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Rodeo rides into town 86 years and going strong

By James Draper

The Gladewater Rodeo is tradition, Kyle Moore says. "American tradition. Western tradition. Cowboy tradition. It's just so many things," Moore said. "It's just a way of life. It's a good way of life. I've always rodeo'd, my whole life in one fashion, form or another."



It takes the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo Association President a second to count the years he's been. Twenty-plus, easily, and touching each aspect of the organization along the way.

"Mowing, picking up trash, working scoops and picking up poop," Moore laughed. "I started as low as you can start in the association."

It's the same across the board – dozens of people volunteering time,

and other resources, for a tradition they believe in. For some, rodeo is year-round: it never stops for the president, secretary, financial officer and others as one year's festivities begin on the heels of the last.

"Public service has always been a part of my life," Moore added. He worked 19 years and six months in the public sector for the City of Gladewater, ultimately retiring from the fire department. "This another form of public service, raising money for these kids to go to college."

"We don't make a dime. We do not make one red cent. We take money out of our pockets just to do this: We pay for our own gas. We use our own lawnmowers. We pay for the gas for that. Everything that we can, we do ourselves."

All-told, it's an extensive group of people making the annual event happen, from almost 30 directors (the 'stockholders' of the Round-up) to no-less than two dozens Wranglers, the group's volunteer base.

As president, "It's a great honor to follow people like James Moore, his daddy who was a judge in Gregg County," Moore said, "Jack Phillips – these men were upstanding citizens of the city and the area. It's a great honor for me to be able to do what they did and keep the tradition alive."

The Gladewater Round-up Rodeo was founded in 1937 by Jack

Yates.

"Shoot, the City of Gladewater's 150 years-old now. The Gladewater Rodeo's 86 years-old," Moore said. "I wish I'd been a fly on the wall to watch the parade when you had 200 or 300 horses. Just the grandeur of it all. Some of the older folks that remember that stuff and their eyes get big. We don't do that anymore. Times do change, unfortunately – everybody doesn't own a horse like they used to or a wagon."

"It's one of those things that there ain't much of anymore. It's a time for the folks around the area to see old friends – it's a homecoming for us, the ones at rodeo. We get to see our rodeo family that only comes once a year, the cowboys and cowgirls. Some of them we watched grow up."

He's quick to run down a list of names: people who are close to the Round-up, to his own heart; men and women who have passed through Gladewater's rodeo grounds, who return year after year.

Summer and Megan Gay, daughters of Jim Gay. Eight-time consecutive World Champion Don Gay. Legendary bull rider John Quintana, gone too soon after a plan crash in Australia – Wednesday night is the John Quintana Memorial Bull Ride, not to be missed.

"There's lot of history there," Moore said. "We have a board of Silver Spurs recipients over the years from the very first one in 1959, Freckles Brown – he rode an unridable bull, Tornado. He came to Gladewater and won it. His grandson won it almost 59 years to the day – a barrelman, John Harrison, one of the best barrelmen in the world."

"You name the names of the big ones that have come to Gladewater and they've won that award. Naturally, Donnie Gay's won it. Eight time world champion bull rider. Not just eight times, eight times in a row. You oughta see the names on that board. It's history."

History, yes, but with an ongoing impact on the present, too. The Round-Up's an annual economic boost for the community.

"It bring money into the city, the surrounding area – people buy gas, they buy food, it perks up the economy during that period," Moore said. "Right now, we're a qualifier for Fort Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo, so we have quite a few that come, even on Thursdays and Fridays during Slack. You'll have over 100 barrel racers show up on Thursday or Friday. You'll have steer wrestlers and team ropers and tie down ropers that show up."

They're all part of a growing Round-Up family. "During the 'Perf,' the three performance days that you have all

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Don Gay, Round-Up Rodeo like family

By James Draper

"I've been doing rodeo all my life, and I still get excited."

Eight times Don Gay locked in the world championship bull riding title from the Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association, earning his induction into the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Bull Riding Hall of Fame in 2015. It's a legacy he shares with his late father, Neal Gay, who also earned a place in the ProRodeo Hall in his career as a rodeo contender, producer and stock contractor.

Easy to say, rodeo's family. In the blood, at this point, but never routine – it still gets 'Donnie' Gay's blood pumping, heart racing.

"To me, it's just great entertainment. It's just exciting. You can't really plan it, but there's something every night that gets my attention," he says, keen to get this year's festivities underway at the Gladewater Round-Up arena. "We're gonna have two hours of fun. The rodeo starts at 8:15 p.m. We sell you a seat, it doesn't cost that much money, and you're only going to use the front edge of it."

Gay's relationship with the Round-Up goes back to the early '70s when the high school entered the competition for the first time – Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Ride.

"That first year, my entry fees wound up being added money to some of the winners. I didn't do very good," he says.

Everybody's gotta start somewhere. This week might be some other young cowboy or cowgirl's first foray into the arena.

Whether brand new or experience, "They better be on the top of their game. Just because it's not Rodeo Houston or the National Finals Rodeo, you better bring you're ridin' britches to Gladewater."

They know the game, of course, the challenge of making their own way in rodeo.

"It's really unimaginable how tough it is to be your own boss," Gay says. "When you're

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Roughneck Superintendent enjoys smooth start at ISD

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There's a reason Dr. William Paul applied for the top post at White Oak ISD.

He got rolling at the district April 3. About two-thirds through his first 100 days as Superintendent, he's getting consistent confirmation he made the right call.

"First impressions: There's a reason I applied for White Oak, and it's even better than I thought," Paul said. "We're in really good shape. We have great people. We're highly competitive in extracurriculars, and our academics are rock solid."

"Of course I knew all that going in, and it's validated everything I thought."

There are things beyond the district's control – looming moves by the state legislature come to mind immediately – but what's in-hand at the local level gives Paul hope for what's ahead.

"I'm in my first 100 days. That just means I'm asking

a lot of questions, not making too many moves yet unless they just have to be made," he said. "Short-term, right now, it's really a good time. I've gotten to meet everybody, get to know people, get to know the lay of the land."

Helming a quiet campus over the summer, "Now, I've got about two months to get with our administrators, get a feel for what the strategy of the school year will be like. That gives me time to slow down and put my eyes on things I need to."

In the short-term he's focusing on personnel, including his own assimilation into the day-to-day of the district. In recent weeks, WOISD has welcomed a series of new, key hires: assistant superintendent, high school principal, intermediate principal, business manager and more.

All those folks are integrating into the district's systems, Paul said, "Which is nice, because I'm integrating with them. We're all learning together. I'm most impressed with the quality of hires that we were able to get. I feel like the people we've gotten so far are just really good people, they're really going to fit into White Oak."

Also on the near horizon: the Texas Legislature. "What's going to happen with the state? We really

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Even Elmo gets into the act at the rodeo - going eye-to-eye with a bull at the Xtreme Bull Riding competition at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo. Photo by Jim Bardwell



Josh Bardwell holds a crystal pyramid honoring the induction of his mother, Suzanne, into the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame, standing alongside wife Jennifer and Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell, who received the Texas Press Association's Golden 50 Award June 2, honored for five decades in journalism during TPA's annual convention and trade show in Round Rock.

Texas journalists induct Bardwells into state's top press circles

Following Friday afternoon's Texas Press Association luncheon in Round Rock, Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell (right) poses with son Josh, and daughter-in-law Jennifer – the late Suzanne Bardwell was inducted into the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame and Jim Bardwell

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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.

My heroes have always been cowboys...

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The best cowboy I ever knew raised me. Before ranch accidents and crippling arthritis he rode like the wind. He and a horse in motion were breathtaking.

When the Round Up Rodeo rolls around every year I get a little homesick for a way of life that is mostly precious memories for me. Later in life my Dad was more likely to rope cattle while riding the hood of a beat-up pickup with Mom driving, than from a horse. I am still amazed he didn't get run over. I don't know if that speaks to his athleticism or her driving. I have also seen Dad foolishly try to separate two fighting bulls while his border collie bit the neck of one and shook until that Brangus beast moved away from Dad a few cracked ribs too late.

This old girl can corral cattle on foot or by truck, vaccinate, heat brands and more. And so can Jim Bardwell because my Daddy said that working cattle came with marrying me. But that is an entirely different story.

When I was a kid the ranch across from ours had a private rodeo arena, the 4G-O and all I had to do was walk across FM 709 to get a taste of rodeo.

When the 84th Round Up Rodeo begins this week it will be a full course banquet of Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association world class competition. We have a lot to love about Round Up. If you haven't attended in awhile, or ever, you are missing one of, if not the best, entertainment offered anywhere.

The sport is one of the most dangerous in America. Rodeo requires a level of skill that no other sport does. Barrel racing and team calf roping are precision events. And, check out the bull fighters, they may be dressed like clowns, but there is nothing funny about the fact their very dangerous job is to make sure the cowboys get out of the arena in one piece.

Now those bull and bronc riders, those tough old boys are a different breed altogether. I always try to visit just a minute with the young cowboys while they get ready for their events. They are wrapping ribs, knees and elbows.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



They usually limp, have a boatload of bruises and share tape to hold those ribs in place. The cowboys are passionate about their sport, their way of life and supportive of each other despite their seriously competitive sport.

What a parable for the rest of us. Passion, commitment, friendship and encouragement. Sounds like a recipe for living life well. Something we should all strive to imitate and share with others.

Then there are the folks who make up the rodeo association who work all year long to bring a world class event to Gladewater, Texas.

This dedicated team not only puts Gladewater on the national rodeo radar every year, their event brings nationally ranked cowboys and cowgirls, as well as thousands of dollars to Gladewater in visitor money spent here. Then, to top it all off, all the proceeds from the rodeo go to college scholarships for area students. Scholarships that give kids a hand up and puts them on the road to success. That is pretty dog gone impressive.

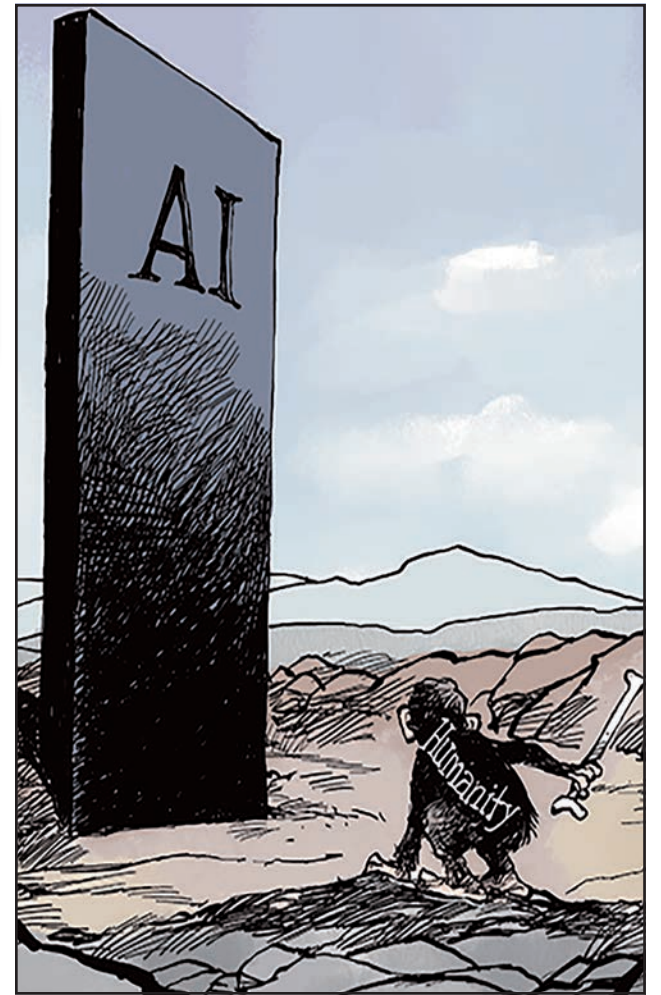
Yep, like I said, my heroes have always been cowboys and that is never going to change.

Well done Round Up Rodeo directors, wranglers and sponsors, you give a great gift to this community and continue a legacy that has stretched across eight decades.

Imagine, Gladewater is a part of our national rodeo history and it is still making history. Come and share that history this week. You won't be sorry.

I promise.

And cowboys, thanks for the memories. Past and present.



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Abbott, Patrick spar over tax relief

Gov. Greg Abbott late last week warned lawmakers to be prepared for several special sessions to pass a tax reform bill that he will accept, as well as a school voucher plan that failed to pass during the regular session.

Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick are at odds over how to deliver more than \$17 billion in property tax relief, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

During the first special session, called immediately after the regular session ended May 29, the House of Representatives quickly passed a tax relief bill that Abbott supports, then adjourned. The governor said the measure could result in eventually eliminating property taxes. The Senate has not taken action. Patrick, who presides over the Senate, countered that eliminating all property taxes would result in local sales taxes more than doubling to 19%.

"Whenever sales taxes underperform, property taxes will immediately go back up," Patrick tweeted.

Speaking before the Texas Public Policy Foundation last Friday, Abbott proposed reducing the overall tax burden through population growth and an expanded business market paying taxes.

"Texans want to own their own property, not rent it from government," Abbott said.

Final COVID-19 workers' comp report

The workers' compensation division of the Texas Department of Insurance has issued its final update of COVID-19 worker's comp claims. By April 30, insurance carriers reported nearly 100,000 COVID-19 claims and 472 fatalities. A little more than half of the overall claims and of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Because of the low number of new claims, no further updates are anticipated.

Scott named interim attorney general

John Scott, who most recently served as Texas Secretary of State under Abbott, has been appointed the short-term interim Texas attorney general after Ken Paxton was forced to step aside while awaiting trial in the Senate. Paxton was impeached by the Texas House on May 27.

"John Scott has the background and experience needed to step in as a short-term interim Attorney General during the time the

Attorney General has been suspended from duty," Abbott said.

Scott also worked as a deputy attorney general under Abbott, overseeing all civil litigation undertaken by that office, then served as chief operating officer of the Health and Human Services Commission. Paxton's trial in the Senate is slated to begin no later than Aug. 28, according to the Texas Tribune.

Legal heavyweights to prosecute Paxton

Two well-known Houston attorneys have been hired to prosecute the impeachment case against Paxton. Dick DeGuerin and Rusty Hardin have more than 100 combined years of courtroom experience, the Statesman reported.

"The people of the state of Texas are entitled to know whether their top cop is a crook," DeGuerin said. For his part, Hardin implored the Senate to make the proceedings public. That body plans to adopt rules of engagement for the trial on June 20.

Paxton, a three-term Republican, was impeached by a lopsided margin in the House. Impeachment is the rough equivalent of a grand jury indictment. The Senate will act as a court to determine his guilt or innocence of the 20 articles of impeachment. It requires a two-thirds majority to convict Paxton, whose wife, Angela Paxton, is a state senator.

DeGuerin has defended a number of high-profile clients, including former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay and singer/songwriter Billy Joe Shaver.

PUC chairman resigns from panel

Peter Lake has resigned as chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, effective July 1. Appointed in the aftermath of the widespread outages caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, Lake oversaw the overhaul of the embattled commission, including adopting weatherization standards for power plants and rebuilding the beleaguered Texas power grid, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"Together we've overcome sometimes seemingly insurmountable challenges and delivered on our promise to Texans that we'd keep the lights on," Lake said in a statement.

Meanwhile, another PUC commissioner appointed last August to the five-member board was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in the closing days of the regular ses-

sion. Kathleen Jackson of Beaumont previously served on a number of boards and commissions, including the Texas Water Development Board.

Investments made in higher education

Texas higher education leaders appear pleased with funding allocated by the Legislature during the regular session, with a record \$5 billion allocated for the next two years.

"The 88th Legislature showed Texas' commitment to expanding opportunity through higher education and our determination to be at the forefront of higher education research, development, and innovation," said Commissioner Harrison Keller of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Several bills overhauled and increased state funding for community colleges and established the Texas University Fund to increase the state's investment in research at the state's public universities. Several other programs should expand access to higher education, including the Texas Leadership Scholars Program, as well as increased funding for student financial aid.

Texans, beware of poison hemlock

Students of philosophy and history may recall the Greek philosopher Socrates was forced to drink a concoction made of hemlock, resulting in his death. The beautiful but deadly plant has been spotted in Texas, according to a story in the Houston Chronicle. A Dallas-area woman has taken to social media to warn about some weeds she pulled up and the severe adverse reaction that quickly occurred. Only a quick shower and a trip to the emergency room saved her life.

Poison hemlock has a smooth, green stem and an umbrella-shaped cluster of white flowers. All parts of the plant are extremely toxic to both humans and livestock, according to Texas A&M Agrilife. It can grow up to 10 feet tall. It is reportedly especially common in the Edwards Plateau region of the state west of San Antonio and Austin along creeks and bottomlands.

SUCCESS IN SPITE OF FAILURE

I am reminded of a Bible truth from two well-known illustrations of success in spite of failure. One involves the great baseball player Babe Ruth, who had a record-setting 714 home runs. Did you know the "Babe" also reportedly struck out more than any other player in history: 1, 330 times. You might say Ruth had nearly two failures for every home run he hit. But Babe Ruth didn't let his baseball failures keep him from baseball success.

Another interesting example of success in spite of failure was a young man who ran for the Illinois legislature, but was badly defeated. He then entered business and failed, and spent years paying off his debts. Then the young woman he loved, and was engaged to, died. He then entered politics again, and ran for Congress, but was badly defeated. Then he tried to get an appointment to the U. S. Land Office, but failed. Then he became a candidate for the U. S. Senate, and was badly defeated. Two years later he was defeated again. A man who experienced one failure and setback after another-but he kept on trying, and became one of the greatest men in the history of our nation: President Abraham Lincoln.

The reason I've mentioned all of that, is to remind you of the importance of not giving up our determination to serve God. You see, the difference between who will be saved in Heaven or condemned in Hell isn't that some sin and others don't. No, we all sin (*Rom. 3: 23; 1 Kgs 8: 46*). The difference is that some turn away from their sins, and turn back to God, and others won't! You see, we all fall into sin, but the difference is that some who fall into sin get up again by obtaining God's forgiveness, and others just GIVE UP!

My friend, don't let the failures of the past keep you from succeeding in the future. Don't let your past sins cause you to give up. Instead of GIVING UP, GET UP from the failures by turning to God for His forgiveness. You can believe in Christ, repent of your sins, confess His glorious name, and be baptized "for the remission of your sins" (*Mk. 16: 16; Acts 2: 38; Lk. 24: 47; Acts 10: 9-10; 8: 37*). Think on these things.

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getting down on the back of a bull, and that's how you're making your house payments and your car payments, you have to ride, there's nobody you can send in as a substitute.

"It's all up to you. It's being a free, capitalist, patriotic American that don't want anybody giving him anything because we don't want to have to answer to anybody but ourselves."

Every competitor who walks through the gates of the Gladewater Round-Up Arena – "As nice an area as it is to come to" – is immediately part of a legacy that stretches almost nine decades.

"The years of tradition, the cowboys that have come through Gladewater, been entered in the competition," Gay recalls, still awed despite his own decades in the spotlight. "Guys like Todd Whatley in the '50s; Jim Shoulders in the late '50s, '60s, and '70s, Larry Mayhan, myself – everybody that's anybody in rodeo in today's world, everybody winds up going to Gladewater at some time during their career. It's just one of those places."

The Round-Up's more than the contenders. "People like James Moore, and I can remember Tommy Morris back in the day, the rodeo committee people who have lived and worked in Gladewater," Gay said. "Jim Bardwell is another one. Everybody does their part in showcasing the City of Gladewater, Texas, during their rodeo. Chute sponsors, event sponsors – Everybody that's grown up and lived in Gladewater, Texas, has had a soft spot for the rodeo. They've always supported it."

It means a lot to the rodeo's cowboys and cowgirls. "That's probably one of the biggest takeaways as a contestant looking at it. You've got good competition, good quality livestock, good prize money. The hospitality, you know, that the cowboys are shown by that rodeo committee is just second-to-none."

And, every year gains new supporters, young and old. "Everybody's going to enjoy something about the Western way of life. That's basically what this signifies. I dare say there isn't anybody in America who hasn't thought about wearing a Cowboy hat, riding a horse, swinging a rope...



it's just Americana." It's a broad family tradition for Gay, whether you're on the dirt, in the saddle or roaring from the bleachers.

"The parents that'll be there and the grandparents that'll be there went with their parents and grandparents," he said. "You don't realize how many people in today's world have never actually touched a real life horse. To be able to sit in the arena in that kind of proximity to working cowboys and cowgirls, it's fun – you can be with your family, may they be 6 to 60, and everybody really enjoys something in that two-hour performance."

"I think they're going to leave talking about what a good time that they can have for that little amount of money."

What's he looking to this year? "We're gonna have another really good rodeo. The entries are about the same as they were last year, and that was a good one," Gay said. "If the bull riders can ride the bulls, it'll be really good. They're really tough, and they better be on the top of their game. We've got great bull riders." He's also excited for a new entertainer in PRCA rodeo clown and barrelman Matt Tarr: "He's never been to Gladewater before. He's gonna really be something special for the spectators."

Whatever's ahead, Gay says, it'll be a real good rodeo. That said, it's definitely a see-for-yourself experience. "You can never say it's going to be the best rodeo ever because that's in the eye of the beholder."

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don't know," Paul said. "We're just trying to get a feel of where we're going to be from a budget standpoint."

The next couple of months will shed some light, and the political machinations will likely stay at the top of Paul's list of 'District Challenges' for the immediate future.

That said, not really knowing what the state's elected leadership will do isn't a new complication. Local officials still have to keep moving forward according to their own best practices.

"In schools, we're not like some entities that can just spend money all the time," Paul acknowledged. "We pass a budget, we approve a budget, then we live with it. That's just kind of where we are."

Right now, "I'm trying to figure out where we're going to land," and planning for multiple eventualities, depending on legislative developments: "We could have two or three budgets that are kind of lined out. I'm anticipating a couple of special sessions, so that's going to push us even further out. It's not going to be until the last minute."

The school's needs will be the same; it's a matter of balancing it against what the state provides – eventually.

"That's a huge challenge right off the bat." For the long-term, it's still too early to put pen to paper on Paul's plans.

Some goals are crystal clear. Others will take shape over time as he gets his feet solidly on the ground in White Oak.

"Obviously, we want to continue with the high achievement on both the extracurricular and academic front," he said. "I know we need to look at some strategic planning and set ourselves up for the next five years, where we're going to go. We've got some aging facilities, so we need to look at that," though there's already been progress under his predecessors' leadership.

"I'll probably know more as I get to the end of that first 100 days."

Meanwhile, still-new WOISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Michael Ludlow is putting his stamp on the school's programs.

"He's hired some good coaches. We lost some good ones, but we replaced them with good ones."

The district's new transfer policy is at the forefront of his mind as well.

"That's a little bit of a challenge," Paul said, "getting everybody on board, tweaking and working that thing as we go along. That's going to be a positive challenge because it's really going to enhance our district."

"With those challenges come opportunities. Depending on what the state does for us, we feel we can make a lot of things happen in White Oak that we want to happen depending on what the funding is."

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of the events, you'll have 10 contests per event," he added, whether it's cowgirls racing barrels, tie down, team roping, tie down roping teams, bulldoggers, bareback, saddle bronc and bull riders. "Hundreds of contestants. They bring their family with them. Their friends show up to see them compete."

Likewise, the rodeo brings state, regional, national and international attention to the town.

"They'll be from all over the United States. One of our bullfighters is out of Oklahoma. Another from Mississippi. Another from Kansas. The announcer's from Pennsylvania. We'll have 'em show up from Canada. We'll have some Australians show up too, for sure."

For the audience, it's good clean fun. Exciting nights. A chance to see people pit themselves against the forces of nature that are rodeo bulls and horses.

"Women riding their horses they've worked with all their lives to get to this level of athleticism," Moore praised. It's weeks and months, years and decades of preparation. "They should come away with a sense these people put in lots of time. This is how these people live their life – the Western way of life."

"Everybody standing to pray, everybody taking off cover to pray... People don't just stand up and pray over the athletes who are participating but also the animals who are going to be involved – those animals are athletes too, to us. They're not just livestock."

Moore can't understate the family element of the rodeo. He chokes up to describe it.

"The way of life that it is," he said, built on competition between the cowboys, the cowgirls, the animals that carry them. "These guys and girls travel together. They're competing, but when they're outside that arena just getting to know each other, they're family. You just don't see that in other sports, but you do in rodeo."

"You do a lot of listening. You can't learn with your

mouth, you learn with your ears. You do a lot of that. You listen to these men and women, what they've done with their lives to get where they're at."

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was honored for his 50 years in the newspaper industry.

To her students, to her readers and to her colleagues in the newspaper industry, Suzanne Bardwell was a dynamic presence, a driving force and advocate for journalism – one who earned a place in the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame.

"When Suzanne Bardwell passed away suddenly on Jan. 7, 2022, the breadth and depth of her contribution to community journalism was instantly brought into sharp focus," according to her colleagues in the Texas Press Association who inducted the longtime teacher and

journalist into the ranks of decades of honorees Friday afternoon.

In the same June 2 ceremony, the journalists from across the state gathered in Round Rock also honored Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell with the association's Golden 50 Award during their annual TPA Convention & Trade Show.

The Texas Newspaper Foundation's annual hall of fame ceremonies honor inductees for exemplary service to their communities and to the whole of the newspaper industry. Suzanne Bardwell worked at Gilmer, Spring Hill and White Oak ISDs during her 33 years in the classroom and, in 2013, was named the Max R. Haddick Teacher of the Year by the University Interscholastic League. "The award is presented annually to the best high school journalism instructor in Texas," according to TPA, an organization in which she was a multiple award winner for columns, photography, news writing and community service. "She supported a number of causes, most notably saving the Gladewater Library from closing after the 2021 Texas winter storm severely damaged the facility. She was a fierce advocate for the First Amendment, writing about it frequently and contacting lawmakers about issues that threatened those rights."

For Tommy Thomason, founder and former director of the Texas Center of Community Journalism, a legacy like Suzanne Bardwell's towers over cathedrals and outlasts works of art.

"The mark of greatness is people who pour their lives into other people," he praised. "And that is what Suzanne did."

"There are thousands of people whose lives are forever different because they encountered Suzanne."

Throughout their 47 years of marriage until her death early last year, Suzanne was in the trenches alongside her husband across multiple pub-

lications and organizations.

An East Texas native born in Longview, Jim Bardwell's journalism career officially began in the early 1970s – he cut his teeth working on newspaper staffs at Longview High School, Kilgore College and East Texas State University. Technically, the longtime writer, photographer and publisher (who also owns Lindale News and Times) had his first foray into journalism at 'The Daily Planet,' a self-published 3 cent-per-week news-sheet published with two fellow fifth graders.

Decades on, Bardwell persists in his craft, ever-supported by his son, Josh, and daughter-in-law Jennifer, who attended Friday's Hall of Fame induction and Golden 50 honors.

"For 50 years Jim has tried to be the watchdog for the

people when it came to local government," according to Texas Press. Among an array of volunteer endeavors with Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo, Gusher Days, and numerous other projects, "He has always reminded government officials that the budget – whether it be city, county or state – is the people's money. Sometimes they forget that – and need to be reminded."

Other Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame inductees June 2 include Dave Campbell of Texas Football Magazine who died in 2021 and retired newspaper veteran Larry C. Jackson. Three additional Golden 50 Award honorees included Donnis Baggett (Dallas Morning News), Budd Kennedy (Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and Mary Judson (Port Aransas South Jetty).

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KC Fire Academy hosting 'Feel the Heat' summer camp for 7th-9th grades

The Kilgore College Fire Academy will host "Feel the Heat" summer camp for students entering 7th-9th grades who are interested in fire service or the public safety career pathway.

The camp is set for Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Check-in and registration for the camp is set for 8 a.m. Monday, July 10, at the Bert E. Woodruff Adult Education Center, located at 220 N. Henderson Blvd. in Kilgore.

"The focus every day will be on safety, being alert to the environment and working as a team to accomplish tasks," said Julie Webb, KCFA instructor.

Students can pre-register by visiting www.kilgore.edu/kcfa-camp.

Cost to participate is \$65 per student.

Topics will include EMS and hands-only CPR, fire science, extinguishers, proper protective equipment, hazardous material identification and forcible entry.

EMS: Will include a visit from local ambulance services, hands-only CPR instruction and some basic first aid topics

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Forcible Entry: Students will have an opportunity to use

a door prop and learn how to use tools to their advantage.

For more information, contact Julie Webb at (903) 988-3762 or jwebb@kilgore.edu.

14 indictments handed down by Upshur grand jury

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury returned 14 indictments, four of them sealed, in Gilmer last Thursday, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

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

Rachelle Wallace, 26, of Ore City, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on Jan. 14. She was released on \$50,000 bond.

Margie Deecharee Baird, 49, of Longview, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on March 18. She was freed on \$45,000 bond.

Jason Bradley James, 45, of Big Sandy, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on April 15. He remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$45,000 bond.

Kevin Eushay Davis, 42, of Diana, assault/family violence with previous conviction on April 8. He remained in county jail under \$25,000 bond.

Keith Noell Chapman, 41, of Alvin, unauthorized use of vehicle on Oct. 10, 2021. He was released on \$5,000 bond.

Casey Joe Hefner, 46, of Pittsburg, possession of controlled substance--methamphetamine on Jan. 9. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Jennifer Darlene Barnes, 38, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance--methamphetamine on Feb. 11. She was released on \$5,000 bond.

Stephen Douglas Bennfield Jr., 31, of Dallas, possession of controlled substance--amphetamine on March 22. He remained in county jail under \$35,000 bond.

Michael Paul Humphrey, 34, of Longview, was named in two separate indictments--one each for tampering with physical evidence on Jan. 18, and possession of controlled substance--methamphetamine on March 1.

Although he posted \$10,000 bond on the tampering charge, he remained in county jail under \$50,000 bond on the possession charge.

The identity of anyone charged in the sealed indictments wasn't disclosed because no arrests had been made in those cases, Byrd said.

They included three for unauthorized use of vehicle, and one for burglary of a building--enhanced. "Enhanced" means the defendant has a prior conviction, and if convicted of the new charge, could receive a longer sentence than a first-time offender.



Library Director Brandy Winn leads Storytime June 1 at Lee-Bardwell Public Library – the weekly event's story and activity spotlighted Superman: "Did you know that June 1, 1938 was the first time that Superman was introduced in a DC comic?"

Gladewater Storytime to feature rodeo clown

Storytime for June 8 at Lee-Bardwell Public Library will feature a rodeo clown in honor of the Gladewater Round-up Rodeo.

Activities are set for 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the library.

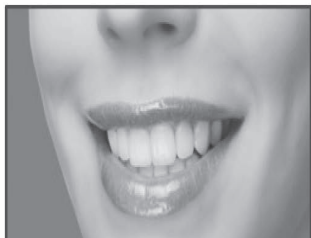
Last week, the library celebrated the debut of Superman in 1937 and, on Tuesday, welcomed visitors for the kick-off of the 2023 Summer Reading Program.

The festivities continue throughout the summer. According to the library's latest newsletter, "Everyone who signs up, regardless of the day, will also be given a bag with plenty of items to help promote reading during the summer."

Visit the Lee-Bardwell Public Library in person or at [Facebook.com/leepubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/leepubliclibrary) to find more details in the newsletter. Weekly Storytime events are set at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Find other activities on the library's Summer Events Calendar.



Madeline Waddle colors a picture of Superman during Storytime Thursday, June 1, at Lee-Bardwell Public Library, joining her triplet-siblings Myles and Cooper along with younger brother Isaiah for the activity.



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OBITUARIES

ANNA LOUISE "FRITZY" GLENN

Anna Louise "Fritzzy" Glenn was born May 21, 1926, in Groesbeck, TX to Clayton and Flora Bell Hickey. She passed from this life, at age 97, on May 29, 2023 in San Antonio. As a child, her and her family moved from Groesbeck, TX to Gladewater.



Fritzzy and her family were founding members of the First Christian Church in Gladewater where she was a member for 80 years before its closing. She attended Gladewater High school where she performed in the band and graduated class of 1943. On October 1, 1944 she married a fellow classmate, Richard "Frank" Glenn, Sr. During World

War II, she worked at Camp Fannin. After the war, Frank and Fritzzy lived in various places like Gladewater, Austin, San Antonio, Michigan, Atlanta and Phoenix.

They raised 3 children, Richard Jr, Janis and Anna "Karen". Water skiing on Lake Austin was one of their favorite pastimes, even though Fritzzy never learned to swim. After Fritzzy and her husband retired, they spent many years traveling around the country in their RV. During many of those summers their grandkids, Garrick and Audra, would accompany them for weeks at a time visiting national parks and Civil War battle sites. As Frank and Fritzzy got older, they settled down in their hometown of Gladewater where Fritzzy would attend her monthly high school class reunion lunches. Later in life, a few years before her death, she moved to San Antonio to be closer to her daughter, Janis.

She was preceded in death by her parents Clayton and Flora Bell Hickey, husband Richard Frank Glenn Sr, sister Betty Sue, her brother Harold Hickey, son Richard Frank Glenn Jr, daughter Anna Karen Brooks and son-in-law Ron McTee.

She is survived by her daughter Janis McTee, daughter-in-law Mary Glenn, grandson Garrick Brooks, granddaughter Audra Gurrero, 5 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandson.

LINDA KAY ORMS

Linda Kay Orms, 80 of White Oak, TX passed away on May 29, 2023. She was born on May 26, 1943 in Kilgore, TX to D.B. and Frances Allen Harris.

Linda lived a full life and had many passions. She loved playing games and was especially fond of Mah Jongg.



Linda was an active member of the community and enjoyed square dancing, riding her motorcycle, camping, fishing, and cheering on her great-grandsons during football season.

Linda faithfully served as the secretary for Emmanuel Baptist Church in White Oak for 47 years. She was known to have a special way of making everyone feel like family and never hesitated to let you know how much she cared for you.

Linda is preceded in death by her husband Corky Orms; her daughter Tammie Welch; her son Kyle Orms; and her parents D.B. and Frances Harris.

Those left to cherish Linda's memory are her grandchildren Lacy Cox and husband Patrick, Robyn Ashmore and husband Spencer, Karli Powell and husband Adam; great-grandchildren Casen, Cooper, Spencer, Cameron Cox, and Caroline and Palmer Powell; brother David Harris Jr., and wife Patsy; sister Lavois Orms and husband Jackie; as well as numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church located at 501 US HWY 80 in White Oak on June 10th at 10:00 AM with Bro. J.D. Cutler officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church, PO Box 588, White Oak, TX 75693.

The family wants to give a special "thank you" to Heart to Heart Hospice and Visiting Angels for the incredible care and compassion they showed to GG and our family during this time.

County rents office building

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court last week informally approved renting a small office building to house certain county offices during the forthcoming major renovation of the 86-year-old county courthouse in Gilmer.

The court on May 31 expressed its consensus to pay \$1,250 monthly to rent the brick building, which is across Titus Street from the county tax assessor-collector's office, and just one block north of the courthouse. Relatives of the late Gilmer businessman R.B. Cook own the office building.

Plans call for moving the offices of Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Betterton, Precinct 4 Constable David Thompson, the county's indigent health care office, and possibly one commissioner's office into the facility.

Over several decades, it has housed various businesses ranging from insurance firms to a law office and a bail bond firm.

While County Judge Todd Tefeller had the authority to rent the building on his own, he sought a "consensus" from the court to do so without a formal vote. The court discussed the matter in closed session first.

The courthouse must be vacated for the multi-million dollar restoration, expected to take perhaps as long as two and a half years, and intended to restore the building largely to its appearance when it opened in 1937.

Modular buildings, which the court leased to house most other courthouse offices during the project, arrived in the first few days of June and are located on a vacant county-owned lot across the street from the courthouse.

The court had considered moving the JP and indigent care offices to the county library, which drew protests at a recent court meeting. Concerns ranged from having children around criminals who were going to the JP court, to having youngsters exposed to emotionally-charged situations involving the indigent care office.

The Precinct 4 JP office must be in that precinct in order for it to perform evictions. The library, located three blocks west of the courthouse, is in Precinct 4, but the tax office, located practically a stone's throw from the courthouse, isn't.

County and city officials had discussed having the JP's office hold court in the Gilmer City Council's meeting room in City Hall.

GPD Police Activity

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
5/28/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232956	0:27	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232957	3:29	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232959	9:26		512 W JEANNETTE JEANNETTE AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20232961	12:24		306 MAPLE MAPLE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232962	16:07	GARFIELD HILL COMMUNITY CENTER	197 E ELEANOR ELEANOR ST
	EMS	20232963	16:16		1002 KAY KAY DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232964	16:51		1717 ARMSTRONG ARMSTRONG ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232965	17:19		1203 MARY MARY ST
	ABANDONED 911	20232966	17:34		803 E LAKE E LAKE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20232967	17:46		504 N FERRY FERRY ST
	EMS	20232968	18:55		707 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20232969	21:25		100 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232970	22:47		132 N LEE LEE DR
5/29/23	ALARM/OTHER	20232972	0:52	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20232973	11:04		N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20232974	12:33	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	20232975	12:44	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	20232976	12:45		SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232977	14:53	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232978	15:20	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232979	15:44		1306 NELEYN NELEYN AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232980	16:32		1 MCKAIG MCKAIG CIR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232981	16:35		3061 E LAKE E LAKE DR
	EMS	20232982	17:04		1509 IVY LEE IVY LEE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232983	18:45		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232984	19:10		810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232985	19:38		2011 OLD LONGVIEW OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232986	19:51	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	20232987	20:00	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20232988	21:22		1207 E MARY MARY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232989	21:29	BODY OF BELIEVERS	2822 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20232990	22:11		803 S RODEN RODEN LN
5/30/23	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20232991	1:52		48 MCNEESE MCNEESE DR
	ALARM/OTHER	20232992	4:20	AEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	EMS	20232993	8:14		342 CARRIAGE CARRIAGE LN
	CRIM TRESPASS	20232994	9:59	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RUNAWAY	20232995	10:57		2820 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20232996	11:15	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20232997	12:46		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20232998	15:24		212 WALTER DERRICK WALTER DERRICK
	ASSIST	20232999	16:03	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	1409 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	EMS	20233000	17:43	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233001	17:58		271 ON TENERY 271 ON TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233002	19:34	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	20233003	19:40	GREENWAY VILLAGE	GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	RUNAWAY	20233004	19:59		2820 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20233005	22:27		515 W GAY GAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20233006	23:49		401 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
5/31/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20233007	0:37		TENERY TENERY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20233008	1:09		6 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	EMS	20233009	8:11		912 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20233010	8:57		317 N MAIN MAIN ST
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	20233011	10:06		1003 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	THEFT	20233012	10:38		1520 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20233013	12:54		504 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20233014	13:10		638 LOCKER PLANT LOCKER PLANT
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20233016	13:46		TENERY TENERY
	ASSIST	20233017	14:08		803 TENERY TENERY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233018	16:25		
	EMS	20233019	16:30	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20233020	17:42		1060 WILLOW OAK RD WILLOW OAK RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233021	18:03		2706 ELLUAH ELLUAH
	EMS	20233022	18:36		404 PINERIDGE PINERIDGE
	ALARM/MALFUNCTION	20233023	18:46	SUNBRIDGE NURSING HOME	501 N AMES AMES

GPD Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
6/1/23	6/1/23	4:13	GRAY, DYLAN SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	700 N CANFIELD ST
	6/1/23	4:13	GRAY, DYLAN SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	700 N CANFIELD ST
	6/1/23	4:13	GRAY, DYLAN SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	700 N CANFIELD ST
	6/1/23	4:13	GRAY, DYLAN SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	700 N CANFIELD ST
	6/1/23	4:13	GRAY, DYLAN SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	700 N CANFIELD ST
	6/1/23	4:13	GRAY, DYLAN SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	700 N CANFIELD ST
	6/1/23	22:01	LANTZ, KEVIN DEWAYNE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 N MAIN
	6/1/23	22:01	LANTZ, KEVIN DEWAYNE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 N MAIN

WOPD Police Report

For the reporting period of May 29th through June 4th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 146 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Traffic Complaints, Animal Complaints, Investigative Follow-ups, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Three traffic collisions were investigated resulting in no injuries and no continuing criminal investigations.

Three arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period:
 Devin Daquirion Mims, 26, of Gladewater on two outstanding Denton County warrants for Assault Family Violence and Unlawful Restraint,
 Staci Nikole Hays, 44, of Longview on two outstanding White Oak warrants for No Insurance and Expired Registration, and
 Austin Patrick Lynch, 34, of White Oak for Assault Family Violence.

GPD Police Activity

	ANIMAL CONTROL	20233024	19:49		28 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	ALARM/OTHER	20233025	19:58		214 E GLADE GLADE AVE
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20233026	20:24		220 HULL HULL AVE
	THEFT	20233027	20:47		710 TENERY TENERY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20233028	21:19		303 COOPER COOPER ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20233031	22:44		1709 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
6/1/23	ALARM/OTHER	20233032	1:26	RBS LIQUOR	1601 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233033	2:13		1211 RODEO RODEO
	EMS	20233034	9:51	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	WARRANT	20233035	10:21		106 N COTTON COTTON ST
	WARRANT	20233036	10:29		605 N GARY GARY ST
	WARRANT	20233037	10:37		1008 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	WARRANT	20233038	10:41		801 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	20233039	11:14		HWY 271 HWY 271
	WARRANT	20233040	11:18		808 TENERY TENERY
	WARRANT	20233041	11:20		709 WOOD WOOD
	WARRANT	20233042	11:24		510 HANCOCK HANCOCK
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233043	11:28		WOOD WOOD
	FIRE DEPT	20233045	12:11		5700 US HWY 80 5700 US HWY 80
	EMS	20233046	13:05	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ABANDONED 911	20233047	14:36		402 WOOD WOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233048	16:16		700 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233049	18:48		1905 CHESTNUT CHESTNUT AVE
	EMS	20233050	19:18		784 N LAKE N LAKE RD
	EMS	20233051	19:43	PENNY'S FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233052	20:02		LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20233053	20:13	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233054	20:52		S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20233055	21:04	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233056	22:00		903 N MAIN MAIN
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20233057	22:38		410 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20233058	23:02		GAY GAY
6/2/23	EMS	20233059	1:50		301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233060	2:04		1108 MARY MARY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20233061	5:00		COMMERCE COMMERCE
	ABANDONED 911	20233062	5:09		1049 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE
	EMS	20233063	7:44		103 N DEAN DEAN ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20233064	8:01		1303 S TYLER TYLER ST
	ABANDONED 911	20233066	9:36		509 NORTH NORTH ST
	ASSIST	20233067	10:48	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	CRIM TRESPASS	20233068	11:36		1108 E MARY MARY AVE
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20233069	11:51		602 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20233070	16:47		271 271
	THEFT	20233071	18:09		1101 UPSHUR UPSHUR W
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233072	19:06		600 GARY GARY ST
	10-50 MAJOR	20233073	19:26		271 271
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20233074	20:04		60 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233075	20:37	GREGG COUNTY S O	101 W METHVIN METHVIN ST
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	20233076	20:46	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20233077	21:17		1709 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	ABANDONED 911	20233078	22:45		410 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20233079	23:17	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20233080	23:30	PENNY'S FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	EMS	20233081	23:39		300 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
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ACROSS

1 consumes a meal
 5 TXism: "bright as ___ penny"
 6 possible transport to George Bush Intercontinental Airport
 7 TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would ___ dying" (unlucky)
 8 casa constructors
 17 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
 18 below
 21 Texas-sized multinational conglomerate
 22 dog name
 23 TX Ginger Rogers 1939 film: "Fifth ___ Girl"
 24 TXism: "he's still got some ___ in his jeans"
 29 grain storage
 30 TXism: "two peas in ___" (alike)
 31 physician deg.
 32 Carl Sandberg said "Texas ___ swagger"
 34 Texas Comanche chief "___ Beard"
 35 TX George Foreman fought for this championship at the age of 44 (abbr.)
 36 TXism: "tough ___ boot"
 37 drunkards
 38 Gomer ___ is a San Antonio street
 39 in Williamson County on highway 79

40 TXism: "all bought and paid for"
 41 "___ concolor" (cougar)
 42 TXism: "thin ___"
 44 empty the bathtub
 45 Sandra of 1974 TV docudrama film "Houston, We've Got a Problem"
 46 TXism: "costs an ___ (expensive)"
 48 TX-born Steve Martin 1991 film (2 wds.)
 49 union at Arlington's GM plant
 50 nickname of Denison-born president
 51 ___-gallon hat
 52 TXism: "tear jerker"

DOWN

1 TXism: "___ hog" (rich)
 2 big Dallas hotel: Hilton ___
 3 lake in Texas and Oklahoma
 4 steal
 9 TXism: "___ a fence before you buy cattle" (plan)
 10 immediately fix a computer mistake
 11 marryin' words
 12 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___Sueur
 13 big curtains
 14 Sam Houston was once an ___ for the Cherokee
 15 TX film critic, Rex ___ Benito, TX
 16 ___ Benito, TX
 19 TX-born Gene Autry sang "___ Tumbleweeds"
 20 TXism: "changes his mind as often as ___ his socks"
 22 TXism: "he couldn't ___ an egg under a sitting hen" (dumb)
 24 "yes," below the border
 25 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___"
 26 actress Gardner in 1952 film "Lone Star"
 27 this TX Phylicia was Cosby's "Clair"
 28 Nolan had no-trade ___ in his last Ranger contract
 29 fancy barber shop
 30 Houston Museum of Fine ___
 33 SMU "Giant" 1950 graduate, Kyle
 34 TX Charley Pride's "It's ___ Little Bit Longer"
 35 in Collin County on highway 78
 37 bikinis, e.g.
 38 loud bell ring
 40 fried Texas veggie brawl
 41
 43 Lake El ___ del Rey in the Rio Grande Valley
 44 Dolores of "Flying Down to Rio" with TX Ginger (init.)
 47 "You started it, ___ it!"

See Answers On This Page

Local schools receive portion of West Texas school land funds

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court last week approved disbursing \$375,000 in "county available" funds among the nine school districts lying wholly or partly in the county.

The funds, which are distributed annually, come from leasing out Upshur County-owned acreage in two West Texas counties, Baylor and Throckmorton.

Each Upshur school district's share of the funds is based on the number of students they have who actually live in the county rather than another county. (Several Upshur County school districts extend into a neighboring county.)

County Treasurer Brandy Vick determined the total amount to be disbursed to the districts, which the court did May 31.

Gladewater ISD received \$27,750 for 512 Upshur pupils, or 7.40% of the total disbursement. Union Grove ISD received \$33,600 for 620.076 students, 8.96% of the total allocation.

Gilmer ISD, with 2475.800 Upshur students, received the largest share of the funds--\$134,212.50, or 35.79%.

New Diana ISD received the second highest amount--\$56,025 for 1,033.280 pupils, or 14.94%.

Other districts, each one's number of Upshur resident students, and the district's allocation were as follows:

Harmony ISD (736, \$39,900), Ore City ISD (719.330, \$39,000), Big Sandy ISD (573, \$31,050), Union Hill ISD (233, \$12,637.50) and Pittsburg ISD (15, \$825.)

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Hefner to speak at town hall meeting

District 5 Texas State Rep. Cole Hefner will host an Upshur County Town Hall in Gilmer later this month. The event is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Gilmer Civic Center at 1218 U.S. Hwy. 271 N. According to Hefner staffer Melody Thompson, "He's just going to speak, and there will be a question-and-answer at the end. It's specifically about the legislative session we just finished," she said. "If the governor calls another special session at the end of June, we'll have to reschedule, but for now we're going to go ahead and have the Town Hall."

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.

County library offers storytime

Two books by Julia Rawlinson will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (June 8.)

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events are

"Fletcher's Big Show" and "Fletcher and the Caterpillar," said library Director Cynthia King.

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

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

Upshur Dems to meet June 26

The Upshur County Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting Monday, June 26, announced county Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson.

The gathering is set for 6:30 p.m. at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6715 on VFW Road at the outskirts of Gilmer.

Upshur Democrats meet on the fourth Monday of each month.

Teen Game Night

The Upshur County Library in Gilmer is offering a monthly "Teen Game Night" for those ages 12-19, and a monthly "Book Club" meeting for adults at least age 18.

The events are free of charge at the library at 702 W. Tyler in Gilmer.

The teens' night, held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on a month's third Saturday, offers card, board and video games, and usually food like pizza. Those interested in attending should RSVP the library either on its Facebook page (Upshur County Library), or by email at upshurcountylibrary@yahoo.com, said library spokeswoman Molissa Edwards.

The book club meets the second Tuesday monthly from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to discuss a book one of the approximately 30 members has recommended they all read.

FORESTRY CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR



Retired Upshur county banker honored

By Phillip Williams

Retired Gilmer banker Kenneth Stewart was recently named Area 4 "Forestry Conservationist of the Year" by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Stewart, 90, received a plaque at the May 11 Area 4 Conservation Awards Banquet in Rusk. He received the same honor from Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District No. 417 at its February banquet in Gilmer.

Winning the honor for the 52-county area was tantamount to winning it for the entire state since no other area has competition for conservation farm, said Joyce Williams, district clerk/technician for the Gilmer-based Upshur-Gregg district office. The area banquet was held at the Rusk Civic Center.

Stewart, retired president and currently on the board of directors of Gilmer National Bank, was honored for activities involving "family, faith, community and conservation."

He purchased his first tract in Upshur County in 1968, and planted pines on a 264-acre site in Ewell community he still owns. A lifelong farmer who had a cow/calf operation, he has a certified tree farm with the American Tree Farm System.

Several days after receiving the honor in Rusk, Stewart said "I'm excited about winning this award." He expressed gratitude to Williams and Tandy Wheeler of the Texas A&M Forest Service "for making this award possible for me."

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Cayson Armstrong, Henry Ballou, Adam Belcher, Hunter Bohanon, Lilly Brooks, LilyAnn Budro, Ava Chandaris, Juddson Cook, Eulollie Dartez, Miguel Hernandez, Michael LaCoe, Sophie Langford, Robert Louvier, Trinh Mach, Karlee Mahoney, Sadie Marsh, Joan Martinez, Teagan Medlin, Jayden Mireles, Maddox Moore, Tazaevion Osborn, Yazayra Perez, Aleighana Phillips, Karsyn Reese, Zoe Richardson, Keray Sanders, Zander Shuler, Dominic Vaughn, Hana Williams, Micheal Williams

2nd Grade

**4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

Hunter Allen, Brylen Bailey, Lillian Bamburg, Walker Barnhill, Kinsley Beadles, Brilynn Bell, Paxton Bell, Cassidy Bellew, Ava Blalock, Reagan Bradshaw, Maria Calderon Cardenas, Natalia Chavarria, Sophie Crenshaw, Rayden Cumbie-Nash, Jordan Cusatis, Anthony Diaz Hernandez, Aaron Fields, London Fitch, Baileigh Freeman, Kinsleigh Gordon, Jayda Griffith, Hunter Hammer, River Helphenstine, Greyson Herman, Adalynn Hilton, Taylynn Ince, Kynlei Jackson, Alivia Jenkins, Serenity Johnson, Samuel Langford, Aziyah Madden, Collyn McCollon, Elizabeth McCoy, Katelyn Mireles, Camila Mumphrey, Heidi Neal, Caliah O'Rourke, Damian Parks, Jafet Perez Olvera, Payton Pettiette, Brooklyn Regalado, Ulises Reyes, Wyatt Richardson, Joshua Robinson, Memphis Robinson, Zane Smallwood, Alayna Smith, Kennedy Smith, Maddison Smith, Journey Stephenson, Xander Terry, Braxton Thomas, Tavaris Thomas, Jordan Trevino, Kranston Turner, Gunner Tyner, Madilyn Villalpando, Hope Villarreal, Levi Watson, Presley Watts, Brooklyn Williams, Maximo Williams, Dexter Woodruff, Ke'Morian Young

**3rd Grade update
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

Leland Bamburg, Masyng Dandoy, Carter Ellis, Jo'Vaughn Good, Eli Lapar, Zoey McAlister, Milana McDowell, James Meals, Piper Miller, Holly Perry, Devin Schill, Paisley Simmons, Izabelle Smith, Parker Webber, Justice Webster, Brandon Wheeler

**3rd Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

Landen Anderson, Joaquin Arreguin, Natalie Bateman, Noah Bateman, Easton Baxter, Kendyl Bell, Columbianna Beninger, Brantley Blalock, Jaden Bohanon, Lila Brown, Braelynn Burton, LaShiya Burton, Remi Capps, Makayla Causey, Elijah Childress, Alexsya Daffern, Skylar Davis, Franchesca Dominguez, Stefano Dominguez, Grayson Fletcher, Kade Fortson, Raegan Glarborg, Rickey Green, Emmaleigh Harris, Deillah Hawley, Audrey Heaney, Jakorian Henson, Liam Herman, Amiyah Jones, Ameliya Kimberly, Adaleigh King, Irelynn Lee, Brilee Lennon, Cailleigh Lowery, Jayson Nino-Eufracio, Teller Nykamp, Joseangel Perez, Stefanie Perez, Atticus Reynolds, Susana Sanchez, Lucus Scheper, Jermy Spencer, Amelia Thomas, Cesar Trejo, Bayleigh Wady, Jaxson Walker, Tessa White

**4th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

InaSe Budro, Makenzy Causey, Damien Cox, Liam Dabbagh, Victor Espinoza, Korbin Evans, Isabella nPolanco, Prince Rivera, Jayden Rojas, Sadie Shackelford, Braxton Sinclair, Chevelle Sisson



**4th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

Roberto Arreguin, Logan Ballou, Caleb Bellanger, Scheyler Bisner, Qui'Aubri Blaylock, Drew Brookshire, Deandre Brown, John Brown, William Carney, Nathan Castro, Karsyn Cates, Gisselle Ceballos, William Cerda, Talan Crenshaw, Litzy Delgado, Alejandro Diaz Hernandez, McKenzi Dorsey, Kar'Dae Ford, Alyssa Gutierrez, Angel, Gutierrez, Leah Haley, Maverick Hamby, Nickolas Hunter, John Jackson, Zae'Chamerial Jackson, Colin Jiang, Urijah Lortie, Colsen Manley, Alijah Mendoza, Rucker Murry, Kinsley Nielsen, Victoria Parker, Ahmiya Pemble, Ashly Rodriguez, Gracie Schlaefer, Harrison Smith, Aliyah Thomas, Deion Thomas, Landry Townsend, Layla Trotter, Ashlynn Valle, Emily Vaughn, Devon Wade, Brantley Wright, Emily Youngblood-Smith, Laura Zihlman

**5th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A" Honor Roll**

Brady Aldredge, Kolbi Alverson, Connor Brack, Fernanda Coronado, Mariyah LeBlanc, Dawson Long, June Macklin, Colt Moore, Brentlee Morris, Cullen Reynolds, Anna Tilton, Gregory Watkins, Bradley Wilson

**5th Grade
4th Nine Weeks
"A-B" Honor Roll**

Walter Barron, Jaethyn Brannon, Mia Carrillo-Soto, Isabella Castaneda Pargas, Lydia Crane, Adalayah Cuba, Kelsi Cushatt, Jayden Dandoy, Dexter Dickinson, Kyndall, Evans, Makenna Farwell, Christopher Gomez, Amari Gregory, Emma Harroff, Heath Hightower, Kaia-Ann Hill, Natalie Hills, KeMoriya Madden, Bella Mason, Robert Meals, Zoey Mize, Hannah Nash, Bentley Nielsen, Cortland Nykamp, Hermione Rogers, Ryleigh Sanchez, Caylie Scott, Ethan Smallwood, Brayden Thomas, Landon Thomas, Rakayla Turner, Spencer Walbridge, Garrett Watson, Briley Watts, Courtney White, Prince Williams, Joseph Woodworth, Annajancy Xol

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**4th Nine Weeks
6th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Tinsley Aldredge, Kylie Beall, Colin Bird, Daelyn Bradshaw, Everlie Costello, Ma'Kenzie Floyd, William Hardy, Ashton King, Rylie Murry, Beatrice Nasados, Baylei Noble, Ian Perez, Aleah Rosas, Santiago Trejo Uballe, Brynlee Underwood, David Ventura, Brooklyn Villalpando, Bentley Webber, Aaron Wilkins.

A/B Honor Roll

Brandon Alvarez Martinez, Kara Bellanger, Jax Bradford, Hannah Brandt, Paxton Casson, Andria Castaneda, Icker Ceballos, Addison Chandaris, Isabella Dangel, Landon Deason, Victoria Flanagan, Eliza Garrett, Makenzie Gatlin, Kinnedy Harper, Jordynn Harris, Diego Hernandez, Aydan Holmes, Jordan Holmgren, Kayden Jansen, Cashtyn Lehman, Ketraveian Lewis, Kaydance Love, Samantha Luna, Abigail Nino, Peyton Noble, Cameron Parker, Tajerian Parker, Jayse Pennington, Dylan Perez, Kaelya Perez, Noah Reazin, Khloey Rendon, Ty Richey, Dexter Robinson, Meah Rosas, David Sholars, Dodge Sisson, Samantha Smith, Yareli Suarez Medina, Madalyn Thomas, Connor Thompson, Ashlynn Tolbert, Brody Vickery, Britney Vite, Aerron Watson, Diego Yanez Jimenez.

**7th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Mariah Barksdale, Lux Baumgartner-Prew, Bailey Childress, Noah Clay, Samuel Corona, Juliet Dalton, Emily Dickinson, James Felts, Cooper Manley, Theresa Neslony, Madison Parks, Ariel Robinson, Anna Thomas, Alexander Villalpando, Kaylee Wortham.

A/B Honor Roll

Eli Brisby, Blessed Brown, Caleb Budro, Lily Childress, Damian Correa, McKensy Cuellar-Martinez, Madison Cusatis, Mikaela Daniels, Angel Davis, Sharmore Franklin, Amari Gamble, Jax Glarborg, Alayla Grooms, Malik Hatten, Ryan Hawley, McKinley Holcomb, Isabelle Inocencio, Payton Jones, Anthony Juarez, Landen King, Kenzi Love, Titus Macklin, Alyra Martinez, Ya'Lexan Martinez, Konnor Mason, Ki'Zyah Miles, Jade Mireles, Acxel Nino Monsivaiz, Madden Ramirez, Jesus Rojas, Jakeilynn Rollins, Logan Saunders, Gavin Selman, Isaias Sierra, Chevy Sisson, James Solley, Brayden

Templeton, Walter Thomas, Kamila Turner, Liliana Vasquez, Karen VerSteege, Jesse Wheeler, Kaeden Willeby.

**8th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Leila Allen, Coby Bellanger, Kylie Faye, Elshady Getachew, Reid Hass, Byron Hast, Mason Knoll, Lillian McKnight, Olivia Miller, Grace Mooney, William Morgan, Paytin Thompson, Kendal Yount.

A/B Honor Roll

Ethan Alvarez, Riley Ashworth, Abigail Carney, Lia Castaneda, Alexa Cole, Hydie Collins, Aliyah Criss, Alivia Duncan, Shaylee Ellis, Adyson Evans, Kymorah Gordon, Garrett Grandgeorge, Daymun Guerrero, Lesly Hernandez, Landon Hogue, Nobellee Humphrey, Bryannah Jackson, Christian Jackson, Aiden Jansen, Jazmin Jimenez-Estrada, Kailey Kistler, Khera Lincoln, Audryana Lorenzo, Lily Mahfood, Amarion Minter, Jenni Mireles, Hayden Mumphrey, Brad Nino Eufrazio, Barrett Owens, Nikhil Patel, Miryam Perez, Chase Porter, Laython Reddock, Thalia Renfroe, Talon Robinson, Gabriela Rojas, Kiara Shackelford, Ka'Vyriion Sheppard, Janiah Strickland, Claire Townsend, Dorrie Warburton, Victor Ward, Teagan Watkins-Brack, Couri Willeby.

GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL

**9th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Anay Aguillon, Harper Bittick, Elizabeth Brown, Jhaden Carroll, Lucas Cherry, Elizabeth Dennis, Karyme Gomez, Alayah Gordon, Peyton Hunter, Aamyria Jones, Shayla Lara, Xavion Layne, Kevin Mireles, Edwin Nino Eufrazio, Azucena Perez, Madison Rector, Brady Rios, Christian Rojas, Garrett Throgmorton, Xavier Warren, Ella Williams, Jessi Wyatt

A/B Honor Roll

Saul Alvarez, Ma'Khya Boone, Luke Brown, Samantha Brown, Mason Budro, Sean Burke, Brittany Clark, Carsin Cooper, Emily Delgado, Kreston Denson-Grimes, Hayli Edwards, Jeremiah Flanagan, Callie Harris, Calix Hibler, Breianna Johnson, Tucker Macklin, Caydence Martin, Aleigha McGuyer, Grafton Morgan, Cian Ray, Esmeralda Rojas, Kyle Santos, Gavin Sumner, Donovan Tolbert, Adam Warner, John Watson, Brian Wilson, Carson Wood, Keion Wright

**10th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Astrith Alvarez, Jeralynn Cantu, Jaxxon Cook, Janee Davis, Erika Evey, Jasmine Fisher, Nathan Fortenberry, Ulises Gama, Trentley Gamel, Illyssa Hawley, Ciara Henderson, Keenan Jalomo, Ava Langford, Jimena Martinez, Zoie Reddock, Rachel Shepard, Noah Smith, Gracie Sumner, Mason Thompson, Brayden Wood

A/B Honor Roll

Nicholas Allen, Fatima Arteaga Cervantes, Mathias Bales, Zoe Bowling, Emily Brown, Braden Carter, Emily Cole, Macade Cooper, Curtis Davis, Joshua Diaz Mucio, Harley Eggers, Ethan Evey, Carissa Graves, Stormie Greenson, Tatiana Gunder, Cynthia Gutierrez, Olivia Hawley, Destiny Hughes, Jada Kinsey, Braxton Lindsey, Liliyana Lorenzo, Karlee Moses, Naomi Pearce, Jessica Perez, Joshua Perry, Garrick Rogers, Nathan Smith, Shiann Washington, Joseph Webber, Chloe Westbrook, Cameron, White, Samyra Williams

**11th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Hadassah Balcorta, Madisyn Bedair, Israel Cerda, Blake Crane, Seth Cross, Bayleigh Edwards, Jordan Fowler, Kire Guerrero, Caiya Harris, Hailey Head, Timothy Heashe, Christopher Hernandez, Katelynn Lewis, Kyle Martin, Joselyn Mendoza, Katie Menjivar, Adam Miles, Brent Owens, Eddie Patino, Lily Smith, Logan Stehno, Cameron Taylor, Vanessa Trejo, Layne Warburton, Savannah Warren, Kaytlin White, Phillip Wilson, Grayson Wynn,

A/B Honor Roll

Katelyn Biddle, Alexis Bleckley, Tristan Collins, Shawn Curtis, Kayla Dandoy, Samuel Edwards, Jaiden Eeds, Johnnay Hawley, Abigail Hess, Allayah Jackson, Trenton Jackson, Savannah Kegarise, Kylie Knox, Kyla Lincoln, Erik Omdahl, Christian Ramirez, Sixta Rojas, Francisco Sierra, Ryan Silva, Leslie Vargas, Rachael Vaughn, Brianna Wilson

**12th Grade
A Honor Roll**

Austin Allen, Ryan Bailey, Lexi Betts, Douglas Balckbear, Royce Clay, Celeste Harris, Kylie Jalomo, Khristian Jolliff, Kallin Lewis, Tyler Milstead, Breanna Newman, G'braylon Polley, Adriana Rojas, Matthew Smith, Keiley Steddum, Sarah Walbridge, Alexandria White

A/B Honor Roll

Castalia Barron, Adrianna Bender, Alexis Boyd, Cameron Coby, Fernando Coronado, Kamryn Floyd, Tyler Fried, Aminah Gordon, Noah Hambrick, Evette Henderson, Romeo Johnston, Hanna Judkins, Emma Keeland, Sydney Keller, Jerri LeBeff, Charles Marsh, Avery Mays, Madisyn McGuire, Kate Merrill, Megan Perez, Eduardo Rojas, Edgar Rojas Cardenas, Debriia Snoddy, Jocelyn Taylor, Princess Zandrea Tyeskie, Wyatt Webb

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A firefighter sprays down the inside of a burned out shed on Locker Plant Road Wednesday afternoon after an intense fire likely started near welding equipment.

A Wednesday afternoon fire destroyed a Locker Plant Road shed used for both welding and storage. Fortunately, there were no injuries in the blaze, said Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons, which most likely started around the welding equipment and spread to the rest of the fabricated building. The welder performed some minor work about an hour earlier. Firefighters were dispatched to the 600 block of Locker Plant Road shortly after 1 p.m. "He left and came back, and the shed was on fire. It was accelerated by some welding gases," Simmons reported. "Eyewitnesses said it looked like an acetylene bottle exploded during the fire." The hot-burning, accidental fire destroyed a variety of personal belongings and other items in storage in addition to the welding equipment. "Clarksville City, Warren City, and Gladewater responded with mutual aid and worked well together to extinguish the fire."

Courtesy photo by Chief Mike Simmons / GFD



Clarksville City's Matt Maines (left), city manager, presents John Linder (center) with a business appreciation award Friday afternoon alongside family, friends and employees at John Linder Operating Co. LLC. Photo by James Draper



Gladewater Chamber Of Commerce members, City of Gladewater officials and community leaders gather Friday to welcome Seymour's Quick Stop No. 2 with a formal ribbon cutting at 1298 E. Broadway Ave. during the business' grand opening activities. The June 2 event included everything from a special, limited time gas price of \$2.22 for Seymour's No. 2, free food and other giveaways as well as a visit by Chester the Chicken, mascot for Chester's Chicken on the Run eatery in-store alongside Big Rock Pizza.

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