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## Commissioners reverse decision on jail cell

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court, faced with a protest over plans to preserve the onetime jail cell from which the notorious convicted murderer Jerry (Animal) McFadden escaped in 1986, voted 5-0 Friday to demolish it instead.

McFadden's July 9, 1986 escape and abduction of a female dispatcher from the jail, then located on the county courthouse's fifth floor in Gilmer, triggered what was reportedly the largest manhunt in Texas history before his recapture two days later. The incident made national news.

Upshur County Sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel, who participated in the manhunt while working for another agency, and County Judge Todd Tefteller acknowl-

edged they had proposed preserving the cell for historic purposes, an idea that drew protests at Friday's emotion-charged meeting from the families of two of McFadden's three purported murder victims.

The plan called for retaining the cell in the jail's former locale as a memorial to the three. But relatives of the 18-year-old Hawkins woman McFadden received the death penalty for murdering, Suzanne Harrison, had sent a letter to area newspapers protesting the plan.

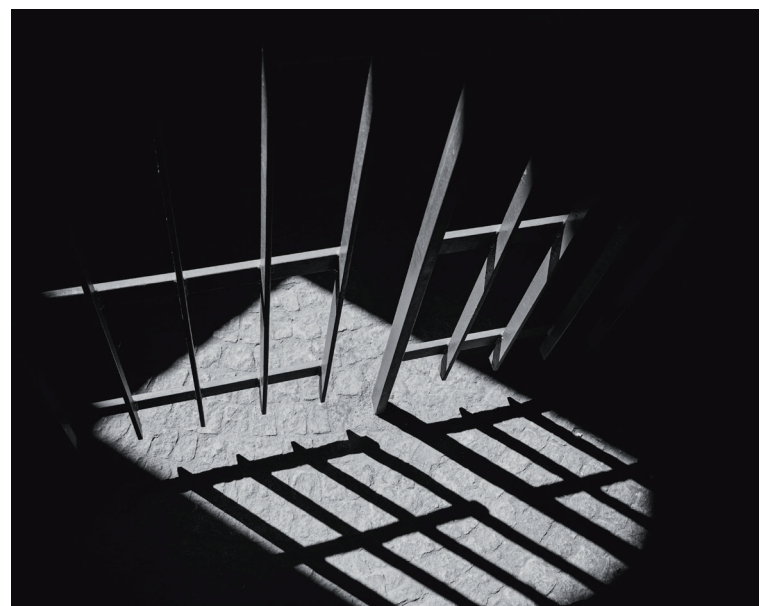
They, and the husband of one of Harrison's cousins, protested that the idea would glamorize McFadden (who was executed in 1999), and bind his victims to him. Among those speaking to the court were the elderly parents of one of the victims, Gena Turner.

Tefteller told attendees at Friday's meeting, "We were thinking this (preserving the cell as a memorial to the victims) would make him (McFadden) infamous.

"I didn't think about it from your (the families') standpoint," the judge said, adding "I got carried away with the history end of it. . . I'm wrong and I'm sorry."

The audience applauded when the court unanimously voted to demolish the onetime cell. Turner's mother, Helen Turner, said after the meeting she was "glad they came to their senses."

The 87-year-old county courthouse where the old cell is located is currently undergoing a nearly \$13 million renovation. The county jail was moved to its nearby current location months after McFad-



den's escape, and plans call for converting the jail's former fifth-floor location into office space.

Hazel told Friday's meeting "the preservation of the jail cell is my floor location into office space."

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## City council to consider issuing \$850,000 in bonds

Gladewater City Council members are set for more key votes in order to utilize Texas Water Development Board funds on local infrastructure.

The group will gather for March's monthly session at 6 p.m. Thursday in City Hall, and three interconnected water board items are on the agenda including discussion and consideration of issuing Certificates of Obligation for \$850,000 to the TWDB.

The night's agenda also includes presentation of Gladewater Police Department's annual 'Use of Force Report' and its 'Racial Profiling Report' for council consideration.

In addition to regular items like the mayor's comments and the city manager's monthly report on administrative, project and department updates, the early agenda features Citizens Comments and the night's consent agenda, including a contract between the city and the Gregg County Elections office for election services for the May 4 general and special election.

A public hearing and subsequent vote is set on a Specific Use Permit request for a Tattoo & Piercing Studio at 905 N. Main St. The council members are also scheduled to consider the city's annual audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as well as the ratification of Gladewater Economic Development Corporation's new Emergency Relief Grant Program.

In addition to a possible amendment on 'Land Use' in the city's code of ordinances related to "container homes," the remainder of the agenda includes 'discussion and consideration,' i.e. votes, on:

- construction of a new G-19 hangar at Gladewater Municipal Airport;
- awarding a contract for the Gay Avenue Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project;
- an ordinance closing and abandoned an undeveloped alleyway that runs northeast and southwest on portions of Tyler Road and Empire Street;
- selection of a contractor for requisite lead testing on water service lines throughout the community;
- an 'executive session' discussion (and potential action in public following the closed door dialogue) on the annual review of the city manager, city clerk, city treasurer and library director.



The community's antiquated infrastructure continues to keep Public Works crews busy, and City of Gladewater teams were hard at work March 13, including one crew attending to a leak repair on Dean between Glade and Commerce and another set working on a break in an oilfield waterline (under the city's main) in the 800 Block of West Pacific St.

## Chamber banquet highlights solar eclipse March 28

Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's 93rd annual Membership Banquet is coming up next week, but it's celebrating a theme that won't be viable again for decades.

"We came up with the title 'Once in a Lifetime' because our banquet is on Thursday night (March 28) then the eclipse is on April 8th," according to Lois Reed. "For some of us, this will be our last time to see a total eclipse where we live now."

With the eclipse theme at the top of her mind, Reed eagerly recruited professional speaker and writer Tammy

Whitehurst as the night's entertainment.

"Her talk is going to be fitting right in with our theme," Reed teased, dropping no other hints but excited for whatever comes: "I heard her speak once at a banquet and she had us rolling. Tears were coming out of our eyes we were laughing so hard, then the next moment she would say something and snap you back."

The 2024 event's set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 28 at the Gladewater Former Students Associa-

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## Love's the secret ingredient at new Italian eatery

By James Draper

The namesake of Manni's Italian Kitchen has a key vision for the restaurant – that it becomes a place for people to fall in love.

Now, whether that's with a blind date, a bowl of strawberry gelato or a plate of Bucatini Alla Pescatora Fra Diavolo remains to be seen.

The restaurant opened its doors and its kitchen to the public Tuesday, and diners returning to 224 W. Pacific Ave. are in for a surprise as the former pizza joint has undergone an extensive renovation and revitalization since they last stepped inside.

The cuisine, of course, has met a complete transformation as well. The team behind Manni's aims or a homey Italian menu to welcome a diverse community of family, friends, neighbors and, perhaps, future sweethearts.

That's how it began, after all.

A few years back, Manni Sheikh was set up on a blind date at Café Barron's in Longview, and he's grateful today to credit the locally-owned fine dining establishing for changing his life. On the other side of that equation was Madison Mack, likewise eager to meet her mystery dinner companion.

From that first meal to courtship, proposal, engagement, wedding and honeymoon, the couple's love story is part of the fabric of Manni's Italian Kitchen and, in no small way, its origin story. The choice of menu manifested not long after they said their vows in 2023.

"Right after we got back from our honeymoon, actually," Manni says. "We went to Italy," touring through Capri, Rome and Florence. "It's just a great place."

"I said, we ought to just open up a restaurant. It ended up taking some shape, and a myriad of things came together for this."

It came together just in time: the restaurant's official grand opening March 19 landed one day after Madison and Manni's one-year anniversary.

Notably, their families are integral in the restaurant's story, as well – Madison's the daughter of Longview Mayor Dr. Andy Mack; Manni's the son of SND Energy Company's Ali



The namesake of Manni's Italian Kitchen, Manni Sheikh (center) and his wife, Madison, greet guests during the restaurant's soft opening March 15 before it's grand opening earlier this week. The couple – whose honeymoon to Italy inspired the new venture – hope the 224 W. Pacific Ave. eatery becomes a hub for patrons of all walks and a prime place for couples to fall in love on blind dates, as they did. Photo by James Draper

Sheikh, a cornerstone East Texas oil producer;

"I started working here about 10 years ago in the East Texas, Longview, Gladewater area," Manni said. "To be around in the '30s and '40s at these places that were booming – the history behind the places, it's neat..."

The newlyweds looked into buying 224 W. Pacific Ave. It was, at that point, a fixer-upper. The former West Pacific Pizza had seen better days, and it had been shuttered for a good while.

"With a little imagination, though... My dad said, 'We might as well make a pizza place.' All the equipment was already here," Manni recalled. "It kind of evolved from there to 'Let's get a whole new kitchen, let's get it all fixed up.'"

Unsurprisingly, the two joined families were keen for what would come of the dream: "The grandmothers and the aunts,

they just wanted a good place to come eat. We brought them for a tasting here, and they were all ranting and raving."

Most of the recent renovations have been handled internally, with few contractors involved, but the changes are extensive. The main dining room remains, of course, but it's had a full makeover, including the installation of a new bar in the brightened space behind a refreshed façade.

Through one doorway is the new gelato parlor, welcoming patrons there for lighter fare. The gelato area will feature as many as nine flavors and special combinations – a recent private event featured butter pecan, strawberry-meringue and 'real vanilla' with vanilla beans – plus two flavors of soft-serve not far from a two-gauge espresso machine.

The creamery offers a front-row seat for the real heart of the restaurant: the Manni's team has embraced an open kitchen concept, giving patrons the opportunity to witness the hustle and flow of the staff, and that energy was already at a healthy peak during a soft opening event March 15.

The kitchen's almost wholly-changed since Wayne Shott put almost 20 years into the former pizza joint. Today, he's the new eatery's VP of Sales & Marketing and eager to lead tours of the refreshed building.

"It was not as pretty this then," Shott said. "We've put a lot of time and effort in cleaning it up."

Veteran Chef Romer Perez Gillespie brings more than 45 years of food and beverage experience in both free-standing restaurants and hotels of all types to the new operation – view the menu at mannitaliankitchen.com.

Notably, the restaurant now includes a private dining area for special events plus an overflow space that used to be a game room. A key goal, Manni says, is to welcome local clubs and groups to host lunch or dinner-time meeting.

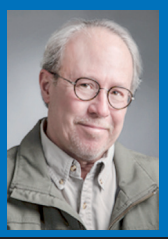
Meanwhile, he and Madison – the wider family and team – want the spot to be a gathering place for all ages, a hub for the widest range of healthy activity and home-style dining: for young people looking to hang out, for older folks looking for a comfortable meal, for families eager for a thriving

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Texas counties among nation's fastest growing

Recent estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that six of the 10 fastest-growing counties in the United States from 2022 to 2023 were in Texas. According to the Texas Tribune, Kaufman County, just east of Dallas, led the list with a 7.6% increase in new residents that brought its population to more than 185,000. Census data shows that Rockwall and Liberty counties closed out the top three, with growth rates of 6.5% and 5.7%, respectively.

Also in the top 10 with the largest residential growth rates are Chambers, Comal and Ellis counties. All 10 of the fastest-growing counties are in the South, Census officials said, and are due to people relocating from other parts of the country.

"Domestic migration patterns are changing, and the impact on counties is especially evident," said Lauren Bowers, chief of the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Branch.

Texas also holds eight of the 10 counties that added the most residents from 2022 to 2023, with Harris, Collin and Montgomery counties leading nationwide. Harris County added 53,788 residents, more than any other county in the U.S.

### Major wildfires nearly contained

The largest wildfire in Texas history is 89% contained as of Sunday, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, after burning more than a million acres.

The Smokehouse Creek fire in Hutchinson County is one of two active wildfires in the state. The only other wildfire not contained is the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, 94% contained and consuming 144,045 acres.

There are currently 70 counties with burn bans in place.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Gov. Greg Abbott's disaster declaration request for the following Panhandle counties: Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler.

"These disaster declarations will help Texans in communities affected by the Smokehouse Creek and Windy Deuce wildfires receive critical financial assistance they need as they continue to recover and rebuild," Abbott said.

Low-interest loans are available to homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the wildfires.

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idea," and showed his respect for the victims. He noted he himself had a cousin, who has never been found, disappear in 1999.

"I have always been a history enthusiast," Hazel explained, and McFadden's escape was "the most consequential" incident in the longtime courthouse's history. Demolishing the cell would "deny the building's history," he said, and, apparently replying to the contention it would glamorize the late convicted murderer, Hazel termed McFadden "the embodiment of evil."

He compared his idea to the preservation of the Texas School Book Depository, from which many believe the shots were fired in President Kennedy's assassination, and Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., where President Lincoln was slain. "Good took back" those buildings "from evil," he explained.

"I do not regret proposing my idea," Hazel added, but said it was clear the families didn't want the cell preserved and that he regretted the trouble the idea caused the commissioners court. He said he would support whatever decision they made.

Before Hazel spoke, Gena Turner's father, Calvin Turner of Lindale, told the court "we have been heartbroken for 38 years" over his daughter's murder and that preserving the cell would be "like taking the scab off."

"How would you feel if it was your daughter?" he asked the court. "It all comes back--what we missed out by our daughter being killed. . . We didn't get any closure till I was able to attend the execution (13 years after the murders). That helped a lot."

## Fake News ...

Let's talk about what 'Fake News' really is...it is NOT coming from credible newspapers, journalistically sound magazines or broadcast NEWS journalists. Make sure YOU, as a consumer of news, know the difference between news reporting and commentary.

A great deal of what you see on the 24-hour 'news' channels or hear on talk radio is commentary and often opinion-based and agenda driven. It is NOT NEWS. Quite often what is shared online is flat out deception.

I hate the phrase 'the media'. What media would you be referring to? Art? Photography? The internet? Newsprint? Broadcast? Because every time you say it, I think it is ME you are railing angrily at. I also hate the phrase 'FAKE NEWS'. By nature News is not fake. It is based on credible sources and is fact and logic based.

When a factual mistake is made by a credible journalistic source it is corrected as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the out of control internet information on this pandemic is a virus just as dangerous as COVID-19 and it is creating havoc in our society. The vast majority of coronavirus information shared across SOCIAL MEDIA comes from FAKE NEWS SITES, according to NewsGuard, a service that rates the credibility and transparency of web news content. That means it is NOT really a NEWS source at all. Which also means, Dear Readers, that it is NOT coming from professional journalism sources.

Before you pass information along make sure it is from a credible source. A credible sounding name does NOT mean it is factual. Before you react to a headline read the blooming

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



story. Please! If you are scanning research, check the source, read all the footnotes and make sure YOU understand what you are reading. It is much more likely that you are the purveyor of fake news not those hardworking, underpaid and certainly unappreciated journalists.

We are a country that is filled with good people who care. Let's make sure that it is also filled with smart people who pride themselves on being well-informed. Remember, commentary is NOT news and many credible sounding websites are there to deceive you. Know your sources, be discerning and not gullible.

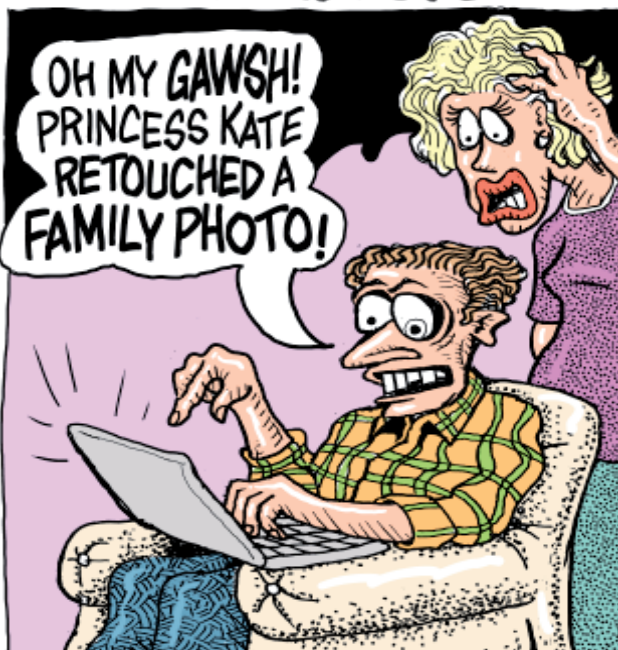
Also, if we really care about each other we will stop being so angry. We Americans have always been at our best in a crisis. That is who we truly are. A little, or a lot, of prayer might be in order right now for those who are ill throughout the world and those who are caring for them, as well as all our medical personnel and first responders. That might be a good use of some of our time while we are 'self-distancing' physically, but hopefully not emotionally or spiritually.

Stay well Dear Readers, stay smart, and stay kind. After all, kind is who you really are. Just don't forget that in this crisis.

## ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR INTELLIGENT PEOPLE



## ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR IDIOTS



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Burned

Recent wildfires in the Texas panhandle have burned well over a million acres, causing tragic loss of life and devastating local communities. In addition, the fires have destroyed livestock and grazing land in this region which is crucial to the US beef industry.

Although the high human cost and devastation are the primary concerns, the fires also involve very large economic harms. The Perryman Group estimated the losses associated with the agricultural sector based on the acreage burned, farm and ranch land in the affected counties, and typical reductions in the level of output caused by fires.

These preliminary estimates are for the current year only, as there will be ongoing losses going forward as the land recovers. In addition, significant numbers of homes, barns, businesses, and other buildings have been destroyed which will lead to further damages and related economic losses; these costs were not included in the estimates.

The Perryman Group's US Multi-Regional Impact Assessment System was used to estimate the total (not only direct, but also indirect and induced) effects of agricultural losses associated with wildfires. The System was developed by the firm about 40 years ago and has been used in thousands of analyses throughout the country. This complex model and dynamic processes allow

for estimation of the total economic consequences of the direct costs associated with the agricultural damage due to the wildfires.

The Perryman Group estimates that, when multiplier effects are considered, agriculture-related losses associated with the Texas panhandle wildfires will lead to a reduction in economic activity including \$219.8 million in gross product and 2,035 job-years in the region. For the state as a whole, losses include a projected \$264.6 million in gross product and 2,336 job-years (including results within the Panhandle Region as well as effects in other areas). (A job-year is the equivalent of one person working for one year, though it could be multiple individuals working partial years.) Industries which would be particularly hard hit by agricultural losses include not only agriculture itself, but also consumer-related businesses such as retail trade and restaurants as well as manufacturing (such as downstream food processing). It is also worthy of note that only about 68% of the agricultural losses are associated specifically with the land damaged by the fires, with the remainder reflecting downstream activity (such as feed).

The recent wildfires have decimated livestock herds and grazing lands. They have also destroyed homes and businesses. Even worse, they have caused the tragic loss of human lives. The outpouring of support and assistance from other parts of Texas and the nation has been generous and heroic. Hats off to all who have helped during this most difficult time. Ultimately, recovery will emerge. Stay safe!



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## BIBLE STUDY-HIT OR MISS

Someone wisely said that "When you study the Scriptures 'hit-or-miss,' you're likely to miss more than you hit." There is a lot of truth in that saying. A good example of such is just randomly turning to any place in the Bible and blindly picking a verse expecting to find in it a special answer from God to some particular question.

For example, suppose someone didn't know whether to quit his job. Some actually seek guidance from God by just letting their Bible fall open at random, then closing their eyes and putting their finger on any verse there, expecting to find guidance in that randomly picked Scripture on whether or not to quit their job.

You might call such a "Ouija board" approach to studying the Bible. Such an unwise approach of studying the Bible totally ignores the principle of "context." The "principle of context" just means when we study the Bible, we should look at the surrounding verses of any particular verse to learn facts about the meaning of the verse.

The old story about a man wondering what to do to be saved illustrates how important "context" is. Wanting to know what to do to be saved, he first turned at random in the Bible and read a verse that said, Judas "went and hanged himself." Not liking that verse, he randomly turned to another verse that said, "go thou and do likewise." Then when he randomly turned to another verse it said, "what thou do do quickly."

That old story just illustrates the fact that when you study the Scriptures "hit or miss," you're likely to miss more than you hit. Friends, if you are really interested in learning God's word you must study it sensibly, "rightly dividing" or "handling aright" the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15). Think on these things.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Spring clean up time

Roll up your sleeves and roll out your tires – Gladewater's annual citywide Spring 2024 clean-up is a month out.

Along with trash pickup, the April 13 event will once again include tire collection funded in part by a \$2,500 Solid Waste Reduction Grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through East Texas Council of Governments.

Volunteers are appreciated and most definitely needed for the community cleanup, spearheaded by Gladewater City Hall and set for 8 a.m. to noon the second Saturday in April.

"Just show up," says Al Harrison, Gladewater's Building Official and interim Public Works Director. "Sometimes some of the school groups or Scouts will do special project, or the Beautification Committee will get a group together to do something."

Advance sign-ups aren't necessary – volunteers should gather at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on East Pacific Avenue by 7:45 a.m. April 13 so they can be dispersed throughout the community's neighborhoods and parks.

"Bring your gloves and we will provide the garbage bags," City Hall announced.

As the pick-up's under-way, grant funds cover the cost of trailers for the annual tire collection while the city covers its employees' labor. This year, there will be multiple, smaller trailers instead of a single, large collector for residents' old rubber, Harrison said.

"They can just bring 'em," he added. "It's mainly residential tires, not commercial. Either we'll have someone loading them up for them, or they can drop them off, and we'll take care of it."

The City of Gladewater will also be providing curbside Spring cleaning trash pick-up for disabled individuals and senior citizens who schedule collection in advance. Anyone interested and qualifying should call City Hall's Water Utility Billing Department at 903-845-2196 before 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

Notably, the city cannot accept paint, shingles, batteries, refrigeration items, chemicals or commercial waste during the clean-up.

Meanwhile, in White Oak the city's annual Trash Off Days is set next week. Public Dumpsters will be located on Hwy. 42 behind the White Oak Water Treatment Plant, available for drop-offs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday (March 21-22) then 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23.

The event cannot accept paint, oil, tires, shingles or appliances with compressors.

## WO Education Foundation Golf Tournament set

The White Oak Education Foundation's latest fundraiser is in full swing – the organization's annual golf tournament is set this year on April 5 at Wood Hollow Golf Course in Longview.

The 2023 event raised more than \$20,000 between contributions from players, sponsors and donors.

For more information, contact Shelly Smith at (903) 918-8100 or email Bobby Fuller at bdfuller4@gmail.com. Find the event on Facebook via [tinyurl.com/WOEF2024](https://www.facebook.com/WOEF2024).

## County library hosts storytime

Two books by Eric Carle will be read to small children Thursday (March 21) at both of the Upshur County Library's "Storytime" sessions

in Gilmer.

"The Grouchy Ladybug" and "Wonderful You With the Grouchy Ladybug" will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. gatherings, said Kari Dunn, the library's children's coordinator.

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

For more information, call the library at (903) 843-5001 or visit its website at [www.youseemore.com/upshur](http://www.youseemore.com/upshur).

## GHS Class of '84 holding reunion

The Gladewater High School Class of 1984 will hold its 40th Class Reunion June 7-8, and organizers are inviting the GHS Classes of 1981 through 1987 to join them alongside the teachers and staffers who broadened their minds through the years.

Ticket for the banquet are \$20 per person including a meal or \$13 without, and the deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, May 3.

For more information, call Jana Wynn Ryan at 318-465-4149.

## ET Research Conference April 12

Registration is open for the fifth annual East Texas Research Conference, set for Friday, April 12. This year's conference is co-hosted by The University of Texas at Tyler and the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce.

The all-day event, which will be held at UT Tyler's main campus, features guest speakers, oral presentations and poster sessions. The conference is free to attend, but registration is required.

"Presenters will showcase research and scholarship that generate new knowledge, create entrepreneurship opportunities, improve educational, health care, and economic outcomes, and benefit the quality of life for East Texans," said UT Tyler President Kirk A. Calhoun, MD, FACP.

At the conference, presenters and attendees can also network with both university and community members, and contribute to discussions about creating opportunities for research collaboration and partnerships.

"The Tyler Chamber is pleased to play a part in this important conference," said Henry Bell, chamber president. "The research and collaboration across the region are crucial to the growth of our community far into the future."

To register or for more information, visit [uttyler.edu/etc](http://uttyler.edu/etc).

## UCSO Citizen police academy slated

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office in Gilmer is now accepting applications from the public to attend the educational Fifth Annual Citizen's Police Academy, scheduled two nights weekly from April 16-May 23 in Gilmer.

The academy, featuring various speakers and free of charge to enroll, is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Stanley Jenkins Training Center in Gilmer, located just south of the Upshur County Justice Center.

For more information on registration and course content, contact the sheriff's office at 903-843-2541.

## Situational awareness class for seniors

A "situational awareness" class, in which Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel will train senior citizens on how to deal with finding themselves in "an active crisis," is set Thursday (March 14) at the

Gilmer Area Senior Center.

The free presentation is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. at the center, which meets at the old fire station on Harrison Street. Parking is behind the building, off of Silver Alley.

For more information, contact Hazel at the sheriff's office at 903-843-2541.

## UT Tyler/UT Health EET host Spring into Good Health

TYLER, Texas – The University of Texas at Tyler is partnering with UT Health East Texas to host Spring into Good Health on Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m.-2p.m. at UT Health East Texas Physicians Clinic - Fifth Street in the clinic parking lot (1000 E 5th St, Tyler, TX 75701). The purpose of the event is to raise health awareness and literacy in East Texas. More than 20 vendors will provide health care resources to the community.

"Spring into Good Health is an amazing opportunity for our community to access vital health information," said Kim Bush, UT Tyler director of the Center for Community & Rural Health Education. "We're thankful that our partnership with UT Health East Texas is making this possible and to all of the vendors who are coming to show their support for East Texas."

According to data from the Texas Department of State Health Services, the leading causes of death in Texas are heart disease, cancer and stroke, respectively. Vendors at this event will offer services such as free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks, and breast and cervical cancer assessments to address these health concerns.

## Oil Patch TRTA meets March 28

Members of the Oil Patch Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:30 p.m. March 28 at First Methodist Church in Gladewater (217 W. Quitman Ave.).

According to the group, "Get ready to bid farewell to winter and welcome the vibrant season of spring with our upcoming meeting! We're thrilled to announce that our own Pat Adams will be sharing insightful tips and tricks about spring gardening, perfect for those looking to cultivate a green thumb or simply indulge in the joys of nature. Look forward to seeing you there!"

## Gladewater Garden Club recently met

The Gladewater Garden Club met recently at the Gardens of Gladewater.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Michelle Askew. Routine business was handled. The president thanked Jamie Ballard and the Civic Committee for tending the planters in front of the Lee-Bardwell Public Library, Gladewater Police Department and downtown Gladewater.

The interesting program was presented by Joy Barnett who spoke about the use of color in our lives. Different colors evoke different emotions and are utilized in different ways. Joy also donated books on the subject to the members.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Diane Richardson, Michelle Askew and Janel Garnett. The tables were decorated with yellow daffodils. Attending, beside the above mentioned, were Judy Banner, Phyllis Bethune, Mo Cuke, Sarah Elder, Shelia Faggans, Jackie Findley, Anne Hatfield, Beth Hodges, Nancy Holly, Joyce Hugman, Barbara Kennedy, Norman Livesay, Cynthia Scott, Linda Wells and Tam-



Gladewater Area Ladies Association met on Tuesday, Feb. 20, to install officers for the new year. The 2024 officers include President - Rita Osha, 1st V.P. of Programs - Pat Applegate, 2nd V.P. of Membership - Pat Applegate, Secretary - Barbara Kennedy, and Treasurer, Kathy Barrow. The Gladewater Area Ladies Association meets monthly at the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce. Their goal is to provide interesting and educational programs to the community and to raise funds for scholarships and local charities. For more information, please contact Rita Osha at [Famosha@juno.com](mailto:Famosha@juno.com) or 903-736-1704.

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Guests were Amanda Lewis, Glenda Reese, Ja-

mie Guinn, Nancy Kenefic,

Amanda Lewis and Debra Shipp.

The next meeting is set

for 1 p.m. March 25 at Lee-Bardwell public Library.

## Chamber banquet highlights solar eclipse March 28

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tion Building at 2509 W. Hendricks with Tony McCullough presiding as Master of Ceremonies.

The night will include two sets of award presentations on either side of Whitehurst's speech – the first group includes Educator of the Year, Youth of the Year, Yamboree Representative and Volunteer of the Year then, later, Business of the Year, Woman of the Year, Man of the Year and the Bradley Award, bestowed by the current chamber president on standout individuals.

This year's banquet will be catered by Tele's, with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. following a welcome at 6:15 p.m. featuring the Pledge of Allegiance by current Yamboree Chamber Representative Madie Bedair and an invocation by the Rev. Stacy Price of Fellowship Community Church.

Mayor Scott Owens will introduce special guests and North Loop Church of Christ Pastor Joe Chase will offer the evening's benediction.

Tickets are \$25 per person and tables of six are still available for \$150. For more information or to secure a seat, call 903-845-5501.

## Love's the secret ingredient at new Italian eatery

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destination, for tourists in search of a sweet treat, for new couples destined to fall in love.

It's important to the restaurant's leadership, including General Manager Osvaldo "Ozzy" Garduno, that the spot be open seven days a week – 11 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday then 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

"The big thing we're excited about is 'Monday at Manni's' because most things are all closed Mondays," Saadia Sheikh said. "That was the one thing city and residents and the community of Gladewater wanted to see, something they could come to on Mondays."

"We'll think about specials and things about that, but the big thing is we'll be the place in town you can come to on Mondays."

Manni's Italian Kitchen isn't the only new venture the broader team is launching here, she noted.

"We've invested in some properties here in Gladewater," Saadia said, "and we're excited about bringing different uses here to Gladewater – commercial in particular. We've been excited to feature some things around here."

"We're partnering with the small business association here, growing our business and making sure it's here, locally... bringing in the vision of East Texas but focusing on Gladewater."

All that said, she's also excited to see Manni and Madison at the heart of the new dining venture.

"We'll feature their picture and their story. We're going to put it on the back of the menu," Saadia said. "Their love story is the best."

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# GPD Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFS#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
3/10/24	EMS	20241253	3:09		805 COACH COOKSEY COACH COOKSEY ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20241254	9:10	FREDS	601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	20241255	11:31	GLADEWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	515-499 AIRPORT AIRPORT RD
	EMS	20241257	15:21	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	1640 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID INFO	20241259	17:01		GLADEWATER AREA GLADEWATER AREA
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20241260	17:19		
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20241261	17:34		212 GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241262	17:42		PINE CREST PINE CREST
	EMS	20241263	20:57		501 S WHITE WHITE
	ABANDONED 911	20241264	21:39		501 NORTH NORTH ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20241265	23:03		3053 EAST LAKE DR EAST LAKE DR
	FIRE DEPT	20241266	23:06	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241268	23:57		2301 WOODBINE WOODBINE
3/11/24	FIRE DEPT	20241269	0:08		1061 FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW
	ALARM/OTHER	20241270	6:45		1105 NORTH NORTH ST
	FOUND.LOST/RECOVERED	20241271	11:04	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FOUND.LOST/RECOVERED	20241272	12:05		306 MAPLE MAPLE
	EMS	20241273	12:24		505 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20241274	17:40		EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241275	19:20		205 MILL MILL
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241276	19:27	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20241277	19:28		1406 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	EMS	20241278	20:04		706 MARTHA MARTHA DR
	HARASSMENT	20241279	21:39		207 JANET JANET AVE
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20241280	22:50		207 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE
3/12/24	EMS	20241281	4:08		2212 PINECREST PINECREST DR
	FIRE DEPT	20241282	9:02		2130 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	20241284	11:18		2000 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20241285	11:54		508 NORTH NORTH ST
	EMS	20241286	12:02		716 MARTHA MARTHA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241287	16:56	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20241289	18:23	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISSING PERSON	20241290	19:09	EAST GATE APARTMENTS	1010 RICHEY RICHEY RD
	EMS	20241291	19:12		708 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20241292	19:14	GUADALUPES MEXICAN RESTURANT	101 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241293	19:44		
	EMS	20241294	19:45	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	401 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20241295	20:05	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20241296	21:38		JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
3/13/24	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20241298	1:07		GAY GAY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20241299	1:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20241300	2:00	POST OFFICE	101 N DEAN DEAN ST
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	20241301	4:40		74 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20241302	5:13		1005 RICHEY DR RICHEY DR
	EMS	20241303	7:41	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20241304	9:06		600 WOOD WOOD ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20241305	10:31		705 MELBA MELBA
	FIRE DEPT	20241306	12:07		5377 SWEET GUM SWEET GUM RD
	UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEH	20241307	13:01	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20241308	14:09		534 NORTH NORTH ST
	10-50 MINOR	20241309	15:29		271 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241310	15:38		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241311	15:59	DECORATE ORNATE	202 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241312	17:10		605 MELBA MELBA
	EMS	20241313	17:15	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241314	17:38		905 E MARY MARY ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20241315	17:49		1105 NORTH NORTH ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241316	18:24	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISSING PERSON	20241317	19:58		1210 N OLIVE OLIVE
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20241318	20:26	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
3/14/24	ABANDONED 911	20241321	0:24		302 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20241322	0:36		GAY GAY
	ABANDONED 911	20241323	3:41		160 MCNEESE MCNEESE ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20241324	3:59		

	EMS	20241325	8:22		711 QUITMAN QUITMAN
	EMS	20241326	8:37	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FOUND.LOST/RECOVERED	20241327	11:51		303 TYLER TYLER S
	ASSIST	20241328	12:23	H AND R BLOCK	1304 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	WARRANT	20241329	12:47	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20241330	17:08		CENTER CENTER
	THEFT	20241331	18:52	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241332	19:54		704 CLAIR CLAIR ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241333	22:26		
	EMS	20241334	23:11	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20241335	23:21		S TYLER S TYLER
	EMS	20241336	23:51		300 MONEY MONEY ST
3/15/24	ANIMAL CONTROL	20241337	1:20		360 ALLISON ALLISON
	EMS	20241338	9:30	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20241339	9:41	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20241340	9:46		108 DEARING CREEK DEARING CREEK
	ALARM/OTHER	20241341	10:07	ZIPPIS LIQUOR STORE	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20241342	11:52		1509 N DAISY N DAISY
	ASSIST	20241343	12:03		QUITMAN QUITMAN
	EMS	20241344	12:46		700 N HOLLY HOLLY
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20241345	13:29		806 E MARY MARY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20241346	14:01	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241347	15:13		1906 WOODPLACE WOODPLACE
	HARASSMENT	20241348	15:17		905 E MARY MARY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20241349	16:57		
	EMS	20241350	17:01	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20241351	18:09		213 JANETTE JANETTE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241352	18:27		618 W QUITMAN QUITMAN
	FIRE DEPT	20241354	23:10		1109 N OLIVE ST OLIVE ST
	FIRE DEPT	20241355	23:19		1109 N OLIVE OLIVE ST
3/16/24	DWI	20241356	0:45		100BLK N MAIN MAIN
	DRUG PARA POSS	20241357	3:21	CEFCO 79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20241358	4:46		475 RED HEN ROAD RED HEN ROAD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241359	8:24	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20241360	10:02		HWY 271 HWY 271
	ESCORT	20241361	10:31		N 271 TO GMP N 271 TO GMP
	ALARM/OTHER	20241363	14:28		2000 GAY GAY
	EMS	20241365	15:10		800 WOOD WOOD ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20241368	16:48	PENNYS FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241369	17:21		520 NORTH NORTH ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241370	18:36		204 E EDDIE EDDIE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20241372	19:32		703 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	EMS	20241373	23:40		878 SHEPPARD SHEPPARD LN
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20241374	23:59	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20241376	0:56		428 MAIN MAIN
	EMS	20241377	1:05	SEYMORS WILCO	1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	EMS	20241379	8:07		504 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20241381	9:46		CULVER CULVER
	MISCELLANEOUS	20241382	15:23		31 CROCCOLE CROCCOLE LN
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20241383	15:30		1105 N OLIVE OLIVE ST
	ABANDONED 911	20241384	15:57		158 MCNEESE MCNEESE ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20241385	16:11	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FOUND.LOST/RECOVERED	20241386	16:26		5653 FM 1795 FM 1795
	EMS	20241387	16:37		912 E SHEPARD SHEPARD DR

## WHITE OAK POLICE

For the reporting period of March 11th through the 17th, 2024, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 196 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Domestic Disturbances, Advice, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated which resulted in no injuries or continuing criminal investigations.

Five people were arrested by White Oak Police during this reporting period: Romona Lou Beck, 42, of Gladewater on an outstanding Potter County warrant for FTA - Child Support,

Bren Cherisse McCarty, 41, of White Oak on an outstanding White Oak warrant for Animal at a Large,

Harlee Brooks McCarty, 18, of White Oak on an outstanding White Oak warrant for Animal at a Large,

Courtney Marie Wilkerson, 29, of Gladewater on 4 outstanding White Oak warrants for No Driver's License (X3), and Speeding, and

David Dean Murray, 35, of Longview for Public Intoxication.

## GPD Police Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
3/14/24	3/14/24	14:04	DAVISON, DEXTER ALONZO	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	520 NORTH ST
	3/14/24	14:04	DAVISON, DEXTER ALONZO	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	520 NORTH ST
	3/14/24	14:04	DAVISON, DEXTER ALONZO	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	520 NORTH ST
	3/14/24	14:04	DAVISON, DEXTER ALONZO	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	520 NORTH ST
	3/14/24	14:04	DAVISON, DEXTER ALONZO	B	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	520 NORTH ST
3/16/24	3/16/24	1:06	ROSALES, HIBAN CORNELIO	W	M	RAN RED LIGHT	100 MAIN
	3/16/24	1:06	ROSALES, HIBAN CORNELIO	W	M	FAIL TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE	100 MAIN
	3/16/24	3:41	HOOD, JACOB LEE	W	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1100 E BROADWAY
	3/16/24	3:41	HOOD, JACOB LEE	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1100 E BROADWAY



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- LUTHERAN**  
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# SPORTS

By Tyler Sutton

The non district portion of the schedules came to a end this week for Gladewater and White Oak baseball and softball while Union Grove baseball and softball continued district play.

The Gladewater baseball team began their week on Tuesday with a trip to Tyler to take on Cumberland Academy and jumped out early and cruised to a 8-2 victory. Then on Saturday they played a double header with Gilmer that was originally scheduled to be played in Gilmer, but due to bad field conditions from storms on Friday night was moved to Gladewater and the Bears came away with a double header sweep with wins of 5-1 and 6-3.

The perfect week has the Bears now at 7-6 on the season. They will be back on the diamond on this coming Saturday as they travel to Overton for a double header.

Gladewater Lady Bears softball got a well deserved week off this week as they prepare to begin district play. Gladewater will begin their district portion of the season on Friday as they travel to New Diana.

White Oak baseball traveled to Bowie to compete in the Simms Bowie tournament on Thursday where on day 1 they Decatur Eagles 3-1.

Then on Day 2 the Rough-Necks fell in a pair of games to Boyd ( 13-1) and Grandview ( 7-3 ). White Oak is now 6-6 on the campaign and will be back in action on

Tuesday with a road game at Bullard, followed by a home game on Friday vs Hooks.

RoughNeck softball was also in action this week with a pair of games beginning on Tuesday as they knocked off Lindale 6-0.

Addison McClanahan homered, singled and drove in two runs, Larkin Daniels tossed a one-hitter and recorded 16 punchouts. Daniels didn't walk a batter, using just 96 pitches in a seven-inning contest.

Kara Kennedy, Graycen Sipes and Jaidyn Marshall all drove in runs, and Daniels doubled. Then on Friday, White Oak had an absolute offensive explosion as they battered Spring Hill 27-2. White Oak had huge innings of 11, 8 and 5 runs. The LadyNecks are now 14-5 on the campaign and will begin district play on Thursday with a road trip to Sabine.

Union Grove baseball continued their start to district play on Tuesday as they hosted Overton and fell to them 11-7.

Judson Greoge doubled, singled and drove in a run, and Kayden Day, Jax Daniels, Rylan Roberts and Cason Cowan all added RBI for Union Grove.

Carter Cooper struck out five and walked five in four innings, and Peyton Laake added four strikeouts and two walks in 2.2 innings on the hill. Moving over to Friday, the Lions made the trip to Overton and in a back and forth battle fell 5-4.

Union Grove is now 4-4 on the season and 1-3 in

district play.

They will be back on the playing field on Tuesday with a home contest against Big Sandy followed on Friday with a road game at Harleton.

Lady Lions softball was also in action this week as on Tuesday they hosted Ore City and in a back and forth slugfest they fell 14-12. Jaycie Mullins tripled, singled twice and drove in a run in the loss for Union Grove.

Jamie Webb had a double, two singles and an RBI, and Izzy Gregg singled twice and drove in two runs. Khaki Parr doubled, single and drove in two runs, and Marissa Wick and Daytona Vaughn also drove in two runs for the Lady Lions. Allie Calhoun struck out four and walked six in seven innings.

Then on Friday, Union Grove was back home to host Big Sandy and the Lady Lions fell in that game as well 15-8. Jaycie Mullins singled twice and drove in two runs in the loss for Union Grove.

Jamie Webb doubled, singled and drove in a run. Izzy Gregg and Marissa Wick added a double and an RBI apiece, and Allie Calhoun and Khaki Pharr also drove in runs. Calhoun struck out four and walked nine in six innings in the circle for Union Grove.

The Lady Lions are now 2-11 and 0-2 in district play. They will be back in action on Monday when they host Overton then on Tuesday travel to Hawkins.



The White Oak High School Fishing Team finished the regular season on Sam Rayburn Reservoir, March 2nd. The team of Brayden Elliott and Gavin Burch were the high finishers for White Oak. They finished in 15th place out of 146 teams. White Oak had two teams advance to the Regional Tournament April 13, 2024. Out of 172 teams in the East Division, Elliott and Burch finished the year in 24th place and the team of Shawn Stevens and Mason Riley finished 28th. They will be fishing for a chance to compete in the State Championship Tournament on Lake Palestine May 18-19, 2024

Courtesy of Mike Gilbert



GEDCO Executive Director and Brew to Revive regular Michelle Palmer picks up drinks from the coffee shop's owner and operator, Stephanie Fowler.

## Coffee shop gets boost from GEDCO

PRESS RELEASE

With the two-year anniversary for her business fast-approaching, Stephanie Fowler says she's come a long way as an entrepreneur – thanks, in part, to guidance from Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

In fact, Fowler's the one who's taken the initiative to strengthen her foundation as owner and operator of Brew to Revive, says GEDCO Executive Director Michelle Palmer. After launching the 821 N. Main Street coffee shop before she hit twenty, the young business owner continues to hone her skills and to take advantage of the resources available to her operation.

For example, "She is working closely with the Small Business Development Center," Palmer said, "so her business practices are continuously improving."

Fowler recently applied for and received \$1,000 in urgent assistance from GEDCO along with Lay Low Automotive after both businesses were impacted by the early-February shutdown of Hwy. 271 during a recent water main repair.

City of Gladewater crews worked quickly to finish the repair and get the roadway back open, but it was still a two-day closure: "I lost money on payroll and electric," plus a bit of lost inventory, Fowler confirmed, grateful for the help from GEDCO following a tough situation.

"As a fledgling business," Palmer agreed, "there wasn't a lot of reserve to fall back on."

Notably, Fowler had already taken advantage of GEDCO's workshop on 'Mitigating Unforeseen Circumstances,' one of numerous ways she strives to make Brew to Revive a healthy business. She conceived the idea for the coffee shop in June 2022 and opened within a month.

Fortunately, Fowler said, a little of the groundwork had already been prepped for her venture.

"Coffee has run in my family for more than 20 years," she said. "My stepmom has had a coffee shop, and my grandma had one."

As a teenager, she expanded her coffee background in other ways, too.

"I've had Silver Grizzly (Espresso in Longview) teach me history all the way back to the Boston Tea Party," Fowler noted. "Once I learned the history of coffee, that's when I wanted to start doing it," eager to step out on her own: "I was also really tired of working for other people."

Gladewater presented an opportunity. Her mother, Michelle Taylor, is a local realtor with an office down the road from the building that once housed a pet boutique and ultimately became Brew to Revive.

"She drove by this place every day and decided to try it out," Fowler said, finding a warm reception on the other side of the deal, as well. "This was empty for a good year. They didn't know what to do with it."

The young entrepreneur was 19 when she launched the business, and she's gotten a healthy education since then, dealing with the natural ups and downs of a small business in addition to the particular challenges of a coffee shop.

"It was rough, especially in the summers with school being out – everybody's on vacation," she said, and weather shutdown don't help, either. They've endured, however, and are weathering the obstacles along the way: "We're hitting that two-year mark now, so we're seeing more profit. That's because we learned what to do and what not to do, better options."

She's quick to credit Palmer for her mentorship, generous guidance that has had a practical impact on the business.

"She's like my mom," Fowler said, grateful for the organization and its assistance as a whole. "They're family. I really probably wouldn't know what I was doing... I'd probably be getting a loan right now if it wasn't for Michelle, honestly."

It's not just about money, of course, but "Being pointed in the right direction of what I need to do. There's still some things I don't know."

Fowler focuses on treating new customers with kindness and building relationships with regulars.

"We are a Christian environment," Fowler said. "My goal is to make sure that everyone, from my customers to my employees, feels like family."

## "Coot's Corner"

By Coot Putley

### Nothing but net ...

The eyes of the basketball world have been focused on Iowa star Caitlin Clark this year as she climbed the ladder of scoring leaders in college. She recently passed the great Pete Maravich to become the all-time leader, but there is much more to the story.

Clark is a tremendous all-around player. She can shoot from anywhere on the court, and averages over seven rebounds and almost nine assists per game. In this new era of allowing college athletes to profit from endorsements she already has a net worth estimated at \$3,000,000.00, and she has deals with Gatorade, State Farm, Nike, Buick, and H&R Block among others. Caitlin has already announced that she will forego an additional year of college eligibility to turn pro. The sky's the limit.

Yes, she's the all-time scorer in Division I basketball, but she's not the person who has scored the most points.

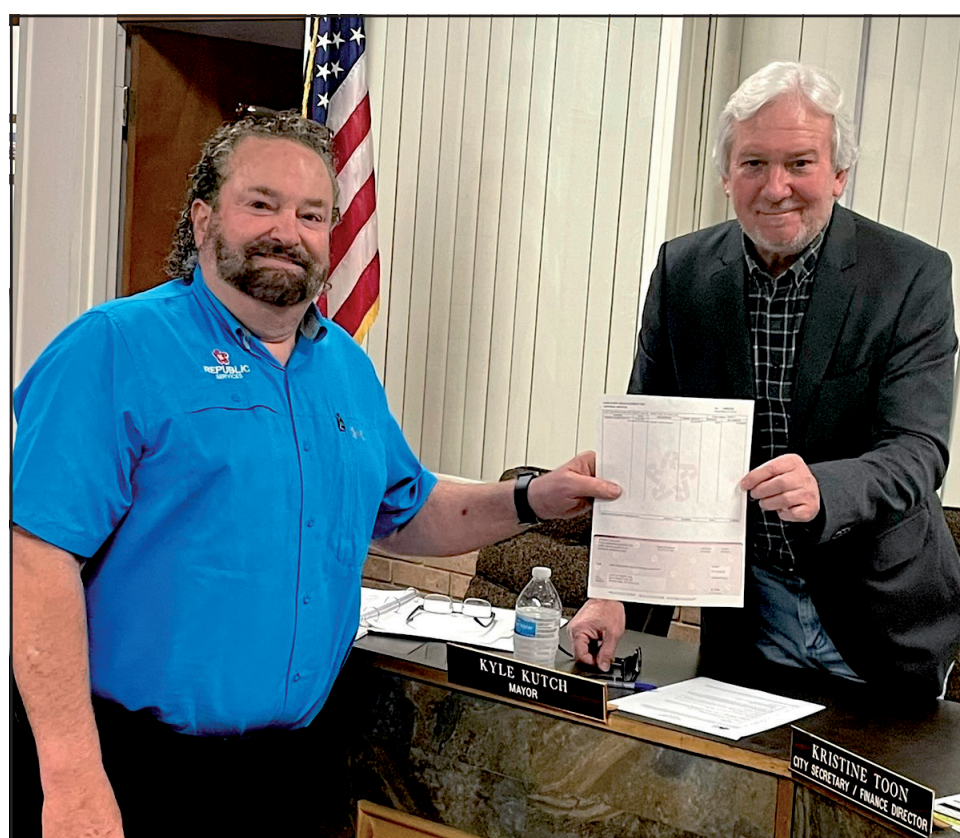
If you also look at smaller division college players, the top two leaders are from the same NAIA school – Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. Number one is John Pierce, who finished his career in 1994 with 4230 points. He passed Philip Hutcheson, who played until 1990 and scored 4126. Pierce played a while professionally overseas, then became a very successful coach. Hutcheson, the valedictorian of his class, became a prosperous businessman and is now the Athletic Director of Lipscomb. Quite an accomplishment to have the top two scorers of all time at the same small private school.

The number three scorer is Pearl Moore, from tiny Fran-

ces Marion University in her hometown of Florence, South Carolina. She finished her college career in 1979 with an amazing 4061 points scored. She was ahead of her time. Professional opportunities for women were limited, but she went on to coach and run basketball camps. Her record has lasted for 45 years and will probably never be broken. Moore was finally inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2021.

Some may discount the scoring totals of Pierce, Hutcheson, and Moore because they were accumulated at smaller schools, but they certainly deserve recognition for their accomplishments. I don't think I could score 4000 points in 4 years if I was alone in a gym with no-one guarding me!

That's one man's opinion. What's yours?



Republic Services' Gene Keenon presents a \$1,000 check to City of White Oak Kyle Kutch to help cover the community's expenses during Roughneck Days this fall.

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**ACROSS**

1 Nicholas of 2017 film "Mom and Dad" with TX Anne Winters spoken, not written

6 Lucy had title role in this 1974 film

7 poetic "appearance"

8 Mustang or bronco (2 wds.)

17 TX Laura Bush, \_\_\_ Welch

18 boll weevil once caused this to Texas cotton (2 wds.)

21 DL or SSN, e.g.

22 "don't \_\_\_ your feet" (get it done)

23 newspaper VIP

24 horrified

29 TX ZZ Top album: "\_\_\_ Hombres"

30 TX Lupe Ontiveros had a part in "As Good \_\_\_ Gets"

31 Texas-based film: "Hell \_\_\_ High Water"

32 most areas of Texas have a \_\_\_ library

34 "\_\_\_ facto" (by that very fact)

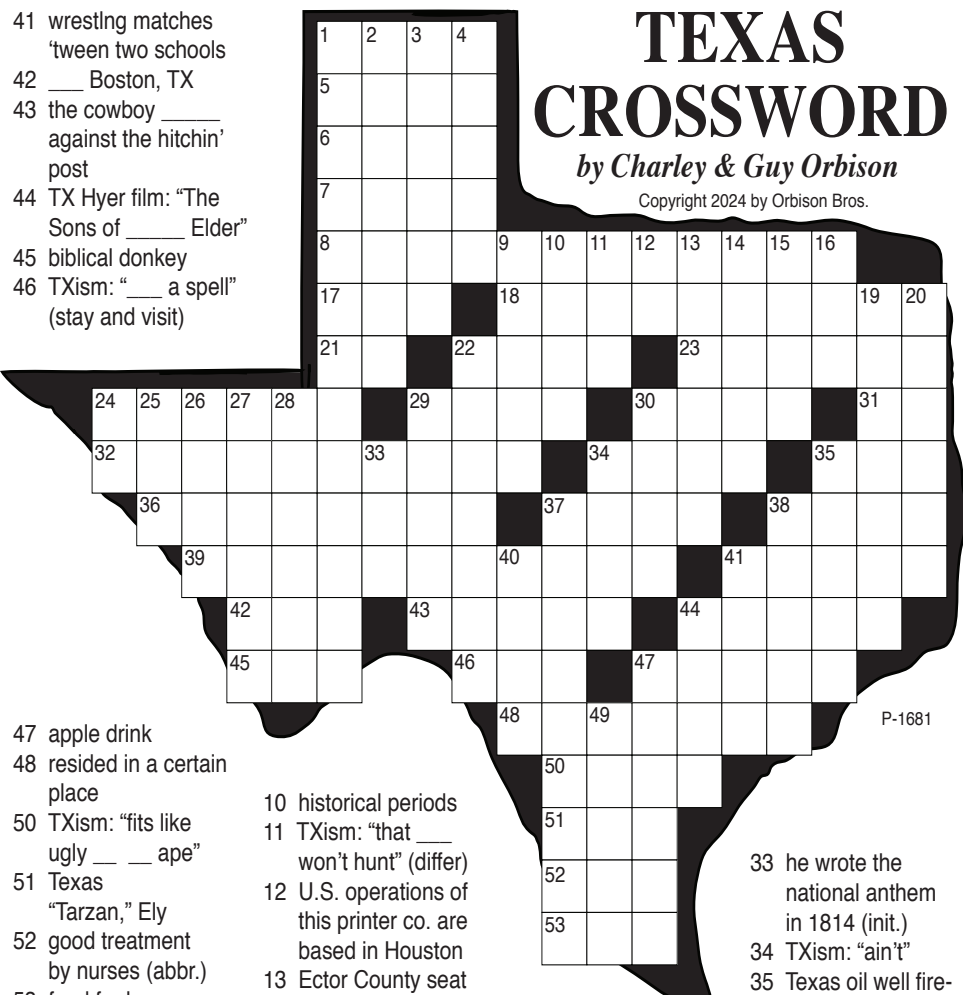
35 2012 film starring TX Amy Acker: "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"

36 where Jimmy and Jerry went to college

37 largest continent

38 boot smell?

39 TXism for a tie: "\_\_\_ your sister"



**DOWN**

1 with "The," newspaper covering East Parker County (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_ -on rooster"

3 reproductive cell in an organism

4 TX Buddy's widow: Maria \_\_\_ Holly

9 this TX Lisa was a host of "Good Morning America"

10 historical periods

11 TXism: "that \_\_\_ won't hunt" (differ)

12 U.S. operations of this printer co. are based in Houston

13 Ector County seat

14 Texas-based Tandy's 20th century retailer: "\_\_\_ Shack"

15 Scottish for stain, tarnish

16 TXism: "table graze"

19 TXism: "\_\_\_ boy" (trustworthy)

20 mistakes by Astros or Rangers

22 TWU has a collection of these that were worn by Texas first ladies

24 Texas summer necessity (abbr.)

25 "\_\_\_ long way" (travel a distance)

26 throw

27 rare cattle breed

28 TXism: "pull up \_\_\_" (relocate)

29 96-mile path: "Lone Star Hiking \_\_\_"

30 TXism: "I bought \_\_\_ in a poke" (foolish deal)

33 he wrote the national anthem in 1814 (init.)

34 TXism: "ain't"

35 Texas oil well firefighter, "Red"

37 TXism: "\_\_\_ two-bits" (crummy)

38 made public what was secret

40 "you \_\_\_ a mouthful" (good point)

41 Florida's "hanging chad" county

44 pottery oven

47 noted espionage novelist, Tom

49 WWII atomic bomber, "\_\_\_ Gay"

See Answers On This Page

## OBITUARIES

### JERRY B. MEEKS

Jerry B. Meeks, 85, currently of Gladewater and formally of Leesville, LA, died Sunday, March 17, 2024. He was born February 13, 1939 to J.B. and Lula Mae Meeks in Humble, TX. Jerry spent time in the Navy and another 21 years in the Army, serving 2 tours in Vietnam as a Combat Medic. He retired in Leesville, LA in 1977 and would continue to live there for most of his adult life. Jerry later pursued his passion of cars, and opened J and E Auto Service. His hobbies included dirt track auto racing, attending antique car shows, and playing bingo.

Jerry is survived by his daughters, Brigitte Meeks-Moreau (Keaven) of Fayetteville, TN, Nancy Meeks-McCallum (Doug) of Burke, VA; his five grandchildren, Sarah McCallum-Rotbart (Sean) of Annandale, VA, Sylvia McCallum-Bateman of TX, Makenzie Moreau of Toney, AL., Madison Moreau of Toney, AL, and Mason McCallum of Burke, VA; seven great-grandchildren, Noah Rotbart, Levi Rotbart, and Grace Rotbart, all of Annandale, VA, and Callum Bateman, Corrie J. Bateman, Carolina Kay Bateman, and Cicily Bateman of Plano, TX. His former spouses, Erika Meeks and June Meeks preceded him in death.

Jerry will be remembered for his military service, his incredible work ethic, and being a protective father and loving grandfather.

Arrangements by East Texas Funeral Home in Longview Texas. More information to follow.

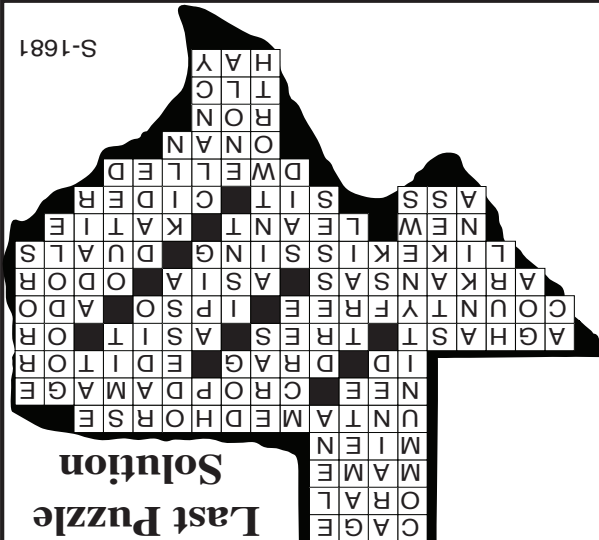
### BARBARA MACKEY

Barbara Sue Smith Mackey passed away on January 8, 2024 in Beaumont, Texas at the age of 86. Barbara was born on April 1, 1937 in Gladewater, Texas to the late Joel and Verlie Kathryn Baillio Smith.

A celebration of Barbara's life will take place at the First Methodist Church Christian Life Center in Gladewater, Texas on April 6, 2024 at 11 a.m. Barbara donated her body to science and will be laid to rest at Rock Springs Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Barbara's name can be made to the Gladewater Former Students Association, the Lee-Bardwell Library in Gladewater, the Gladewater Museum, or a charity of your choice.

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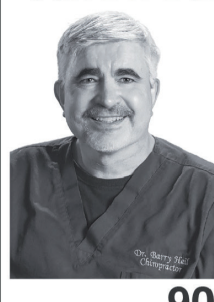
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# GEDCO adds another tool in economic toolbox

The right data could be crucial in driving return on investment for Gladewater Economic Development Corporation – and, perhaps, for its partners in city hall and the chamber of commerce.

GEDCO's board members gave unanimous approval March 13 on the organization's subscription to StreetLight Data services, approximately \$6,000 for the firm's Corridor Study Package.

In particular, the program focuses on travel counts, GEDCO Executive Director Michelle Palmer said, which she hopes would have enough value for the City of Gladewater and Gladewater Chamber of Commerce to help the EDC offset its upfront payout for the service.

"The corridor study offers multiple types of origin and destination modules," Palmer noted. "We can get data on where people came from and where they're going which is very important when you're looking at where they want to

market, what you want to target.

"This will tell us what we're getting the most traffic from."

Verified data about route usage can help the city prioritize its infrastructure improvements, she added, while also shoring up the various organization marketing efforts – Does the data show strategies are working or that they should be modified?

Notably, prior traffic studies have already shown a dramatic, albeit unsurprising, increase in activity due to the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo. Similar data on a broader scale could be put to use in a variety of ways.

Likewise, a recent ping data investment by the Gladewater chamber has yielded promising numbers.

With GEDCO's new investment, "We've got more tools in our toolbelt to make sure our decisions are strategic," Palmer said, "and we've got data to back them up."

In addition to a closed door discussion of a still-developing

'Project Gray Rock,' the GEDCO directors took action on local banking and investing minutiae and officially approved two requests for emergency assistance.

Green-lit during their previous meeting, the grants help a pair of local businesses impacted by the closure of Hwy. 271 during water main repairs – Lay Low Automotive and Brew to Revive have both received one-off grants of \$1,000.

GEDCO's directors subsequently signed off on the creation of an ongoing 'Urgent Assistance Grant Program' with limited funds available to assist businesses on a case-by-case basis.

The group also voted to invest \$5,000 from GEDCO's promotional budget on the pricetag of approximately \$20,000 shared with the city (\$5,000), chamber (about \$5000) and a private donor (\$5,000) for a new downtown Christmas tree. Separately, the GEDCO board allocated another \$6,000 for promotion of the Round-up Rodeo.

# Gladewater man indicted on drug charges

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 26 indictments, three of them sealed, and no-billed another case, said District Attorney Billy Byrd.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments, returned March 7 in Gilmer, were as follows, Byrd's office reported:

Harrell Edward Johnson, a Gladewater resident who turned 55 Monday, was separately indicted on two charges.

They included possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver—habitual offender, and unlawful possession of firearm by felon—habitual offender.

Johnson is accused of committing the crimes last Aug. 13.

He was released on bonds of \$50,000 on the drug charge and

\$25,000 on the firearm charge.

Dabrodrick Deondre Mathis, 20, of Longview, aggravated robbery last June 6. Mathis, who Byrd's office said was arrested Dec. 1, remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$250,000 bond.

Joshua Allen Lewis, 32, of Ore City, was charged in separate indictments with possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (fentanyl) and possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine.)

He is accused of committing the fentanyl-related offense last Nov. 9, and the other crime last Oct. 2. He was released on bonds of \$10,000 on the fentanyl-related charge and \$50,000 on the other charge.

Timothy Dewayne Hollen, 63, of Gilmer, was charged in a single indictment with three counts of indecency with a child

last June 26. Hollen, who Byrd's office said was arrested Dec. 28, remained in county jail under \$250,000 bond.

Clinton Scott Yale, 35, of Hawkins, was charged in three separate indictments with various offenses, all alleged to have occurred last Oct. 29.

The accusations include possession of lewd visual material, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, and a single indictment on two counts of possession of child pornography.

He remained in county jail at Gilmer under bonds totaling \$260,000—\$100,000 each on the pornography charges, \$10,000 on the lewd material charge and \$50,000 on the firearm charge.

Leroy Bruce Morrison, 55, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Jan. 9. He remained in county jail under \$100,000 bond.




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Gladewater Chamber of Commerce members and city officials recently turned out in force to join the O'Reilly Family and their team in celebrating McDonald's newly remodeled restaurant.

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### REGIONAL FIRST RESPONDER AWARD

Sergeant Konrad Roberts - Longview Police Department  
This award recognizes first responders who have rendered extraordinary service, putting their lives on the line for our safety while performing their duties as peace officers, firemen, EMS and dispatchers, DPS officers, and troopers.

### REGIONAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Dina Carroll - Friends of Jefferson Animals & Paula Jiminez - Community Fuse  
This award is designed to honor an East Texas citizen who has contributed to the well-being of the East Texas Region.

### REGIONAL CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Genesis Group - Tyler, TX  
The Regional Corporate Citizen of the Year award honors a corporate partner in East Texas who has contributed to the well-being of the Region.

### REGIONAL STATESMANSHIP AWARD

Brandy Flanagan - Gladewater Councilperson  
The Regional Statesmanship Award recognizes a local, state, or federal official that has demonstrated valuable, dedicated service to regional cooperation.

### REGIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARD

Sheriff Maxey Cerliano - Gregg County/Criminal Justice Advisory Committee  
The Regional Committee Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a sustained, dedicated commitment to ETCOG efforts and activities.

### Regional Shining Star Award

Nancy Hoehn - Texas Department of Transportation  
The Regional Shining Star Award recognizes persons who have provided exceptional support or invaluable partnership to the East Texas Council of Governments.

"We are excited to host our regional awards ceremony, where we will recognize and celebrate the remarkable contributions of individuals, elected officials, and organizations that have made a positive impact on our region, said ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland.

"This event is a tribute to those who have shown exceptional dedication and leadership in their respective fields and made a significant difference in the lives of the people they serve.

"We look forward to gathering the ETCOG Board together to honor these outstanding members of our community and to showcase their achievements."