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Carleigh Paige Judd of Union Grove was crowned as the 83rd Yam Queen this past weekend at the Gilmer Civic Center. Queen Judd represented the Gilmer Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Mike and Carrie Judd and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Sue Stebbins and the late Dick Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Judd Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Feurt.

Carleigh is a proud Union Grove Lion where she is the captain of the championship varsity basketball and volleyball teams, class vice-president, FFA secretary, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society member. She attends First United Methodist Church in Gilmer. She plans to declare a college major that will enable her to purse a career as a pharmacist.



## Gov. lifts mask mandate What does that mean for you?

Starting today (March 10) Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order to lift the mask mandate and open Texas to 100 percent takes affect. Abbott said the announcement "doesn't abandon safe practices that

Texans have mastered over the past year. Instead, it's a reminder that each person has a role to play in their own personal safety and the safety of others.

"With this executive order, we are ensuring that all businesses and families in Texas have the freedom to determine their own destiny." Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp shared the following concerning what Texas Gov. Abbott's recent lifting of the statewide mask mandate next Wednesday means for you here in Gladewater:

As most are aware, Gov. Abbott will be lifting the mask mandate effective March 10th and Texas will also be 100% open on this date. What lifting the mask mandate means to us is:

Mayor Shipp said - "An individual may choose to continue to wear a mask or not while in public.

"A business owner may choose to require that its employees and patrons continue to wear a mask or not.

"A local government may choose to require that citizens entering public buildings need to continue to wear a mask or not.

"At this time, Gladewater City Hall will continue to ask citizens to wear masks while at City Hall.

"While the mask mandate is being lifted and vaccines are being administered, the City of Gladewater still encourages citizens to continue the practice of wearing masks until there is a larger national consensus among the medical community on lifting this practice. However, it is your choice. PLEASE be respectful of one another's choices. We are in this TOGETHER."

Gladewater ISD officials said they plan to continue with their current plan and require masks until the end of this school year. At that time they will review the situation and come up with a workable plan for the next school year.

The Texas Department of State Health Services late last week notified all vaccine providers that they should immediately include school and child care workers in vaccine administration.

The DSHS received a letter from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services directing states to expand eligibility to include people who work in school and child care operations. The federal directive defined the people eligible as "those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, as well as Head Start and Early Head Start programs (including teachers, staff, and bus drivers) and those who work as or for licensed child care providers, including center-based and family care providers."



## Sen. Hughes files 'Freedom From Censorship Act'

Senator Bryan Hughes, along with Governor Greg Abbott, addressed a coalition in East Texas regarding his filing of Senate Bill 12 to protect Texans' right of free speech. Senator Hughes issued the



following statement on the collusion by Big Technology companies to stifle free speech:

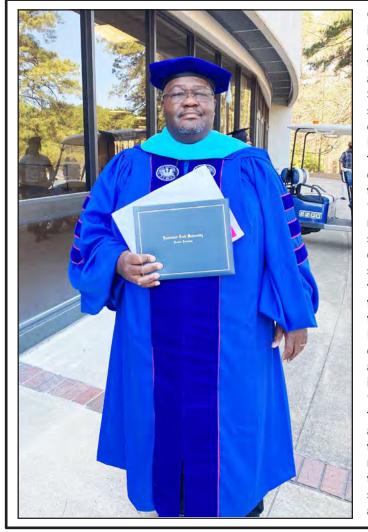
"Americans are seeing an explicit and increasingly intense attack on free speech by Big Tech giants such as Facebook and Twitter. These sites have become the modern public square, wielding unprecedented power over public discourse without being subject to traditional safeguards for individual voices. I filed SB12 to prevent social media companies from discriminating against users based on their social or political viewpoint, to allow Texans who are wrongly silenced

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to quickly get back online, and to hold these enormously powerful companies accountable for their overt political favoritism.

Online censorship by these companies has meant the throttling, banning, and in some cases the deletion of countless Texans who merely attempted to express their points of view online. Remarkably, these tech giants will reflexively bend the knee to woke-ism and even the Chinese Communist Party, yet they cannot muster the courage to tolerate online speech that questions their narrow and misguided world view.

Big Tech is about to learn that Texans are a free and independent people, and we are not accustomed to yielding to bullies."



## Chamber Of Commerce WORKING TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT Annual banquet March 25

The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet will be held March 25 at the Gladewater Former Students Building, 2509 Hendricks St., starting at 6 p.m.

Last year's banquet was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, so this year's event will feature awards - Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, and others - for both 2019 and 2020.

Tumbleweed Smith, creator and producer of "The Sound of Texas" one of the longest running syndicated radio programs in Texas, will be the feature speaker.

Seating is limited due to CDC guidelines - six people to a table instead of the usual eight - so call the chamber soon at 903 845-5501 to reserve your table.

GISD Supt. Sedric Clark received his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree Saturday from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. His dissertation concerned the impact of block scheduling on student achievement, graduation rate and attendance at the high School level. His research found there was no significant statistical difference between the performance of students on block schedules and those on a regular schedule.

Dr. Clark was named GISD Superintendent in 2017. At that time he had finished all of his post graduate work for the degree except his comprehensive exam and his dissertation.

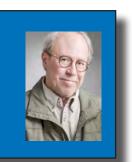
"I completed comps in the fall quarter of 2017 and took the next two years off to focus on learning how to be GISD's superintendent," Dr. Clark said. "I resumed my studies during the fall quarter of 2019 and began work on my dissertation. I successfully defended it on Nov. 19, 2020. I would not have been able to do this without the guidance from my major professor Dr. Bryan L. McCoy, and support from my wife, family and friends."

Dr. Clark said that he pursued the advanced degree because he wanted to get the terminal degree in his field and to enhance his candidacy for the position of superintendent.

"The Gladewater Board of Trustees took a chance on me four years ago when I didn't have it," Clark said. "In an attempt not to betray the trust they put in me, I essentially took two years off from pursuing the degree to learn as much as I could as soon as I could about being superintendent. I believe in seeing things through and was consistently inspired by the faith that my wife, family, friends and the GISD Board that I would finish." Courtesy Photo

## OPINION/EDITORIAL

## **Gary Borders** Capital **Highlights**



#### Mask mandate ends March 10; many entities to continue requiring them

While Gov. Gregg Abbott has lifted the statewide mandate to wear a mask in public and allowed all businesses to operate at full capacity, many businesses, schools and other entities say they will continue to require that masks be worn. Abbott issued the order last week, effective March 10.

"With the medical advancements of vaccines and antibody therapeutic drugs, Texas now has the tools to protect Texans from the virus," Abbott said. "We must now do more to restore livelihoods and normalcy for Texans by opening Texas 100 percent." He urged Texans to take responsibility for themselves when it comes to wearing masks and following other health safety practices.

Political leaders in several of the state's largest cities criticized the decision. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner tweeted, asking (and answering for himself) whether Abbott's move was "an attempt to deflect from the winter storm systemwide state leadership failure. Yes." San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg urged residents to join him in continuing to wear a mask, a sentiment echoed by Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Meanwhile, the Texas Education Agency revised its health guidance policies, saying that "local school boards have full authority to determine their local mask policy." Many of the state's college campuses announced they would continue to require that masks be worn, including The University of Texas, the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech, Southern Methodist University and others.

Several large retailers announced they would continue to require customers to wear masks, including Walmart, Target, Costco and Whole Foods. Grocery retailer H-E-B will not require masks for customers but will "strongly encourage" they be worn. Employees will continue to wear masks.

In the wake of Abbott's announcement, the Texas Supreme Court removed requirements that most court proceedings in the state be held remotely and gave judges the authority to require masks and social distancing. It encouraged judges to hold trials remotely. Three justices dissented.

#### Texas getting more than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses this week

More than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses are shipping this week to providers across the state, a significant increase from previous weeks. That's largely due to nearly a quarter-million doses of the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine coming to Texas. The single-dose vaccine began shipping last week. As of Sunday, more than 4.2 million Texans had received at least one dose and 2.319 million were fully vaccinated. That means about 22 percent of the state's population has gotten at least one dose. Teachers and school staff have been added to the list of those eligible for one of the three vaccines being offered.

#### COVID-19 cases drop, but deaths increase

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas in the past week dropped to 43,328, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine. That's down 22 percent from the previous week and down nearly 73 percent from the record high of 158,922 recorded the week of Jan. 10. However, recorded deaths in Texas rose to 1,730, up 17 percent from the previous week. Hospitalizations for lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients totaled 4,921, down from the record high of more than 14,000 during the week of Jan. 11.

## Tough, tired...and masks, probably still a good idea

Late last Monday night my brother called me from the ER in Lubbock. My Mom was hemorrhaging uncontrollably and I needed to come. And so started another family medical crisis, but this one was far from home without all of my familiar and bottomless resources. My amazing sweetheart booked me out of the Gregg County Airport at 6:15 a.m. and a connecting flight got me to my Mom within just a few hours. I spent the next week in the hospital with her, most of it in the ICU.

We didn't think we would make it out. But once again, despite my mother's insistence she is ready to see Jesus and my Daddy, she miraculously turned the corner after a harrowing and exhausting four days. Our plans are not God's plans and He often surprises us. We have to look for the purpose when he slides us the unexpected and we also need to look for the lessons.

The experience was one for the record books. The ICU had been part of a COVID unit that occupied several floors of the hospital. All of the furniture except the beds and a straight backed chair had been removed during the height of the COVID crisis. I slept sitting up the first night, the second night I got creative with the meal table and by the third I decided the floor would do. That was the day that Super Nurse Cindy walked in and saw this old chick curled up in a corner. Within a few hours all the warehoused furniture was being brought back to the ICU. I think I took one for the ICU families and they will never know. Really the floor wasn't that bad.

Because Mom had severe ICU delirium I spent a lot of time wrangling, pacifying and working with nurses and CNAs to calm her. I learned a great deal from them over those nights and a lot of what I learned was about them. Some shared absolutely horrifying stories of what they had lived and worked through. After posting Gov. Abbott's relaxation of the mask rules on our newspapers' Facebook pages and some responses by folks who have politicized mask wearing I felt led to post the following response:

As citizens we have both rights and responsibilities. It is important that we respect one another and take care of each other. I am in an

## **Suzanne Bardwell**

ICU in Lubbock with my 93-year old mother as I type this. I have visited with nurses here who have lost over 300 patients to COVID in this ICU unit alone.

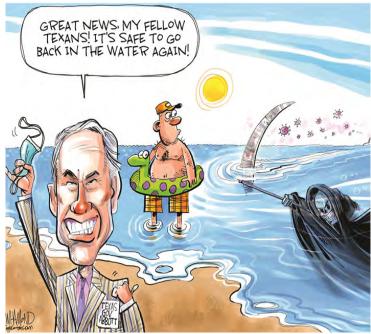
Some of the nurses are still dealing with their personal trauma of losing so many patients in such a limited period. One told me, with tears running over her mask, that she simply can't stop thinking about those who lost their lives in such large numbers to this disease...and the hands she held as people died without their families. Another said that many of the deaths were younger people from a super spreader and that their tragic loss had been unnecessary.

Masks have been proven to help prevent the spread of COVID. I don't like wearing mine, and I sometimes forget to put it on when I should be wearing it. I didn't see the mask mandate as an infringement on my rights but as a request to do my part as a citizen to protect others, especially the medically fragile.

I remember as a child being required to take the polio and small pox vaccines. As a result those diseases are now eradicated in this country. The requirement was not politicized. We did it for the good of our people. Now our children and grandchildren are required to take vaccines for mumps, measles and rubella, as well as whooping cough to attend public school. As a result those diseases are dramatically limited in our population along with the birth defects, deaths and side effects like blindness and deafness that were common when those diseases were rampant.

I consider myself relatively conservative AND I choose not to politicize my mask wearing as a right because of my concern for others who may suffer from my choices. With that said, I think we are (hopefully) moving out of this horrific health crisis but we still need to take care of each other. Life is too precious and too short not to care for one another.





#### Heads roll in wake of widespread blackouts

As state and federal investigations continue into the massive blackouts during the Valentine's Day winter storm, leaders of both the Public Utility Commission and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas left their positions. DeAnn Walker, chairman of the PUC, resigned on March 1 and was replaced by fellow PUC member Arthur D'Andrea. Abbott will appoint someone to fill D'Andrea's position. ERCOT's CEO Bill Magness was fired a few days later by his board, which has lost nearly half its members to resignations. Magness, whose annual salary was at least \$800,000, soon said he would not seek or accept severance pay, which would have been equivalent to a year's pay, according to the Texas Tribune.

#### Schools not penalized for high absences

The Texas Education Agency announced last week that it will "hold harmless" school districts that have seen attendance declines because of the pandemic, as long as they at least maintain current levels of in-school learning. Districts will be funded on attendance projections made before the pandemic, allowing them to retain teachers who might have faced layoffs because of lower enrollment. The state's top leaders announced their support for the hold-harmless provision in a March 4 press release.

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buildings, and power infrastructures are geared toward dealing with the issue that we most

What went wrong with the

Texas power grid during the

recent extreme weather event?

Everything – but it's complicated.

often face - heat! Whether for an individual homeowner or a society, the decision regarding how much to spend on protecting from cold involves an assessment of the costs, benefits, and likelihood of extreme weather.

As the recent historic freeze blanketed Texas, about 40% of generation capacity went offline as demand surged. Wind turbines

What went wrong froze and stopped working. country. The Electric Reliability Natural gas-fired generation Council of Texas is tasked with

particularly difficult to stomach.

Moreover, turbines, conventional

power plants, gas wells, and

pipelines routinely function under

frigid conditions elsewhere, but

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it comes to its power grid, not

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were clearly insufficient.

initially increased (as did coal), ensuring peak demand can be but weather ultimately caused met, yet the grid was apparently issues with these facilities as well. minutes away from catastrophic Some gas wells and pipelines failure. The state certainly has the energy resources to meet its needs were affected, and generators, which often purchase gas through many times over but choosing to "interruptible" contracts, were go it alone brings a responsibility competing for supply with the to set up and assure a secure natural gas directly used to warm power system. Placing all blame on wind about 35% of Texas homes. Given the vast resources in the state, a natural gas shortage is

energy ignores the benefits in the form of both zero emissions and lower electricity prices for Texans during much of the year. Hydrocarbon-fueled generation plants are also not the culprit, and they will remain essential to ensuring adequate capacity until at least the point when the power

supply storage limitations are fully resolved. When the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining, connected to other parts of the renewables are not producing

power, and conventionally fueled generation must be sufficient to meet demands

Texas' relatively more competitive power market has fostered lower prices than would otherwise have been in place and more choices for Texas consumers (we have studied this issue several times). However, the recent problems have clearly illustrated some shortcomings with the structure that must be addressed.

When the historic freeze led to an all-time peak winter power demand, the grid was not up to the task, and millions of Texans suffered. Pointing fingers isn't helpful, but better oversight and thoughtful tweaks to the current market platform can help to prevent another cataclysmic failure (more on that later). Stay safe!



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## WHY STOP THE CHARIOT?

Acts 8: 26-39 is the record of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. This man was the treasurer of Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, and a man of great authority. He was returning from Jerusalem where he had gone to worship, and he was riding in his chariot, reading from the prophet Isaiah, specifically from chapter 53. Philip the evangelist came in contact with him and asked him if he understood what he was reading. He invited Philip to ride along with him and explain if Isaiah was talking about himself or some other man. Verse 35 says, "Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning at the same Scripture, preached Jesus to him." In preaching Jesus, the subject of baptism was broached, and as they came to some water, the eunuch asked Philip, "See, here is water, what hinders me from being baptized?" (v. 36). Upon the Eunuch's confession of his faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God "he commanded the chariot to stand still" (v. 38), and he and Philip went down into the water and Philip baptized him. After the eunuch was baptized, he and Philip parted ways, with the eunuch going "on his way rejoicing" (v. 39), and Philip continuing his preaching tour.

Has it occurred to you, that if what many today say about baptism not being essential to salvation is true, it would have been entirely unnecessary for the eunuch to even stop the chariot? But since the Bible teaches that baptism is essential to one being saved, it is understandable why the eunuch saw the urgency of being baptized as soon as he understood that baptism was essential to his sins being washed away. "(Acts 22: 16). Think on these things.

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### SCOTT A. DYKES

Scott A. Dykes, 53 of Gilmer was born on December 30, 1967 in Greenville, Texas to Clyde and Mary Lou Goodloe Dykes. He passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in Pittsburg.



Scott married Kathryn Lewis on April 3, 2015 and they were married for 5 wonderful years. Scott proudly served in the United States Army and was a member of the Pritchett Missionary Baptist Church since 2013. He worked for Jack Frost Construction as a trim carpenter for many years. Mr. Dykes enjoyed trains and riding motorcycles, he loved to go fishing, shooting guns, watching movies, and playing video games. Scott will be greatly missed by the many friends and family members

he leaves behind.

Scott is survived by his wife, Kathryn Dykes of Gilmer; parents, Clyde and Maryou Dykes also of Gilmer; sons, T.J. Duncan of Linden and Steven Robert Lewis and fiancé, Carlie Modisette of Gilmer; daughters, Elizabeth Nicole Dykes of Gilmer, Lana Gill and husband, Donnie of Leesburg, Lilly Adcock and husband, Don of Gilmer, Tasha Hawkins and husband, Josh of Linden, and Jessica Anne Taber of Gilmer: sisters. Paula Griffith and husband. Jimmie of Gilmer. Jov Bradshaw and husband, Sean of Mt. Pleasant, and Lori Bishop and husband, Logan of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Alice, Lukas, Amelia, Leah, Sophie, Aiden, Caleb, and Jon; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service for Mr. Dykes will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Croley Funeral Home with Bro. Randal Hodges officiating.



#### **BONNIE WAYNE WOODS**

Funeral services for Bonnie Wayne Woods, 85, of Gladewater were held Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the Clarksville City Baptist Church with burial following at Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time at the church. Mrs. Woods



passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at her home surrounded by family. Bonnie was born April 13,1935 in West Mountain to the late Ralph Morris Pritchett and Zora Kathleen Davis Pritchett. She was a longtime devoted member of the Clarksville City Baptist Church. Bonnie worked in many capacities throughout her life;

as a caregiver, housekeeper, caterer,

seamstress and for the last 10 years for Meals on Wheels delivering for those in need. Bonnie was dedicated to the citizens of Gladewater. She loved singing and worshiping the Lord. Bonnie

was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be dearly missed. She married Murrell Lee Woods on September 27, 1953 and they spent 54 years together until his passing in 2008. Bonnie will not soon be forgotten by all those she leaves behind.

Bonnie is survived by her children Ralph Woods and wife JoLynn,

### New website launches to help older adults access programs that reduce loneliness and inactivity

Research shows that people who stay active and engaged in their worlds live longer, healthier, happier lives but until now, finding activities geared for older adults used to mean searching through dozens of websites.

Although social isolation and inactivity are not new issues, a recent study in the Journal of Nutrition Health and Aging suggests that mental and physical health of older people have been negatively affected during social distancing for COVID-19. The main mental and physical outcomes reported were anxiety, depression, poor sleep quality and physical inactivity during the isolation period. Finding healthy, engaging activities is more important than ever.

Aging is Cool, a business focused on active aging, in partnership with Heart and Soul Care, has recently launched, A Mighty Good Time, a one-stop-shop calendar of events and interactive experiences for adults 50 and over. Featuring in-person, virtual, and phone-accessible events from a variety of hosts across the U.S., it's now easier than ever for older adults to find experiences that help them stay social, active, and engaged as they age! The site is FREE for those seeking activities.

"Loneliness and inactivity have been exacerbated by our desire to stay safe during covid. Finding activities can be a challenge if you don't know where to look," says Amy Temperley, Owner of Aging is Cool. "A Mighty Good Time is the first site with the goal to get all of the coolest activities all in one place."

A Mighty Good Time is free for older adults searching for activities. Event hosts from around the country can pay to post their activities on A Mighty Good Time allowing them to connect with more older adults and be more efficient with their marketing dollars.

With a variety of wellness, entertainment, educational, and creative experiences on the calendar, everyone is sure to find something that will pique their interest at www.amightygoodtime.com.

### **Upshur County extends** local Disaster Declaration

#### **By Phillip Williams**

At a brief special meeting Friday morning, Upshur County Commissioners Court ratified and extended County Judge Todd Tefteller's Feb. 26 declaration that a "local disaster" existed due to a mid-February winter storm--a move aimed at qualifying the county for potential state and federal aid to repair storm damage to roads and infrastructure.

County Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols said Monday he had not yet received word whether the county will receive any such aid, and was unaware when he would. Notification is "kinda at their (state and federal officials') whim," he added.

A spokeswoman for Tefteller said Monday he had also received no word on the matter.

By law, Tefteller's declaration was only good for seven days unless the court extended it, which commissioners did for an unspecified period of "more than seven days" during a 7-minute meeting at the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. Although the extension order says he made the declaration Feb. 25, the declaration itself shows the judge actually signed it Feb. 26. The extension says "the conditions necessitating the disaster declaration will continue" existing for more than seven days. Tefteller told commissioners that the winter storm, which dumped several inches of accumulated snow on the county, shut down businesses and hampered travel, was "the worst in recent memory. (It) caused a lot of extensive property damage," and harmed water systems in the

Ore City area, Tefteller said.

He said Nichols asked him to make the declaration because it was needed to make the county eligible for help.

Tefteller also said that State Rep. Jay Dean (R-Longview) had pledged the state would seek to find a way to reimburse local governments for storm-related expenses. Tefteller quoted Dean as saying counties needed to make the local disaster declaration.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle said county-maintained roads received "severe damage," and asked whether the state might help with repairs. Tefteller replied that it depended on what the Texas Legislature decides to do.

"We sure need it," Dolle responded. On Monday, Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley told this newspaper the court was "trying to get help with the roads. . .Hopefully, we can get that, at least."

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Lee Library temporarily closed

Currently, Lee Public Library remains closed for an undetermined amount of time due to water damage from the recent snow storm and sub-freezing temperatures. For your convenience, all library materials may be returned to Gladewater City Hall @ 519 E. Broadway Ave., Gladewater via either the Water Billing Night-Drop Box or inside lobby.

The status of the library will be posted as updates become available. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



The Gladewater High School UIL One Act Play competed in district competition Friday at Union Grove High School where they performed "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" by Jim Leonard Jr. The GHS cast and crew placed fifth with individual honors going to: All Star Cast Abby Nunez, HM All Star cast Hollis Selman and Honor Tech Crew Madie Bedair. The play was directed by Jessica Smith.

#### **GISD** Calendar

3/10, Wednesday 4 p.m. HoneyBear Line tryouts-Aud 3/11, Thursday Baseball@Hawkins Tourn. 8 a.m. Athletic Letter Jacket measured-cafe 12:55 EARLY RELEASE-Students 3:30-6 p.m. Teacher/Parent meetings 3/12, Friday STUDENT HOLIDAY/Parent/ Teacher meetings Ag fundraiser ends Baseball@Hawkins Tournament 3/13 Saturday Baseball@Hawkins Tournament 3/15, Monday SPRING BREAK 3/16, Tuesday SPRING BREAK 4:30/7 p.m. Baseball vs. Sabine-H

6 p.m. B Soccer vs. Mineola-H

#### Senior Night Girls Soccer open 3/18, Thursday SPRING BREAK 3/19, Friday SPRING BREAK 4:30/7 p.m. Baseball@ Daingerfield 6 p.m. B Soccer@Grand Saline 6 p.m. G Soccer vs. Grand Saline-H 3/22, Monday STUDENT HOLIDAY/Teacher Workday 3 p.m. Tennis vs. Brookhill@Tyler Athletics/Swim 2/23, Tuesday 3 p.m. Tennis@Winona 4:30/7 p.m. Baseball vs. New Diana 3/25, Thursday UIL Academics@New Diana 3/26, Friday 4:30/7 p.m. Baseball@Hughes Springs 3/27, Saturday Virtual SPOTLIGHT ON GHS

#### **UGISD** Calendar

3/10, Wednesday Elementary class & spring pictures, FFA @ Houston Livestock Show 3/11, Thursday JVB/VG/VB track @ Sabine, FFA @ Houston Livestock Show 3/12, Friday

Linda Miller, Bobby Woods, Sandra Coffman and husband Danny, James Glen Hodges, Stacy Selman and husband Greg and Angela Milliorn and husband Jeff; three sisters Sherry Spencer, Barbara Hill and Kathy McGuire; 16 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren as well as many other loving family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ralph Morris Pritchett and Zora Kathleen Davis Pritchett, husband Murrell Lee Woods and daughter Patricia Murleen Woods Perkins.

The family would like to thank all the friends, Prime Care Hospice and Prime Care Health Agency for the help, loving care and prayers over the last few months; and also the love, prayers and support of Clarksville City Baptist Church.

Online tributes and condolences can be made at www.croleyfh.net



### Cleaning feeders advised to prevent the spread of diseases among birds

AUSTIN - With spring around the corner, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists are asking residents with bird feeders to routinely clean them, and the areas surrounding them, in order to help slow the spread of potentially deadly diseases among bird species.

Seeds and seed hulls that accumulate on feeder trays and on the ground below feeders can become moldy or start decomposing, especially after heavy use or wet weather, and can make birds sick. Bird droppings, and other contaminants around and on feeders can spread infectious bird diseases.

"The key is to keep the feeders clean, keep the area around the feeders clean, and fully shut down feeding if dead or sick birds are found at the feeder," said TPWD Ornithologist, Cliff Shackelford. "If folks do not, diseases could continue to spread.'

It's advised that bird feeders be cleaned once every two weeks or if there have been reports of salmonella in the area. To properly clean a bird feeder, first take the feeder apart. Wash all of the feeder parts with regular soap and boiling water or allow the parts to soak for 10 minutes in a diluted bleach solution, or an hour in a weak vinegar solution. Afterward, scrub the parts with a clean bottle brush. Rinse the feeder thoroughly or wash in a dishwasher on a hot setting. Allow the feeder to dry completely before refilling it with seeds. Do not use any harsh chemicals or sprays.

Biologists note that bird feeders are purely supplemental food sources for birds and don't serve as sustenance. Even without feeders, birds can survive purely on the seeds and other food sources they are able to find in nature.

Shackelford says that early March is the time of year when many siskins, goldfinches, Purple Finches, Chipping Sparrows, and other favorite "feeder birds" have a tendency to shift to the nearby tree canopy to munch on new buds of several hardwood trees, especially elms.

"At this time, many folks see a decrease in feeder use and presume the birds migrated north, or as is the case this year, died in the recent winter storms," Shackelford said. "When, in fact, they merely shifted to Mother Nature's fresh and nourishing buffet."



Gladewater High School **Duchess** Madelyn Kate **Timmons and Gladewater** Chamber of Commerce **Duchess A'alatiah Nicole Turner proudly represented** their hometown at this past weekend's 83rd Yamboree Queen's Coronation held at the Gilmer Civic Center.

**Courtesy Photo** 

At Friday's meeting, Tefteller said the county cannot receive assistance for damages which are not disaster-related, and that the court's action extended his declaration until commissioners vote to end it.

Cheer Tryouts 10:00 am, Lions @ Beckville 4:30pm, 7pm, Lady Lions @ Overton 4pm, FFA @ Houston Livestock Show 3/13 Saturday Majorette & Drum Major Auditions @ JH Gym, FFA @ Houston Livestock Show 3/14 Sunday Daylight Savings - Spring Forward

### Tina Still named 'bus driver of the year'

#### **By Jim Bardwell**

Tina Still was recognized as "2020-2021 Property Casualty Alliance of Texas Bus Driver of the Year" Monday night by the Gladewater ISD school board. And the school district was recognized with the "Billy Hibbs Safety Award" for having the most improved loss rate, which also came with a \$500 scholarship administered through Claims Administration Services.

Still was chosen for the award based on five attributes: leadership, attitude, perseverance, student and parent relationship, and technical skill.

In other business Monday night:

\* The school board approved tax refunds in the amounts of \$1,023.77 and \$808.36.

\* The school board approved a Resolution for properties bid in trust, so the land can be purchased and new homes constructed on the vacant lot. The City of Gladewater approved this same resolution at its February meeting.

\* The school board approved Dr. Sedric Clark as GISD's authorized representatives for Lone Star - First Public Investments.

\* The school board approved the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar, which includes 180 of instruction for students and 187 days of work for teachers and administration.

\* The school board approved changing the date of the April 2021 board meeting April 19 to April 26 due to a scheduling conflict.



Tina Still was presented her bus driver of the year honor by GISD Chief Operations Officer Kim Chatman.

\* The school board approved Unopposed Candidates" for the a resolution relating to payment Gladewater ISD Board of Trustee of all school district employees Election of May 1, 2021 and during a weather emergency requiring the complete closure of district facilities and a resolution Trustee. Board candidates Jamie providing for the approval and authorizing the filing of application for missed school day waivers to the Texas Education Agency.

This addresses last month's winter storm that caused school to be closed.

\* The school board approved board members Jon Keller and Charles Rambo metal trades Ross Morgan to help in the 2021- teacher, Will Bratcher math approved a "Certification of PE teacher/coach.

approved an order of cancellation for the Gladewater ISD Board of Robertson and Jeff Cook drew no challengers for the 2 school board seats sought.

\* Following executive session, the board approved contracts for Jerry Berry a physical education teacher coach and Scott Mann as an assistant principal.

Resignations accepted included 2022 school year budget process. teacher, Austin Karcher PE \* The school board also teacher and Robert Chadwick

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Union Grove High School Band has comopeted for 31 consecutive years as a Sweepstakes Band. Last week they earned straight 1's at the concert and sight reading contest. Great job Mr. Garmon, Mr. Thompson, and all band members!





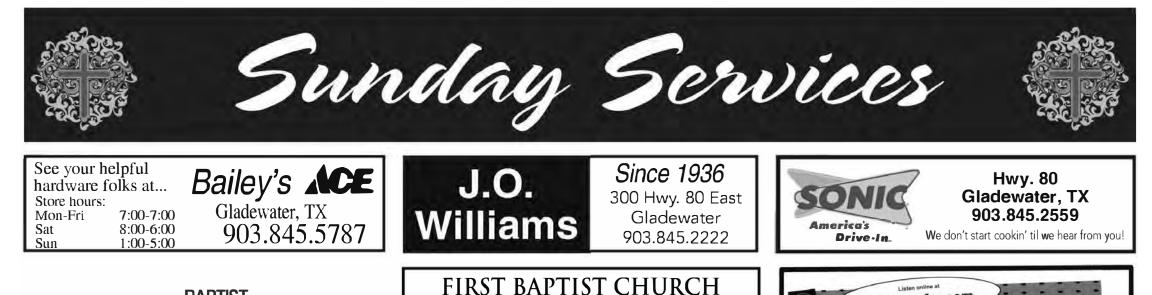
The Union Grove High School One Act Play will advance to bi-district competition. District honors include All Star cast Emily Melton, Davy Branscom and Mireya Evans. Preston Woodall received honorable mention and Bailey Clowers received a tech award. The play is directed by Sandy Spears.

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The Union Grove Lion powerlifting team competed at regional competition placing third overall with Lane Turner placing second, Isaiah O'Neal placing fifth, Vincent Miller placing first, Nathan Huckabay fifth, Davy Branscom third and Tyler Rodgers fourth. Lion lifters Lane Turner and Vincent Miller will both advance to state competition.

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Club student of the month. Ryleigh is a 4-year member of the HoneyBear drill team and earned freshman HoneyBear of the Week honors. As a freshman she also placed second in the GHS Black History celebration and talent show and as a sophomore was selected as a HoneyBear Lieutenant. This year she earned the position of HoneyBear 1st Lieutenant. The talented HoneyBear choreographed four different dance routines. Throughout high school she has performed with the HoneyBears for Spotlight on GHS and other special performances. Her parents are Candice and Zachary Turnbow.

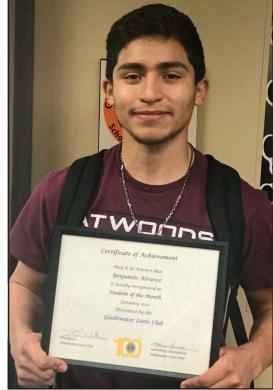
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TAKE YOU

M. Katherine Banks, dean of the college of engineering at Texas A&M University, has been named the sole finalist for president of the flagship university based in College Station after a national search.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved Chancellor John Sharp's recommendation at a board meeting Wednesday after four finalists were interviewed. Under state law, the board must wait 21 days before taking a final vote on the finalist.

If approved, Banks will become the second woman president in Texas A&M history after Elsa Murano, who served in the role from 2008 to 2009.



Lion Club Student of the Month Benjamin Alvarez is a proud 3-year member of the award winning Bear Band. He has held the position of second chair saxophone all three years of high school. He is a 3-year varsity baseball letterman and a member of this year's varsity football team. Ben is also involved in FFA and participates in livestock judging and is on the livestock show team. After graduation Ben plans to attend Tyler Junior college to become a veterinarian technician. His parents are Israel and Lupe Alvarez.

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Hannah Edwards is Lion's Club Student of the Month for February. The standout musician is a proud member of the GHS Marching Band. As a freshman she earned a first division on a Class 1 solo in UIL Solo & Ensemble competition. She has earned first chair flute honors in the GHS Band as well as first chair in the All **Region Symphonic Band her sophomore** year and third chair flute in the All Region Symphonic Band this year qualifying her for area tryouts. Hannah also earned first division honors on Class 1 flute quartet in UIL Solo & Ensemble her sophomore year qualifying for state tryouts which were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She also was recognized in last year's Spotlight on GHS as earning top 10 percent honors for the Class of 2022. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Her parents are Sam and Brandi Edwards.

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## UG speech and debate excels

The Union Grove UIL speech and debate teams had the following national speech and debate qualifiers: District winners in DUO interpretation were John Caviness and Daytona Vaughn. First Alternate team was Sarah Clowers and Mireya Evans and second alternate team was Emily Melton and Hope Rogers. The national tournament will be in virtual format in June. The teams are coached by Sandy Spears.



GHS junior Michael Lewis is a February Lion's Club Student of the Month. The standout athlete is a 2-year member of the varsity cross country team and varsity tennis team. As a freshman he won the gold medal in the JV Men's singles division at tennis district competition. He was also chosen as an Outstanding Student nominee in Spotlight on GHS. As a sophomore he served as a HoneyBear Escort, was inducted into the National Honor Society, was a member of the JV Basketball team and was named 2020 Best **Preps Boys Cross Country Student-Athlete** of the Year nominee. Michael was also Spotlight Sophomore Outstanding Student nominee.The scholar-athlete currently has a GPA of 3.9 and was ranked fifth in his class last year. Upon graduation he plans to attend LeTourneau University to pursue an Engineering degree or Kilgore College to complete the Process Technology program for Eastman Chemical Company. His parents are Mike and Tiffany Lewis.

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Jennifer Briggs, Election Official

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Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en el elecciónes para la Ciudad de Kilgore y la Ciudad de Gladewater que se llevará a cabo el <u>1 de mayo de 2021</u> se probará el <u>15 de marzo</u> <u>de 2021</u> a la <u>2 de la tarde</u> en el primer piso de la corte del condado de Gregg para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

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The petition of Maria Claret Rivera, Plaintiff, was filed in the 307th District Court, Gregg County Courthouse in Longview, Texas on the 25th day of February, 2021, against Juan Lopez Noyola, Defendant, and said suit being numbered **2021-313-DR** on the docket of said Court, and entitled **IN THE INTEREST OF THE MARRIAGE OF MARIA CLAR-ET RIVERA AND JUAN LOPEZ NOYOLA** 

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirement of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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# Texas teens urged to buckle up

Car wrecks are the leading cause of death among teenagers, and 41% of Texas teen drivers killed in 2019 weren't wearing a seat belt. That's why the Texas Department of Transportation is conducting a "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign in March. TxDOT is sending out safety messages via social media, TV, radio and digital media. "Due to their limited driving experience, teens are far more susceptible to being in a crash," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Far too many of these crashes are deadly because of the failure to buckle up. Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Click it and be safe."

# Public input sought on Texas Hunting Regulation Proposals for 2021-22

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is now taking public comment on the following proposed changes to the 2021-2022 Statewide Hunting and Migratory Game Bird Proclamations:

\* Add crossbow to the definition of lawful archery equipment

\* Modify the muzzleloader definition to clarify only the bullet or projectile must be loaded through the muzzle

\* Remove the prohibition on trailing wounded deer with dogs in Angelina, Hardin, Nacogdoches, Orange, Shelby, and Tyler counties; In addition, allow the trailing of wounded deer to no more than two dogs on a leash in Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine counties

\* Eliminate the experimental pronghorn season in the northern Panhandle and expand the general pronghorn season from 9 to 16 days statewide

\* Modify opening day for chachalacas to be concurrent with quail season

\* Close Panola County to hunting Eastern turkey season during the spring

\* Implement mandatory reporting for spring turkey hunting (April

1–30) in the "Western 1 Gobbler" counties in southcentral Texas \* Align spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons with consistent

North and South Zone boundaries along Highway 90 \* Allow a statewide squirrel hunting season by opening the

remaining closed counties to a year-round hunting season \* Add two days of hunting opportunity in the Special White-winged Dove Area (SWWDA) within the South Dove Zone

\* Establish season dates and daily bag limits for all migratory game bird hunting seasons

The public is encouraged to provide comment on the proposed regulation changes, and input will be considered before any action is taken by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its March 25 public hearing. Opportunities to provide comments for or against these proposals include:

Zoom Webinar: TPWD Wildlife staff will present proposed hunting regulation changes and answer questions in an online webinar at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16. The webinar will also be posted on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

**Online:** Comments on each of the changes can be provided on the TPWD public comment page until March 24.

For Migratory Game Bird Proclamation comments, or comments regarding upland game birds or squirrels, please contact Shaun Oldenburger, shaun.oldenburger@tpwd.texas.gov

For Statewide Hunting Proclamation comments concerning pronghorn, please contact Shawn Gray, shawn.gray@tpwd.texas.gov For methods of take, please contact Alan Cain, alan.cain@tpwd. texas.gov

Teams Commission Meeting: The TPW Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at their meeting on Thursday, March 25 in Austin. Those wishing to provide public testimony are required to pre-register in order to speak. Public testimony is normally limited to three minutes per person.



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## **By Christina Wightman** The Union Grove varsity girls' season enjoyed another deep III 2A to perennial power and sixth

Looking back at Lady Lions' great season

playoff run losing out in the Regional Semi-Finals in Region

state ranked Martin's Mill 47-35. Union Grove was trailing 13-12 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Lions took a two point lead early in the second quarter on a Makena Littlejohn three point basket. With 2:45 remaining in the first half the Lady Mustangs ended the half on a 7-0 run to take a 24-16 lead.

Opening up in the third quarter the Lady Lions went 0-5 from the field and saw Martin's Mill lead increase to 14, which became enough separation for the Mustangs to close out Union Grove and advance to their 16th regional finals in a row. The Lady Lions were led in scoring by Makena Littlejohn with nine, Carleigh Judd with nine, Gracie Winn had eight and Macey Alston with seven.

Union Grove began their playoff run with a warm-up game against 15AAA undefeated district champion Gladewater where the Lady Lions handled the Lady Bears 80-44. Union Grove then faced Cushing in the bidistrict round defeating the Lady Bearkats 56-18 with Carleigh Judd leading the way with 20 big points followed by Robert's



Union Grove Girls Basketball Team: Gracie Stanford, Gracie Winn, Makena Littlejohn, Kyler Littlejohn, Sumeet Mattu, Ava Wightman, Brady Colby, Bailey Clowers, Carleigh Judd, Macey Alston and Macey Roberts.

Lady Lions flipped the script in the with Ava Wightman going four fourth taking a 10 pt lead with 30 seconds to go before closing out the win 50-44. Union Grove's defense held Broaddus to only one point over a five minute period in the fourth quarter and Gracie Stanford came off the bench to score five much needed points in the quarter.

13 and Ava Wightman off the disrupting playoff scheduling, in six years. Union Grove finishes teams who continued to advance

for four at the free throw line. With 2:39 left in a tie contest the Lady Lions took a timeout and proceeded to execute an inbound play to perfection as Carleigh Judd found Gracie Winn on a backdoor cut layup to take the lead, in what would be the winning basket. The win propelled the Lady Lions to Because of the weather their third Regional Tournament

bench with seven. Following the win Union Grove, like most East Texas schools, had to endure a Winter Storm for the history books, and endure both play and practices being suspended for seven days. Once able to resume playoff basketball, Union Grove took on Broaddus in the Area round after just having one practice in 10 days and found themselves down 37-32 heading into the fourth quarter. But behind the efforts of Macey Alston's 18 points and Carleigh Judd's 15, the

### Blood drives set

Carter BloodCare of Tyler has set several mobile blood drives in the Gilmer and Longview areas this month, announced Carter spokeswoman Donna Wagner Russell.

The Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce, which said that "recent snow storms have caused a critical blood shortage in East Texas" and "all types of blood are needed," will host a drive in downtown Gilmer on Wednesday, March 17.

The mobile unit will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Hilltex Insurance Group at 100 E. Jefferson, just down the street from the chamber on the courthouse square. Antibody testing is available for all blood donors.

All donors must meet certain guidelines, including being symptom-free of COVID-19 for 14 days. To schedule an appointment to donate, or for more information, contact the chamber at 903-843-2413 or email it at gilmerareachamber@ gmail.com.

Union Hill High School in rural Upshur County will host a drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 18. The school is located in the Bettie community at 2197 FM 2088 near Gilmer.

For more information on that event, contact Roeann Logan at 903-762-2138 or 903-452-8426.

would be required to play consecutive season of 25 or more potentially three games in a week therefore Union Grove had to face Timpson on just one day's rest. Union Grove defeated Timpson in the Regional Quarterfinals 43-41. Timpson missed a last second shot to tie the game at the buzzer as it went in and out. Union Grove held Timpson scoreless over the last 3:21 of the game to secure a narrow two point win. The Lady Lions were led by Macey Alston's 21points and Carleigh Judd's eight

the season 26-5 marking the sixth wins.

"You always are looking to play your best basketball of the year as you enter the playoffs, but considering how the weather interrupted the play of games and impacted the lives of our players/families it definitely makes how this group performed in the playoffs truly remarkable," Coach Littlejohn said. "I can't be more proud of our girls and the senior leadership."

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# Varsity Lady Bears claim team bronze in BB Relays

The Lady Bear varsity track team won the team bronze in last week's Bobby Bernard Relays with the following individual results: 100m dash-Aalatiah Turner second place and Makayla Police third place. Kamryn Floyd took the gold medal in the 200m dash with a time of 26.34 and Neriah Jackson won third place. Samya Lewis Frierson placed third in the 400m dash while Megan Perez placed third.

The 4x100m relay team of Aalatiah Turner, Deja Martin, Ebony Pipkin and Neriah Jackson won the gold in the 4x100m relay with a time of 52.11. Earning team silver in the 4x200m relay was the team of Alise Sanders, Kamryn Floyd, Kiyonna Parker and Makayla Police. Earning the bronze medal in the 4x400 relay was the team of Alise Sanders, Ebony Pipkin, Megan Perez and Samya Lewis Frierson.

Aalatiah Turner told the silver in the long jump while teammate Makayla Police won the bronze. Police also snagged the silver in the triple jump with Megan Perez taking fifth place honors.

Sabine took first place team honors with 291 points, Pitt Girls the silver with 114 points, Gladewater won team bronze with 109 and Spring Hill came in fourth with 56 points.

## Bears sweep tourney

By Suzanne Bardwell

Under Coach Jeff Hodges the Bear baseball team tore up the diamond this past weekend in the Tim Crowder Invitational Baseball Tournament. In Thursday's matchup with Quinlan Ford the Bears took the win big with a 10-1 score. Eli Kates went two for three with an RBI and Ben Alvarez tripled in the first game of the tournament for the Bears. Alvarez also went the distance on the mound striking out six and giving up only one earned run.

Next up was Alba Golden who fared a bit better against the Bears who still took the win 7-4. Garrett Glenn, Tanner Gothard and Eli Kates all went two for three for the Bears in this matchup. Gothard also had three RBIs. Dennis Allen had two RBIs and Austin Verner pitched a complete game striking out seven while walking three and giving up four earned runs.

On Friday Chapel Hill fared no better with the Bears beating them 7-4. The Bears put together their third win in a row with the help of Zach Polanco who went two for three at the plate with a triple and an RBI. Eli Kates also tripled and had an RBI. Tanner Gothard had two RBIs as well and he took the win on the mound going the distance and striking out five and walking two.

Saturday saw the Bears power down on Chapel Hill again beating them 11-5 taking the game in hand early by scoring seven big runs in the top of the first inning. Tanner Gothard and Dennis Allen both had two hits each. Wyatt Webb had a triple that plated three runs. Zach Polanco had a double and two RBIs along with K'Havia Reese. Wyatt Webb took the win on the mound leaving after three innings pitched with two strike outs.

The tourney was capped off with a huge 18-0 hammering of All Saints by the Bears. Garrett Glenn went two for three with four runs scored and three RBIs. Tanner Gothard went two for three with four RBIs. Several Bears had hits in this contest including Eli Kates with two, Austin Verner with two, Dennis Allen and Zach Polanco with one each. Eli Kates earned the pitching win by pitching three innings, giving up no hits and striking out four. Dennis Allen pitched the last inning striking out the side. Three pitchers combined to throw this no hitter with K'Havia Reese facing down two batters.

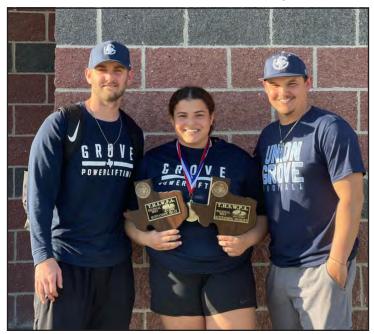
## Lady Bear softball hits Lear Park tourney

The Lady Bear softball team competed in the Texas 2 Step Tournament at Longview's Lear Park last week matching up with Prairiland, Hooks, Mt. Vernon, Queen City and Longview. Kilgore took the win 2-5, Prairiland won 0-9, there was a tight game with Hooks with the Lady Bears taking the loss 9-12 and Mt. Vernon took the win 4-11. The Lady Bears found their stride in the match up with



The Lady Bear and Bear varsity track teams won the team bronze in last week's Bobby Bernard Relays, while the JV boys team won silver and the JV girls won bronze. See more photos and complete results at www.Gladewatermirror.com and at the *Gladewater Mirror* Facebook Page.

Photo by Chris Jones



Union Grove Lady Lion Maya Huffman won first place, most outstanding deadlift and three time regional record deadlift and state qualifier. Lady Lion Mireya Evans placed fourth qualifying her for state competition as well. Courtesy Photo

# Varsity Bears earn team bronze in meet

The varsity Bear track team individual results from the Bobby Bernard Relays hosted by Gladewater High School on March 4 include Jameal Hawk winning silver in the 100m dash and sixth place in the 400m dash. In the 1600m run John Reynolds earned fifth place honors while in the 3200m run he placed fourth.

The 4x100m relay team of DJ Allen, Khaki Reese, Kollin Lewis and Tristan Holmes earned the gold medal with a time of 45.15. Gold was struck again in the 4x200 relay with the team of DJ Allen, Khavia Reese, Kollin Lewis and Nick Lincoln with a time of 1:34.50.

Tyler Smith won the silver in shot put competition and Chase Wise took fifth place. Tyler Smith won fifth place in discus and Darion Simmons won sixth. Nick Lincoln took the gold in the triple jump with a distance of 38'10" and he also earned the bronze medal in the high jump.

Sabine took team honors in the meet with 252 points, Spring Hill second with 170 and Gladewater third with 83 points.



GHS tennis standouts Gage Mitchell and Blake Holder won first place in men's doubles in the Longview High School Tennis Tourney held last Thursday. They are coached by Kelly Berry. Courtesy Photo

## JV Bears take silver

The GHS JV track team results from last week's Bobby Bernard Relays hosted by GHS include: 100m dash-third place Avery Mays, fifth place Ladatrion Smith and sixth place Kendall Williams. In the 200m dash JT Maddox took the gold medal with a time of 25.03. In the 400m dash Xavier Woods won the silver medal and Tristan Collins took fifth place.

Francisco Coronado won first place in the 800m run with a time of 2:25, Caleb Kimbrell won second place with 2:34 and Chance Throgmorton took fifth place. Coronado also won the gold in the 1600m run with a time of 6.12, Chance Throgmorton took third place and Kyle Martin came in fourth. Martin also placed third in the 3200m run.

In the 110m hurdles Blake Crane won third place. The 4x100m relay saw the team of Frank Sierra, JT Maddox, Kyron Wilson and Tyrone Maddox win first place with a time of 47.72. The team of Israel Cerda, Jackson Williams, Trevor Hollins and Tyrone Maddox also struck gold in the 4x200m relay with a time of 1:41.68. In the 4x400m Relay the team of JT Maddox, Jackson Williams, Xavier Woods and Zavier Woods earned the silver in 4:17.00.

In long jump competition Jackson Williams took the silver medal and Trevor Hollins earned fifth place honors. In discus Jobey Shico won fourth and Tristan Collins in sixth place in discus. Tyrone Maddox won the gold medal in the triple jump with a 37'5" effort, while teammate Billy Campbell won fourth place. In high jump Maddox took the silver and Trevor Hollins the bronze.

Spring Hill took the team gold in the meet with 185.5 points and the Bears in a close second at 180 points won team silver. Sabine came in third place with 168.5 points.

Queen City taking the win 4-1. Longview's Lady Lobos defeated the Lady Bears 1-6 in tournament play.

Tourney stats include: Avery Glarborg, pitcher, recorded 31 strikeouts while hitting two singles and two RBIs; Livia Prince, center fielder, with a batting average of .355, with six runs and eight singles; Sydney Sprulock, third base, had three runs, three singles, two doubles and two RBIs;

Trinity Mooney, catcher, had a batting average of .333 with one home run, three runs, six singles and two RBIs; Lexi Betts, short stop, had one run, three singles, two doubles and three RBIs; and Katelynn Moses, left field, had a slugging percentage of .515, with three runs, two singles, one double one triple and three RBIs. The team is coached by Chase Manley.

## JV Lady Bears win track team bronze in BB Relays

The JV Lady Bears took the team bronze in last week's Bobby Bernard Relays. Individual results include in the 200m dash Caiya Harris taking fourth place and Madisyn McGuire sixth place. In the 400m dash Haddasah Balcorta took the gold in a decisive 1:10.66 while teammates Sunni Wade took fourth place and Madisyn McGuire took sixth. In the 800m run Sunni Wade took third place and Kylie Jalomo earned sixth place honors. Savannah Kegarise placed fourth in the 1600m run and third in the 3200m run.

The JV Lady Bear team of Calice Henderson, Jerrica Gilmore, Kyla Lincoln and Ramya Ransom earned gold medals in the 4x100

with a time of 53.62. Gold was struck again by the same team in the 4x200m relay with a 2:00.00 time.

Calice Henderson earned first place in the long jump, Kyla Lincoln second place and Jerrica Gilmore won third place honors. In the triple jump Jerrica Gilmore won first place, Calice Henderson second place and Kyla Lincoln won third place. Henderson earned the gold in the high jump with a height of 4'.

The Pitt Girls took first team honors with 192 points, Sabine the silver with 137 just edging out the Lady Bears at 135 while Spring Hill came in fourth place.



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