

# Gladewater ISD celebrates 'School **Board Recognition Month'**

The Gladewater ISD joined 1,025 school districts throughout Texas to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month.

"Our school board members are volunteers who shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices for our district, all without pay," said GISD Superintendent Sedric Clark. "Their goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district,

"Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

Serving as a link between the community and classroom, school board members are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for public schools. The Gladewater ISD



board is responsible for an annual budget of \$18 million, 1835 students, 308 employees, and 4 Gladewater ISO are:

Board members serving

Jon Keller - President Rickie Blackmon - Vice President George Glenn - Secretary

Garth Cockerell David Floyd Ross Morgan Jamie Robertson "It's more important than

ever before that communities support public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

"Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," Clark said.



Mirror publisher Jim Bardwell visits with U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert Thursday at Gilmer's First National Bank meet and greet for the elected officials and local candidates. Bardwell is running for the Upshur County Pct. 1 Commissioner's position.

Photo by Suzanne Bardwell

# County candidates make stop in Pritchett

#### **By Phillip Williams**

Some 14 Republicans and one Democrat who are candidates in the 2020 elections for Upshur County or state offices addressed a candidate forum at the Pritchett Community Center last Thursday night.

Counting the candidates, about 60 attended the gathering sponsored by the rural center. The candidates are running in their respective parties' March 3 primary elections, but some who are unopposed for public office in the primaries will face opposition in the November general election.

Two of the three candidates seeking to succeed retiring Precinct

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GISD Asst. Supt. Dr. Cliff Lightfoot joined board members Ross Morgan, Rickie Blackmon, George Glenn, Jon Keller, Garth, David Floyd, Jamie Robertson and superintendent Sedric Clark at the recent school board appreciation dinner held at Gladewater High School. **Courtesy Photo** 

# SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES: **Building the future of public education**



Jon Keller Elected

2008 Proud Gladewater

graduate, Texas A&M University College Station

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting major, Profession: City National Bank Branch President

Motivation to serve: Just a

worked for GISD and ultimately retired from our District. I am day.

proud of having graduated from back to our community.

Greatest GISD accomplishments: Passing the be our greatest challenge. For the bond that gave our students a state of the art new middle school campus and also renovated the existing Weldon campus

calling to serve the community- that added space to consolidate there was no particular issue or two campuses into one. The concern. I grew up in a family community truly gave our of educators. My parents both students and staff two jewels to come to learn and work in every

**Greatest GISD challenges:** GHS and wanted to serve to give No shock coming from the accounting guy-finances have been and I feel will continue to first time since I have been on the board, the State increased school funding. The legislature was very

generous but most of the funding was designated for teacher raises. That was very welcome funding for our teachers and staff-better late than never. The funding also allowed for property tax relief for our citizens. The funding did not address growing costs for other issues like energy costs, increased maintenance and operating costs and future funding of the increased pay scales implemented with the funding. We need new

Union Grove Lion Chase Mead (2) goes up and stops the shot, with Connor Cowan (11) assist. Read more about last week's UGHS roundball area action inside.

Photo by Kim Hill

# **Continued on Page 9** Gladewater Museum update

#### **By Elaine Roddy Museum Director**

The building adjacent to the Gladewater Museum was for sale and the discussion began to make this building the home of a Rodeo Museum. Since the rodeo began in 1938, there were many years of history. Did you know that A.B. Foshee won \$25.00 to name the rodeo-Gladewater Round-up Rodeo? Those are details that we want to preserve.

Therefore, on July 19, 2018, the legal papers were signed making 112 W. Pacific the property of the Gladewater Museum. This was a time of celebration but also a time of important decisions about the future of the Gladewater Museum Rodeo Annex. The Gladewater Round-up Rodeo Association

has been very supportive during this journey. A museum is never *finished*; therefore we are asking you to continue to supply mementoes, pictures and stories about your experiences at the Gladewater Rodeo.

Many thanks to everyone who worked hard, donated articles, shared memories, contributed funds and offered encouragement to make our opening a success. There are so many people to thank, therefore, we created a Pardners Wall with God at the top. A special thanks goes to Michael Webber, contractor, Paul Reed, electrical contractor, the Gladewater Round-up Rodeo Directors and the Gladewater Museum Board of directors and volunteers who have worked

tirelessly.

Our Gladewater community came out (approximately 150 attended) on Jan. 18 to enjoy the annual "Night at the Museum" and the opening of the Museum Annex. Sponsors for the raffle basket included the Stockyard Steakhouse, Walker Manor, museums every Friday and Scrubby Love, Gladewater Round-up Rodeo Association and the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce. The drawing at 8 p.m. made Bubba Mohon the lucky winner of the basket. The reception was sponsored by Matt and Karla Byrd, Brookshires, and the Gladewater Museum volunteers. The museum also gave a quilt made by Elaine Roddy to a veteran who registered. Tom Witherspoon was the deserving

veteran who is now wrapping that quilt around his shoulders. The museum also created a special expanded exhibit for Gladewater veterans and a complete exhibit on car dealerships, especially McKaig's and J.O.Williams.

Now you can enjoy both Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. To see the Annex, come to the Museum and a volunteer will be honored to take you on a tour. Think about becoming a volunteer. Support the museum by becoming a member for only \$30 a year; you will receive our newsletter and help pay our expenses. Thank you for allowing the Gladewater Museum Association to be a vital part of Gladewater.

Tom Witherspoon was the lucky winner of a specially created quilt by Elaine Roddy. **Courtesy Photo** 

# **OPINION/EDITORIAL**

# **Editorial**

# School Trustees shape future...

How would you like to be responsible for the education, safety and from my superintendent and high school principal laid the foundation success of, say, over 1,800 students every school year? How would you like to be held accountable by every taxpayer in your community, as well as bound by complicated state laws? What would you do if you knew that the students you were responsible for had to meet standards arbitrarily set 300 miles from home in an atmosphere of arrogance, by "We know what is best for you" bureaucrats? What if you knew that the students you were responsible for were educated in some buildings that were inadequate? What would you do when faced with test scores that must be raised but finding innovative ways to do that are limited by the state.

What would you do?

Seven of the most important publicly elected officials in our community are our school board trustees. Most of them have full time jobs and busy family lives, yet are committed to serving in an elected position that requires lengthy and ongoing training, heavy responsibility, hundreds of hours of work, mountains of state regulations and documents to understand, and NO pay. Then there is the knowledge that their decisions dramatically impact hundreds of lives and the future of every single student.

School board trustees deserve every bit of appreciation that has been directed their way for work that matters now and for generations to come.

I have worked in three different school districts (Spring Hill, Gilmer and White Oak) and observed school boards up close, in action, for my entire adult life. I have worked for some with limited vision and the inability to make the unpopular, but right decisions. I have worked for many solid and effective trustees. For the last 20 years of my 35-year teaching career I was blessed to work for an amazing school board that had vision and grit.

Those trustees supported my journalism (yearbook and newspaper) program that grew in scope and tested financial and competitive boundaries at state and national levels. They, along with strong support

for our students' success. More importantly, they allowed room for growth and mistakes. That requires a lot of wisdom and faith.

In my six years in the Gladewater Mirror trenches I have watched Union Grove soar with success which was underwritten by dedicated school board members and administrators such as Kelly Moore.

I have attended almost every Gladewater ISD board meeting for six years and I can tell you that those trustees along with superintendent Sedric Clark, labor mightily to find ways to strengthen and improve education in Gladewater schools.

That is not to say that there aren't problems. But I can say with confidence that the individuals serving on these school boards care about kids, care about teachers and most important of all, care about the future. Because friends, that is what their work addresses.

My everyday heroes are people with in-check egos and servant hearts. I can not imagine a more important position in any community than that of a school board trustee. They have to be accountable both to the public and to the state. I am sure that they often find themselves being stopped at church, the grocery store, a sporting event, or at work to answer a question about school business. More often than not, they are probably stopped regularly to hear a complaint.

Today, I want to thank our community's school board members for having a heart for kids, a heart for teachers, and a commitment to the future. Thank you for making tough decisions for the right reasons. Thank you for fading the heat when the decisions are not popular but are right.

The work you do matters in ways most people can not begin to comprehend. It is work that requires the right combination of intellect, work ethic and vision. Never forget that you are writing the future with the decisions you make today.

And readers, the next time you see a school board member, thank them for the work they do. They have earned it.





cats and getting his long Chewbacca coat brushed. I clearly see that my black wardrobe is in for some serious brushing along with King's coat. He is a thoroughbred 'Lassie' collie whose vocal cords were 'modified' (count me horrified) when he was a puppy. So that raspy bark is all he can manage.

King's former master has been in and out of the hospital for a long while and his wife just wasn't up to handling King along with her other concerns, so he went into the Lone Star Collie and Sheltie Rescue of North Texas where he has bounced around a bit. He is nothing if not flexible.

The problem of course is that he has to make his own place in a corner of our world and hearts that was dominated by Jack the Wonder Sheltie. Jack's behavior was impeccable. Always. King will have to learn that not everyone who walks in the door wants to greet him. King snuggles, as best a 75 pound dog can. He is a fan of football, romantic comedies, novels and anything else that encourages me to rub his snout while he relaxes on the couch beside me. If you aren't intimated by size, remember King thinks he's a lap puppy, come by and meet him. I guarantee he will be happy to meet you. One thing he does much better than Jack is ride in the car. It stressed Jack out almost every time we hauled him into a vehicle. King steps into my car and leaps into Jim's SUV with grace and raring to go. King wants a window cracked enough to stick his aristocratic snout out and 'smell the roses' as he coasts down the highways and byways. And there's a life lesson to be learned there. Despite losing his beloved master, despite losing his home, despite being bounced around in rescue, King is finding his way and enjoying life. He runs like the wind and believes that boundaries to his world merely mark his kingdom. What a unique point of view. One we can all benefit from. Counting our blessings in the midst of trouble is one of the best anecdotes for our pain. Sunshine and a walk aren't bad medicine either. And boundaries in our lives are sometimes more needed than we can appreciate. God sure knew what he was doing when He created the animals we have come to love, especially dogs. They love us unconditionally. They show us the beauty and joy that can be found when we simply bask in the sun and show love every chance we get. Do you think that is what we were supposed to learn? King and I are pretty sure that is how life is meant to be. Filled with healthy boundaries, joy in the moment, a little bit of cheese now and then, a nap in the sunshine and a run in the wind...and love, lots of love. That cures just about everything.





### **Governor applauds White House** approval of women's health funding

AUSTIN - Gov. Greg Abbott said Jan. 22 that a Trump administration decision reestablishes the federal partnership for the Women's Health Program in Texas.

Abbott issued a statement concerning the approval of the 1115 Waiver for Healthy Texas Women:

"The Lone Star State is once again in partnership with the federal government to provide meaningful family planning and health services while fostering a culture of life. This collaboration is a symbol of our commitment to championing the lives of Texas women. I am grateful to President Trump and his administration for approving this waiver and for his commitment to protecting the unborn while providing much-needed health resources to Texas women."

According to the governor's office, "Healthy Texas Women offers family planning and women's health services to Texas women who earn less than 200% of the federal poverty limit. In 2018, HTW served approximately 173,000 Texans. While this program is currently funded with state general revenue, Texas submitted a Medicaid 1115 waiver application after President Trump took office, requesting federal matching funds for the program. The waiver had previously not been renewed under the Obama administration because Texas refused to fund abortion providers or their affiliates."

Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable health care for women, men and young people, had a different view. The organization posted a news release saying the Trump administration "rewarded Texas's long-standing effort to cut off people's access to health care. The administration approved Texas' request to implement a Medicaid family planning program that bars patients from accessing care at Planned Parenthood and other sexual and reproductive health care providers that also provide abortion. This is the first time the federal government has allowed a state to explicitly waive Medicaid's free choice of provider for family planning provision. This move upends longstanding federal law and sets a dangerous precedent for other states to pursue similar state-level measures, with grim consequences for health care access nationwide."

Data from the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities estimates that nearly 45,000 fewer women received birth control, cancer screening and other services through the Healthy Texas Women program - a nearly 40 percent drop - than when Planned Parenthood participated in the program.

#### Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Jan. 24 reported that the seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate was 3.5 percent in December, up one 10th of a percentage point from 3.4 percent in November 2019.

Although the rate of unemployment increased slightly, Texas did add 29,800 jobs over the month. TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public Bryan Daniel said, "Our current economic climate creates opportunities for our skilled workforce and success for employers. We look forward to continued growth in our great state throughout 2020."

Regionally, the Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the owest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs in December with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 2.3 and Austin-Round Rock with the third-lowest rate at 2.4 percent.

### It's all about attitude...

King (Kong, our addition to his name) has taken over the couch, our main newspaper office and is now working on our hearts. He is training to become a newshound at our office and he wants to greet everyone who comes in. He is all about friendly business relationships. He is gorgeous, but be prepared to meet a Shetland Pony sized Lassie.

He is a laid back 5-year old rescue who is a fan of cheese, chasing



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#### Paxton joins in brief

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan. 22 announced his joining 17 other states in a friend-of-the-court brief that argues for protecting fetuses with Down Syndrome from abortion based on genetics.

The brief, filed with the Cincinnati-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, seeks to reverse an Ohio federal district court ruling that "created a categorical right to abortion, regardless of whether the reason for an abortion is clearly based on discrimination against a child with disabilities," Paxton said in a news release.

#### Registration is urged

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, the state's chief election officer, on Jan. 23 reminded Texans to make necessary preparations to vote in the upcoming March 3 party primaries.

Feb. 3 is the registration deadline.

"Being prepared is essential for Texans seeking to make their voices heard," said Hughs. "In addition to registering to vote, Texans should set aside time to ensure that they have made the necessary preparations to cast their ballot. Together, we will ensure that all eligible Texans are able to take part in shaping the direction of the Lone Star State."

As of this month, according to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, there were 16,106,984 registered voters - a new state record. Information on how to register to vote and the voting process, such as what forms of identification may be presented when voting, is

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### SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS NOT REVEALED

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In a book entitled "The Blunder Book" it is claimed that most biblical scholars agree the forbidden fruit of which Adam and Eve partook was not an apple. But, then it said they think it was more likely a fig, or a grape, or an apricot, or a pear. Such well illustrates how people speculate about matters God has not revealed. Speculation means, "The forming a theory or conjecture without firm evidence." Conjecture means, "An opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete or insufficient information or evidence.'

The simple fact is that no one knows whether the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, in Gen. 2-3, corresponds to some kind of fruit today. A popular misconception of many people is that it was an apple. But, the Bible doesn't say that at all. Neither does it say, or even hint, that it was a fig, grape, apricot, or pear.

Whether we like it or not, God has not chosen to reveal some things to us in the Bible. In fact, Deut. 29: 29 says, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law." The "secret things" are what God has said nothing about, and which we therefore can know!

We don't need to be concerned about things God has not revealed, but we need to be very concerned about what God has revealed in His Word. Why speculate about things which you cannot know? We need to be content with a "thus saith the Lord." What God has revealed, we can know, and we can follow. That is the purpose of revelation.

Thus, what the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was, is one of those "secret, unrevealed" things that should not concern us, and about which we ought not offer our conjecture. Beware of anyone who claims to know spiritual truths God hasn't revealed in His Word. Such is vain speculation! Think on these things.

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The Bears gave the Arp Tigers a scare Friday night in Bill Waters Gymnasium. Clutch free-throws from DJ Allen sent the game into overtime. The Tigers however manage to escape with a 70-69 win and remain undefeated in district play. Gladewater played very well Friday night, showing they can go toe to toe with anyone in the district. On Tuesday night the Bears travelled to New London where the West Rusk Raiders defended their house and claimed a 62-55 win. K'havia Reese had a team high 24 points including shooting 71.4% at the three point arc. Jailyn Robertson grabbed the ball 11 times off the glass and DJ Allen added 13 points and 8 rebounds. The Bears will look to end this two game slide on Tuesday when they travel to Troup. Photo by Chris Jones





The Union Grove Lady Lions bounced back with a vengeance Friday night in Overton. Holding the Lady Mustangs to single digits in each of the four periods to claim a 47-19 win. Carleigh Judd had 13 points to lead Union Grove. Madelynn Lacaze was close behind with 11 while Macey Alston and Makena Littlejohn teamed up for 17 on the night. This win comes after Tuesday night's game in which Hawkins topped the Lady Lions in a nailbiter. In a packed and loud Lion's Den the lead was passed back and forth as neither team could pull away from the other. The Lady Hawks outscored the Lady Lions at the free-throw line 22-3, making the difference in the game and claiming a 41-39 victory. Macey Alston led the Lions with 15 as Madelynn Lacaze and Carleigh Judd combined for 18. The Lady Lions 17-7 (6-2) will get another shot at the Lady Hawks in Hawkins on February 14. If they get things corrected at the free-throw line, the game could have a very different outcome.

All East Texas

Football Honors **Gladewater Bears First Team** 

Zach Villareal-Linebacker SECOND TEAM

Eligia Carter-Running Back

D.J. Allen-Wide Receiver Trent Bolt-Offensive Line

Kale Perot-Defensive Line

**Union Grove** 

Second Team Matthew Bower-Fullback **Honorable Mention** 

Sabine

Second Team

**Honorable Mention** 

Brent Warren-Defensive Line

Carter Patterson-Linebacker

Fernando James-Kicker

Robby Hodges-Utility **Honorable Mention** 

Back

**Offense:** 

**Defense:** 

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Back



Gladewater finished the week in steamroll fashion as the Lady Bears crushed the Lady Tigers of Arp 67-15. Ebony Pipkin stayed true to form, putting up a game high of 20 points. Victoria Perry got back on track with 17 and she dominated the boards with 12 rebounds. Kamryn Floyd picked the Tiger's pockets with a team high 6 steals. Although only putting up 3 points, Haileigh Oliver assisted 6 times, rebounded 9, and had 4 steals. Sydney Spurlock contributed 7 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals before being sidelined with an ankle injury. KJ Hooper jumped in on Senior Night with 7 points, 5 rebounds, and an assist. Earlier in the week Haileigh Oliver exploded with 22 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists to help the Lady Bears end a three game slide. Gladewater had 29 steals and stole a much needed 61-43 win from the West Rusk Lady Raiders in New London Tuesday night. Other accomplices from the Bears included Ebony Pipkin with 16 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, plus a team leading 9 steals. Victoria Perry added 8 to the score, shooting 80% at the free-throw line. Sydney Spurlock also put up 8 including 2 buckets from beyond the arc. Kamryn Floyd gave 5 to the cause and KJ Hooper notched 2 points. The Lady Bears are now 6-3 in district play.

Photo by Chris Jones

Photo by Chris Jones



The Union Grove Lions seemed to toy with the Hawks as a cat does with it's prev before the inevitable take down. After a nonchalant first period, Union Grove disoriented Hawkins, outscoring them 24-1 in the second and taking a commanding lead into the half. Carson Daniels led Union Grove with 17 points (including five 3 pointers). Adding 9 points, Matthew Bower also hassled the Hawks with 3 steals. Hawkins tried to fight back in the second half but, were ultimately put down 55-33. With 8 points apiece, Kole Burns and Cooper Vestal both had a good night. Gannon Smith ended the game with 6 while Elijah Baker put up 4. Noah Mayhan led the Lions with 6 rebounds

Photo by Chris Jones



Chris Dees and Dustin Kincaide won first place in the Gladewater Bass Club tournament held at Martin Creek with a 16.69 pound string and a big bass of 4.14 pounds. The next tourney is Feb. 8-9 on Lake O' the Pines. The club will meet Feb. 3 at Gladewater's Tejas Cafe at 6:30 p.m. All area interested anglers are encouraged **Courtesv Photos** to attend.



Taking second place honors in the Gladewater Bass Club's Martin Creek tournament was Michael Slayton and his son Cooper with a 14.80 pound string. Third place went to Gary Morris and Jim Ward with a 10.55 pound string. The club will meet at Gladewater's Tejas Cafe on Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. with all interested anglers invited. Their next tournament will be Feb. 8-9 on Lake O' the Pines.

Lady Lion Shagla Gallagher steals the ball and heads toward the goal. Photo by Kim Hill

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# Jim BARBARDUGE BARBARDUGE For Upshur Pct. 1 Commissioner *Focused on Our Future*



Erin Beaver of Gladewater's B,C&T Insurance recently received the Travelers Insurance company Superior Travelers Agents Recognition (STAR) award. The award is given to insurance agency personnel who excel at customer service, working hard and going above and beyond for their clients. Beaver was selected out of about 15,000 agents and one of only 30 in the nation to have received this prestigious honor. The local agency is owned by Sally and Larry Clemens. Courtesy Photo



Brandy Flanagan received the "Exceptional Leader Award" from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Pines recently. Delcine Johnson was honored with the "Champions Award."



# County candidates make stop in Pritchett

1 County Commissioner Paula Gentry spoke. The third, James Noble, was not present.

Jim Bardwell, publisher of The *Gladewater Mirror* and two other area newspapers, said "nobody wants to raise taxes" and that he wanted to help the county grow with his 40 years of business background and not be a financial burden to taxpayers.

Bardwell pledged to forego going on the county's insurance plan, saying that would provide savings to "fix potholes," which are the subject of "100 percent of the complaints" but the road and bridge budget only makes up about 20-percent of the budget. He also said he did not think the county needed a health department nor county fire marshal as "we don't want to add any more to the budget" since people are already available to handle those jobs without increasing the county payroll. Bardwell also said "we need to pay our employees more" since they are leaving due to insufficient salaries.

Gene Dolle, who cited his successes as the precinct's elected constable over the past seven years, said he favored bringing business into the county to relieve homeowners' tax burdens. He termed himself "conservative" and "pro-business."

Dolle said he favored establishing a county health department and said he had prevented the county from stopping insurance coverage for persons over age 65 who are married to county officials/ employees. Concerning his record as constable, he cited his being responsible for cleanups, including one of a dump with 2,000 tires, and citations he issued for illegal dumping.

All five candidates to succeed retiring Precinct 3 County Commissioner Frank Berka spoke.

Michael Ashley said it was "good to get out in the community" to visit citizens, and "my phone number's out there."

Robert Green, meantime, said "we can't just raise taxes every time the (county) employees need a raise," and advocated expanding the county tax base by building up existing businesses and marketing the county.

"To bring a business in, you have to be competitive with other counties and cities and use tax abatement," said Green, who noted he has been president of the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation for the past three years and termed himself "extremely conservative." He added that "you have to have more than a mission. You have to have a plan."

Another candidate in precinct three, Richard Smith, declared "I am very much against raising taxes" and urged "let's use our available resources." He added that "I believe in economic growth."

Smith additionally said he would like to have a liaison with schools to educate workers who are employed in the county, that he could help with the county Road and Bridge Department as he has sold heavy equipment, advocated helping rural fire departments, and said he would like to have an economic development board representative of the entire county, not just the Gilmer area.

Yet another contestant in precinct three, Kent Abernathy, noted he had been in the car business 25 years, but had decided to walk away from day-to-day operations at McKaig Chevrolet in Gladewater in April 2017 because "I've had my mind set on this (running for commissioner). "I really don't have any

preconceived notion or agenda," said Abernathy, but added he had attended meetings of the commissioners court for 10 months and that "I am not for" raising taxes, although he thought the tax hike the court approved last year was "well needed" to benefit county workers. Abernathy also declared that "the county is a business and you have to run it that way."

The only female candidate in the precinct three race, longtime Gilmer certified public accountant Daphne Grimes, said she "can't promise" not to raise taxes as "we've got to figure out how to pay our employees better and keep them here."

Grimes, the mother of grown triplets who said she and her husband formerly owned a business, added that "as a CPA, I have a lot of experience with budgeting."

candidates for precinct three my office." constable and two of the three running for precinct four Thompson, cited his background constable.

Ludvigson, who is also a Big Sandy police officer, said that since the county commissioners court appointed him constable roads." in December, "I began doing extra patrols" and has performed building checks.

He cited his background as a police officer in both Big Sandy and metropolitan Nashville, Tenn., and a jailer for the Gregg County Sheriff's Department, while noting he holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and has taken courses on dealing with active shooters.

Terming himself "conservative," Ludvigson further noted he had attended several law enforcement academies.

His opponent, Ronnie Mitchell, noted he had held the office by appointment for a year before resigning due to a knee injury (resulting in Ludvigson's appointment). However, the knee is now "rehabilitated. I'm capable of doing the job," Mitchell said.

While constable, he said, he escorted funerals and Christmas parades, always served papers "in a timely manner," provided security for churches, and would be a "full-time working constable."

He also said he had opted out of the county's insurance plan, and would do so again, saving the county \$40,000 over the next four years (his term in office). In addition, Mitchell cited his past background as a former Gladewater police officer, and 31 years as a juvenile probation officer, noting he holds a master's degree in criminal justice.

Precinct 4 Constable Larry Sewell, seeking re-election, said "I do everything I can" to help all Upshur residents, including unlocking vehicles in which motorists accidentally lock up their keys. He said his patrol car sits in one spot at his house so it will not be blocked there, and "most of the time, when the judge calls me, I'm in my personal vehicle," which he serves papers from at no cost to the county.

part-time job, but "I've done schools.

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One of his opponents, David of 27 years in law enforcement in Precinct 3 incumbent Ryan either Upshur or Gregg Counties, and said that a constable "should be out on the streets patrolling." Thus, "I want to be seen on the

Thompson said he served 14 years in Upshur County as K-9 officer, and the rest of his tenure in Gregg County as a patrolman and dispatcher. The third candidate in the race, Phillip Hill, did not attend the forum.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Luana Howell, who is unopposed for re-election in the Republican primary but will face Democrat Jurel White in the November general election, said she had worked for the county for 22 years and "I look forward to this next term." White did not attend.

Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb, unopposed in both the GOP primary and November general election for re-election to a second term, said "citizens just started showing up at my door" to offer their help when he took office, and that the county needs the "whole community to work together." He also said being sheriff has "truly been a blessing and an honor."

Deborah Bankston, who is unopposed to succeed retiring incumbent Cynthia Ridgeway as county chairman of the Republican Party, said she is working to unify the GOP as "division doesn't work," and "that's something I see in this county." She termed that "the biggest weapon the Democrats have."

The Democrat who spoke, state senate candidate Audrey Spanko, said she wanted to "expand health care access," and to expand Medicaid by having the state accept federal dollars for that program. She noted that four hospitals in her state senate district (District 1) have closed.

Spanko, a social worker from Mineola who is unopposed in her party's primary and is challenging Republican Bryan Hughes in his bid for reelection, also said she favored increasing access to health insurance and Sewell said constable is a supported investing in public

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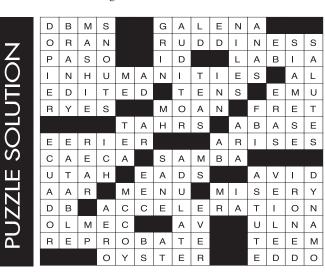
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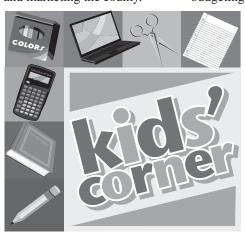
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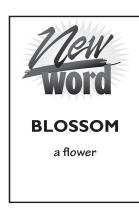
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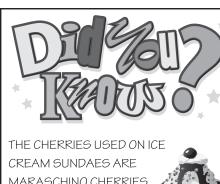
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting to present the 2018-2019 Texas Academic Performance Report for Gladewater

ISD will be held in the Library of Gladewater Middle School, located at 414 S. Loop 485. Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 6 pm. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Jimmy Lightfoot at 903-845-6991.

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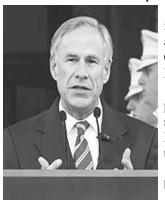
#### **Glade GED/ESL classes**

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#### Weldon Alum Scholarship program

The Lendell Hawley Scholarship Program benefitting the airfield and Eulalia Hill-Allen Scholarship Fund of the Weldon Alumni Association will be Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at St. James Baptist Church at 2800 Commerce Street in Gladewater.

#### Gov. Abbott to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner



GILMER--Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is scheduled to be featured speaker at the Republican Party of Upshur County's fund-raising Lincoln Day Dinner here Feb. 28.

The event is scheduled for 6:30 o.m. at the Gilmer Civic Center and some 400 are expected to attend, said DeBorah Bankston, coordinator of the dinner.

Information on ticket sales will be announced once a caterer for the gathering is determined, she said.

#### Fire truck pull for Special Olympics

Pulling it together for a cause will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at Lake Gladewater to raise funds for Special Olympics Texas athletes. Play "tug of war" with a fire truck in support of Special Olympians. Check in begins at 11 a.m. with the first pull at noon. Registration is \$250 per team of 10 or \$25 per individual. For more information or to register please call 936-639-1755 or go online to www.sotx.org/firetruckpull.

#### UTT offers free SAT prep courses

The University of Texas at Tyler announced that it is offering free Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparatory courses to help East Texas high school students prepare for the March 14 exam. Partnering with Capstone Advising, UT Tyler will offer the course on its Tyler, Longview and Palestine campuses beginning Saturday, Feb. 15 through Saturday, March 7. Courses will be held at the following times and dates: Feb. 15 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday

Feb. 29 8 a.m. - Noon Saturday (Practice Test), March 7 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday. Space is limited to 30 students per campus, and food will be served during each session. To register or for more information, visit uttyler.edu/community/test-prep-cour

#### Lee Library Storytime

Lee Public Library children's story time will be this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Lee Public Library is located at 312 West Pacific Avenue.

#### Lions Camp registration open

The Texas Lion Camp Children's registration is now open. Those eligible for the variety of camps includes children with: physical disabilities (includes cancer and epilepsy) ages 7-16 May 31-July 4; Down Syndrome children ages 12-16 July 5-11, children with Type One diabetes ages 8-15, July 19-Aug.1. Registration may be completed online at: http://lionscamp.com/become-a-camper.html#Apply. For more information go online to www.lionscamp.com.

#### Polar Plunge for Special Olympics A 2020 Polar Plunge will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at Lake

The latest forecast for the global economy from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicates



growth may increase over the next year. This pattern would not only enhance conditions in

a number of countries, but also is beneficial to major trading nations such as the United States.

The October projections from the IMF were less favorable, indicating widespread slowing and growing risks that could lead to further erosion. Since that time, there has been progress on several fronts.

The trade war between the United States and China has de-

# **Global Growth**

escalated to some extent. Work remains to be done to ensure protection of intellectual property and removing more of the existing tariffs, for example, but there has at least been some progress. As the economies of these two nations (the world's largest) go, so goes much of the rest of the world, and a US-China trade deal will benefit most nations at least indirectly. Progress on the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement continues, which is also good for the global trade picture.

While a Brexit deal is still not finalized as I write this, it is somewhat less likely that the United Kingdom will leave the European Union with no deal at all. There are still difficulties to be worked out, but it appears that the exit will be less chaotic than feared at some points in the recent past. Trade deals will need to be negotiated with major UK trading partners (including the US), but some of the worst issues have subsided at least for now.

The IMF is projecting global growth to increase modestly from 2.9% in 2019 to 3.3% in 2020 and 3.4% in 2021. Advanced economies are projected to see growth in the 1.6% range, with the United States leading that pace and performing well above the average. Emerging market and developing economies (which includes many nations from China and India to Mexico) are projected to expand at a 4.4% rate. Developing economies typically grow more rapidly than wellestablished economies; they also exhibit more energy-intensive expansion, which is beneficial to the Texas oil and gas sector.

Of particular note to the United States given trade relationships, Mexico is expected to see a return to growth with 1.0% expansion projected for this year, while Canada expands at a 1.8% rate. China's growth rate is forecast to be 6.0% this year, down slightly from 2019.

Clearly, notable risks to global performance remain, but at least many are moving in the right direction. Unless we see major escalation in tensions in the Middle East, a breaking down of Brexit or US-China talks, or some major cyber incident, the global economy is set to improve over the next couple of years. Good news!.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies



# Rotary 'Students of the Month' recognized

The Rotary Club standout Students of the Month honored at last week's meeting were Union Grove seniors Grayson Kowalik, Kasi Jones, Sela Aguilar and Kellen P. Williams.

Grayson Kowalik is ranked second in his class with a 4.0 GPA. He has been a member of the state livestock judging team for three years and has held many FFA Leadership positions and participated in LDE and CDE teams, raised and shown multiple swine projects for three years. His honors include student of the year honors for Algebra 1, World History and Geometry. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has served in FFA as Greenhand President, Chapter Reporter, Chapter Secretary and Chapter Vice President and was named Third Top Hand. He has also been named Most Likely to Succeed and Most Studious. Kasi Jones, the daughter of Tony and Kathy Jones is a 13-year Lion. She is a standout volleyball and softball athlete and was awarded Pitcher of the Year her freshman year, MVP Server and softball offensive MVP her sophomore year. As a junior she was also named MVP Server for the third time, third team All East Texas outside hitter and All State honorable mention and All State outside blocker. She is a member of NHS and is currently co-treasurer. She has been a class officer for two years. She has received Most School Spirit and Class Friendliest honors. Her goals include becoming a registered nurse anesthetist.

athletic accomplishments which includes powerlifting regional and state fifth places her sophomore year, fifth at regionals and second at state her junior year. As a proud member of the Lion band she placed 11th at state her sophomore year and fourth her junior year in solo and ensemble competition. Sela plans to purse a degree in veterinary medicine.

Kellen Williams has been active in a host of extracurricular activities while maintaining a GPA of 3.4 including the Lion Sweepstakes Marching Band where he was a 2-year state qualifier. He has been first chair trumpet and has participated in football, basketball and track throughout high school. He scored high point boy in track in all meets up to regionals while earning three bronze regional medals and named UGHS Track athlete of the year as a freshman. As a sophomore he was named second team all district punter, high point Lion in every track meet, four event state qualifier in long jump, triple jump, 300 hurdles and the 4x400 relay and placed third at state in triple jump with a distance of 45'. As a junior he was a regional team qualifier., two event Texas Relays Qualifier, three event state qualifier in long jump, triple jump and 300 hurdles and named Union Grove Track MVP. He was also named Academic Alls District in Basketball. Kellen's other honors include Top Lion Athlete, Track MVP for three years, Most Athletic and second team All District punter. Kellen has signed a national letter of intent with Stephen F. Austin University.

#### By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Gladewater to raise funds for Special Olympics Texas athletes. Registration begins at 9 a.m., opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. and the plunge begins at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 for youth and \$30 for adults. Find out more online at www.sotx.org/polarplunge.

#### Manna House food, cash donations needed

Manna House provided 90 family holiday Christmas boxes that served 169 adults and 119 children. There were also 42 guardians who were able to provide Christmas toys for 92 children ages 12 and under because of the Manna House Santa Toy Shop.

Manna House food donations may be dropped off 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the southwest corner of City Hall or at the Gladewater Mirror at 211 N. Main Street during business hours. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647.

#### WES Black History program Feb. 21

Weldon Elementary School will host a Black History program on February 21 at 8:30 a.m. in recognition of Black History Month. There will be performances by the newly formed Unity Choir, the drama club and special artwork exhibited which will celebrate the theme of Voting Rights. The community is warmly invited to attend.

#### Upshur Historical Commission seeks donations

The Upshur County Historical Commission is seeking to raise \$4,500 to complete the restoration of the historic Dickson Colored Orphanage Ceremony in Gilmer, where a state historical marker will be unveiled Feb. 22.\par

The funds will go toward fencing around the site, and road surface material in the right-of-way of U.S. 271, where the graveyard is located. Fencing cost is \$3,000 and the road material will cost \$1,500, said the commission, which seeks to raise the money by Feb. 22.\par

A flyer from the commission says the orphanage, "rediscovered in 2014," was the sole orphanage for "colored children" in Texas from 1901-1943.\par

The commission and numerous volunteers provided research about the cemetery, while "clearing the site of debris, identifying marker stones and setting crosses at the unmarked grave indentations," the flyer says. In addition, the Upshur County Road and Bridge Department cleared the path to the site, and the historical marker has been installed.\par

Anyone wishing to donate may contact Eddie Turner at 903-801-0004, or make checks payable to the Upshur County Historical Commission, which is at 119 Simpson Street on the downtown Gilmer square.



Sela Aguilar, the daughter of Sarah and Alan Aguilar has many



Gladewater High School Advanced English IV students from Kevin Clark's class shared their Chivalry Week immersion project with Rotary members last week. The project challenged the young men to become knights and the young women to achieve the honor of the laurel. The young men were paired with the young ladies and charged with completing a quest of the ladies' making which included everything from public poetry and song to a city-wide scavenger hunt. The students' used medieval formal address, demonstrated chivalrous behavior and attempted to live by the chivalric code. The project culminated with a tournament, feasting and 'round table' talk all while dressed in medieval costume. Participants included Ranzey Osteen, Bethanie Longmire, Abby Grace Townsend, Robby Hodges, Zoie Pilgrim, Raiden Bynum, Whitney Sanchez, Tim Partain, Trent Bolt, Grace Hart and Lily Cahal. **Courtesy Photo** 

### **GPD ACTIVITY REPORT**

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# Boomtown Theater grand reopening set for Feb. 1 at ET Oil Museum

at Kilgore College will host a ribbon-cutting and grand reopening of one of the most visited attractions at the museum, the Boomtown Theater.

The grand reopening of the Boomtown Theater is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, with U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, Kilgore Mayor Ronnie Spradlin and KC President Dr. Brenda Kays in attendance for the ribboncutting ceremony.

Upgrades to the theater - part of a two-year museum renovation

The East Texas Oil Museum project - include refinished to show the public." seating to maintain a vintage feel, a digital projector and an made possible by a grant from improved version of the theater's movie, "The Great East Texas Oil Boom," which is now a digitized version of the original 16mm film with an additional two minutes of production.

"The Boomtown Theater has been a popular attraction since the museum opened its doors in 1980," said Olivia Moore, ETOM Manager. "The upgrades to the theater, as well as the movie, are state-of-the-art and we're excited



The Texas Outdoor Women's Network (TOWN) met Saturday, Jan. 18 for a potluck meal and hike with 22 women in attendance. The local chapter of TOWN is a group of women from Longview, White Oak, Kilgore, Corsicana, College Station, Diana, Lindale, Chandler, Avinger and Gladewater. TOWN is affiliated with Texas Parks and Wildlife, and is for women who love the outdoors and like to camp, hike, walk, kayak and canoe. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cotton Patch in Longview. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 25. Contact Teresa DeShazer at 903-736-0807 or email teresadeshazer@ vahoo.com for information.

Museum renovations were the city of Kilgore. "We are thankful to the city of Kilgore for providing funds to renovate the museum and enhance the experience for our

guests," Moore said. The event is free to attend, but monetary gifts are welcome for the continued renovations of the museum. Guests can RSVP on the oil museum's Facebook page by visiting: https://www.facebook. com/events/723166318191321/.

## Storytime in Gilmer

GILMER--Two books will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly "Storytime" sessions Thursday.

"Grumpy Groundhog" by Maureen Wright, and "Love From the Crayons" by Drew Daywait, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. sessions at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas Hwy. 154.)

A craft will follow Storytime, said Debbie White of the library's Children's Services division.

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.

### UGSWCD banguet set

Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District No. 417 will hold its 66th annual Conservation Awards Banquet on Thursday, Feb. 13 in Gilmer.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative auditorium on Texas 154. Admission is free, but those planning to attend should RSVP by contacting the district at 903-734-8732.

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ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
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	1/21/20	21:04	MCDONALD, MICAH ZANE	W	М	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1400 E BROADWAY AVE
1/24/20	1/24/20	19:32	HOWARD, CHRISTIE RENAEE-BROOK	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	328 S TYLER #8 ST
	1/24/20	21:20	SPIVEY, KELLY TINNELLE	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	2200 W UPSHUR
1/25/20	1/25/20	23:28	BAKER, JOHN CURTIS	W	М	ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	609 TENERY
1/27/20	1/27/20	2:08	WYERS, TAMARA LYNN	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	214 E GLADE ST

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business in Gladewater to raise the tax base-keep current taxes down and increase the revenue. We are currently working on a multi-year spending plan to address large ticket items like buses, rotating campus A/Cheating unit replacement and

other facility needs. What sets GISD apart: Our people-plain and simple. We have some of the best administrators, teachers and support staff collectively in the area. We don't pay the highest so retaining our folks can be tough. But collectively, we have one of the best staffs in the State that come to work every day to do one thing and that is to do what is best for kids in everything they do. That is something I know our board is proud of.

What readers need to know: I can't really tell readers what they should know but I can ask them to come see for themselves. Come to the schools and see the volunteer programs-volunteer to read with a kid on the Primary or Weldon campus. Many may already come to see our football gamesattendance is always up when the wins are coming. But come check out one of the other sporting events at our Middle School and High School. Attend a band concert and see almost 200 high school and middle school kids show off their musical gifts. See the Spring Show where our drill team and other students display their talents. There are choir concerts and theatre programs during the year as well. Go out to the Yamboree and Harvest Festivals in the Fall and see our Ag and Ag Mechanics students compete with their animals and handiwork. Our kids work hard in the classroom but our community allows them to also compete and showoff outside of the classroom. Behind each of these students is an army of teachers, directors and coaches guiding and pushing them to be better young adults. Lastly, come to graduation. It is absolutely my favorite event of the year that GISD hosts. That's ultimately what it's all about. That is why we are here. It is the final recognition for all the hard work, sweat and literally tears for our students-more important than any game, competition or

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#### **David Floyd** Elected 2005 Proud Gladewater graduate,

Substance Abuse Counselor Intern/ Bachelor's Christian



Psychology, Profession: Pastor Motivation

to serve: I wanted to serve my community in some fashion.

GISD Greatest accomplishments during tenure: Being a part in the building and remodeling our schools (middle school/remodeling of Weldon Elementary).

Greatest GISD challenges: Continue to try and recruit the best teachers that can give our students the best path to succeed in and keep the ones we have, as well as continue to focus on school safety.

What sets GISD apart: Our community and our staff and the love we have for one another sets GISD apart from other districts.

What readers need to know? We have great leaders in our district that love our kids.

#### **Garth Cockerell** Elected 1988

Proud Gladewater graduate, University of North Texas B.B.A,

COCKERELL

served 12 years on the GISD Board. My great desire is to see our kids become productive citizens.

accomplishments: We have always maintained financial integrity. Passing of the bond and building the new GMS campus and the other campus **GISD accomplishments during** renovations. Increasing our tenure: My tenure is very short dual credit courses and Career so I don't feel that I can accurately and Technology program. The increased involvement in our Ag

program. Many more students Again, my tenure is very short so on Environmental Quality, Water to the generations before us to are involved in our academic UIL programs especially at Weldon Elementary and GMS.

**Greatest GISD challenges:** Technology as a tool. We must be guarded against students isolating themselves from reality through technology. We need to get them involved in school activities and small group settings where they interact with other students. My other concerns the State-State testing is ever changing and evolving. We need more local control over assessment. State funding is arbitrary-all schools should receive equitable funding per student. State mandates diminish local control. We all need to stay in contact and press these issues with our local legislators. Being able to engage parents-especially at the middle and high school ages. Parents are very involved in the primary and elementary school years but that seems to fall off as the student gets older.

What sets GISD apart: Every board member and district employee I have served with have had the kids first in their daily efforts. We may not have agreed on every topic or issue but we all agree on the students are first.

What readers need to know: I would like to see more collaboration with local colleges to increase our dual credit and certifications for our students. This is something we are working on. We need to present and maintain a positive attitude with our administrators, teachers, students and community at all times.

#### **Jamie Robertson Appointed July 2019**

Proud Gladewater graduate, Kilgore College, Photography, Profession:

Asst.

Eastman

Compliance

Motivation to

run: A position

for GISD.



I don't feel that I can accurately answer this.

What sets GISD apart: I think Gladewater is a place where everyone fits in and accepts one another. It is a true "family" atmosphere where our GISD faculty, volunteers, parents and community all truly care about each and every student and does everything possible to ensure their success.

#### **Rickie Blackmon** Elected 2007

Proud Gladewater graduate, Kilgore College Associate of Science-Major Accounting,

five boys on four different

campuses. I saw a lot of things that could be better so I ran as a 1975 graduate. I wanted to preserve the pride and quality of education I received.

Greatest GISD accomplishments during tenure: Passing a bond to build and remodel campuses.

Greatest GISD challenges: Obtaining and retaining quality employees. Become as competitive as possible in benefits areas.

What sets GISD apart: We have a great staff from bus drivers, aides, janitors, teachers, administration and many others that work hard daily to face challenges always keeping the children's best interests as a first priority.

What readers need to know: There are people sitting on a board that care as much about your child as they do their own.

#### **Ross Morgan** Served since Aug. 2018 Longview High School



Section Manager

Motivation: I want to serve my community and be a part of its betterment. We all owe it

improve on what they built and the generations after us to give them better opportunities than we had. I serve to honor the

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Bear I wanted to be a Bear. I will always be a Bear. I bleed

orange and black. My dad

Greatest GISD

Profession: Team Manager Eastman Chemical Company **Motivation** to serve: In

2007 I had BLACKMON

answer this.

**Greatest GISD challenges:** 

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**Gladewater Primary School Principal Kerry Hradecky** 

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educators and volunteers that blessed me with knowledge and opportunity. I also want to be a good example to my children and their peers by teaching them about volunteer work and how to invest in their community.

Greatest GISD accomplishments during tenure: A growth in pride among students, teachers and parents in Gladewater ISD.

Greatest GISD challenges: The greatest challenge is the combination of competing needs. We have demands related to state testing requirements, education ER Tech finance and reform, teacher pay, school accountability, parent involvement, technology, social media and many more. I think we should address these by focusing on what is best for our students and what is most important to their success and happiness.

What sets GISD apart: I think the people of GISD are more genuine, accepting and willing to help others. It is one of the reason my wife and I chose GISD for our children.

What readers need to know: I love to tailgate at Bear Football home games. Come join us on the grass by the Gladewater HS sign.

**George Glenn** 

Elected 2012

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Motivation to run: Basically outlook for the future of Gladewater ISD. I had kids well as a wife who is a teacher.

achieved by GISD during but when we walk out we are still tenure: Since I have been on the board it is the community involvement in upgrading the facilities within the district as It is very important that you take well as building a new middle care of your employees. Please, school and renovation of Weldon Elementary.

Greatest GISD challenges: I feel that the greatest challenges facing the district over the next few years is funding for the are empowered to support and district, facility upgrades and infrastructure and maintenance. direction. The superintendent Gladewater The funding for all could be and other board members feel g r a d u a t e challenging. The current board it is strategically beneficial for Kilgore and superintendent have managed the well-being of our students College A.A.S., the district well financially. Since and staff. This encompasses our Profession: I was elected to the board I Longview Fire have observed great financial positive attitudes and influences Dept. Captain management from previous our children to become future administrations and previous productive citizens.

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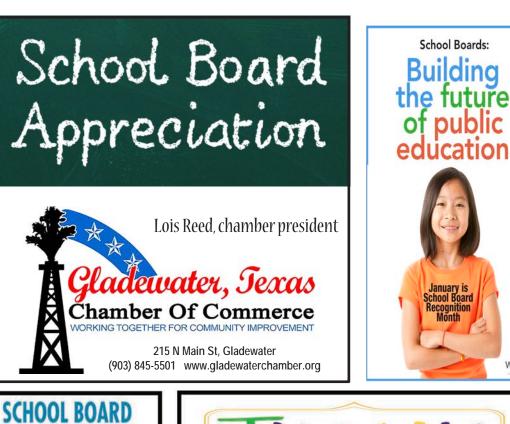
What sets GISD apart: wanted to change the strategic Really what sets GISD apart from other districts is the continuity of the board and the team concept. enrolled in GISD and felt I had There seems to be no individual a vested interest in the district as objectives from any board member. We may not agree on Greatest accomplishments every detail or decision made, maintaining our strategic plan for the improvement of the district.

What readers need to know: if ever running for any office don't allow selfish reasons to embody your objectives. You are representing the taxpayers in the management of the district. You guide the district in the positive educational goals, morale of staff,

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Every day across the Lone Star State, young Texans learn and grow as they prepare to be the next generation of leaders of our state and nation. As such, providing students with a well-rounded education is vital to the development of young people as well as the progress of this great state.

Though many may not realize it, school boards play a crucial role in ensuring our precious children receive the best education possible by working with parents, education professionals, and community members to create successful learning environments.

There is no doubt that the monumental task of providing high quality education to an ever diversifying and talented student population is daunting. However, school board members, along with other dedicated school officials, have tackled this task with a determination that has turned challenges into opportunities to face important issues, develop innovative solutions, and empower educators.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to join in celebrating the work and success of our many school board members across Texas who play an important role in the education of Texas' youth. As we invest in the future of our young Texans, we will secure a better tomorrow for the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2020 to be

### **School Board Recognition Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

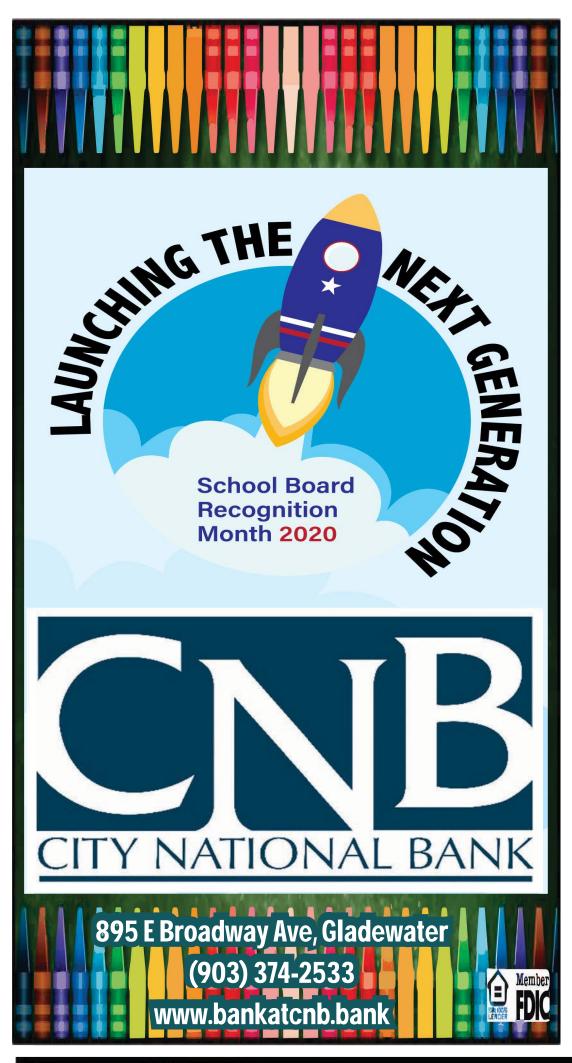
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### TAMU law students advance to the national finals

Texas A&M University School of Law National Black Law Student Association (BLSA) moot court and mock trial teams advanced to the national finals in Cincinnati, Ohio later this spring.

In moot court, second-year students Destin Germany and Arielle Williams placed second at the Southwest Regional of the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition in Dallas in January. The team was coached by former student and local attorney Nikki Chriesman-Green.

The mock trial team of thirdyear students Gianna Redeemer, Melanie Smith, Dameron Barron and Nicholas Coward placed second at the Southwest Regional of the Candace Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition and was coached by attorney Doug Greene.

Arielle is the daughter of Gregory & Melissa Williams and the granddaughter of Jimmie & Martell Williams. Arielle credits Mr. Darren Richardson, former GISD principal and now Coordinator of Community Affairs for encouraging her to always work hard, then a little harder!



Moot court team members Destin Germany, Coach Nikki Chriesman-Green and Arielle Williams.

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