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## Chamber honors citizens, businesses of the year



Karla and Matt Byrd were awarded the 2020 Woman & Man of the Year Award



Shelia Faggans was awarded the 2019 Woman of the Year Award by chamber president Lois Reed



Darren Richardson was awarded the 2019 Man of the Year Award by chamber president Lois Reed

It was double your pleasure, double your fun for those attending the 90th Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday night. Instead of just getting to honor a single year's worth of outstanding citizens, this year's banquet featured 2019 and 2020 recipients. Concerns over COVID-19 and state mandated shutdowns last year caused the annual banquet to be canceled.

The winners for 2019 included: Shelia Faggans for Woman of the Year and Darren Richardson for Man of the Year, while the *Gladewater Mirror* (Jim and Suzanne Bardwell) were presented the Business of the Year award. The 2019 Educator of the Year was Sakkinah Bal Corta.

Bradley Awards, which Gladewater Chamber President Lois Reed explained were the highest award given for service to the chamber,

were presented to Harold Wells, Karla Byrd and Chris Downing. And the 2019 Marilyn Godfrey Volunteer of the year Award was given to Clayton Burrows for his continued service to Gladewater's recycling program.

The winners for 2020 included: the first husband and wife team to win Woman of the Year and Man of the Year - Karla and Matt Byrd, while Scrubby Love (Katie, April and Michael Hines) were presented the Business of the Year award. The 2020 Educator of the Year was Emily Brown.

Bradley Awards, presented Chamber President Reed, were presented to Farrell Alexander and Jim Bardwell. And the 2020 Marilyn Godfrey Volunteer of the year Award was given to Brandy Flanagan.

Several special awards were also presented at this year's banquet, as Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp gave the 2020 Ken Bennett Award to Paul Foster, who developed a promotional video for the city highlighting the many positive attributes the city has to offer. The video can be viewed at the City of Gladewater and the *Gladewater Mirror* Facebook Pages.

Mayor Shipp also honored four citizens for "Distinguished Service to the City of Gladewater During a Crisis Event" with the "Hero of Snowmeggedon 2021" award. Shipp said Ricky Tow, Brandy Flanagan, Christian Allen and Jim Bardwell had gone above and beyond the call of duty during the February Arctic storm blast that

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Jim and Suzanne Bardwell accepted the 2019 Business of the Year Award on behalf of the *Gladewater Mirror* Newspaper from chamber president Lois Reed



Katie, April and Michael Hines accepted the 2020 Business of the Year Award on behalf of the Scubby Love from chamber president Lois Reed



### Shepperd marker rededication Saturday

The John Ben Shepperd Historical Marker was moved from its former site at the now vacant Capitol One building on Main Street to the Gladewater Museum grounds. A rededication ceremony will be held Saturday at 10 a.m.

The marker honors Shepperd, a Gladewater native, who served as the Texas Secretary of State and as Texas Attorney General among many other honors and offices held. Gregg County Historical Commission board member Gem Meecham will host the ceremony.

"On behalf of the Commission it is a great relief to have the marker removed from property that we don't know what will happen to it," Meecham said. "The museum, with its extensive exhibit of Shepperd's achievements makes the new site most appropriate."

## UT Health East Texas opens more COVID-19 vaccine appointments

UT Health East Texas has opened additional COVID-19 vaccine appointments for anyone 16 and older. Vaccines will be given by appointment only.

Vaccine appointments may be made at <https://www.signuugenius.com/go/ut>. New appointments will continue to open at this link as more vaccine arrives. Those who need help navigating online sign-up or who are without access to internet can call 903-747-4VAC (4822)

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to get a vaccine appointment.

The vaccines will be given at UT Health North Campus Tyler, 11937 U.S. Highway 271. Appointment time slots are

available this week and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday of next week. Anyone wanting a vaccine must have an appointment; vaccines for walk-ins will not be available.

There is no charge for the vaccine, but residents are asked to bring their insurance card. During the appointment, residents will be registered, vaccinated and monitored for 15 minutes and a second appointment will be scheduled.

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Mr. GHS Nick Lincoln & Miss GHS Cinthia Vicente See next week's *Gladewater Mirror* for complete coverage of Spotlight on GHS. Photo by Chris Jones

### Night at Museum features cultural contributions

By Suzanne Bardwell

A Night at the Museum on Saturday, April 10 will feature the cultural contributions of Gladewater community members across the media spectrum. From artists, authors and actors, to photographers and musicians exhibits have been created to share the gifts of native talent.

"Our Night at the Museum event is usually held in January, but due to pandemic circumstances, it was postponed," Museum Director Elaine Roddy said. "Gladewater is very fortunate to have many individuals, past and present, who have won awards for their amazing talents. You will recognize some of the names of authors, actors, photographers, painters, producers and musicians."

Several of the talented individuals who have contributed to local, state, national and even international culture through their work will be on hand to share their experiences, knowledge and gifts. The event will run from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Gladewater Museum at 116 W. Pacific Avenue.

Museum goers will see the evidence of the cultural excellence, literacy and diversity of hometown talent that extends far beyond community boundaries. The museum also welcomes new members at this time to support their efforts to preserve the ongoing history of Gladewater and its surrounding community. Membership envelopes

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Bill tightening voting restrictions in Texas passes Senate committee

A Texas Senate committee on Friday passed an elections bill that would tighten the state's voting rules by limiting extended early voting hours, requiring proof of disability to qualify for mail-in voting and prohibiting drive-thru voting. Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, is one of Gov. Gregg Abbott's legislative priorities this session.

During testimony Friday, the committee received opposition testimony from AARP, the League of Women Voters, NAACP and other groups. Hughes described his bill as attempting to strike a balance between "maintaining fair and honest elections with the opportunity to exercise one's right to vote," according to the Texas Tribune.

### Any Texan old enough to legally drive can receive COVID-19 vaccine

More than 10.2 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Sunday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The pace is expected to quicken now that anyone 16 years and older can receive one of the three versions available in the state. A total of 3.57 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 12% of the state's population. DSHS has directed vaccine providers to give priority to people 80 years and older.

To that point, a new outreach partnership between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and several partners was announced last week by Gov. Gregg Abbott. Among those participating to expand the state's Save Our Seniors program launched in February are the Texas Employee Retirement System, Texas Teachers Retirement System, AARP and various Medicare health plans.

More than 1 million doses of the vaccine are being shipped to Texas providers this week. Texans can call 2-1-1 or go to <https://tinyurl.com/9dvpetm9> for more information about getting the vaccine.

### COVID-19 cases in Texas drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped to 27,185 last week, with 741 deaths reported. Both are down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Center at Johns Hopkins University. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 cases also showed a slight decrease to 3,308, according to DSHS.

### Health care fraud case ends with prison time, \$82.9 million restitution

The state's Department of Workers' Compensation announced last week that the remaining defendants in a health care fraud bribery scam were sentenced by a federal judge. The case involved surgeons, physicians and hospital administrators at Forest Park Medical Hospital in Dallas. It began in 2016 and involved 14 defendants, who were sentenced to a combined 74-plus years in prison and ordered to pay \$82.9 million in restitution. According to a news release from DWC, the department's fraud unit identified health care providers at Forest Park who billed the state's workers' compensation system. The unit turned over the data to the FBI.

"Fraudulent billing within the health care system drives up the costs of health care for everyone," Debra Knight, DWC deputy commissioner, said. "These significant sentences demonstrate that health care fraud will not be tolerated."

### Border transportation master plan approved

The Texas Department of Transportation has approved the Border Transportation Master Plan after years of research and analysis of current and future transportation needs and growth in the border region. Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, who chaired the Board Trade Advisory Committee, praised the decision. The plan recommended strategies to help U.S. and Mexican officials improve efficiency in the movement of freight, goods and people across the state's 28 border crossings.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Susan and I say a big thank you for the rich hospitality we received when we were in Gladewater for the chamber banquet.

It was the first speech I had delivered in a year and we hoped my comments would go well and the equipment would work OK.

I got a couple of interviews in Gladewater which will air on my statewide broadcasts and will probably appear in my newspaper column.

You have some wonderful leaders. That's why you have a wonderful city: I'll be back for more interviews.

Tumbleweed Smith

## ...second chances & rock crushing

What are you doing, thinking about this week leading up to Easter? I am covered up in work, in worry, in stress, and I just flat out don't feel well. Just putting that last sentence in black and white makes me feel guilty. So, add that to the pile of rocks I am sitting under. Many of those rocks I put in my own pile by not saying "no", by not stopping when I need to, by overcommitment, by worrying about things I can not change.

Here's the thing about Easter, it is about coming out from under the rocks that are holding us down. It is about glorying in the light of a Love so bright it changed the course of mankind. A love that we are called to live and to share.

One of the things I love most about Easter is the story of Peter's denial of Christ. Sounds strange doesn't it? But that story, about the disciple who walked so closely with Jesus and then denies Him three times gives me great hope. That hope comes in handy when climbing out from under heavy loads. You see, I call this story, "The Doctrine of the Second Chance".

The one who failed Jesus personally and publicly, ends up being the Rock upon which the church was built. And Jesus prophesied both the denial and the building. After encountering his resurrected Lord, Peter becomes courageous, strong, resilient and willing to lay his life down for his Savior. In between those two events, Peter cowered in hiding only to crawl out from his dark place when forgiven by the man and Savior he most adamantly denied.

We are now living in a world of anger, hurt, fear, meanness, insecurity and loss. So was Peter. And Peter didn't crawl out from under his pile of rocks, he exploded out of them to spread the Gospel of Love. With that story in mind, and Easter just a few days away, maybe I need to seek inspiration to stop and count my blessings

## Suzanne Bardwell



instead of my rocks.

Easter was more joyful than Christmas at our house when I was growing up. After church Mom would host our extended family with mounds of food, picnic tables and Easter egg hunts. As we grew older and another generation was added we brought badminton nets, kites for kids of all ages, and lots of bubbles. Those memories still make me smile. There was a lot of love lived in that yard every Easter until the last few years. One of the things I am most thankful for is that those memories didn't remain in that yard, in the past. Those memories feed my soul and light my way. It was through my Mom and Dad, Aunt and Grandparents, that I saw love light the way from beneath pile upon pile of rocks. Some years, my family's rock pile looked more like an avalanche. But one of the most important things I learned from my family's faith is that where there is light, and where there is love, there is always a way out. That 'out' may not be the answer you were seeking, but it is always there. And just like the bubbles and kites, the burdens will lift, often in surprising ways.

May the blessings of Easter, even the surprising ones, be abundant in each of your homes. And friends and neighbors, if you are breaking under a mountain of rocks, look up, look out and find the light...feel the love...and know that there are second chances. One other thing, I think the light of Love is the best rock crusher around. We just have to connect to its Source.



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### A Year Later ...

It's now been a year since COVID-19 began to upend the lives of people around the world. The human cost has been tragic,



and measures needed to slow the spread of the virus have also taken a toll on mental health and wellbeing. From an economic

perspective, the pandemic has caused substantial and, in many cases, catastrophic losses.

Millions of individuals have faced unemployment or reduced hours. Between February and April 2020, the total number of people working in Texas dropped by nearly 1.5 million (more than 10%). Initial unemployment

claims went from averaging about 13,500 per week to closer to 300,000, topping out at nearly 315,200 in early April. Businesses dealt with closures, capacity limits, and additional expenses for cleaning or necessary modifications to enable safe operations. Supply chains were disrupted, causing yet more losses.

That's the bad news. Now for the better - not quite all the way to "good," but at least better - news.

Some industries have struggled to survive, particularly those hit hardest by lockdowns and bans, but the worst seems to be behind us.

Airlines, hotels, and other travel businesses have recently begun to see some increased revenues. Restaurants and bars are now operating at more normal

levels, though there is still far to go and pandemic risks remain.

Of particular note to the Texas economy, activity in the energy sector is beginning to be restored. The combination of an increase in supply and the pandemic-related sharp decline in demand caused oil prices to plunge, drilling and other activity along with it. Texas rig counts are in the 200 range, almost double where we were last summer and current prices support additional activity.

Some 878,600 Texas jobs have been regained as of the most recent data (January). While that's still about 574,000 below the prior peak, it's a notable improvement. Initial unemployment claims are now generally under 50,000 per week, several times higher than we'd like to see but well below the spring and summer of last

year.

Vaccination supplies are picking up, and Texas is among the first large states to open up immunizations to all adults (March 29).

How best to treat the virus is better understood and therapeutics are increasingly available. We aren't out of the woods yet, particularly as new variants emerge, but at least we can see the clearing ahead.

Looking back over this year of pandemic is painful. Loss of life and health, loss of financial security, loss of interaction with loved ones, and so many other losses have dominated our world. At the same time, there is hope that normalcy can return in the foreseeable future, and with it a more robust economic expansion. Until then, stay safe!

### REDICULOUS REASONING OF PRO-ABORTIONISTS

Amid various distortions and misrepresentations of people opposed to killing unborn babies, many pro-choice people reason it is better to kill the unborn than to allow them to face a life of poverty. One such person said: "Many, dislike abortion as I do, but view it as more merciful than sentencing infant and mother to a living hell."

First of all, pro-abortionists are not merely fighting for the right of poor mothers to have abortions. They want any woman to have the legal right to put any unborn child to death. Poverty and deformity is a smoke screen when the pro-abortionists also want wealthy mothers of healthy, easily adoptable unborn children to have the right to kill those children also.

If it really is more merciful to kill the unborn babies of poor mothers than to let them be born into disadvantaged circumstances, why wouldn't it also be merciful to kill the poor mothers who face the same poverty after having their abortions? If the lives of many aborted babies would have faced a "living hell," then the lives their mothers go back to is a "living hell." Thus, if abortion is a merciful rescue of the unborn baby from a disadvantaged life, why wouldn't it be equally merciful to kill the baby's mother and thereby rescue her from her "living hell" of poverty?

Also, apply this same reasoning (?) to poor newborn babies. "We dislike killing poor newborn babies, but we view it more merciful than leaving those children in the living hell of poverty." That is where we are slowly but surely heading. Albert Schweitzer said: "A man is ethical only when life, as such, is sacred to him." The Bible still teaches it is wrong for men to kill innocent human life. Think on these things.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## GHS OAP public performance set

The GHS UIL One Act Play cast and crew will host a public performance of their One Act Play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" by Jim Leonard Jr. on Thursday, April 8 at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$5 at the door. Social distancing guidelines will be followed and audience members are required to wear masks. Honors won during district competition include Madie Bedair named to the Honor Tech Crew, while All Star Cast honors were earned by Abby Nunez and honorable mention All Star Cast Hollis Selman. The play was directed by Jessica Smith

## Dr. Clark honored with leadership scholarship

AUSTIN – The Thompson Executive Leadership Institute in Austin, Texas has announced that Sedic Clark, Superintendent at Gladewater ISD, is the recipient of an academic scholarship to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Superintendent Academy sponsored jointly by the Thompson Executive Leadership Institute and Region 13 Education Service Center in Austin. The TELI Superintendent Academy is a nationally known advanced leadership development program for school superintendents from Texas and surrounding states.

According to Dr. Bob Thompson, TELI's director, membership in the Academy is competitive and by invitation only. Sedic Clark was nominated by his colleagues, met a set of rigorous screening criteria, and was judged by the screening committee to have a leadership skill set that will add value to the discussions in a "think tank" of peers.

According to Thompson, the scholarship pays all academic costs including a field trip to attend leadership development sessions in Michigan. The only cost to the district is Clark's travel to Austin and the cost of his and

the district's board members to attend a visioning session in Austin. The Vision Session is a three-day session in the spring for Academy superintendents and their boards. There they will be led through joint leadership training and planning activities applicable to their individual districts. These district leaders will also meet with superintendents and board members from similar-sized districts to share ideas for increasing student achievement and developing a vision for the future of their schools.

Admission to the TELI Academy, according to Thompson, is recognition, not only of the superintendent, but also the on-going efforts of the board to improve education for children

## COVID-19 vaccine offered at Big Sandy

The city of Big Sandy will hold a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the civic center on Texas 155.

Although open to all Texans, priority will be given in this order: those age 65 or older, those with high-risk health conditions, frontline essential workers, and then all others.

Administered will be the first shot of the 2-part Pfizer vaccine. The second will be given April 28.

The civic center at 612 N. Tyler (which is also Texas 155) is in the building which formerly housed the old Big Sandy Church of Christ.

To reserve a spot for the vaccine, click on <http://bit.ly/UpshurCountyVax0407>.

For more information, contact City Hall at 903-636-4343.

## Hands-on QuickBooks course offered

Kilgore College Workforce Development-Community Education will offer a hands-on QuickBooks Essentials course soon in Longview to explore

the basic principles of setting up and using computerized record-keeping programs.

The course is set for 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, April 7-29, at KC-Longview.

Due to COVID-19, all students must follow CDC guidelines and face coverings will be required.

Seating is limited and early registration is recommended.

To register or for more information, contact Jana Campbell at (903) 236-2021 or [jcampbell@kilgore.edu](mailto:jcampbell@kilgore.edu).

## KC student art show on display through May 10

The Kilgore College Visual Arts Department is presenting an art show featuring recent works of KC students.

It will be on display in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery on the Kilgore campus through May 20.

It features drawings, paintings and sculptures.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Larry Kitchen, gallery director, at (903) 983-8166

## GISD Calendar

3/31, Wednesday  
Mock U.S. History EOC  
TELPAS Make-Up Day

4/1, Thursday  
GPS Easter Party Day  
GMS UIL Band Contest  
GHS V Tennis@Lonview  
Track@Troup Relays  
4:30/7 p.m. Baseball@Ore City  
Softball@Ore City

4/2, Friday  
HOLIDAY

4/5, Monday  
National School Librarians' Week  
6 p.m. Ag Chapter Mtg.

4/6, Tuesday  
EOC Eng. 1 Test  
TSI Testing

4:30/7 p.m. JV/V baseball@Mineola

4/7, Wednesday  
Paraprofessional Appreciation Day  
EOC Eng. 1 Makeup Test  
TSI Testing  
16-3A District Track Meet@WO

4/9, Friday  
EOC Eng. 2 Test  
16-3A District Track Meet@WO  
4:30/7 p.m. Baseball@Sabine  
6 p.m. Softball@Sabine

4/13, Tuesday  
4:30/7 p.m. JV/V Baseball vs. Daingerfield-H  
Softball vs. Daingerfield-H

4/14, Wednesday  
Area Track Meet@New Diana

4/15, Thursday  
Area Track Meet@New Diana

4/16, Friday  
4:30/7 p.m. JV/V Baseball@New Diana  
Softball@New Diana

4/17, Saturday  
Saturday School

UGISD Calendar  
3/31, Wednesday  
12:15 p.m. Culinary competition@WO

4/1, Thursday  
4:30/7 p.m. JV/V Baseball@Hawkins  
5:30 p.m. Softball@Big Sandy  
Shotgun team@San Antonio

4/2, Friday  
HOLIDAY

4/5, Monday  
9 a.m. HS District Track-H

4/6, Tuesday  
STAAR Test  
4,7 Writing  
Eng. 1 EOC  
6 p.m. V Baseball@Leverett's Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Softball vs. Overton-H

4/8, Thursday  
STAAR  
Eng. 2 EOC  
6 p.m. V District Track@UG Finals

4/9, Friday  
End of 5th 6 Weeks  
4 p.m. V Baseball vs. Overton  
5:30 p.m. Softball vs. Hawkins

4/10, Saturday  
Golf District Certification  
Track District Certification

# OBITUARIES

## TRAVIS D. HERRING

Travis D. Herring passed away unexpectedly on March 21, 2021 at Oklahoma Heart Institute in Tulsa Oklahoma at the age of 58.

Travis is preceded by his parents Doyle and Mary Ett Herring and his son Travis D Herring Jr.

Travis is survived by his wife of 21 years Laura M Waller; daughters Megan and Taylor Herring; step children Shawn and Amanda Sullens; Brothers Rodrick Herring, Doyle Wallace Herring and sister Charlotte Pechiney.

Travis has 3 grandchildren, 3 nieces, 2 great nieces, 1 nephew and 1 great nephew.

Travis and Laura decided to make their home in Kinta, Oklahoma where they were the owners of T.D.H Auto Trim. Travis loved God, his family and friends. Travis' favorite memories came from family gatherings. Travis loved hunting and fishing and having game nights with family. Travis will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held in his honor April 3rd at 11 a.m. at the Prayer room located at 1104 W. Upshur in Gladewater with Donnie Plant officiating



## VIRGINIA RAE COPPEDGE TURNEY

Memorial services for Virginia Rae Coppedge Turney, 76, of Yantis are scheduled for 2:00 PM, Saturday April 3rd at the First United Methodist Church in Quitman, where she was a long time member.

Mrs. Turney died Saturday, March 27, 2021, at her home on Lake Fork surrounded by her children. She was born November 24, 1944, at her grandmother's home in Marion County, TX. She graduated from Gladewater High School as the Historian of the class of 1962.

In 1963, she married the love of her life, Joseph Glenn Turney. They were married for 43 years until his death in 2007.

Mrs. Turney was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. She worked as a chemical technician at Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Tx.

She is survived by one son, Christopher Glenn Turney and his wife of The Woodlands, two daughters Tracy Anne Mitchell, of Austin, and Jamie Rae Turney of Winnsboro, one niece Sharon Leigh Taylor of Gladewater, five grandchildren, Holden Keith Mitchell, Jessica Rose Turney, Anne Marie Turney, Elias Gregory Turney, and Chloe Rae Rule, two great nieces Catherine Scarlett Taylor, and Rachel Elizabeth Taylor.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to East Texas Food Bank.



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The Lady Lions are 6-0 in softball district play.

Courtesy Photo



Both Union Grove's boys and girls golf teams advanced Monday to Regional competition.

Courtesy Photo

# Spring Gladewater CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

April 10, 2021

8AM-NOON

GLADEWATER RESIDENTS may deposit bulky, household garbage and items into dumpsters located along E. Commerce St, downtown Gladewater.

Prohibited items include paint, shingles, batteries, chemicals, refrigeration items and commercial waste. These items will not be accepted.

The City of Gladewater will provide curbside pick-up for any disabled and senior citizens, as available. To schedule this complimentary service please call: Gladewater Public Works: 903-845-2586 no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 9th.

Your help is needed to keep our community clean. Volunteers will be meeting at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on E Pacific at 8 am where they will be dispersed to help in parks and neighborhoods in Gladewater. Trash bags will be provided.

The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and GEDCO are sponsoring a free hotdog and hamburger lunch, at noon, for all volunteers.



## Varsity Bears place fourth in Walter Derrick relays

By Suzanne Bardwell

In Thursday's Walter Derrick Relays the varsity Bear track team placed fourth with 77 points. Gilmer was first with 175, Palestine second with 126 and Henderson High School third place with 79.

D.J. Allen struck silver in the 100m dash with a time of 10.74. Justice Hassek earned silver in the 400m dash with a time of 53.12 and Jameal Hawk earned sixth place. In the 800m run Hawk pulled bronze with a time of 2:22.48. In the 1600m run John Reynolds placed third and then placed fourth in the 3200m run.

The team of Khaki Reese, Kollin Lewis, Tristan Holmes and DJ Allen hit silver with a time of 43.12 in the 4x100m relay. In the 4x200m relay the team of Reese, Lewis, Allen and Nick Lincoln earned the bronze medal. D.J. Allen won the gold medal with a 21'5" long jump. In discus Darrion Simmons placed fifth in discus. Nick Lincoln placed fourth in the triple jump.





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## Sports Round-Up



## JV girls earn meet silver

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Lady Bear JV track team earned the silver medal at the Walter Derrick relays with 94 points. Palestine placed first with 99 points, Gilmer third with 46 and Henderson High School fourth with no points.

Megan Perez took gold in the 100m dash with a 13.50 time while teammates Anastasia Goodman placed fourth and Ramya Ransom placed fifth. Perez also took gold in the 200m dash with a time of 28.72 and Anastasia Goodman placed fourth. Perez came back in the 400m dash to earn the bronze medal.

In the 800m run Jozzlyn Fields ran to gold with a time of 3:15.62 and Kylie Jalomo earned the bronze medal. In the 1600m run Savannah Kegarise earned the silver medal and Kylie Jalomo the bronze medal. Savannah Kegarise earned the gold medal with a time of 16:33 in the 3200m run. Megan Perez in a jump of 14'2" earned the gold medal in the long jump while Kiyona Parker earned silver with a 14'1" jump.

## GMS Boys' teams both claim bronze at SH

By Suzanne Bardwell

Eighth grade Bears placed third in the Spring Hill JH Invitational last week with Gilmer taking first place and Spring Hill second.

In the 100m dash Nathan Smith placed fourth then struck gold in the 200m dash with a time of 25.52. Keenan Jalomo earned first place in the 800m run with a time of 2:34 flat and Kadin Voss earned sixth place. Jalomo struck silver in the 1600m run while teammates Jaxxon Cook placed fifth and Ryder Welch placed sixth. Cook earned the silver in the 2400m run.

Taylor Harrod placed sixth in the 110m hurdles and Kadin Voss placed sixth in the 300m hurdles. The team of Ryder Welch, Keenan Jalomo, Tristan Tolbert and Nathan Smith placed third in the 4x200m relay. Bronze was hit again in the 4x400m relay with the team of Taylor Harrod, Landon Brown, Kadin Voss and Jaxxon Cook.

Nathan Smith placed third in the long jump. Mason Thompson placed fifth in shot put and Adam Stotts placed sixth. In discus Landon Porter placed fifth and Noah Smith placed sixth. Keenan Jalomo placed fifth in the triple jump.

The seventh grade boys team also earned team bronze at the SHJH Invitational. Gilmer placed first and Spring Hill placed second. Gladewater individual results include Saul Cerda placing fourth in the 100m dash, in the 400m dash Morgan Grafton placed fourth and Jeremiah Flanagan placed sixth. Brayson Woods ran to gold in the 800m run with a 2:39.40 time. In the 1600m run Kyle Santos placed fourth and Kevin Mireles placed sixth. While in the 2400m run Mireles placed fifth.

In the 100m hurdles Mason Biddle placed fifth and Rylan Hilton placed sixth. Hilton also placed sixth in the 300m hurdles. The team of Kyle Santos, Saul Cerda, Aubry Floyd and Jakub Stotts earned the bronze medal in the 4x100 relay.

Bronze was earned again in the 4x200m relay by the team of Brayson Woods, Kyle Santos, Saul Cerda and Kingston Sheffield. The team of Morgan Grafton, Brayson Woods, Luke Brown and Jakub Stotts earned silver with a 4:36.90 time in the 4x400m relay.

In the long jump Brayson Woods earned bronze in the long jump while teammate Saul Cerda placed sixth. In shot put Carson Cooper won the gold medal with a 36'7 1/4" throw and Jakub Stotts placed sixth. Harris Kayson placed third and Mason Budro fifth in the discus.

In the triple jump Jeremiah Flanagan placed fourth and Kingston Sheffield placed sixth. In the high jump Brayson Woods took fourth place, Rylan Hilton fifth place and Grafton Morgan sixth place.

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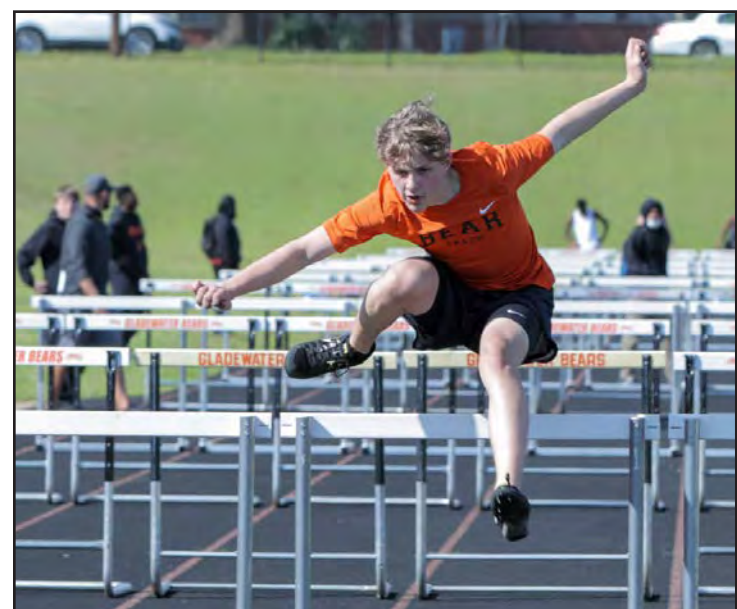
## Varsity Lady Bears win Walter Derrick Relay bronze

By Suzanne Bardwell

The varsity Lady Bears took team bronze in the Walter Derrick Relays last Thursday in Jack V. Murphy Stadium with 70 points. Gilmer earned first place honors with 214 points, Palestine the silver with 143 and Henderson High School with 63 points.

Neriah Jackson struck silver in the 100m dash with a time of 13.03 while teammate Aalatihah Turner came in fifth. Kamryn Floyd earned the gold medal in the 200m dash with a time of 25.34 and teammate Calice Henderson placed fifth. In the 400m dash Haddasah Balcorta placed fourth. Balcorta also placed fourth in the 800m run followed by teammate Aminah Gordon placed fifth.

The 4x100m relay team of Aalatihah Turner, Deja Martin, Neriah Jackson and Kamryn Floyd earned the silver medal with a time of 51.46. Running to silver in the 4x200m relay was the team of Ebony Pipkin, Kamryn Floyd, Makayla Police and Calice Henderson. Adasyn Williams slung her way to bronze in the discus with a 77'4 1/2" throw.



## Varsity Lions capture bronze in Big Red Relays

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Union Grove Lions won team bronze with 96 points in last Thursday's meet at Harmony, White Oak too first place with 157 points, Harmony second with 150 points, Quitman placed fourth with 82 points, Big Sandy fifth place with 53 points, Maud sixth place with 38.5, Harleton seventh with 31.5 and Ore City eighth place with 12 points.

Aubrey Woodard ran to gold in the 200m dash with a 22.97 time and earned silver in the 400m dash with a time of 53.26. Kole Burns struck gold in the 800m with a time of 2:08.19 and Sabetay Fernandez took the silver with a 2:09.58 time. Burns also earned gold in the 1600m run with a time of 4:52.75. Brendan Fuller placed sixth in the 3200m run. Grayson Barnett snagged silver in the 100m hurdles with a 17.21 time and placed fourth in the 300m hurdles.

In the 4x400m relay the team of Aubrey Woodard, Chase Mead, Grayson Barnett and Sabetay Fernandez placed second with a 3:35.85 time. In the long jump Chase Mead placed fifth and Aubrey Woodard placed sixth. Aubrey Woodard hopped to gold in the triple jump with a 40'5 1/2" effort. Trevor Moore placed fifth in the pole vault.



## GMS Lady Bears earn bronze

By Suzanne Bardwell

The eighth grade Lady Bears earned third place honors at last week's Spring Hill JH Invitational. Individual results include Illyssa Hawley with second place in the 100m dash, Janee Davis fourth place and Sha'Marion Gipson sixth place. Sarya Miles placed sixth in the 200m dash. Brooklyn Yount placed third in the 800m run, sixth in the 1600m run and fourth in the 2400m run. Sarya Miles placed sixth in 100m hurdles.

In the 4x100m relay the team of Sha'Marion Gipson, Illyssa Hawley, Janee Davis and Pamela Faggans placed third. In the 4x200 the bronze was won by the team of Hawley, Davis, Faggans and Makyla Moreno. In the 4x400m relay the team of Kadence Webb, Alicia Perez, Makyla Moreno and Sarya Miles placed third.

Illyssa Hawley placed sixth in long jump. Sha'Marion Gipson placed first with a 30'7" throw in shot put while Karlee Moses won the silver. Reagen Verner earned discus bronze and Kadence Webb placed sixth. Sarya Miles placed sixth in triple jump. Sha'Marion Gipson placed fifth in high jump.

Also taking a team bronze

was the seventh grade Lady Bears. Individual results include Cadence Martin earning the silver in the pole vault, Azucena Suzy Perez third place and Peyton Hunter fourth place in triple jump. In discus Ally Albright placed fourth, Alaya Gordon fifth and Madison Rector sixth in discus. In shot put Albright earned silver and Akeelah Stevens placed sixth. Peyton Hunter placed second in long jump.

Peyton Hunter earned first place in the 100m dash and the 200m dash while Emma Williams placed fourth in the 200m dash. Hayli Edwards placed fifth and Samantha Brown placed sixth in the 400m dash. In

the 800 run Harper Bittick placed fourth and Alayah Gordon placed fifth. Azucena Suzy Perez placed third in the 1600m run. Karsyn Turnbow placed fourth in the 2400m run. In the 100m hurdles Emma Williams placed fourth. In the 300m hurdles Harper Bittick placed fifth and Ally Albright placed sixth.

First place honors in the 4x100 relay went to the team of Peyton Hunter, Esmeralda Rojas, Emma Williams and Azucena Susy Perez. In the 4x200m relay the silver went to the team of Lyric Nobles, Rojas, Cadence Martin and Perez. Bronze in the 4x400 went to the team of Ma'khya Boone, Hayli Edwards, harper Bittick and Cadence Martin.

## JV Bears take 3rd

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Walter Derrick Relays were held at Jack V. Murphy Stadium Thursday. In the JV boys' division Palestine took first place with 145 points, Gilmer second with 141 points, Gladwater third place with 83.5 and Henderson High School fourth with 74.5 points.

Gladwater track team results include in the 100m dash a gold medal for Jackson Williams with a time of 11.55 and sixth place for Willie Markum. Tyrone Maddox took gold in the 200m dash with a time of 23.90. In the 400m dash Triston Collins placed fourth, Zavion Woods fifth and X'Zavior Woods sixth. Racing to gold in the 800m run was Caleb Kimbrell with a time of 2:23 and earning silver was Fernando Coronado with a time of 2:25. Kyle Martin placed fifth in the 1600m run and pulled the same spot for the 3200m run.

Blake Crane placed fifth in the 110m hurdles. The team of Jackson Williams, Frank Sierra, Tyrone Maddox and Trevor Hollins placed fourth in the 4x200m relay. Placing fourth in the 4x400 was the team of Zavion Woods, X'Zavior Woods, Kendall Williams and Fernando Coronado.

Kendall Williams took the silver in the long jump with 18'4" while Willie Markum placed fifth. Kendall Williams earned fourth in the triple jump and Jackson Williams placed fifth. Trevor Hollins placed sixth in the high jump.

## Lady Lions place 5th at meet

By Suzanne Bardwell

The Lady Lions placed fifth with 59.5 points in the Harmony Big Red Relays.

White Oak's Ladynecks took first place with 185 points, Quitman second with 109 points, Harmony third with 84 points, Harleton fourth with 83.5 points, Big Sandy sixth with 50 points, Ore City seventh with 38 points and Maud eighth with nine points.

Lady Lion individual results include Macey Alston placing fourth in the 200m dash, Analeice

Jones sixth in the 400m dash, Gracie Stanford earned the bronze in the 800m run and then struck gold in the 1600m run with a time of 6:10.09 while teammate Sophie Pyle hit silver with a time of 6:16.38. Pyle then ran her way to gold in the 3200m run with a time of 13:37.92.

In the 4x200m relay the team of Ava Wightman, Sam Coleman, Kayla Pullen and Macey Alston earned silver with a time of 1:56.42. In the shot put Addi Smith threw her way to fifth place. Bailey Clowers earned fourth place in pole vault.

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**Man killed when truck boom touches electrical wire**

By Phillip Williams  
 A Sulphur Springs man was electrocuted in an apparent accident on a ranch near the Diana community on Wednesday morning last week, said Upshur County sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel.  
 The burned body of Quinton Mischon Lipscomb, 52, was found beside a burned feed truck which had an extension boom that was entangled in high wires, said Hazel. Investigating deputies believe the victim "may have been exiting the truck after it struck the wires, providing an electrical pathway to the ground," Hazel wrote in a press release.  
 Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch, who said weather was "very foggy" at the time of the incident, pronounced Lipscomb dead at the scene at 937 Private Road 1112, off Owl Road. She said last week she did not order an autopsy as "it's obvious what happened," but announced Monday that the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the death.  
 She also said Ore City and Diana firefighters extinguished the fire on the Peterbilt truck, which she said was loaded with grain. Hazel said the fire destroyed the vehicle.  
 The landowner informed deputies that Lipscomb had delivered feed to silos at the location several times, the chief deputy added.  
 Hazel said the incident was reported to the sheriff's office at 9:03 a.m., but he and Welch said they did not know what hour the death occurred. Hazel and Welch said they believed, but were not certain, the landowner found the body, which Hazel said was "right next to the driver's door."

**Tornado kills Alabama family with Gladewater roots**

A Weldon High School graduate and two members of his family were killed when a tornado blew through the town of Ohatchee, Alabama and destroyed their home. The Weldon 1955 alum, Willie (Bill) Gene Harris, his wife Barbara, and their 38 year old daughter, Ebonique, all perished during the storm.  
 Ebonique's 13-year old daughter also was seriously injured and is currently hospitalized.  
 Bill Harris was the son of the late Gentry and Erma Harris of Big Sandy.  
 He and all of his siblings were graduates of Gladewater's Weldon High School. Ebonique's son, Dominique Thomas is a running back for the University of Kentucky. Funeral services are pending for the deceased.

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	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202101713	9:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	202101714	9:37	JULIAWOOD HOMES	55 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	EMS	202101715	12:00	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	THEFT	202101717	14:05		1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	202101718	14:57	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	THEFT	202101720	16:50		710 TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101721	18:10	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101722	18:19		35 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202101723	19:22		306 W OLIVER OLIVER
	ALARM/OTHER	202101724	20:09	SUNBRIDGE NURSING HOME	501 AMES AMES
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101725	20:31	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202101726	21:52		300 MAPLE MAPLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101727	21:55		1008 N LYNN LYNN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101728	23:53		308 TAYLOR TAYLOR
3/26/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202101730	1:15	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101731	2:42		801 GARY GARY
	10-50 MINOR	202101733	7:37		800 E BROADWAY E BROADWAY
	EMS	202101734	8:06		508 GODFREY GODFREY
	EMS	202101735	9:07	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202101736	11:34		1320 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	EMS	202101737	12:01	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	TERROR THREAT	202101738	13:04		719 N MAIN N MAIN
	ESCORT	202101739	14:31	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202101740	15:38		1820 S TYLER TYLER
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202101741	16:07	JWD	605 NORTH NORTH ST
	ABANDONED 911	202101742	18:44		160 PR 3479 PR 3479
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101743	18:49		HWY 726 HWY 726
	FIRE DEPT	202101744	19:55		MILL MILL ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101745	20:42	CITY NATIONAL BANK	895 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202101746	21:57		
	EMS	202101747	22:25		1100 E SHEPHERD SHEPHERD
	ASSIST	202101748	23:32		3087 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
3/27/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202101750	0:36		1600 TYLER TYLER
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202101751	1:59	ANYTIME FITNESS	603 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EVADE	202101752	4:44	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S FOOD MART)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101753	6:38		2709 W GAY GAY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202101754	8:17		N LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202101755	8:42	DOWNTOWN RESTROOMS	103 S MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101756	10:54	MIKE'S MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202101757	14:12		HWY 271 HWY 271
	FIRE DEPT	202101758	15:06		801 N GARY GARY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101759	15:07	MIKE'S MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202101760	16:19		10777 FM 2685 FM 2685
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	202101761	19:23		1202 SANDERS SANDERS
	FIRE DEPT	202101763	19:50		3590 HWY 90 HWY 90
	THEFT	202101764	20:04		1208 NORTH NORTH ST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202101766	20:41		716 CANFIELD CANFIELD
3/28/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101768	1:03	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202101769	1:05		801 GARY GARY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101770	2:21		200 COMMERCE COMMERCE
	ALARM/OTHER	202101771	3:13		2197 HAROLD HAROLD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101773	10:08		506 N FERRY FERRY
	BURGLARY/VEHICLE	202101774	11:25		501 N LIVE OAK LIVE OAK
	ESCORT	202101775	14:48	WILSON ROYALTY FUNERAL SERVICES	505 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202101776	15:22		408 W MAPLE MAPLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101777	15:50		516 NORTH NORTH
	ALARM/OTHER	202101778	18:00		512 RODEN RODEN LN
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202101779	20:45		MCNEESE MCNEESE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101780	21:22		22 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	FIRE DEPT	202101781	23:54		801 N GARY GARY
3/29/21	FIRE DEPT	202101782	7:47		S TYLER S TYLER

**GPD Arrest Report**

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION
3/24/21	3/24/21	21:32	ALLEN, WENDY JOHNSTON	W	F	THEFT < \$100	516 N NORTH ST
3/25/21	3/25/21	19:45	GREEN, JESSICA DENISE	B	F	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID	700 701 EAST BRO
3/26/21	3/26/21	16:12	MARTIN, ZOE ERICA	W	F	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1800 S TYLER
	3/26/21	16:12	TYCOLIZ, JUSTIN MICHAEL	W	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1800 S TYLER
3/27/21	3/27/21	4:44	WILLOUGHBY, BRANDON CODY	W	M	EVADING ARREST DETENTION	100 W GLADE AVE
	3/27/21	6:09	LEWIS, SHERRY BETH	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	1600 MOODY BLV
	3/27/21	6:09	LEWIS, SHERRY BETH	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	1600 MOODY BLV



The Gladewater High School Band competed in the UIL Region 4 Concert and Sightreading Contest on Monday March 29th in Gilmer. The band earned straight 1st divisions from all judges at the conclusion of their performance. Additionally, the band earned the coveted Sweepstakes Award. "To get the Sweepstakes Award, the band must make a 1st division in marching, concert playing, and sightreading. It is not easy to get a 1st division in any of these contests. To earn the highest scores in all three categories is a high honor for the students in our band program. These young people have worked hard all year and I am so proud of them." Quote from Jeff Smith, Band director. The GHS Band is directed by Jeff Smith, Rhett Pilcher, Don Kitchell and Mitchell Smith

## Lions take UIL academic crown

The Union Grove High School UIL team won the district crown again with Big Sandy winning second place and Longview Chadwick High School third place.

The accounting team won first place with individual gold going to Catalina Colling, silver to C.J. DeMoss, bronze to Avery Books and fourth place Gracie Stanford. The Calculator Apps team won silver with Catalina Colling winning silver, Carlos Escobedo in fourth place and Taylor Jasper in fifth place. Kerrigan Ellis placed fifth in Current Issues.

Dakota Arden placed first in Computer Applications, Gavin Boutin placed second and Jordan Lee placed third. Taylor See placed third in copy editing. In Cross Ex Debate the team of Littlejohn and Jones won gold, Melton and Caviness the silver and Fuller and Vaughn the bronze.

The Computer Science team won first place with Kameron Townsend taking gold, Dakota Arden silver, Brendon Fuller bronze and Gavin Boutin fourth

place. Olivia Hudgens won first place in Editorial Writing while Sydney Pritchett won bronze and Mia Rust placed fourth. In Feature Writing Payton Haley won the silver and Ava Wightman placed fourth. In Headline Writing the Lion journalists swept the competition with Olivia Hudgens winning gold, Katy Parman silver and Caden Handorf the bronze.

Informative Speakers also swept the competition with Dakota Arden in first place Kyler Littlejohn in second and Alex Prince in third place. In L-D Debate Tyler Rodgers won the gold and Top Speaker honors, Preston Woodall the silver and Owen Matthew placed fourth. The Lion Literary Criticism team won first place with Catalina Colling placing second, Makena Littlejohn third and Carlos Escobedo fourth place.

In Mathematics Gracie Stanford placed second, Catalina Colling third place and Carlos Escobedo fifth place with the team winning the gold. The Number Sense team placed second with Gracie

Stanford third place and Catalina Colling sixth place.

The News Writing team of Katy Parman placed first, Payton Haley placed second and Olivia Hudgens placed third. In Persuasive Speaking Emily Melton placed first, John Caviness second and Tyler Rogers third place. Hope Rogers won the gold in Poetry with Dakota Arden placing third and Daytona Vaughn fourth place. In Prose Mireya Evans placed first, Emily Melton third and Kyler Littlejohn placed fourth.

Ready Writers Makena Littlejohn placed first, Kyler Littlejohn placed second and Emily Lynch placed sixth.

In Social Studies Competition Kyler Littlejohn placed second. In Spelling and Vocabulary the Lions tied with the Longview Chadwick team for first place with Camille Hanson winning the silver, Brady Colby placing fifth and Ava Wightman in sixth place.

The Lions won the Journalism Team Championship and Top Speech Team honors. The One Act Play team also advanced.



The Lion varsity baseball team is 7-0 in district play.

Courtesy Photo

## Two plead guilty to COVID scamming

By Phillip Williams

Two Upshur County residents have pleaded guilty to federal charges of conspiring to commit identity theft to obtain COVID economic impact payments, an acting U.S. attorney in Tyler announced last week.

Emilee Fenton, 24, pleaded guilty March 23 to "conspiracy to unlawfully transfer, possess and

use a means of identification," said Nicholas J. Ganjei's office. Before Fenton pled before U.S. Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, Dalton Brewer, 24, pleaded guilty to the same offense March 4, said Davilyn Walston, public affairs officer for the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of Texas in Beaumont.

Each faces up to 15 years in

federal prison upon sentencing, said Walston, who added "it's usually several months before a sentencing date is set."

"Economic impact payments were designed to reach the most needy, not to line the pockets of criminals," Ganjei said in a news release from Walston.

A federal grand jury indicted the Gilmerites last Aug. 19.

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## Night at Museum features cultural contributions

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may be picked up at the library with regular hours Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Exhibits include in the media of Art: Adona Wood, Jim Jones, Barbara Williams, Gail Meadows, Margaret Harrison, Inez Phillips, Monty Graham and Dan Liddell. Authors of fiction include best-selling writers C.B. McKenzie, Joe Lansdale, John Lansdale and Susan K. Mitchell. In non-fiction work Rocky Hawkins, Stephanie Chance, Morris Shelton, Tom Perryman and Brandy J. Flanagan are included. There are also exhibits highlighting the work of poets Vivian Dillard, Martha McFerran and R.B. O'Brien.

In music, Ken Bennett, Ruby Zigler and Lee Starnes are highlighted. Photography exhibits include David Mecey, Pat Hamilton, Curtis Bright and Karen White. While in the field of cinematography and acting exhibits include the work of Jimmy Bowden, Paul Foster, Jimmy Lansdale and Buck Sharp.

"Elaine Osteen has been a driving force for this Night at the Museum event," Museum Director Elaine Roddy said. "She has worked very hard to ensure its success, along with many other dedicated museum volunteers. The exhibit features a biography and an example of over 30 individuals who are included in the exhibit. It is a 'must see', the quality and variety of the work is amazing."

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# Chamber honors citizens, businesses of the year

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Gladewater Chamber of Commerce representatives - 2020: A'alahiah Turner and 2019: Zoie Pilgrim

shutdown the city and left residents without water and food.

Also recognized at the banquet were Gladewater Chamber of Commerce representatives - 2019: Zoie Pilgrim and 2020: A'alahiah Turner, as well as Chamber Ambassadors Marilyn Rich Johnston, Memori Ruesing and Dian Turner, along with Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Manager Marsha Valdetero.

This year's featured speaker was Tumbleweed Smith, creator and producer of "The Sound of Texas," the longest running syndicated radio program in the state.

In his 50+ professional years, Tumbleweed has interviewed some true Texas characters and assembled the largest private collection of oral history in the United States. He writes a syndicated weekly newspaper column and teaches broadcasting at the university level. His The Sound of Texas allows him to seek out fascinating people who embody the spirit of the lone star state and brings them into the homes and hearts of thousands.

At this year's banquet Tumbleweed shared funny stories and audio clips about people he had met across the Lone Star State.

Tumbleweed said communication as a key to what he does, but unfortunately some people don't understand quite as well as they should - like the service station attendant in a story he shared.

"There was a lady who pulled into a service station and asked the attendant if they had a restroom," Smith said. "He misunderstood, thought she had a dirty floorboard and had said 'whisk broom'."

"So he told her, 'just pull up a little bit and we'll blow it out with the air hose'," Smith said, as the audience wiped tears of laughter from its eyes.

Many of the sound cuts were longtime favorites of Tumbleweed's listeners including cartoonist Ace Reid's story of a pilot who tried to kill a rattlesnake while landing his Lear jet and a friend of "Hee Haw" humorist Grady Nutt relating the night boys from Jacksonville High School moved a "We Fix Flats" sign down the road and strategically placed it right under the Margie's Brassiere Factory sign.

He told the audience how lucky they were to live in a town like Gladewater. He said its rich history and wonderful people make it an ideal place to visit and live.



Mr. and Mrs. Tumbleweed Smith, aka, Susan and Bob Lewis



Arron Watson, Matt Kruger and Jessica Suggs represented TICO, the 2018 Business of the Year winner



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