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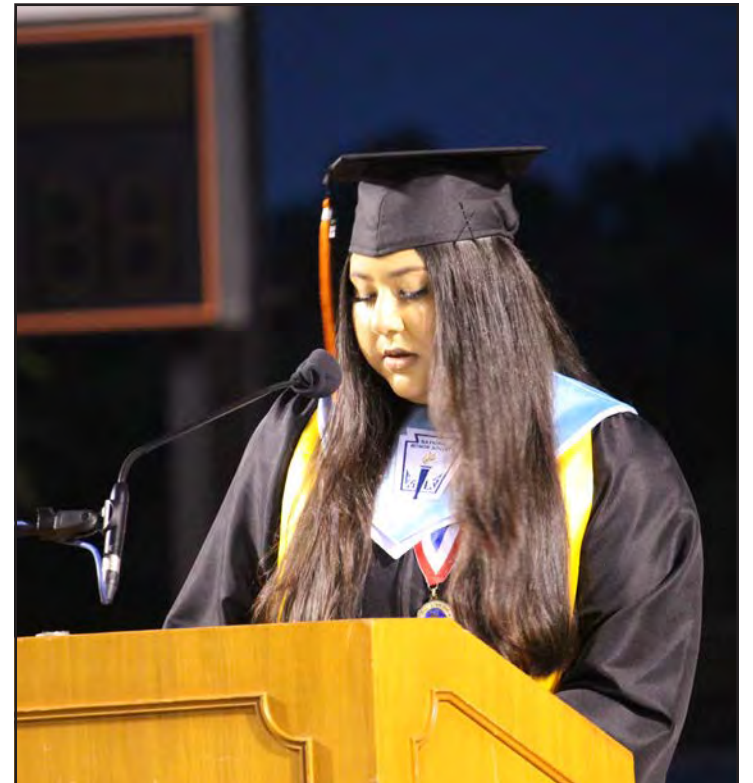
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Gladewater High School and Union Grove High School seniors celebrated Graduation 2021 Friday night. Congratulations to all our graduates. Photos by Jim Bardwell and Chris Jones



Gladewater High School senior Edith Alvarez with a GPA of 3.983 earned the honor of Valedictorian of the Class of 2021. Her proud parents are Juan Alvarez and Erika Martinez. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



## GHS Valedictory Speech

*"Solely by giving me the opportunity to receive an education in this country you have given me everything."*

By Edith Alvarez

Good evening, I'd like to thank everyone for being in attendance tonight as the class of 2021 closes one chapter and opens a new one. Your presence is highly appreciated by each one of us.

So.... as some of you may know, I definitely procrastinated when it came to the writing of this speech. Mostly because I was in slight fear of actually giving the speech itself since I am not the most outgoing or talkative person there is; my classmates can attest to that. That aside, here I am standing before you as valedictorian of the class of 2021 and I would like to tell you about what motivated me up to this point and will continue to do so the rest of my life. Each person has a specific thing that motivates them, mine consists of two people, mom and dad. Motivation in me stems from hearing my dad wake up early in the morning, despite the physical pain he may be in from the previous work day, drive 45 minutes to his work office just so he can then drive to the destination he will actually be working at that day. Motivation is the sweat dripping down my dad's face when he is working on a hot Texas day, in a place with no air conditioning. Motivation is my mother going to help my dad on some occasions, where she is doing what some would say, a "man's job." There are times after she gets home from working with my dad all day, tired as she may be, and will stay up past midnight making tamale orders because they are to be delivered early the next day. That is my motivation. The way my mother and father are not ashamed of working humble jobs, if it means helping our family progress, motivates me to work harder so that one day I can give to them and more, what they have to me and my brothers, who I also want to express gratitude for since they are always there to hear me out when I just need a listening ear. My motivation is to one day have the ability to treat my parents to what they deserve and that life has not allowed them to have due to certain circumstances up to this point. Their situations did not allow them to obtain the education that I received here. Therefore, I will be the first in my family to graduate from high school. Their advice and wise words helped immensely in that regard and will be carried with me daily to maintain my motivation for a successful future. Now that I have told you mine, what is yours?

Whether you are motivated simply by the career you want to obtain and not by hardships, everyone has the ability to succeed. I know that sounds cheesy or basic, but it is true. As we walk into this new stage in our lives, everything is up to us. Big decisions or small, we have the power in our hands to make what we assume are the best choices and will be most beneficial. I feel confident in saying that each one of my classmates is more than capable of leaving this stadium here tonight and going out into the world to make an impact wherever they decide to go. Whether you are planning to further your education, go directly into the workforce, or join the military, we all have one thing in common, which is the feelings of fear, excitement, frustration, or reluctance we have when arranging for our future. Whether you have a detailed plan or not, you can not deny that becoming independent has a form of intimidation attached to it, but do not allow that to prevent you from prospering. Take that intimidation and use it. Do things, especially if they are out of your comfort zone, because those are the ones that help you grow, learn, and gain experience in life.

Through the years we spent in GHS, we've learned valuable lessons that will apply to situations in and out of the classroom. We have also had opportunities to create memories with our friends, teachers, and all the esteemed staff at this school. In an instant, we've made our last memories here. Our last time sitting in class as students, or walking the halls with our friends and laughing hysterically at the least funny things like Jennifer, Nayeli and I do. We attended our last football games as students, where we created memories that we will reminisce on in years to come. I had my last meaningless argument with Yahir in Mrs. Ernst's class this week, that will definitely be missed. As well as the after school conversations I had with Hunter which would literally be about anything, but still managed to brighten up my day. Or our talks at lunch that consisted of Shanillah and Jason singing for the most part. We even had our last temperature check by either one of the principals or coaches when we walked through the doors in the mornings. In my case, I will miss those halls and classrooms of GHS, and obviously my amazing teachers. Mrs. Aldredge, who is always ready to greet someone with a smile, even though I couldn't

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## 'Most conservative session' concludes, special session expected

The 2021 legislative session ended Sunday. And Texas state lawmakers ended their biennial regular session with a list of Republican priorities to boast of, leading some in the party to declare it the "most conservative session" they can recall.

We've recapped some of the session's legislative highlights below. You can also check out our bill tracker here to see what's on Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, what he's signed into Texas law and what failed. And read all of our Legislature coverage here.

**Voting:** In a last ditch attempt to block Senate Bill 7, all Democrats walked off the House floor Sunday night, preventing a vote on the legislation before a fatal deadline. The bill includes provisions to limit early voting hours and curtail local options. On Saturday, President Joe Biden called legislation like SB7 that restricts voting access is "un-American." Read more.

**Abortion:** Abbott this month signed into law Senate Bill 8 that would prohibit abortions in Texas as early as six weeks — before some women know they are pregnant — and open the door for almost any private citizen to sue abortion providers and others. Read more. Last week, House Bill 1280 was also passed by the Legislature, a bill that if signed by the governor would ban abortion in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Read more.

**Winter storm:** The Texas House and Senate on Sunday approved sweeping legislation to overhaul the state's power grid following

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## POTHOLE OF THE WEEK



The harsh spring weather has played havoc with roads and streets. This pothole of the week is on Hendricks Street is just off Rodeo Drive.

Photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Marine veteran and GFSA member Leon Watson salutes the flag during the playing of the National Anthem at Monday's Memorial Day observance downtown. Watson and his wife Pat led the event. Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

## "...the most expensive holiday" GFSA Memorial Day observance

By Suzanne Bardwell

With over 75 in attendance the annual Memorial Day observance hosted by the Gladewater Former Students Association honored military servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom. GFSA President Larry Clemens gave the welcome and noted that the downtown 'war memorial' was dedicated in 2002. He also acknowledged John Paul Tallent as a driving force in its creation. Clemens went on to note that 16 additional names had been added to the memorial this past year.

"Memorial Day is the most expensive holiday on the calendar," Clemens said. "It is in honor of those who paid in life and blood. It is not simply a day off, it is a day paid for in sacrifice. We want to remember what this day is for."

Clemens also said that there was a misconception that the individuals must have graduated from Gladewater to have their names inscribed. He said that was inaccurate. That those who have lived in the community are eligible.

City Councilman Rocky Hawkins offered the opening prayer. Before the invocation, he said, "I wasn't called by God to serve in the military but I have lain awake many nights in regret, and in relief thinking about it."

Hawkins prayer was followed by a City Proclamation read by Mayor J.D. Shipp.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Budget headed to governor's desk

The Texas Legislature sent a \$248 billion two-year state budget to Gov. Greg Abbott after the House approved the measure last Thursday. The 140-day legislative session ended at midnight May 31. Senate Bill 1 is \$13.5 billion less than the previous biennial budget, with the difference to be made up from COVID-19 relief funds from the federal government.

As previously reported, Abbott plans to call a special session in the fall to allow legislators to decide how to allocate those funds.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has called for a special session for this summer to address some of his priority bills, such as limiting the participation of transgender athletes in school sports, banning the use of public funds to pay lobbyists and putting limits on social media's power to restrict users. Abbott called Patrick's special-session proposal "pretty goofy," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Only the governor can call a special session and dictate the topics to be addressed.

### More than a third of Texans vaccinated

Over a third of all Texans — more than 10 million — are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with shots opened up to anyone 12 and older, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is 34.5 percent of the state's population.

The Texas Department of Emergency Management and Abbott announced last week the expansion of the State Mobile Vaccine Program to include groups of five or more eligible Texans who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Anyone interested can call 844-90-TEXAS and select Option 13 to schedule a mobile vaccine clinic for groups of friends, families, employees, and others. In addition, homebound residents can request a unit come to their home. Previously, a minimum of 10 people were required before requesting a mobile vaccination unit.

The call center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday.

### Cases up slightly, hospitalizations down

The number of COVID-19 cases in the past week rose slightly, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. As of last Friday, 269 deaths were reported — identical to last week. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients continues to drop, with 1,899 hospitalized as of Friday, according to DSHS.

### Number of missing children reported

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has issued its annual report on children and youth missing from that agency's conservatorship or who are considered victims of human trafficking.

During fiscal year 2020, which ended Aug. 31 of last year, a total of 2,229 children and youth were missing at some point. On Aug. 31, 255 were still missing. During that year, a total of 47,913 were in DFPS conservatorship, meaning 4.6%, went missing at some point.

Of the 1,972 children recovered during that time frame, 136 of them — 7% — reported being victimized while missing. Sixty-eight children — 3.4% — reported being a victim of sex trafficking.

### Texas Film Commission celebrates 50 years

The Texas Film Commission, created in 1971 to expand the film industry in Texas, turned a half-century old this year.

The commission has attracted \$1.66 billion in local spending and created more than 157,000 production jobs in Texas from 2007 to 2020. More than 150 Texas communities are now officially Texas Film Friendly.

"Texas has developed into such a vibrant destination for production across all media that the promise and potential recognized 50 years ago has been more than realized," Abbott said.

### Hurricane system begins on June 1

The 2021 hurricane system kicks off June 1, and it is expected to be another busy one.

Last year's Atlantic hurricane season included a record-breaking 30 storms, including a dozen that made landfall in the United States. Three storms — Hurricanes Hanna and Laura and Tropical Storm Marco — resulted in disaster declarations for several Texas counties, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

Hurricane researchers at Colorado State University warn that warmer Atlantic surface temperatures and the absence of El Niño conditions in the Pacific could result in a busy hurricane system.

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## No cost too high...

We know how to honor our military servicemen and women who have sacrificed their lives in battle. We honor their families by acknowledging their loss and awarding them a Gold Star. On Memorial Day, ceremonies of remembrance were held all across this nation. Prayers were prayed and TAPS was played.

As I stood listening to that mournful song with about 75 other community members my thoughts strayed to dear friends of mine who lost their son. Not in service but to suicide. There are no Gold Stars for them, when they hear TAPS I consider what they are feeling, the grief that will not end until they do.

Their son came home from service in the Middle East and became a policeman, had beautiful children and was deeply loved by many. I remember well his childhood joy and energy. A light that was extinguished in pain. Today I prayed for his Mom and Dad, his children and his brothers and sisters. Because as surely as some of his buddies lost their lives in war, this young man lost his from the aftershocks.

The Veterans Affairs Department released suicide rates in 2020 for 2018. The data shows that there were 17.6 veteran suicides per day. PER DAY. And that rate had decreased 2.4% over the previous year.

Our young who go to war today, go by choice, often without awareness of the cost emotionally. They serve longer stints away from home in cultures radically different. They are trained for that. What they are not prepared for is when they come home and how what they lived through, and what they saw, and what they did impacts their interior lives.

Flying flags and saying thank you matters. But there is much more

## Suzanne Bardwell



work that needs to be done by the VA and by us. We need to reach out, to listen and to act. We also need to let our elected officials know that we value our veterans and their needs should be a priority in budgeting. If that means sacrifice elsewhere so be it. We need to demand the highest level of medical and mental health care for our veterans and active military personnel. The cost is too high not to do so.

At the young man's funeral, the pew in front of me was filled with young men with ramrod straight spines who had served with him. They wore their friendship proudly, but their scars were evident as well, both physical and emotional. I wanted to gather them in my arms and comfort them. I wanted to tell them it would be alright. But I couldn't. Because it won't be. For them or those who love them until they receive the care they need.

So my friends, be patriotic, wave the flag, put your hand on your heart and enjoy the Independence Day fireworks coming up in a month. But if you really and truly want to honor our veterans lobby your elected representatives at the national and state level to put our tax money where our collective patriotic mouths are and fund veterans' care programs adequately. After all, that may be the most patriotic thing we can do to show we truly value their service and sacrifice.



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## The Outlook for the Texas Economy

With COVID-19 cases continuing to fall and vaccination rates rising, things are beginning to feel a bit more normal. The economy is growing, and the outlook remains positive as the health crisis abates. Here's a quick look at current conditions and our latest projections for business activity in the state.



Texas has recovered more than one million of the nearly 1.5 million jobs lost in March and April of last year due to the pandemic. The state added 13,000 jobs in April (on a seasonally-adjusted basis) as strong gains in a few industry groups, such as leisure and hospitality and

professional and business services, were partly offset by losses in construction, manufacturing, mining and logging—which in Texas is essentially oil and gas activity—and several others. The state's unemployment rate has improved significantly, but is still above the national level. The bottom line is that while we're moving in the right direction overall, there are still a few bumps in the road.

One issue is worker shortages, which were already a significant problem before the pandemic. Competition for knowledge workers and other skilled occupations is intense, industries such as restaurants and hospitality are having difficulty coaxing employees back, and school and childcare challenges restrain the entry of many (particularly females). Supply chain challenges

also remain. The pandemic disrupted the entire global manufacturing and distribution complex, and it is quite a process to restore the relatively smooth functioning that typically supports production processes. This situation results in both cost escalation and bottlenecks that inhibit or even interrupt activity.

Our most recent forecast indicates an estimated 1.6 million net new jobs are projected to be added to the Texas economy by 2025, representing a 2.39% annual rate of growth over the period. This expansion is somewhat front loaded, as the state continues to regain the activity lost during the downturn and returns to long-term patterns. Services industries will drive job gains, with wholesale and retail trade businesses also forecast to see notable hiring. Real gross

project is projected to gain \$424.4 billion over the next five years, and output in all major industry groups is forecast to expand, with the mining and services segments leading the way. In particular, the energy sector is expected to continue its strong comeback.

I expect Texas to reach pre-pandemic employment levels in the next year or two. The state's combination of natural resources, a large and growing population, and expansion in emerging industries position it well for expansion.

While there are challenges ahead, such as providing the requisite education and training for future jobs and assuring the provision of essential infrastructure, Texas has the potential to remain a growth leader for the foreseeable future. Stay safe.



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## FREEDOM

Our country just celebrated Memorial Day, on which we celebrate the freedoms that brave Americans died to protect. Freedom is a great word and something we all cherish and long for. Freedom is integral to the founding of our country and we are all thankful for those who made it possible and who defend it.

Lee Greenwood sang the following words: "And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, and gave that right to me." Therefore, it is fitting that we celebrate the sacrifices they made so that we may be free.

But there is another memorial we celebrate every first day of the week which emphasizes the death of the greatest One who ever lived, which makes possible the greatest freedom available to man. That one is Jesus Christ, and that freedom is the freedom from sin, made possible by His sacrifice.

When and how do we access this freedom? The answer is found in Romans 6. Verses 17-18 says: "But thanks be to God that though you were the slaves (servants) of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves (servants) of righteousness." That "form" (pattern) is in verses 3-4, which says: "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into Christ's death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we might walk in newness of life." Notice that this "newness of life" is not ours to enjoy "before" we are baptized, but "after." Thus, "before" we are baptized, we are servants of sin (v. 17), but "after" we are baptized, we are "freed" from sin i. e. we walk in "newness of life!"

Thus, our freedom from the slavery of sin comes by means of the Son of God, and through no one else. We access this freedom from sin when we obey the pattern given in Romans 6: 3-4. The good news is that, though sin enslaves, we can be made free from it. We can throw off the shackles of sin and obtain forgiveness of our sins, so that we may be free indeed! (Jn. 8: 36). Think on these things.

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## McKnight, Andrade exchange wedding vows

Kelsey Lea-Anne Andrade and Daniel Joe McKnight were married Saturday, May 22, 2021 in a 5 p.m. rite at Eden of East Texas, near Lindale. The Reverend Dr. Evan Dolive of First Christian Church of Longview officiated.

The Bride is the daughter of Kassi and Rodger Andrade of Longview. Her grandparents are George Andrade of San Antonio and Nancy Andrade of St. Augustine. Kelsey is a 2017 graduate of Pine Tree High School of Longview.

Groom is the son of Melanie and Terry McKnight of Longview. His paternal grandparents are Darrell and the late Joy McKnight of Gladewater; maternal grandparents are Virginia and the late Joe D. Jones of Longview. Daniel is a 2015 graduate of Gladewater High School.

The newlyweds currently live in Longview.

## Career Services will host 'Destination Graduation' June 9, June 15

Kilgore College Career Services will host "Destination Graduation" for students who are preparing to graduate from KC. The events are set for 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, in the Watson Library on the Kilgore campus; and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at KC-Longview in the Hendrix Building Computer Lab.

This will be a one-stop shop where students will be able to meet with an advisor to verify graduation, complete the application process and meet with bookstore representatives to order caps and gowns.

Students will also be able to meet with the cashier's office if there are any holds on their accounts.

For information, contact Kyla Sather at (903) 983-8644 or ksather@kilgore.edu.

## Upshur roads topic of workshop

By Phillip Williams

While hearing yet another round of citizen complaints about county road conditions, Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller announced at Friday's meeting of the county commissioners court that the court will hold a June 9 public workshop on the Road and Bridge Department.

It is set for 2:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Upshur County Courthouse in Gilmer. The court will also hold a public workshop on the budget for the sheriff's office that day, a Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

"I think there is hope the roads are gonna be fixed," Tefteller told the audience Friday. "We know we have a problem. . . I'm the biggest friend you're gonna have for roads."

Meantime, a petition is circulating to call what would be the county's fourth election in about 20 years on what system it will use to maintain its roads. In the prior three elections, voters have chosen the unit road system, overseen by someone appointed by the court, over the former system of having each commissioner be responsible for roads in his/her precinct.

Tefteller said "I don't really like" the unit system (which supporters had said would save money) and that he had liked the

old arrangement.

Friday's meeting was the second recently in which several citizens expressed dissatisfaction over road maintenance. County Road Administrator Andy Jordan, who attends the overwhelming majority of court meetings, was not present Friday and said little at the prior meeting where road conditions came under fire. Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle, who has acknowledged bad road conditions in his precinct, has said that the unit system, not Jordan, is to blame.

At Friday's meeting, Dolle said the unit system resulted in cutting the number of Road and Bridge Department personnel and that over the years, \$1 million had been taken out of the department's budget. Dolle, who took office Jan. 1, said it had been mistakenly thought that the county could keep roads maintained with reductions in equipment, budget and staff.

He also said he has been working with Jordan, who he said was making an effort to improve matters. Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller added "I fight just as hard as he (Dolle) does" for road improvement.

A citizen, Jan Yohn, told the court "I have no ideas when our roads are gonna be repaired" and

complained that "we have had huge, huge potholes" as well as water over a road. She said the potholes were filled, but then washed out.

Aaron Austin complained that Willow Oak Road was completely resurfaced six months ago, but now "looks like a war zone." He also charged that Upshur County is "one of the worst areas in the state" for county road conditions, which is "depressing the property values here."

Austin complained of a road being under water, and said that when potholes are repaired, "they last literally one rain."

Wesley Pullen presented photographs to the court of road conditions and said the roadways had not been maintained before recent rain, so the bad weather could not be blamed for all the problems.

Said Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Ashley, "It's gonna have to dry out to properly fix anything."

Another citizen, Greg Morris, told the court "something has to be done." He said that in one instance, a crew repaired two potholes, but not a third, adding "it's crazy." John McGee, meanwhile, told commissioners that in one instance, oil dirt was poured in a hole, but that when cars drive over it, "it's a bigger hole."

## Online behavioral health awareness training launched

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is launching a new behavioral health awareness eLearning series to empower families with more knowledge and understanding of behavioral health conditions that impact more than 3 million Texans each year.

"Understanding is powerful, and Texas HHSC saw a need for people who want to understand their own condition or a loved one's condition to learn more about behavioral health and share what they learn with others,"

said Sonja Gaines, HHS deputy executive commissioner for Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Behavioral Health Services. "When people learn more about behavioral health, they can overcome challenges and the stigma associated with mental illness to seek treatment and take that first step toward creating a better life for themselves and others."

The series' intended audience is not only those dealing directly with behavioral health conditions, but also their friends, family

members, and advocates. There are 10 interactive learning modules and each module takes no more than 30 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. "Many behavioral health conditions are common but still misunderstood. This eLearning series sheds light on these conditions," said Dr. Natalie Maples, assistant professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

For more information on accessing local services visit mentalhealthtx.org.

# OBITUARY

## GARY LYNN WATSON

Gary Lynn Watson passed peacefully to go to his eternal home on Friday May 28, 2021, with his wife, and daughter by his side. He was born in Longview Texas, on August 24, 1944, to Valton (VJ) & Sybil Watson. He graduated Pine Tree High School in 1962. Gary married Delores Orms in 1963. Gary and Delores would have celebrated 58 years of marriage in September.

Gary began his professional journey at USI, and later transitioned into the Oil and Gas Industry and was employed by Sohio Pipeline and BP Oil. After several decades in the Oil and Gas Industry; Gary and Delores decided to put their Faith in the Lord and start their own business. In 1996 TICO, Technical Installation Company was formed. Gary's work ethic combined with his passion for perfection resulted in exponential growth. Gary always gave credit to The Lord, Jesus Christ for the blessings in his life. To quote Gary, "To God Be the Glory".



Gary's greatest joy was spending time with his family. He enjoyed family vacations, and long weekends for a little deep-sea fishing, or fishing of any kind. Gary had a love for the lake, just as his parents did. Gary and Delores enjoyed their lake house and made many special memories with their family.

Gary was also known for his love of cars. Owning several muscle cars and even a couple of race cars over the years. And the most popular were his two red classic 68 Camaro's, he called "The Twins".

Gary will always be remembered as a father figure to many and a strong pillar of the community. He believed in sharing his blessings with those around him & helping those in need.

He is survived by: Wife: Delores Orms-Watson. Children: Curtis Watson of Gladewater, Daughter: Angel Watson-Kuite & (Spouse-David Kuite) of Prosper, TX.

Grandchildren: Arron Watson & (Spouse-Haley), Eric Watson & (Spouse-Christa), Hailey Watson-Norman (Spouse-Gabe), Josh Watson, Faith Evans (& Kayla O'Connor), Carter Evans, Hayli Kuite.

Great-Grandchildren: Uriah & Hudson Watson, Gracelynn & Easton Norman, & expected great granddaughter Raegan Watson.

Sister: Patsy Watson-Green & (Husband)- Coy Green.

Brother-in-laws: Lewis Orms & (Wife- Janet), Jackie Orms & (Wife-Lavois), Tommy Orms & (Wife-Rhonda). Many special Cousins, Nieces & Nephews, dear friends & loved ones.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 6:00 till 8:00 P.M. at The Cammack Family Welch Funeral Home located at 4619 Judson Road, Longview, Texas.

A Life Celebration funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 2:00pm. in The Cammack Family Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park in Longview, Texas.

Online condolences may be left at CammackFamily.com. The service will be livestreamed on the Welch Funeral Home Livestream Page on Facebook. You can also use the link provided. <https://www.facebook.com/welchlivestream/?ti=as>



## MRS. DANNA RENA TOWNS TAYLOR MASSEY

Celebration of Life services for Mrs. Danna Towns Taylor Massey will be held Saturday June 5, 2021 at 11 A.M. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church located at 413 Roden Lane, Gladewater, TX 75647.

The theme colors are Purple and red.

Pastor Emmitt Pettigrew will provide the scripture. Pastor Melton R. Timmons from Jones Valley Community Church of GOD in Christ will do the Eulogy and Pastor Marvin L. Taylor from Shady Grove Baptist Church in Tyler, TX will do the officiating. Burial will be at Red Rock Cemetery under the direction of McCauley & Son's funeral Home and Grave Services. Reception, in honor of the Gladewater Class of 1977, will be held at the Gladewater former student building 2509 Hendricks Street, Gladewater, TX where Catfish King and Bodacious BBQ will be catering.

Danna Rena Towns Taylor Massey was born November 7, 1958 in Portsmouth, Norfolk County, Virginia, and died November 1, 2020, in Apple Valley, Minnesota, at the age of 61 years, surrounded by her children.

Mrs. Towns Taylor Massey has been a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church since she was 7 and joined with her parents under the direction of Rev. N. L Peterson. Her father served in the U.S. Navy enabling her to encounter many wonderful people from all over the world. When her father retired from the military, they landed in Gladewater where she attended public schools and participated in many activities including cheer and band as a drum major. She was a Gladewater Class of 1977 high school graduate as well as a graduate from Kilgore College and Texas Women's University. Her career path took her in many directions including Sonic in Kilgore, Law firms in California, as well as Paula Martin Jones Recreation Center in Longview, where she retired.

Her passing reunites with her parents: George B. Towns and Dorothy Lee Towns, her 4 sons: Marcus, Brandon, Ryan and Tevin Taylor, as well as her current husband Christopher Massey. She is survived by her only living relative, her Aunt Early Lacy in Pearland, TX. She is survived by Her ex-husband Marvin Taylor, her 3 children: Brandice Taylor-Carlson, Tiffany Taylor, Kevin Taylor, her 2 Grandchildren Brianna and Natalie Carlson and Son-in-law Erik Carlson..

The family respectfully requests your presence. Flowers and donations can be sent to the family via the church.



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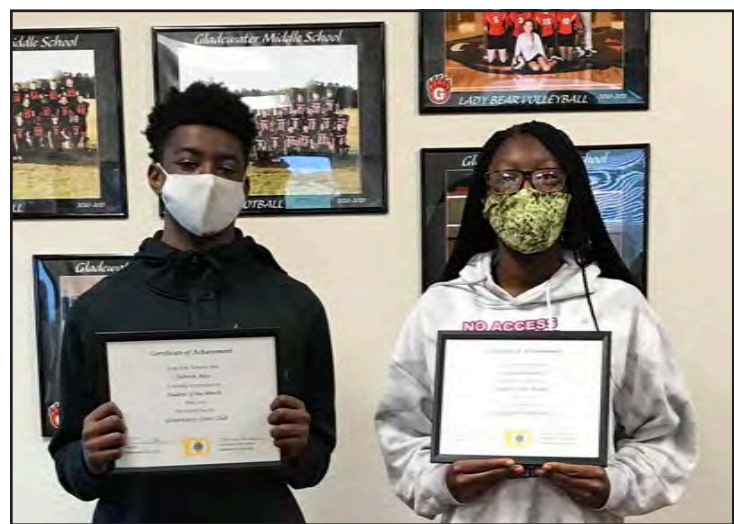
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Lion's Club GMS Students' of the Month for April were Jiebron Ross and Illyssa Hawley. Courtesy Photo

GHS junior Timber Smith was chosen as May Lion's Club Student of the Month. Timber is a 2-year varsity cheerleader and National Honor Society member. For the last two years in Spotlight on GHS she was an Outstanding Student nominee. As a freshman she was a Class Favorite nominee, JV cheerleader and a member of the NJHS. She also played varsity basketball as a sophomore. She has achieved A/B honor roll status all three years of high school. Timber's proud parents are Candi Smith and Jeff Smith.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Gladewater Bear Summer Athletic Camps 2021**  
Online registration at: [www.gladewaterbear.com](http://www.gladewaterbear.com)

**SUMMER SHCOOL**  
6/7-17@GMS  
6/21-24-Summer Testing@GMS

**KC spring President's List**

Kilgore College students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester from Gladewater includes Rachel Bell, Tyler Bly, Makenzie Cruz, Marti Hart, Jaiden Kincaid, Joshua Martinez, Catherine Pritchett, Karen Rivera, Sara Ramsey, Marisol Soto and Larry White.

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 college hours and earn A's in all of their classes.

**KC Dean's List honorees**

Kilgore College Dean's List honorees from Gladewater include Caleb Bates, Shannon Battee, Taylor Case, Dora Castenada, Jennifer Christoff, Robert Christoff, Christian Colby,

Demesha Crain, Matthew Harris, Nicole Kennedy, Sarah Lunsford, Justin Pomykal, Timothy Pugliese, Austin Raymond, Celeste Sawyer, Brooke Shearer, Braeden Simmons and Jasmine Webb.

Dean's List honorees achieved at least a 3.5 GPA and were enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

**Upshur library's Storytime resumes**

The Upshur County Library in Gilmer will resume its weekly "Storytime" sessions for children Thursday for the first time since they were suspended more than a year ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon, and "Bats in the Band" by Brian Lies, will be presented by the library's new children's coordinator, Kari Dunn, at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions.

A craft will follow each Storytime, said Dunn, who will do the reading for the first time since succeeding her retired predecessor, Debbie White. The library is at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.)

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

The library had last held Storytime in March 2020, said Dunn.



Lion's Club GMS Student of the Month for May is Adam Stotts. Courtesy Photo



Lion's Club GMS Student of the Month is Violet Hast. Courtesy Photo

Zac Shipp is a proud 2-year member of the varsity Bear football team, as well as the National Honor Society. This past season he was named All District First Team Offense tight end. For his first two years of high school he was a member of the Bear Marching Band and powerlifting. As a freshman, Zac was a Spotlight on GHS Outstanding Student nominee. Zac is a courtesy clerk at Brookshire's. After graduation he plans to attend Kilgore College or Texas A&M University to pursue a business degree. Zac's proud parents are Shannon and JD Shipp.



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## Think safety this summer

As you kick off summer this weekend, don't forget that safety should always come first when using fireworks, to protect yourself and to help prevent wildfires.

- Before using fireworks, check local restrictions and burn bans. Current burn ban information can be found at: <https://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors on flat, smooth surfaces and in an area away from dry grass, buildings and flammable materials.
- Never re-light or pickup fireworks that have not

fully ignited and allow them to cool completely before handling to discard.

- Keep water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby in case of an emergency or fire and notify local authorities as soon as a fire ignites.

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Jaime Cook was named Gladewater High School GLOBE Teacher of the Year. She teaches Algebra and has taught 13 years. Prior to a 4-year break to be a stay-at-home mom, Cook taught eighth grade with 11 years spent at GMS. Cook also coaches UIL math and sponsors the GHS and GMS majorette and flag lines.

“When my students leave my classroom, they will not use all the math topics I have taught them,” Cook said. “However, the skills they will use in all their future endeavors are time management, responsibility, goal setting, appropriate behavior and how to work through difficult concepts. Teaching goes beyond the standards, and we are helping to shape mature, responsible adults.”

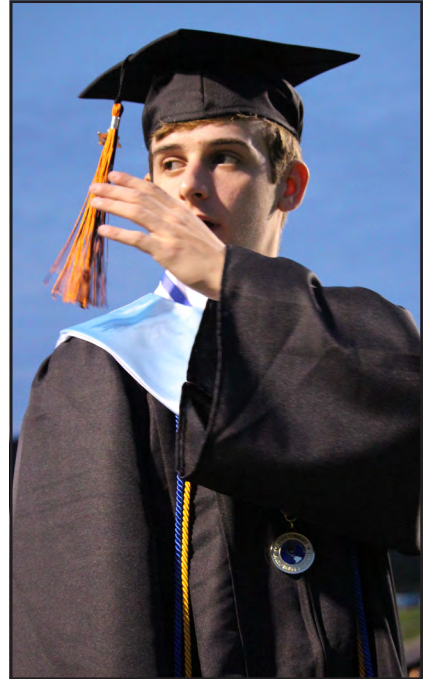
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# Graduates, You Make 2021 Extraordinary!

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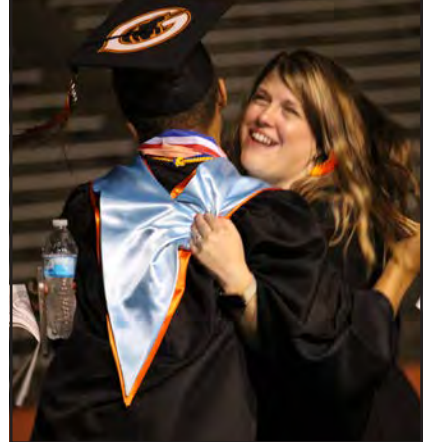
GISD Trustee Garth Cockerell congratulates newly minted grad Nic Lincoln who appears to be headed to Texas A&M.



GHS GLOBE Scholar and grad Garrett Glenn moves his tassel after graduating. Glenn earned a spot in the Top 10% of the Class of 2021.



GHS graduate Maddie Timmons receives her diploma from GISD School Board President Jon Keller.



Fireworks and hugs of congratulations followed the GHS Class of 2021 graduation Friday night in Jack Murphy Stadium.

## 'Most conservative session' concludes

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the disastrous and deadly winter storm in February that left more than 4.8 million homes and businesses without electricity for days. More than 100 people died. Read more.

**Critical race theory:** The Legislature passed House Bill 3979, limiting how Texas teachers can talk in the classroom about current events and America's history of racism. It's now headed to Abbott's desk. Read more.

**Governor's power:** Texas lawmakers in the House and Senate were unable to find common ground on House Bill 3, which would have given the Legislature more oversight of the governor's emergency powers during health emergencies. The bill didn't get final approval and is effectively dead. Read more.

**State budget:** The Texas Legislature's two-year, roughly \$248 billion state budget was sent to the governor's desk after the House advanced the

proposal Thursday, completing monthslong negotiations between the two chambers. Read more.

**Guns:** A measure that would allow people to carry handguns in Texas without a concealed handgun license was sent to Abbott's office for his signature. House Bill 1927 passed the Legislature after similar efforts failed in previous sessions. Read more.

**Broadband access:** House Bill 5 was sent to Abbott's office Friday. This measure would aim to incentivize the expansion of broadband internet access to areas across the state by creating the State Broadband Development Office, which would award grants, low-interest loans and other incentives to build out broadband access. Read more.

**Bail changes:** House Bill 20, which would keep more people accused or previously convicted of violent crimes in jail before trial unless they can post cash bonds, seemed dead on Sunday after House Democrats walked

out of the chamber to block the passage of the GOP priority voting bill. Read more.

**National anthem:** Senate Bill 4, also known as the so-called "Star Spangled Banner Protection Act," was sent to the governor's office last week. This conservative-backed bill would require any professional sports teams with contracts with the state government to play the national anthem before the start of a game. Read more.

**Churches during disasters:** House Bill 1239 was sent to Abbott's office Friday. This measure would ban public officials from closing churches or other places of worship during a disaster declaration. Read more.

**Homeless encampments:** Last week, the Legislature passed House Bill 1925, which would make camping in an unapproved public place a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500. Cities may not opt out of the ban or discourage enforcement of it.

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR WASTEWATER

RENEWAL  
PERMIT NO. WQ0010433001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Gladewater, P.O. Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010433001 which authorizes the discharge of treated filter backwash effluent from a water treatment plant at a daily average flow not to exceed 490,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on November 17, 2020.

The facility is located at 1509 East Lake Drive, in the City of Gladewater, Upshur County, Texas 75647. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary, thence to Glade Creek, thence to the Sabine River Below Lake Tawakoni in Segment No. 0506 of the Sabine River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary and limited aquatic life use for Glade Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0506 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afb-c468bbddd36of81682.5of&marker=-94.954444%2C32.556666&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Upshur County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 West Tyler Street, 2nd floor, Gilmer, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea informaci6n en Espanol, puede Hamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gladewater at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Travis Reed, P.E., Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., at 903-595-3913.

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# Police Activity Report

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	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102912	2:58		204 EDDY EDDY
	ASSIST	202102913	5:18		2021 ASHLEY ASHLEY DR
	EMS	202102914	7:22		2025 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD
	EMS	202102915	8:06	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	10-50 MINOR	202102916	10:12	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	EMS	202102918	10:54		8458 LOCUST LOCUST RD
	THEFT	202102919	12:17		0115 RICHEY RICHEY DR
	EMS	202102920	14:06		1103 N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102921	14:49	TEXAS TRADITIONS	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ABANDONED 911	202102922	15:22		1303 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102923	16:22		1202 N EDWARDS EDWARDS
	ABANDONED 911	202102924	17:15		606 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	EMS	202102925	22:16		2102 W HAROLD HAROLD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102926	22:18		211 LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE BLVD
	FIRE DEPT	202102927	22:40		MILLER MILLER
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102928	23:47		515 GAY GAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102929	0:17		1106 RODEO RODEO RD
5/24/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102930	4:29		322 MELBA MELBA
	ASSIST	202102931	5:39	RODEO GROUNDS	2502 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	202102932	7:33		1814A OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	EMS	202102933	7:54		2800 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102934	9:50	BUMBLE BEE PARK	637 COACH COOKSEY ST COACH COOKSEY ST
	EMS	202102935	10:30	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	202102936	10:45		584 FM 2207 FM 2207
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202102937	10:53	LEE STREET CAR WASH	402 LEE LEE ST
	ASSIST	202102938	11:13		2417 W HAROLD W HAROLD
	ASSIST	202102939	11:29	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/OTHER	202102940	11:44		208 PINEWOOD PINEWOOD
	EMS	202102941	13:49		212 WALTER DERRICK WALTER DERRICK
	ABANDONED 911	202102942	15:30		
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102943	15:30	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102944	16:40		NORTH NORTH ST
	EMS	202102945	16:48		2216 PINECREST PINECREST DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102946	16:52		106 S OLIVE OLIVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102947	16:54	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102948	18:40		GAY GAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102949	18:49		MARTHA MARTHA
	ABANDONED 911	202102950	19:07		144 PR 3464 PR 3464
	ABANDONED 911	202102951	20:13		
	ALARM/OTHER	202102952	20:14	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102953	20:44	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSAULT CLASS A	202102954	21:33		802 MELBA MELBA
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102955	22:53		901 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	ASSIST	202102956	23:12	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
5/25/21	ASSIST	202102957	8:51		N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	202102958	10:51	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102959	12:04		706 MAPLE MAPLE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102960	13:25		300 MELBA MELBA
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102961	15:20		N LOOP 271 LOOP 271
	FIRE DEPT	202102962	16:20		300 WHITE PINE WHITE PINE RD
	THEFT	202102963	16:46		715 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102964	19:14	SUPER ADVANTAGE AUTO SALES	801 BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FIRE DEPT	202102965	21:08	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
5/26/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202102966	1:10		403 SPENCER SPENCER
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102967	2:37		309 MATTHEW'S MATTHEW'S
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102968	2:44		83 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	EVADE	202102969	3:10		S TYLER TYLER
	ABANDONED 911	202102970	3:05		408 PACIFIC PACIFIC
	ALARM/OTHER	202102971	4:39	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202102972	7:09		2502 WOODBINE WOODBINE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102973	14:08		2128 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ALARM/OTHER	202102974	14:09		2302 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ASSIST	202102975	14:28		1015 N LYNN N LYNN
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202102976	14:52		2817 BERNICE BERNICE
	THEFT	202102977	15:46	DOLLAR GENERAL	1821 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	202102978	16:15		803 TENERY TENERY
	10-50 MINOR	202102979	17:00	SUDDEN LINK COMMUNICATIONS	507 NE LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102980	17:37	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202102981	18:23	DIXIE MOTEL	328 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/OTHER	202102982	19:13	TELE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT	401 S TYLER TYLER
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202102983	20:14	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102984	21:08		N SHELL SHELL
	ASSIST	202102985	21:10	JULIAWOOD HOMES	46 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	EMS	202102986	22:17	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDREN'S CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102987	22:54	JULIAWOOD HOMES	46 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102988	23:30	WILD WEST HAIR SALON	2001 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202102989	23:55		909 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	MISCELLANEOUS	202102990	0:07		106 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
5/27/21	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102991	0:16	FAMILY DOLLAR	801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202102992	0:42	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202102993	1:44		2214 PINECREST PINECREST
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202102994	2:32		800 WILLOW WILLOW
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102996	8:49		614 ELEANOR ELEANOR
	FIRE DEPT	202102997	9:15	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202102998	10:03		2600 FM 2685 FM 2685
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202102999	10:36	HARMONY LIVING CENTER (TENERY HOUSE)	502 TENERY TENERY
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103000	12:28		1655 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202103001	12:40	BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	202103002	13:18		MELBA MELBA
	ABANDONED 911	202103003	14:07		519 W GAY W GAY
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103004	15:58	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ABANDONED 911	202103005	16:02		
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103006	16:15	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202103007	16:56		1528 GEDGE RICHEY GEDGE RICHEY
	CRIM TRESPASS	202103008	17:00		810 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	THEFT	202103009	17:12		803 N GARY GARY
	CRIM MIS	202103010	18:19		504 TENERY TENERY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103011	18:39		W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	ABANDONED 911	202103012	19:29		18 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103013	20:10		1515 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	FIRE DEPT	202103014	21:48		N MAIN MAIN ST
	BURGLARY/HABITATION	202103015	22:23		1208 N EDWARDS EDWARDS
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103016	22:52		100 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202103017	23:02		1213 N LYNN LYNN
	ASSIST	202103018	23:32		3051 TEXAS TEXAS
	EMS	202103019	1:53		100 S DEAN DEAN
5/28/21	ALARM/OTHER	202103020	2:09		721 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	ALARM/OTHER	202103021	2:12	ACE HARDWARE	1820 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103022	5:46		808 TENERY TENERY
	EMS	202103023	6:20		2216 PINECREST PINECREST
	EMS	202103024	7:10	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	THEFT	202103025	9:52	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	202103026	10:29		1515 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103027	11:24	SUNBELT MANUFACTURING	100 S PINE PINE ST
	ASSIST	202103028	11:41	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	202103029	12:39		2207 WOODBINE WOODBINE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103030	12:59		1624 W LAKE W LAKE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103031	13:15	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-50 MAJOR	202103032	14:24		W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	10-50 MINOR	202103033	15:14	SONIC DRIVE-IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103034	15:47		CHERRY CHERRY RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103035	15:52	SUNBELT MANUFACTURING	100 S PINE PINE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103036	16:10		113 W GAY GAY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103037	16:28	Z71 WRECKER	1825 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103038	16:57		510 WOOD WOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103039	17:28		403 TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103040	19:28	GLADEWATER MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY	3050 E HWY 80 HWY 80
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103041	20:04	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103042	20:40	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202103043	20:45		1502 E VIOLA VIOLA
	FIRE DEPT	202103044	21:31		10812 UNION GROVE UNION GROVE RD
5/29/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202103045	2:38		408 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103046	7:25		703 W CLARE CLARE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103047	7:41		COMMERCE COMMERCE
	LAKE MISC.	202103048	11:04	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202103049	13:20	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202103050	13:44		1765 W GAY GAY
	LAKE MISC.	202103051	14:56	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103052	15:25		507 PRIMROSE PRIMROSE
	ABANDONED 911	202103053	15:50		
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202103054	15:58		HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	202103055	17:01		222 S DEAN DEAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103056	19:09		806 N POST POST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202103057	20:10	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	EMS	202103058	21:01	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	EMS	202103059	22:53		806 N POST POST
5/30/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202103060	1:11		1103 FOREST HILL FOREST HILL
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103061	1:41		1103 FOREST HILL FOREST HILL
	EMS	202103062	8:30		904 E MARY MARY
	MISCELLANEOUS	202103063	9:28	MCDONALD'S	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	202103064	10:14		4215 COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE
	EXTRA PATROL	202103065	11:10	TRADER'S MALL	355 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	EMS	202103066	11:45	JULIAWOOD HOMES	55 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	FIRE DEPT	202103067	12:25	TELE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARM/OTHER	202103068	13:19		314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS
	CRIM MIS	202103069	13:38	ACE HARDWARE	1820 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE

# GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
5/30/21	5/30/21	14:22	WEBB, DANIEL RAY	W	M	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF > =\$750 <\$2500	1620 E BROADWAY

## GHS Valedictory Speech

"Solely by giving me the opportunity to receive an education in this country you have given me everything."

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see it due to the mask for most of the year, I knew it was there because she is the type of person to keep a smile on her face. I may even miss Coach Clark's class and the daily discussions of literature or miscellaneous topics that I would just listen in on most of the time. I appreciate each and every one of the teachers that have helped me and my fellow classmates reach our commencement ceremony. I also want to acknowledge the appreciation I have for my parents.

Mamá y papá, les quiero agradecer por todo lo que han hecho por mí hasta el día de hoy. Solamente con darme la oportunidad de tener una educación en este país me lo han dado todo. Sé que tengo la oportunidad de convertirme en alguien en quien ustedes puedan estar orgullosos, y les prometo que lo voy a lograr. Gracias por motivarme a salir adelante y darme consejos de ser una mujer independiente y exitosa. Eso me ha ayudado a ser la persona que soy ahora. El apoyo de ustedes es algo muy importante para mí y me da el esfuerzo que necesito todos los días aunque no se den cuenta. Gracias por siempre aguantarme mis caprichos y tratar de entenderme, e cumplir mis antojos cuando se puede. Se que no siempre lo enseño, pero yo noto y tomo en cuenta el esfuerzo que hacen cada día por sus hijos. Desde que era niña me han dado lo que pudieron y a veces hasta lo que no podían con tal de hacerme feliz. Por eso yo voy hacer todo lo posible para verlos a ustedes felices y demostrarles cuánto los aprecio. Y en el futuro cuando yo cumpla mis metas, las voy a celebrar junto a ustedes, y gracias a ustedes por que se que



siempre estarán ahí apoyándome en las maneras que puedan. Mi logro de este día es para ustedes, y quiero que sepan que solo es el comienzo. Me voy a esforzar para darles la vida que se merecen. Thank you Mom and Dad. Translation: Mom and dad, I want to thank both of you for all you have done for me up until today. Solely by giving me the opportunity to receive an education in this country you have given me everything. I know I have the chance to become a person in whom you both can be proud of and I promise that I will make that happen. Thank you for motivating me to keep moving forward and giving me advice on how to become a successful and independent woman. That has helped greatly in the person I am today. Your support is something very important to me and it gives me the strength that I need every day, even if you do not notice. Thank you for always trying to understand me and dealing with my random mood swings that come with being a teenager. I know I do not always show it, but I notice and take account of all the effort that both of you put forward every day for your children. Ever since I was little you have

given me what you could and sometimes even what you could not, just to make me happy. For that reason, I am going to do everything possible to make the both of you happy and prove how much I appreciate you. And in the future when I accomplish my goals, I will celebrate them with you and thanks to you because I know you will always be there to support me in any way you can. My accomplishment of tonight is for you and I want both of you to know this is only the beginning. I will strive to give you all that you deserve in this life. Thank you mom and dad.

Finally, before we knew it, the moment we had been looking forward to since we entered high school, or maybe even sooner than that, has arrived. From here forward, we will be alumni of Gladewater and not students. Our time here is up but the memories created between everyone in the class of 2021 will be carried with us into the future as we begin our journey of creating a life of our own. Now with that being said, we did it guys, our hard work and effort paid off to secure our diploma. A sweet ending to a new beginning. As Ariana Grande would say, thank you, next!

# "...the most expensive holiday" GFSA Memorial Day observance

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"We honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and also to remember those brave individuals they left behind to cherish their memories."

Clemens led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the National Anthem and the playing of the military service anthems.

Leon and Pat Watson crafted the memorial service with both speaking. Leon Watson retired from the Marine Reserve after many years of service. He and his wife have been married for 57 years.

"As a wife of a Marine I can't tell you how proud I am of him," Pat Watson said. She went to ask the audience what Memorial Day means to them. She gave a history of the observance and ended her talk with the story of family member who lost her son in battle. She told the story of the last letter received. GFSA officer Leslie Willeford led the audience in the Lord's Prayer. As TAPS played the names of those killed during service were read followed by the raising of the flag from half to full staff.



**Gladewater Mayor JD Shipp read a proclamation at Monday's Memorial Day ceremony held downtown.**  
Photo by Suzanne Bardwell

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