: "close \_\_\_"

27 east Texas reptile, for short

28 TXism: "as welcome as \_\_\_ a picnic"

29 what many Texans fought against in early 1940s

30 TXism: "goes together like a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ candy store"

32 this Teddy trained "Rough Riders" in San Antonio (init.)

33 you can pull these out of Lake Fork (2 wds.)

36 TXism: "larrupin' \_\_\_" (tasty)

37 Texas' flag, 1861-1865 (abbr.)

38 TXism: "from womb \_\_\_" (lifetime)

39 in Van Zandt County on U.S. 80

41 Billy Graham for 50 years (3 wds.)

44 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ snake's belly"

45 stat. for Astro or Ranger pitcher

46 TX Nimitz helped set up Naval \_\_\_

47 TXism: "rug rat"

48 waterproof overshoes

51 TX actress Prentiss

52 Texas convenience store: "Stop '\_\_\_' \_\_\_"

53 beer that is drawn is "on \_\_\_"

54 51-across film: "Where the Boys \_\_\_" (1960)

10 \_\_\_ Vernon, TX

11 Dallas Morning News founder: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Belo

12 Peters of "The Jerk" with TX-born Steve Martin

13 TXism: "never laid eyes \_\_\_"

14 TXism: "ramrod"

15 TX Joan Crawford, e.g. (2 wds.)

16 head gesture of agreement (2 wds.)

17 football fans try to get \_\_\_ the 50-yard line

18 Erik of "Honeyboy" with TX Fairchild

20 Greek team of former Dallas Maverick, Roy Tarpley

31 lymph \_\_\_ in anatomy

34 Texas State Highway 4: "\_\_\_ Chica Highway"

35 former parent company of Texas based American Airlines

37 winter garment

40 former sitcom of TX Katherine Helmond: "\_\_\_ the Boss?"

42 "Dallas" was a prime time \_\_\_ opera (1978-91)

43 in Cass County on U.S. 59

49 ski incline

50 laugh word

See Answers Below

# Academic Roughnecks advance to state



Gladewater Mayor Scott Owens accepts a \$1,500 check from Republic Services representative Gene Kennon at the April 20 council meeting. The check is given to help the city with Main Street enhancement. Photo by Jim Bardwell

## Upshur approves building

By Phillip Williams

A bare quorum of Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday approved renting an additional 10th modular building from a Eulesis firm to help house Upshur County Courthouse offices during the forthcoming courthouse renovation in Gilmer.

The cost of renting the additional structure from Satellite Co. will be slightly above \$40,000 if the court rents it for three years, said County Auditor Connie Williams at the meeting in Gilmer.

Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur, hired by the court months ago to oversee the Upshur project since his own courthouse in Jefferson underwent such a renovation, recommended revising plans to include the additional building with two offices and a bathroom.



- One Act Play - Advanced to State Meet
- Regional Runner Up - Sweepstakes
- Accounting- 1st Place Team - Advanced to State
- Sydney Caraway - 1st Place - State Qualifier
- Caden Tyner - 2nd Place - State Qualifier
- Cole Caraway - 6th Place State Qualifier
- Lucy Phan - State Qualifier
- Journalism Team - Regional Champions
- Copy Editing
- Kate Dusek - 3rd Place - State Qualifier
- Alli Sims - 4th Place
- Editorial
- Ali Sims - 1st Place - State Qualifier
- Chloe Bates - 5th Place
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- Chloe Bates - 1st Place - State Qualifier
- Kynlee Bright - 4th Place
- Trinity Noll - 5th Place
- Headline Writing
- Alli Sims - 6th Place
- News Writing

- Kate Dusek - 1st Place - State Qualifier
- Persuasive Speaking
- Anna Iske - 6th Place
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- Bailey Brondum - 1st Place - State Qualifier
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# SPORTS ROUNDUP



Roughneck Mixed Doubles partners Mackenzie Goode and Raul Guillen are representing White Oak in the Class 3A State Tennis Championships held in San Antonio this week. The tennis duo placed 2nd at the Regional Meet held in Tyler to earn their place in State Championship Tournament.

Photo by Mike Peery



The First Place \$500 prize for last weekend's East Texas Gusher Days Bass Tournament went to Anthony Bunn of Gladewater, who caught a 4.31 lbs. bass. Second Place \$250 went to Brad Dassonville of Diana with a 4.10lbs. bass, with Third Place \$125 going to Austin Roach of Big Sandy, who caught a 3.87lbs. bass. The tournament was sponsored by AUSTIN BANK and SHIPPS MARINE.

## Baseball, softball highlights

By Tyler Sutton

As the school year gets close to ending, the High School sports regular season's are also coming close to an end on both the baseball field and softball diamond.

The Gladewater Bears baseball team played their crosstown rival White Oak for a pair of games this past week. Starting on Tuesday, April 18th and Gavyn Jones struck out 12 and went over the century mark for punch outs this season, Colton Millwood homered, doubled and drove in three runs and the White Oak blanked the Bears, 8-0.

Jones walked two and did not allow a run on three hits in a complete game, throwing 70 of his 106 pitches for strikes. The Texas Tech signee has 103 strikeouts

for the year. Noah Carter doubled, singled and drove in a run for White Oak. Tyler Puckett doubled, Noah Fritsche singled and drove in two runs, and Davis Tolliver singled and drove in a run.

Then on Friday, April 21st Gladewater closed out its home portion of their schedule with a senior night game once again against White Oak and fell to the Roughnecks 9-1.

The two losses dropped the Bears record to 2-16 on the season and 1-8 in district play. Gladewater will close out its season on Tuesday, April 25th with a road trip to Hughes Springs.

With the 2 wins over Gladewater, The White Oak Roughnecks Baseball team improves to 21-4-2 on the season and 7-2 in district play.

Keeping them in a 1st place tie for the district lead with New Diana. White Oak will close out their regular season on Tuesday, April 25th with a road trip to Dangerfield.

The playoffs loom after that. With the opponent and where the games will be played to be determined.

The Gladewater Lady Bears softball team closed out its season on Tuesday, April 18th with a road trip to rival White Oak and Jaidyn Marshall tripled, doubled, singled and drove in five runs, Larkin Daniels was dominant inside the pitcher's circle and the Ladynecks rolled to an 11-1 win over the Gladewater.

Daniels struck out 17 with one walk and two hits allowed in six innings. Andee Bridges, Sasha Graves and Graycen Sipes all doubled for White Oak.

Graves had two hits, Addison McClanahan two hits and an RBI and Bridges two hits and three RBI. Hayli Edwards and Karlee Moses had the hits for Gladewater, with Moses driving in the lone Lady Bear run.

The Lady Bears finish the seasons at 4-12-1 and 2-8 in district play.

Meanwhile the White Oak LadyNecks finished their regular season at 25-5 and 9-1 in district play.

Earning them a share of the district championship with Hughes Springs the LadyNecks will begin their playoff run on Thursday, April 28th with a best of 3 series with the Elysian Fields Lady Jackets.

The series will be played at ETBU's Taylor field in Marshall

## WO Police Report

For the reporting period of April 17th through the 23rd, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 156 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Vehicle Driving Complaints, Burglar Alarms, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Two traffic collisions were investigated resulting in one injury and no continuing criminal investigations.

One arrest was made by White Oak Police during the reporting period:

Ashley Nicole Brooks, 36, of White Oak for Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Container and Resisting Arrest.



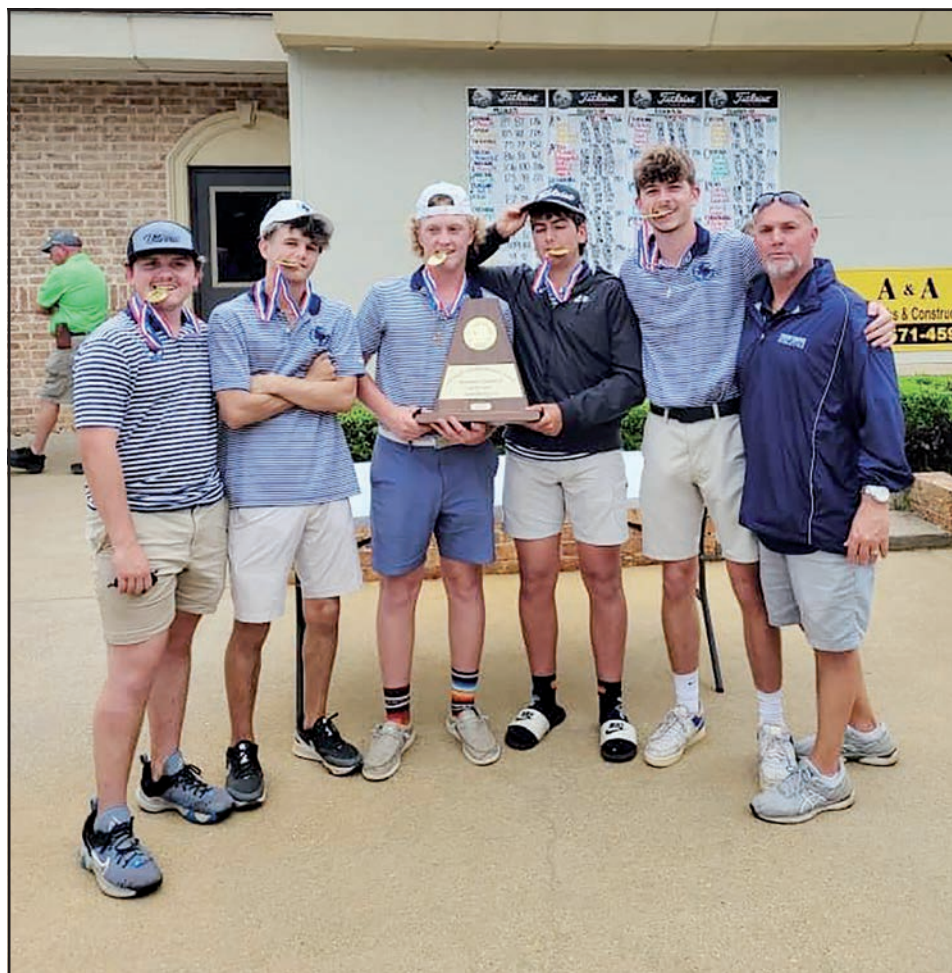
Gladewater's Hayden Torres slides in under the tag of Roughneck Drake Kniefl for a double in a district contest with White Oak in which the Bears lost by a score of 8-0.

Photo by Mike Peery



Union Grove's Peyton lakke slides in under the catchers hand and called safe at home plate.

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The address for the Independent Executor is:  
c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON  
The Goodson Firm, P.C.  
115 W. Ferguson Street  
Tyler, Texas 75702

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

Date: April 12, 2023.

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You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #2 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, regardless of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Lance Mattox in said court on the 18th day of April, 2023, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled In the Estate of LISA KOEHN the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2023-0131-E, the nature of such application being for:

**Application for Independent Administration and Determination of Heirship**

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Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 18th day of April, 2023

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

Matthew C. Harris  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 4373  
Longview, TX 75606

DATED the 27th day of April, 2023.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER**

Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 ("ESD No. 2" or "ESD") is requesting qualifications information ("RFQ") for an architect or engineer to serve as the Owner's representative under Local Government Code § 2269.305 related to the construction of a new fire station on a site located at 4589 FM 1252 W, Kilgore, TX 75662. The complete RFQ is available upon request from Attorney Matthew Harris at Matt@HarrisandHarrisTX.com or (903) 757-7500. RFQs should be submitted by one (1) electronic copy via email to Attorney Matthew Harris at Matt@HarrisandHarrisTX.com and three (3) hard copies via first-class mail or hand-delivery to Harris and Harris, Attorneys at Law, 1100 Judson Rd., Suite 720, Longview, Texas 75601. Please identify the electronic and hard-copy submission as "ARCHITECT/ENGINEER RFQ".

Responses to RFQs, both electronic and hard-copy, may be submitted starting Monday, May 15, 2023. The deadline for all RFQ's, both electronic and hard-copy, is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023. RFQs will be opened any time after the deadline by a building committee consisting of two (2) ESD commissioners and the Fire Chief at 736 Wilkins Rd., Gladewater, Texas 75647. The building committee will review and evaluate the RFQs. The building committee will then determine the most qualified respondent and may authorize the attorney for the ESD to begin negotiations. The building committee and Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all RFQs, to postpone selection of the most qualified firm, and expressly reserves the right to not award a contract related to this RFQ to any respondent. To the extent of any conflict between this published notice and the complete RFQ, the complete RFQ will control. Please direct all questions about the RFQs and project scope to Matthew Harris in writing at Matt@HarrisandHarrisTX.com.

Description of Services Sought: ESD No. 2 is seeking an architect or engineer to serve as the Owner's representative for ESD No. 2 during the design and construction of a new fire station in Gregg County, Texas. ESD No. 2 intends to utilize a design building project delivery method as described in chapter 2269, subchapter G., of the Texas Government Code. As such, ESD No. 2 is required to obtain the services of an architect or engineer to serve as the Owner's representative under § 2269.305. ESD No. 2 is not seeking an architect or engineer to design the new fire station under this RFQ.





UGHS Senior Night was held last week with players joined by their parents. (L To R: Seniors Only) Colton Cowan, Landon Ferguson and Cooper Vestal. Photo by Kim Hill



Emma Nix won the Discus event with a throw of 111' 8" at the Area Meet held in White Oak. She will be competing at the Regional meet this weekend in Whitehouse for a chance to return to the state meet in Austin.

Photos by Mike Peery

## East Texas job market remains on upswing

The unemployment rate in East Texas remained virtually unchanged from February to March according to recent figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission.

In March, the unemployment rate was 4,400 out of a combined labor force of just over 114,000 or 3.9 percent. In February, the combined labor force was again 114,000 with 4,100 unemployed or 4.3 percent.

Across the state, March represented the largest civilian labor force and greatest number of people employed in state history.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force increased by 78,800 to reach a series-high 14,898,100 people, while the unemployment rate held steady at 4.0 percent. Texas added 28,600 positions to reach another series-high job count at 13,839,200 total nonfarm jobs. Since March 2022, 575,100 positions have been added.

"In setting this 18th consecutive monthly employment record, Texas demonstrates the strong employment opportunities in the state," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "TWC strives to support continued growth with work-based learning tools that advance Texas' expanding needs."

Texas' over-the-year employment growth through March 2023 outpaced the nation in every one of the 11 major industries. Over the month, Leisure and Hospitality led job growth with 7,400 positions added, followed by Construction, which increased by 5,800 jobs. Also of note, both Trade, Transporta-

tion and Utilities and Private Education and Health Services grew by 5,400 jobs in March.

"The state's private industries are booming, with a 6.4 percent growth rate over-the-year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "From manufacturing to professional and business services, TWC and our 28 Workforce Solutions partners across the state have tools to help Texas employers, large and small, keep pace with the rapidly growing Texas economy."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.6 percent in March, followed by Amarillo at 3.1 percent, then College Station-Bryan at 3.2 percent.

"The Texas civilian labor force, with 14.9 million people, continues to demonstrate resilience and growth," observed TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "Here at TWC, we are focused on unlocking opportunities for our workforce. From apprenticeships to upskilling to quality child care, we are dedicated to helping every Texan have the opportunity to reach their career goals."

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Union Grove High School OAP competed at the Regional competition and finished as the alternate to state.



Kyler Priest cleared the bar at 14' 0" to take top honors in the pole vault at the Area Meet. Kyler will be joined by teammates Kirkland Cobb and Grayson Thompson to compete at the Regional meet held in Whitehouse this weekend for a chance to go to the state meet.



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## DA speaks at 'Light of Hope Celebration'

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd told a "Light of Hope Celebration" in Gilmer last Thursday night that groups supporting victims of child sexual abuse give them needed hope.

That includes "hope for a voice, hope for protection, hope for somewhat of a normal future" although "it's (being abused) with them forever," Byrd said.

An estimated crowd of about 50 persons attended the event, which was co-

sponsored by several organizations and largely moved inside the Upshur County Courthouse due to threatening weather. It was billed as aimed at bringing "community awareness in supporting victims."

The heightened awareness was aimed at getting the community to "support safety (and) happy childhoods by educating people about the dangers of child abuse, and steps that can be taken to prevent it," a flyer said.

Byrd recounted the first case of child sexual abuse he ever prosecuted, when he was an assistant Gregg County district attorney about 20 years ago. He said it involved a 12-year-old girl who started making drawings and writings that caught a teacher's attention at school.

The child refused to talk to the teacher and law enforcement, although the drawings clearly showed her alcoholic father, who beat his wife, was abusing the girl, said Byrd.

The family had no phone, so authorities couldn't make contact that way, he continued. Eventually, with the father in jail, "the little girl wouldn't talk to me," but he asked about the drawings and she finally said "Why did he hurt me?" Tears in her eyes."

Byrd said he told her he couldn't answer that, but that it was his job to ensure the man didn't do so again. And "after we started the (legal) process, we also found she was pregnant" by her father.

The child testified at her father's trial and collapsed into Byrd afterward, Byrd recalled, noting the man received a life term and died in prison. What the child needed, the prosecutor said, was hope, so he encouraged attendees to "keep pushing forward."

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