



# Gladewater Mirror

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## City monitors floodwaters as Sabine River crests

By James Draper

As of press time Tuesday, the Sabine River's level was at 37.5 feet and dropping.

The river crested as predicted on Sunday, and with no additional precipitation in the immediate forecast, the water will continue draining away. It's unclear, however, when a significantly flooded portion of Gay Avenue will be back in the dry.

Consequently, the level of Lake Gladewater, too, has apparently peaked, declining several inches since last week.

City officials floated an alert late last week as the rising river spilled onto the roadway, forcing a closure and untimely detour in the midst of the 87th annual Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo.

Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith certainly wants residents to be aware of the dangers of rising, flowing water in the wake of major rainfall the past month. For the veteran police officer and city administrator, the National Weather Service's mantra of "Turn around, don't drown" is sage advice in such circumstances.

"I've seen cars float before," Smith said. "That's the danger part."

Keeping a close eye on the river's level, Smith made an effort June 7 to spread the word about the floodwaters before they became even more of an issue while city employees barricaded a stretch of one of Gladewater's key routes.

The observed level peaked at 38.37 feet about 5:45 p.m. June 9, according to the National Water Prediction Service of the National Ocean & Atmospheric Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. It left about 100 yards of Gay Avenue underwater surrounding the bridge east of Gladewater High School.

Even after the river peaks, "It's not going to go down overnight. It's going to continue to rise," Smith warned.

With the river currently above its 'Major' flood stage, it's forecasted to decline into 'Moderate' today and will likely remain in that zone into the weekend.

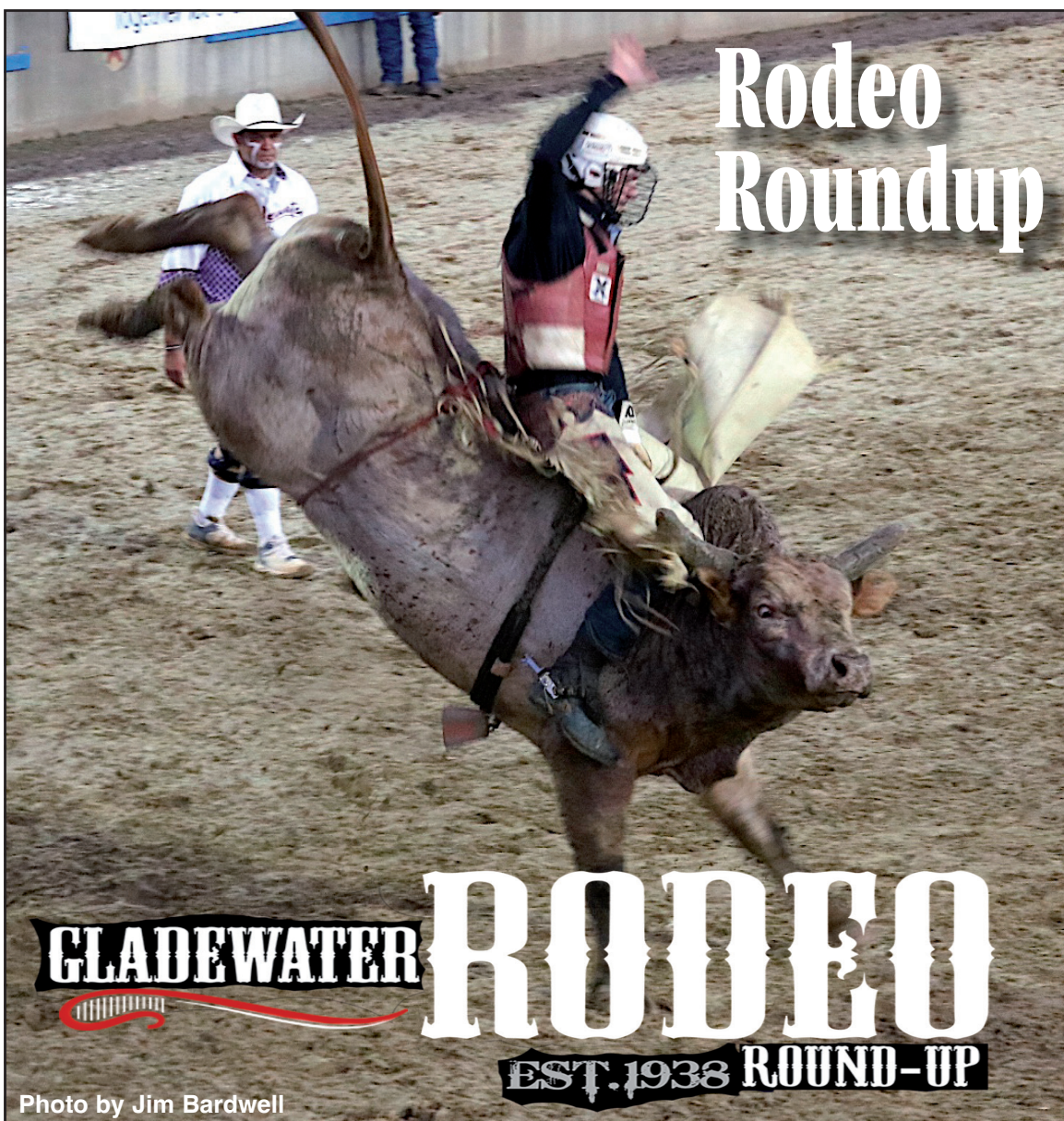
The river's record is 44.16 feet observed April 2, 1945. The highest level in recent years was 39.66 feet observed Jan. 1, 2016.

The NOAA continues to advise locals should expect moderate to severe flooding in places and "preparations should be completed for a major flood." From the NOAA gauge, the 'Action' level for the river is 25 feet. At 26 feet, it's at a 'Minor' flood stage then 'Moderate' at 33 feet.

Don't risk the running water, Smith says.

Inevitably, "People are going

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It's a wrap ... The 87th Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo is now in the record books following Saturday night's action. And the numbers prove it was a great time for all - as 12,575 rodeo fans filled the stands over four days, beating last year's attendance figures.

A lot of cowboys and cowgirls like Ayden Dale, Lane McGehee, Remy Parrott, Sterling Crawley and Kaycee Killingsworth left with big money in their pockets, while many more will be headed to their next stop with high hopes of finishing in the money.

For the Round-Up Rodeo, it was a big night as the stands sold out and director Ashley Smith was honored with the "Director of the Year" award. Other 2024 honorees included Little Miss Rodeo Queen Savanna Sieber, Jr. Miss Rodeo Queen Kaetynn Santellan and Miss Gladewater Rodeo Queen 2024 Alexa Helman. In addition two highly coveted awards - that being the "Silver Spurs" given to Jackie Crawford of Stephenville, Tx., and the annual "Wrangler of the Year" award given to Sierra Moore. Trey Kimzey captured his second Xtreme Bull win on Wednesday night at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo's CAPCO Gladewater Round-Up Xtreme Bulls" John Quintana Memorial." Kimzey, of Strong City, OK, recorded a score 87 to top his competitors.

This year's finals are as follows:

Bareback riding: 1. Lane McGehee, 84.5 points on Generations Pro Rodeo's Dough Boy, \$1,849; 2. Bodee Lammers, 84, \$1,401; 3. Brayze Schill, 82.5, \$1,008; 4. Luke Thrash, 78, \$672; 5. Tim Murphy, 75, \$392; 6. Stetson Bierman, 73, \$280.

Steer wrestling: 1. Remy Parrott, 3.7 seconds, \$2,292; 2. Termaine Debose, 3.9, \$1,993; 3. Gary Gilbert, 4.1, \$1,694; 4. Jay Williamson, 4.2, \$1,395; 5. Heath Thomas, 4.3, \$1,096; 6. Holden Myers, 4.5, \$797; 7. Justin Shaffer, 4.6, \$498; 8. (tie) Bray Armes and Mitch Hutto, 5.1, \$100 each.

Team roping: 1. Peyton Walters/Brandon Gonzales, 4.7 seconds, \$1,735 each; 2. Zane Murphy/Colton Tate,

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## WO super's resignation on Friday agenda

By James Draper

White Oak ISD trustees are expected to meet in special session Friday and take action on the superintendent's resignation.

The agenda states:

1. Resignation of Superintendent
2. Superintendent Search Process

And action resulting from Closed Meeting.

On Monday night the school board remained restricted in what they could say about the status of the school's leadership, so they largely listened late Monday night as community members weighed in.

Dr. William Paul has been on indefinite personal leave since mid-May, and limited information has been provided publicly as to why. In the meantime, Asst. Superintendent Jack Parker is overseeing the day-to-day business of the district.

Following an almost 4-hour closed session, "I'll speak up," said Daphne Stewart, a WOISD

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## Questions on container homes set for council's answers next week

By James Draper

The local debate on regulations for shipping container homes is unsettled, but it is moving forward - employees at Gladewater City Hall are developing the outline of an updated ordinance that will leave key decision points to council members.

The dialogue started in the spring when the council's first, knee-jerk reaction to a proposed container home on Lake Gladewater was to impose a broad restriction similar to the hodgepodge of local rules related to mobile homes and manufactured housing. Former Mayor Scott Owens put the brakes on immediate action.

Two months later, in her first meeting in the central seat May 16, newly-installed Mayor Brandy Flanagan likewise opted to slow-walk the development of new rules for related residences in the city limits.

In the meantime, the developer of the proposed home on the lake shore opted for another route. Stung by the initial backlash to her building materials but committed to being a positive part of the community she's chosen for her home, Jamie Sanchez reportedly abandoned her shipping container plans prior to the mid-May meeting.

Flanagan noted multiple citizens have approached council members about the issue, and she moderated the public discussion last month to

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## Aircraft association arranges first airborne adventure for amateur aviation aficionados

It's hard to say who was more excited (and/or anxious) about the Young Eagles first-time flights Saturday morning - the participating kids or the parents cheering from the tarmac at Gladewater Municipal Airport.

John Sanders alternated between camera, camcorder and smartphone (sometimes dual-wielding devices) to capture every moment and toothy grin as 10-year-old Jace Sanders went aloft in his dream aircraft, a Cessna 172 on loan from Sky Park Aviation and piloted by LeTourneau University's Michael Libiez.

"This is awesome," Sherrika Sanders said, working to get the best angle of Jace in the co-pilot's seat. "He plays a game with us called 'Name that plane.' We always lose."

The trio drove in from Little Elm in Dallas bright and early so Jace could take part in the Young Eagles Rally hosted by the Gladewater chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association May 8.

"He woke up with this on his mind," John said. "We didn't have to fight for him to get up this morning - today's the day."

There were 70-plus children and teens on the roster for a free introductory flight courtesy of volunteer pilots, provided aircraft and donated fuel. Ground volunteers of aviators, teachers and parents kept the event organized

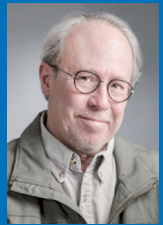
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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### 35 counties eligible for disaster aid

Residents in a total of 35 Texas counties now qualify for individual disaster assistance following a series of severe storms and flooding that began in late April, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"I thank our federal partners and emergency response personnel across our great state who are working tirelessly to protect and support their fellow Texans," Gov. Greg Abbott said Saturday. "Texas will continue to provide every necessary resource to regions across the state who are recovering from these storms."

Under the individual assistance program, funding can be provided for temporary housing, emergency home repairs, uninsured and underinsured personal property losses, disaster legal services, disaster unemployment assistance, and medical, dental, and funeral expenses caused by the disaster.

The following counties qualify for the federal assistance: Austin, Bell, Calhoun, Collin, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Falls, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hockley, Jasper, Jones, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Newton, Polk, San Jacinto, Smith, Terrell, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker and Waller.

Homeowners and renters can apply for the aid at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) or by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hotline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### Math lagging, STAAR results indicate

Scores released from the state's standardized test indicate high school students are still struggling with algebra, with scores 17 percentage points below students' pre-pandemic scores in spring 2019. The Texas Tribune reported scores have remained essentially unchanged in Algebra 1, with 45% meeting grade levels.

"The data is clear; Texas students continue to struggle with math recovery," said Gabe Grantham, policy advisor at public policy think tank Texas 2036. "We run the risk of leaving students ill-equipped to enter the future workforce without the basic math skills needed to be successful."

On the bright side, the percentage of Texas students who met or mastered grade-level English has increased since 2017 from 45% to 57%, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Across the five subjects that are tested, low-income students graded lower than other students. For example, 35% of low-income students met grade level in Algebra I, compared to 61% of all other students.

### PUC sees strong response to loan program

The Public Utility Commission has received 125 notices of intent to apply for loans through the Texas Energy Fund Loan Program intended to boost power generation throughout the state. The requests for loans total \$38.9 billion for nearly 56,000 megawatts of proposed power generation projects for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

"To ensure reliable, affordable electricity for the growing number of homes and businesses in Texas, we need more on-demand, dispatchable power generation," PUCT Chairman Thomas Gleeson said. "Seeing such a strong initial response from industry ... is an encouraging sign that the Texas Energy Fund will be an effective tool and incentivize the investment needed to bring more on-demand power to the state."

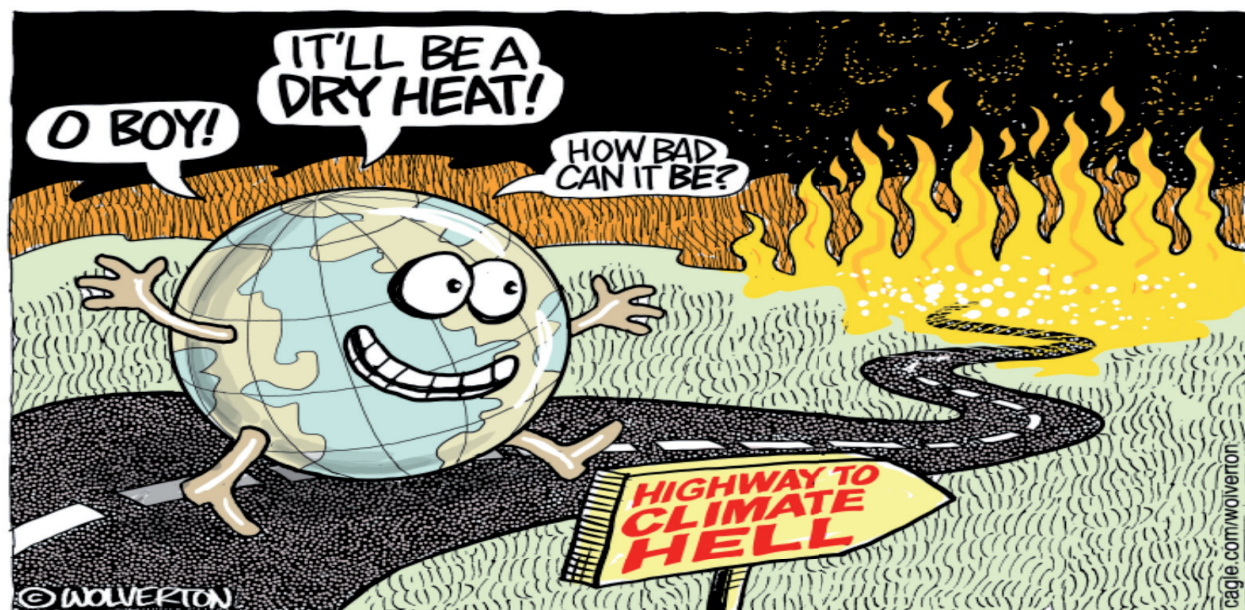
The program will provide low-interest loans to finance new construction or upgrades to existing electric generating facilities and requires a minimum of 100 MW of new generation to the ERCOT grid.

### Stock exchange possibly coming to Dallas

Efforts are underway to create a Texas-based stock exchange that backers believe could be a major boost to the Texas economy. The Texas Standard reported that financiers have raised \$120 million in capital to start a stock exchange in Dallas later this year. Backers include BlackRock, Citadel Securities and about two dozen other investors. The Texas Stock Exchange's backers are seeking registration with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to open later this year.

"Texas and the other states in the southeast quadrant have become economic powerhouses. Combined with the demand we are seeing from investors and corporations for expanded alternatives to trade and list equities, this is an opportune time to build a major, national stock exchange in Texas," said James Lee, founder and CEO of TXSE Group.

Stock exchanges allow stocks, bonds and other securities to be traded. If TXSE is cleared to trade, it would be the first stock exchange to open in the country in recent years.



## Dads that matter ...

Hurray for the Dads who were there for their kids. Especially the Dads who didn't have that kind of Dad when they were growing up. My dad was one of the great ones. His dad not so much. My sweetheart, and father of our only son, was another great dad who created his own blueprint. He once told me he learned some of his best 'daddy' lessons from watching "Andy Griffith". That was a pretty dog gone good blueprint. Both Opie and our son Josh turned out to be good men.

This is a hard world to bring kids up. It has always been hard. The world can be cruel, confusing and far too ugly for innocents. And that may be at the heart of being a good dad. You make sure that your kids have a childhood while preparing them for a lifetime.

Both my Dad and my Hubby were imperfect fathers, but I believe with all my heart they were the perfect Dads for their kids, warts and all. Dads need to convey unconditional love while also providing discipline. That is a "narrow row to hoe" as we country kids say. I can remember making my Dad so angry one night when I was playing rock 'n roll in the middle of the night and burning incense.

What I realized as an adult is that during that crazy time in our culture my Dad equated that with rebellion, drug use and on his part, fear for his baby girl. I just thought I was being cool. I didn't even like the incense. Some other kid had given it to me. Probably because their parents told them they couldn't burn it in their house.

Fear is a big part of parenting. But it should never be the biggest part. The goal of raising kids who are independent, responsible, loving and generous is a mighty big bill to fill when the nurse puts that squalling, scrunch-faced infant in a daddy's arms for the first time. You haven't yet faced the childhood illnesses, accidents, teenage rebellion and heartbreaks that bring out the best, and worst, in a dad.

And it doesn't stop when the kids go to college or work. Some of my sweetheart's best parenting has been as the father of an adult son. His wisdom, patience and restraint are a gift. I know that it must have made my hubby just a little uncomfortable when my Dad checked our tires every time we made a visit 'home'. But it made me feel loved.

## Child care challenges ...

One of the most significant problems facing working parents is finding high-quality, affordable child care. It's an issue not only for the families involved, but also for the workforce, the economy, society, and long-term prosperity. It's a complex milieu which I certainly can't fully untangle in the space of a brief column, but let's examine a few critical points.

Child care providers are facing notable challenges. Operating expenses have risen, and some facilities are unable to remain financially viable. In addition, it is very difficult to find employees due to general labor shortages and low wages in the industry (averaging \$11-\$13 per hour). With insufficient staff, potential enrollment is curtailed. The inevitable outcome is a vicious cycle of worsening shortages.

For parents, affordability is essential. Care for an infant can cost well over \$10,000 per year, more than tuition, books, and fees at some four-year universities. For families with multiple children, these costs can be difficult, if not impossible, to manage.

While over 85% of child care costs are funded through private-pay tuition, the federal government assists families that meet income and work/education requirements through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The Texas regular annual allotment is approximately \$964 million. These resources are managed by the Texas Workforce Commission through the Child Care Services (CCS) program and administered by regional Workforce Development Boards.

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Almost every card, every letter that my Mom initiated to me always had at least the phrase "I love you Darlin' Daughter" in my Daddy's 'hand' on it. I am sure that it is easier for a Dad to raise a daughter. After all, it is easy to be Daddy's Little Girl and much harder to fill Daddy's Big Boots if you are a son.

We all have baggage we carry. My goal is to keep mine to a carry on size and not dragging a psychological steamer trunk throughout my life. Because I know I was loved deeply my carry on has gotten smaller and smaller over the years. And for that I am eternally grateful. I am also grateful for the faith my father modeled for my brothers and me. I often heard my Daddy sing the old hymn "Farther Along" and the words to that song sung by my Daddy pop into my thoughts often...still.

"Farther along we'll know all about it Farther along we'll understand why Cheer up my brother live in the sunshine We'll understand it all by and by"

Of course Daddy also taught me "you have to laugh to keep from crying" and most important of all when it comes to character "a 'man' is only as good as his word". Indeed.

The work of dads is never done. Although I lost mine in 2010 his voice within me still guides me. And for that I too, am grateful. And it isn't just dads we should be thankful for, sometimes it is not the dad at all who does the work of a father. The granddads, stepdads, uncles, brothers and others who fill the gap are true heroes on this Father's Day. And, yes, even good old Andy Griffith deserves a nod for the good dad that he modeled for those who needed it.

Happiest of Father's Day to all those who have done the work that matters most and doing the best you can to raise kids to be men and women of character. We celebrate YOU on this Father's Day.

## Dr. Ray Perryman THE ECONOMIST



To qualify, a family of four must have gross monthly income of \$6,691 or less (85% of the state's median income for a family of that size). Financial assistance is provided for approximately 140,000 children per day, which is about 12% of the entire licensed capacity of privately-operated programs. Families can choose any licensed child care provider with an agreement to serve CCS referrals, and about half of all regulated child care facilities participate in the program. However, only about 40% of the subsidized seats are certified for quality.

Unfortunately, there are approximately 95,000 Texas children on waiting lists for subsidized placements. The numbers are largest in the major population centers, but it's a statewide issue. In some areas (known as child care deserts), the number of children younger than six with working parents is at least three times greater than the capacity of all licensed child care providers (subsidized or not) in the area.

Obviously, without adequate child care, many parents simply cannot work.

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## THE INSPIRED SCRIPTURES

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3: 16-17). All Scripture includes the holy Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New Testament. The all-inspired Scripture is "God breathed." It has been said the Bible is "the breath of God in print."

The Scriptures are not inspired because some church council decreed that they are. Rather, they are inspired because God made them so! Because Scripture is inspired, it is profitable" or useful," and thus, stands in contrast to the profitless teaching and speculation of false teachers.

"All Scripture" is profitable for four purposes. (1) "Teaching or doctrine" i.e., we are to teach and preach the God-breathed Scriptures, and not our opinions or philosophies of men. This precludes the creeds of men! (2) "reproof or rebuke." When people's actions jeopardize their souls, they need to be rebuked, which is to be done with meekness and gentleness in the spirit of love. (3) "Correction." It is not enough to tell people they are wrong (reproof); but we also must tell them how to be right (Eph. 5: 11). (4) "training, instruction, or discipline in righteousness."

In summation then, the Scriptures are profitable and all-sufficient as God's rule Book of faith and practice. The Scriptures (the Bible) is profitable for "teaching" (what is right), for "reproof" (what is not right), for "correction" (how to get right), and for "training in righteousness" (how to stay right).

Therefore, the Bible is "all-sufficient" (2 Pet. 1: 3). It shows us what is right and shows us what is wrong. It enables us to distinguish between the two (Phil. 1: 9-10; Heb. 5: 12-14). It helps us to get right, and it helps us to stay right, and it equips us for every good work! In matters of religion, morals, ethics, and how to live as a Christian, we have not been given the prerogative to do what we choose based on our opinions, or ever-changing societal trends, because what God says in His inspired Scriptures is ALL THAT COUNTS! Think on these things.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Church's 'Boot Camp' set July 27

Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church's annual Kids for Christ B.O.O.T. Camp returns July 27 at 231 PR 3487 in Big Sandy.

The 'Biblical Outlook & Outreach Training' is crafted for children who have completed Pre-K (4 years-old) through those who have finished 5th grade.

"We want you!" the church announced, "to come join us for an action-packed day at B.O.O.T. camp learning how to put on the full armor of God daily as we fight spiritual battles!"

"Soldiers, grab your Bibles and be a part of the Lord's army!"

Themed around Ephesians 6:10-18, the camp begins with registration at 8 a.m. then runs 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and a hot dug lunch will be provided.

Children should dress in clothes to get wet/dirty and should bring a towel, spray sunscreen, "and an open heart to hear about Jesus!"

An additional waiver will be required upon arrival. Armbands will be provided for each child and the adult responsible for pick-up. Learn more on the SDCC Youth Facebook page.

## Juneteenth's freedom celebration returns June 22

Each summer, Americans across the United States celebrate Juneteenth, commemorating the day – June 19, 1865 – when Gen. Gordon Granger reached Galveston Bay with 2,000 Union troops



**Kendall McFarland of City National Bank was presented the "Citizen of the Month" award by Marla Moore at the annual rodeo luncheon hosted by the Gladewater Chamber, Rotary and Lions clubs.**

and decreed the emancipation of slaves.

The announcement arrived more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Another 150 years later and the date was ultimately commemorated as a federal holiday in the Juneteenth National Independence Act.

This year, June 19 falls on a Tuesday – the Gladewater MLK/Juneteenth Committee's annual celebration is scheduled for the following Saturday, June 22.

"Juneteenth is an opportunity for our local community and the community outside of Gladewater to not only celebrate freedom but also to come together in unity and celebrate each other and celebrate our community," said committee President Odette Alexander. "We're hoping to have a lot of participation."

The 'Freedom Day' event begins with the annual parade through downtown Glade-

water with newly-installed Mayor Brandy Flanagan serving as Grand marshal.

Parade participants will gather at 9:30 a.m. in the 100 block of East Commerce Street before rolling out at 10 a.m. and turning South on Hwy. 271. Following Main Street, the caravan will turn along Coach Cooksey Street before coming to a stop at Bumblebee Park.

The park's festivities will get underway at approximately 10:45 a.m. – hopefully later, Alexander says, if a healthy influx of parade participants keeps it rolling longer.

"Everyone in the community is invited to come out," Alexander said. At the park, "We're going to be giving away free food, there's going to be music, a bounce house for the kids and hopefully some other activities for the kids."

There's no specific plan for vendors, she noted, but they're welcome to join the event by calling in advance.

"We are also planning to have some car clubs in our parade, and they are going to have a car show at picnic. If someone's interested in showing their cars, they can contact me for that as well."

To register a parade float, sign up as a car show participant or reserve a vendor spot, call 903-806-5443 or 903-237-9740.

So far this year, the Gladewater MLK/Juneteenth Committee celebrated Martin Lu-

ther King Jr. Day – twice thanks to inclement weather in mid-January – and gathered local office-seekers and voters for a Meet the Candidate Forum in Red Rock Community Center April 12.

## Storytime Thursday

Two books will be read to small children Thursday (June 13) at both of the Upshur County Library's "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer.

They are "Learning to Love Stevie: A Luminous Rhyming Tale about Diversity, Inclusion and Sloths" by Sabine Ruh House, and "The Slow Sloth (The Un-Misfits)" by Soni Patel, illustrated by Elena Kisenkova.

"Storytime" is set for 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. A craft will follow each gathering at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154). While the events are free to the public, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the library at (903) 843-5001.

## Shake, rattle & Roll

A '50s and '60s show group is ready to getting things rockin' come August. The national and international award-winning women of Shake Rattle & Roll will be performing at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the invitation of Gladewater Former Students' Association.

Tickets are \$25 per person for the concert in the GFSA Building at 2509 Hendricks St. All seats are General Admission, and free for children younger than 12.

Tickets are available for purchase at City National Bank and Austin Bank, as well as through Eventbrite.com. Doors will open at 1 p.m. that day with games and door prizes beginning at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 903-845-2631.

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get council perspectives.

"We wanted to have that final discussion before the staff creates that (ordinance) for us," she said.

Council member Rocky Hawkins, a lake shore resident, said he's received quite a bit of feedback from other Lake Gladewater homeowners – the properties are owned by the city and leased for long-term tenancy. Hawkins opposes shipping container homes, concerned allowing housing at the lake that's substantially below the value of neighboring residences.

"You're opening up a Pandora's box," he said. "There are homes right next door that are million-dollar."

As for container-built homes, "I'm not sure the lake is the place to put them, maybe anywhere."

In the development of new rules for manufactured house, council member Michael Webber asked for clear definition between types, i.e. modular vs. mobile, manufactured, container, etc.

"Currently our definition of 'modular' is wrong," Gladewater Building Inspector Al Harrison noted. "The state defines a modular home as one built to the standards of the State of Texas and is to be set on a permanent foundation, which is what separates it from a manufacture home."

The term 'mobile home' applies to manufactured homes built prior to 1973.

"An update of the language needs to definitely happen to fit state guidelines," Flanagan agreed.

The revised regs will adhere to international building codes, Harrison confirmed, such as the requirement that alterations to containers (for crafting a home) would have to be designed by an engineer.

"The whole time I've been on council we've been told we had an ordinance that addressed mobile homes in the city limits and come to find out we don't," Flanagan lamented. "It's extremely important to me that we get that in the city limits and it's addressed to mobile home parks only."

Gung-ho for a code update in the initial conversation, council member Teddy Sorrells said he's glad the council took no immediate action.

"Citizens have a right to their investments on their homes and their properties."

The new regulations are still being prepared, Harrison said, and it'll be ready for council consideration during their regular meeting this month, set for June 20.

Granted, there will be some key specifics unanswered – to be determined by council members. Obviously, preferences vary one to another.

"We'll send them the outline of the ordinance," Harrison said, and the council can fill in the blanks. As for shipping container homes on the lake shore, "I don't think prohibiting would be the thing, really, but there might be restrictions."

That's a council question: "It'll be for them to hammer out and figure out what they want."



**Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan welcomes rodeo fans to town Friday night. Photo by Jim Bardwell**

# Programs empower youths through performing arts, community service

"I'm going to put you to the test."

Listen for the clues and cues, Sandy Redd told her young charges last week: Intro. Outro. Hook. Verse. Bridge. How do they feature in "Old Town Road" and other songs?

The kids needed to know the musical components if they wanted to write a song to be performed in next week's finale of Redd's musical enrichment program.

It's a new aspect of Doc Mab's Teen Empowerment Program as Dr. Margo Bell partners with the Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Organization. The new Youth Summer Program focuses on singing, dancing, acting and songwriting in addition to developing the personal and professional skills a performing artist needs to succeed in show business.

Bell spearheads philanthropic work between Chicago and Texas, says Redd, an award-winning vocalist whose resume includes competing on "The Voice" in Season 15.

"Throughout our work and her also being a huge help to my own musical career, I've come aboard and added as much value as I can to a lot of different youth programs she's put together," Redd added. "This is another extension of that, reaching out to the youth."

For her part, Redd is carrying on the legacy of her mother, evangelist Margaret Bussie-Owens, who died in 2006. Picking up the Mama Bird torch and carrying the organization forward for the past 14 years, Redd's initiatives are active in Illinois, Indiana and, now, Texas.

"She taught me, my brothers and sisters, all my friends how to sing," Redd said. "She would do a lot of things in the performing arts realm. More than that, she was a mother to everybody. It was an extreme mentorship more than anything."

"Unfortunately, cancer took its toll her and she lost her battle. Her life's work became my passion. She poured her life

into raising good and decent human beings. Along the way they get a little singing and dancing and acting. We've helped thousands of students."

With about 20 participants ranging in age from 7 to 18, the Gladewater program's split between children and teens. In addition to the new performance aspect, Bell's empowerment outreach for the teenagers has the youths out and about in the community. Participants earn money while performing a variety of practical and community service tasks as diverse as picking up trash, helping homeowners, painting public buildings or even washing an engine at Gladewater Fire Department.

For Redd, the performing arts component fits in smoothly with the empowerment activities that help keep the teens profitably-occupied during the summer.

"I think that some of the biggest things it helps to impart and cultivate is their self-esteem, their self-worth," she said. "Knowing exactly who they are, it definitely helps with their confidence. I can see how those characteristics translate into other aspects of their lives."

"It puts them in a position where they second-guess themselves a lot less. It allows them the comfortability to try new things and to be confident in what it is they do. Those activities are important in transferring to other areas of their lives."

The performing arts program's finale is set for 6 p.m. Friday, June 21, at Red Rock Historical Association. The public's absolutely invited to come, Redd said, at a nominal \$2 per person.

"The only reason we charge for a ticket is the kids actually get to earn cash throughout the program," she said. "They also lose money for breaking rules, because we want them to be accountable for their actions. All the money they're able to hold on to the end they get in cash in an envelope at the finale showcase."



**Recently re-elected White Oak ISD Trustee Donna Stagner and board newcomer Ricky Bodovsky take their oath of office Monday, June 11. After a brief discussion, the district's elected officials unanimously retained their current officers with Lance Noll as president, David Carr as vice president and Stagner as board secretary/treasurer.**

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# City monitors floodwaters as Sabine River crests

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to drive through it, I'm sure," he allowed, but he aims to ward off as many drivers as possible. "Turn around, don't drown."

Find the latest data on the Sabine from the NOAA website via [water.noaa.gov/gauges/gdwt2](http://water.noaa.gov/gauges/gdwt2)

The NOAA current top three flood impacts for this area include:

- U.S. Highway 80 will be flooded and closed. Several thousand acres of land will remain flooded for several days.
- The approaches to U.S. Highway 271 floods at the Sabine River bridge. Expect major flooding to continue for several more days.
- Expect moderate to severe flooding with some secondary roadways near the river to be closed. Also homes will be threatened with flooding and preparations should be completed for a major flood.



The Sabine River's water level at the Hwy. 271 bridge was high enough Monday that sagging transmission lines dipped into the flooded waterway.

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## 3 sentenced on drug charges

By Phillip Williams

115th District Judge Dean Fowler sentenced three defendants to prison on drug charges Monday when they decided to plead guilty under plea bargains rather than have a jury chosen for their cases, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

A jury was also chosen Monday for the trial of Allen Ray Reppond, 60, of Pritchett, charged with multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, said Byrd. Evidence will be presented in that case in Gilmer starting June 18.

Details of Monday's sentences in Gilmer, all involving methamphetamine, were as follows, Byrd announced in a news release.

Meonca Eshulay Jones, 27, of Ore City, drew 40 years for delivery of controlled substance--at least four grams, but less than 200 last Sept. 5.

Robby Keith Hawkins, 42, of Gilmer, drew 30 years for possession of a controlled substance--at least four, but less than 200 grams, with intent to deliver last Sept. 7.

Jeremy Wayne Sanders, 44, of Gilmer, drew 25 years for delivery of controlled substance--more than four, but less than 200 grams on Feb. 15.

Marshall attorney Craig Fletcher represented Jones and Sanders. Gilmer attorney Matthew Patton represented Hawkins.

"A very big thank you to our narcotic officers both with the Upshur County Sheriff's Office and the Gilmer Police Department," Byrd concluded his news release.

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
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COUNTY OF GREGG §

TO: THE HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MARIE MEDLIN AKA MARY MARIE REAGAN, WHOSE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN; THE HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF VELMA JIMMERSON, WHOSE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN; THE HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF BERTHAL BURGIN, WHOSE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 15th day of July, 2024 and at 101 E. Methvin Street, Longview, TX 75601, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

The undersigned special commissioners appointed to assess the damages in the above proceedings, having met on this date to set a time and place for hearing the parties to said proceeding, find that the 15th day of July, 2024, is the earliest practicable date for hearing the parties; that the most convenient place in this County to hold the hearing is 101 Methvin Street, Longview, TX 75601 and that the hearing shall commence at 10 o'clock A.M.

Participants who are unable to attend in person may attend via a concurrent telephone or video conference.

Said telephone or video conference may be accessed by calling [346-248-7799](tel:346-248-7799) and entering access code [856 0988 9675](tel:856-0988-9675), followed by the pound (#)symbol.

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Notice is also given that this telephone or video conference may be recorded and/or transcribed.

The State of Texas filed a *First Amended Petition for Condemnation* with the Judge of the County Court at Law No. 2 of Gregg County, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 2024, in Cause No. 2024-296-CCL2 which is styled The State of Texas v. The heirs and/or devisees of the Estate of Mary Marie Medlin aka Mary Marie Reagan, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, et al.. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: **THE HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MARIE MEDLIN AKA MARY MARIE REAGAN, WHOSE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN; THE HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF VELMA JIMMERSON, WHOSE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN; AND THE HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF BERTHAL BURGIN, WHOSE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, and, if any of them be deceased, their respective heirs and legal representatives, if any; WILLIE ANN BAYER.**

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is **Cassandra K. Kassis**, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

This suit is an eminent domain proceeding in which the State of Texas is condemning a tract of land located in Gregg County, Texas, containing 0.0012-acre (51 square feet) parcel of land situated in the Thompson Allen Survey, Abstract No. 7, located in Gregg County, Texas, and being out of and a part of a called 0.393 acre tract of land conveyed to Mary Marie Reagan, now known as Mary Marie Medlin, described in the Decree of Divorce executed August 19, 1985 between Albert Maurice Reagan and Mary Marie Reagan, recorded in Volume 1661, Page 233 of the Deed Records of Greg County, Texas, such property being fully described in Exhibit "A" of Plaintiff's *First Amended Petition for Condemnation* filed under the above-referenced cause number.

The interests of these Defendants are that they either own or claim an interest in said property, subject to unpaid accrued taxes.

You are further notified that you may appear at the hearing before the special commissioners and present evidence you desire on the issue of damages to be assessed against the State. If you do not appear at the hearing, the Special Commissioners may proceed to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

If this Notice is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned forthwith.

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## Aircraft association arranges first airborne adventure for amateur aviation aficionados

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and the energy elevated under clear blue skies.

"We love doing it," said coordinator Ronnie Godfrey. "It's a good way to give back. We want to help the next generation of pilots catch the bug."

Drawing visiting families to the Gladewater airfield, "Hopefully they'll go out in the community; spend a little money, eat at the restaurants, check out the antiques."

The Young Eagles program was launched in '92 to give 8- to 17-year-olds their first ride in an airplane, free of charge.

According to co-organizer Stephen Dean, "It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation," he noted. "Today, over 2.3 million young people have enjoyed a free introductory flight through the Young Eagles program."

In his third year with the event, EAA member and volunteer Alan VanDoren wasn't flying this time around, focusing instead on the legwork of corralling the families.

"It gives them, usually, their first flying experience, just hoping to ignite that spark," he said. "The whole purpose of Young Eagles is to develop future pilots. The pilots donate



their time and their fuel for that purpose."

By 10 a.m. Saturday, the group had already processed and flown more than 50 pint-sized potential pilots.

"This is probably one of the best programs you'll ever come across," Renfro said. "These kids probably would never have the chance to get in a small aircraft."

The experience often spurs a lifelong interest EAA tries to direct toward a vast array of different careers in education, she added. The local chapter is currently sponsoring high schoolers pursuing their private pilot's license.

For a first flight, "Sometimes they get scared," Renfro allowed, but "There's nothing like it when they get out of that aircraft and you see these smiles from ear to ear. It's awesome to be able to help these kids."

It was a first for incoming

Gilmer High School JROTC cadet Mackenzie Hodgkins.

"It was me trying to get over my fear of heights. It really helped a lot," the soon-to-be 9th grader said. "Everything in your visual seemed really tiny. It was a great experience overall."

The Mettupalli family drove in from the Metroplex so 9-year-old Vishwak could have his first airborne adventure.

According to dad, Vajay, "30 years back, my mother went to school by walking," he said. "30 years back, I went by rickshaw," and now his son received a life-lesson behind the controls of an aircraft. "Who knows, my grandson may go to school in a small plane."

"When we tell these stories to the kids, they feel very excited, how technology is growing."

Vishwak definitely caught the spark: "I'm coming back."

## "Coot's Corner"

By Coot Putley

### Rangers Role Models for Mavericks

As the Dallas Mavericks prepare to compete with the Boston Celtics for an NBA Championship, they can look sixteen miles to the west and see a great example of a pattern that worked seven months ago. There are some interesting similarities between the Mavs and the Texas Rangers. Both franchises have ownership groups that have been willing to invest the resources (\$) in order to be successful, and the resemblance doesn't stop there.

Both teams have young general managers who have demonstrated the knack of making the right moves. Chris Young is a native of Highland Park with a Princeton education. He had a successful pitching career that included a World Series crown, followed by a stint in MLB's front office. Nico Harrison played professional basketball five years, then began a nineteen-year career with Nike, where he worked his way up to Vice President of North American Basketball Operations.

He was known for his ability to develop personal relationships with Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, and

many other NBA stars. He also became good friends with Dirk Nowitzki, Michael Finley, and Jason Kidd, which led to his being named General Manager of Dallas Mavericks in 2021. Both executives have been aggressive and creative and have had major roles in their team's success.

On the field, the Rangers are managed by Bruce Bochy, with four World Series titles on his resume, and the Mavs head coach is Jason Kidd, one of the NBA's best point guards of all time, who helped Dallas win a championship in 2011. These men have obviously earned the respect of their players. They have the right blend of patience, vision and adaptability to maintain a winning culture.

There are also some comparisons when you examine the composition of the 2023 Rangers players and the current Mavericks roster:

Superstars Corey Seager and Marcus Semien – Rangers  
Luca Donic and Kyrie Irving – Mavericks

Emotional Leaders  
Adolis Garcia – Rangers  
J Washington - Mavericks  
Players with previous

championships Max Scherzer & Nathan Eovaldi – Rangers

Kyrie Irving – Mavericks  
Players from other franchises who hit their stride when traded to new teams: Jonah Heim – Rangers  
Derrick Jones, Jr. – Mavericks  
Key midseason acquisitions Jordan Montgomery – Rangers  
Daniel Gafford – Mavericks

Outstanding rookie contributors Evan Carter – Rangers  
Derek Lively – Mavericks  
Bench cheerleaders Austin Hedges – Rangers  
Dwight Powell – Mavericks

The Texas Rangers lost 102 games in 2021 and 94 games in 2022 yet came back to win the World Series last year. The Mavericks didn't qualify for the playoffs last year but have made it to the finals this year. In 2023 Texas won eleven games on the road, defeating three higher seeds to get to the finals. The Mavs have already defeated three higher seeds to get to the finals. Rangers won – can the Mavs match their pattern one more time?

That's one man's opinion – what's yours?

## White Oak ISD super's resignation on Friday agenda

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parent and the second audience member to address the board June 10. "In the time I've been in this district we're on our, what, second or third superintendent? I've been on campus quite a bit this past year. I've had all positive interactions with Dr. Paul.

"If there's nothing illegal or immoral that has been done and this is simply, maybe, a difference of opinion or something like that, then why are we at three school board meetings with nothing said or done but nobody has anything negative to say about the man or the job that he's done as far as the community?"

Trustees thanked the audience members for their feedback while repeating the board's comments are constrained.

"I appreciate that," board President Lance Noll replied. "Thank you. That's all we can say right now.

"I'm sorry – we're not trying to be rude. There's more to it."

After spending 21-minutes in open session for their regular June board meeting, the elected officials adjourned to a closed door "executive session" at 6:21 p.m. On that limited agenda, the group was set to discuss supplemental pay for Acting Superintendent Jack Parker and other open meeting exemptions allowed by law, such as personnel issues and consultation with their attorney.

About 15 audience members lingered after the open meeting and a half-dozen were still on-hand when the board reconvened in open session at 10 p.m.

Trustee Donna Stagner – who took her latest oath of office alongside new board member Ricky Bodovsky earlier in the evening – made a motion to approve the acting superintendent's supplemental duty assignment. Seconded by David Trest, with no public discussion the motion moved quickly to a vote before the

board members noticed audience member Kristi Kleinig had her hand raised.

Citing updates to Texas Government Code and the Open Meetings Act, Kleinig told the board the public in Texas now has the right to weigh in on action items before a vote is taken.

After briefly consulting the law, Noll confirmed audience members have three minutes to offer relevant comments on agenda items.

Kleinig lamented the lack of communication about the leadership situa-

tion at the school.

"I've seen what has been posted on Facebook, all of a sudden, and heard from outside people, outside of our district," she said. "That's how I found out about something going on in our district – from people from other districts.

"None of this is being shared and all of the rumor

mill and everything that's going on on Facebook, and I am notified by people from other districts? That to me is absurd at the way that this has been conducted."

Noll said he appreciated Kleinig's comments and those from several subsequent speakers.

"We do understand," Stagner replied.

"But we're not supposed to respond, unfortunately," Trest said.

Noll echoed the community members' frustration before the board adjourned for the night.

"It's very tough sitting up here and telling you we can't talk about it, but we've been instructed we can't."

## Man gets 7 life sentences

By Phillip Williams

A judge in Gilmer last week sentenced Walter Robert Bartram II to seven terms of life imprisonment, and an additional 100 years on other charges, three weeks after a jury convicted him of child-related sexual assaults.

Bartram, 50, of Gilmer, must serve at least 40 years before becoming eligible for parole, which is not guaranteed to be granted, District Attorney Billy Byrd said in a news release announcing the June 5 sentencing by 115th District Judge Dean Fowler.

Bartram received life terms June 5 on seven counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child against one minor, and five 20-year terms for sexual assault against another minor, Byrd wrote. The judge stacked one of the 20-year terms on top of the life sentences, the prosecutor added.

Bartram, represented by retained Tyler

attorneys Bo Sinclair and Madeline Porter, will appeal his conviction, Byrd said after issuing the news release.

In an unusual move, Bartram's sentencing was delayed until 22 days after the jury convicted him because he chose to have Fowler rather than jurors determine his punishment, resulting in having a pre-sentence investigation, Byrd said.

The state, represented by Assistant District Attorney Michael Northcutt and Byrd, requested the sentences which were assessed, Byrd said. Bartram's lawyers sought the minimum sentences of five years each on the aggravated charges and two years apiece on the plain sexual assault charges, Byrd added after issuing the news release.

"We are thankful for the victims who received justice today. They were present in court, along with many friends and family members supporting them," the district attorney concluded his news release.

## Bicyclist killed riding on US 271

By Phillip Williams

A 69-year-old Gilmer man was killed when a car struck the bicycle he was riding on south U.S. 271 in city limits Friday night, said Police Chief Lana Davidson.

Edward Wayne Palmer was pronounced dead at the scene by Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch. The accident, reported at 9:55 p.m., occurred near the Dairy Queen, Welch and Davidson said.

Driver of the 2017 Toyota Camry was Odessa Whitney, 67, of Tyler, said the chief. No citations were issued, Davidson added.

Welch stressed Monday that the accident occurred in a "poorly lit area" where "street lights were out," making it "very hard for him (Palmer) to have been seen.

"The lady that hit him never saw him," Welch said. "I counted eight (street lights) in a row that were out close to where this accident happened."

With more lighting, the car driver "would have seen the bicycle," Welch added.

Whitney was southbound in the outside lane and the driver of an auto beside her reportedly didn't see Palmer, either, the judge said. After the front of the Toyota collided with the bicycle, Palmer apparently struck the windshield and was knocked several yards, Welch added.

Davidson said Monday morning she had no comment on the lighting issue and that her department's report on the crash wasn't yet finalized. Officer Joseph Saxon investigated the incident, she said.



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 6 ABC affiliate in San Antonio  
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 8 TXism: “never in the glow of a neon light”  
 17 Greenville road in Dallas, e.g. (abbr.)  
 18 actor/comedian in Texas-based 1992 film “Sidekicks” (2 wds.)  
 21 TX Buddy Holly tune: “That’ll \_ \_ the Day”  
 22 Astros & Rangers get three an inning  
 23 TXism: “too lazy to \_ \_ flies”  
 24 “\_ \_ Lake in Martin County  
 29 in Jasper County on U.S. 96  
 30 Texas-based insur. co. for the military  
 31 TX-born actress, Robin (init.)  
 32 a type of Texas tycoon (2 wds.)  
 34 TX Jordan Spieth won 2015 U.S. \_ \_ tournament  
 35 dir. from Elgin to Yoakum  
 36 some RVs  
 37 “It’s \_ \_!”  
 38 “gotta \_ \_ with the punches”  
 39 fix a mistake? (3 wds.)  
 41 defamation


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1 TXism: “\_ \_ \_ \_ to rope him” (large man)  
 2 cheerful and jolly  
 3 easternmost city  
 4 in Fisher County on highway 70  
 9 TXism: “dainty as \_ \_ bride”  
 10 TXism: “\_ \_ \_ lick” (none)  
 11 TXism: “does a wet dog stink?”

42 OJ’s judge, Lance  
 43 TXism: “wipe the \_ \_ clean” (erase)  
 44 this TX-born Alvin was a noted dancer and choreographer  
 45 Mavericks rival, the Pelicans (abbr.)  
 46 TXism: “windy”  
 47 stomach issue caused by stress

12 this Tom was a Traveling Wilbury with TX Roy (init.)  
 13 TXism: “she threw a \_ \_ fit”  
 14 TXism for “I declare” (2 wds.)  
 15 UT was 2015 \_ \_ football champ  
 16 TXism: \_ \_ half a mind to” (inclined)  
 19 “\_ \_ , sage, rosemary & thyme”  
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 22 TX Larry McMurtry was able to \_ \_ many other authors  
 24 init. of Houston’s Olajuwon before he was Hakeem

33 nat’l teacher labor union  
 34 double-reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony  
 35 TXism: “\_ \_ \_ as a judge in court”  
 37 small branch of an artery  
 38 TXism: “\_ \_ \_ up” (very angry)  
 40 attacks in frontier Texas: Indian \_ \_  
 41 TXism: “walking dandruff”  
 44 European mountains  
 47 “night owl” behavior (2 wds.)  
 49 in Young County on highway 79



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## OBITUARY

### ANTHONY PAUL FRENCH (TONY)

Anthony Paul French (Tony) of Gladewater, went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 28, 2024. Tony was born, November 8, 1963, in Niles Michigan to Ray L. French and Betty Lou Haberling Smith. Tony graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1982. After 35 years in the grocery industry, Tony retired as an assistant manager for Kroger.




Tony was a friend, an uncle, a brother, and most importantly a father. Family was so important to him; He enjoyed the Texas Rangers and those special moments in the stadium with his son Jhermy the most. In his down time, Tony was quite the history buff, avid sport fanatic, and enjoyed sharing his passion with others. With the sweetest smile, Tony is remembered for his kind heart and non-judgmental easy going personality.

Tony is survived in death by his son Jhermy French, Mother Karen French of Hartford Mi, siblings Kenneth French Sr. (Teresa) of Victoria, Lois French Triebenbach (Terry) of Big Sandy, Thomas Smith of Lawton, Julia Smith of Hawkins, and Raquel French of Hartford, Mi; his nieces and nephews, Kelly French Hodge (Ala11), Kenneth Frer1c11 Jr (Ashley), Kristy French Kirkland (Sebie), Autumn French, Jastir1 Baker (Hannah), Jordan Baker, Natalie Light, Bristol Smith; 8 great nieces and nephews, and countless friends and extended family.

Tony was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Joseph and Loui Haberling, paternal grandparents, Edward and Lois Williams, His Father Ray L French and Mother Betty Lou Haberling Smith, Brother David Smith, and his sister in-law, the late wife of Thomas, Mica Fletcher Smith of Lawton, Uncles Clifford French and Merle French, Aunts Thelma French, Marilyn French.

Funeral Services will take place June 15, 2024, at Sit’em Down Cowboy Church at 10 am, in Big Sandy. A burial service will follow at Gladewater Memorial Cemetery, in Gladewater.



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ARREST DATE	ARREST TIME	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
6/24	6/24	17:55	FLOWERS, MARY KATLYN	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	W COMMERCE
6/7/24	6/7/24	10:18	CAMPISE, JACE ANTHONY CHANCE	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1307 N WALNUT DR
6/7/24	6/7/24	10:18	CAMPISE, JACE ANTHONY CHANCE	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1307 N WALNUT DR
6/7/24	6/7/24	10:18	CAMPISE, JACE ANTHONY CHANCE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	1307 N WALNUT DR
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6/7/24	6/7/24	10:18	CAMPISE, JACE ANTHONY CHANCE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	1307 N WALNUT DR
6/9/24	6/9/24	23:38	BROGDON, BRANDON ALLEN	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1300 BROADWAY
6/9/24	6/9/24	23:38	BROGDON, BRANDON ALLEN	W	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1300 BROADWAY
6/9/24	6/9/24	15:37	WYLYE, ALYSON TAYLOR	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1805 HONEYSUCKLE DR

ARREST DATE	ARREST TIME	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
6/24	6/24	20:52				SUSPICIOUS PERSON	N MAIN N MAIN
6/24	6/24	21:03				EMS	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
6/24	6/24	0:25				SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	525 MELBA MELBA
6/24	6/24	0:28				ABANDONED 911	901 N CULVER CULVER
6/24	6/24	1:20				MISCELLANEOUS	901 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
6/24	6/24	1:27				ALARM/OTHER	1095 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
6/24	6/24	2:12				MISCELLANEOUS	42 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD
6/24	6/24	2:13				ALARM/OTHER	105 N PAUL PAUL
6/24	6/24	3:00				ALARM/OTHER	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS
6/24	6/24	3:23				THEFT	201 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/24	6/24	3:34				ALARM/OTHER	314 SAUNDERS SAUNDERS
6/24	6/24	3:41				ALARM/OTHER	1095 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
6/24	6/24	6:02				ALARM/OTHER	1095 E COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
6/24	6/24	7:13				ASSIST	1975 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	9:11				ASSIST	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	11:00				THEFT	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	12:06				EMS	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
6/24	6/24	12:11				ASSIST	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	12:52				ASSIST	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	13:25				ASSIST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
6/24	6/24	14:11				EMS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
6/24	6/24	14:45				ASSIST	2706 ELIJAH ELIJAH
6/24	6/24	16:49				DISORDERLY CONDUCT	601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
6/24	6/24	17:09				FIRE DEPT	1506 N DAISY DAISY
6/24	6/24	17:11				MISCELLANEOUS	EAST LAKE DRIVE EAST LAKE DRIVE
6/24	6/24	18:35				INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2402 WOODBINE WOODBINE
6/24	6/24	18:43				INCIDENT - NO REPORT	LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE BLVD
6/24	6/24	21:12				EMS	1838 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	23:48				DISTURBANCE-OTHER	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/24	6/24	3:07				MISCELLANEOUS	GAY GAY
6/24	6/24	7:25				BURGLARY/HABITATION	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	9:51				ABANDONED VEHICLE	303A W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/24	6/24	10:22				EMS	108 N LEE LEE ST
6/24	6/24	13:25				DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	1027 SANDERS SANDERS
6/24	6/24	14:00				10-50 MINOR	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
6/24	6/24	14:34				SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1101 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
6/24	6/24	14:38				DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	37 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
6/24	6/24	15:42				MISCELLANEOUS	271 NB AT 485 271 NB AT 485
6/24	6/24	16:56				10-50 MINOR	1513 VESTA VESTA AVE
6/24	6/24	18:48				10-50 MINOR	401 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	19:27				INCIDENT - NO REPORT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
6/24	6/24	19:39				EMS	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
6/24	6/24	20:44				DISTURBANCE-OTHER	803 ANDERSON ANDERSON
6/24	6/24	21:31				EMS	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
6/24	6/24	22:25				INCIDENT - NO REPORT	1114 N SHELL SHELL RD
6/24	6/24	22:44				ANIMAL CONTROL	1300BK PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
6/24	6/24	22:49				ANIMAL CONTROL	GLADEWATER RODEO
6/24	6/24	23:08				DISTURBANCE-OTHER	55 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES
6/7/24	6/7/24	2:05				EMS	1837 COUNTY ROAD 3111 COUNTY ROAD 3111
6/7/24	6/7/24	2:21				EMS	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
6/7/24	6/7/24	4:08				INCIDENT - NO REPORT	MIKES MINI MART
6/7/24	6/7/24	4:16				OBSTRUCTING HIGHWAY	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/7/24	6/7/24	4:51				SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	5 TYLER S TYLER
6/7/24	6/7/24	8:25				MISCELLANEOUS	1111 N LYNN LYNN
6/7/24	6/7/24	8:38				MISCELLANEOUS	100 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/7/24	6/7/24	8:53				MISCELLANEOUS	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
6/7/24	6/7/24	9:24				EMS	511 HONEYSUCKLE HONEYSUCKLE ST
6/7/24	6/7/24	10:05				WARRANT	2212 PINECREST PINECREST
6/7/24	6/7/24	11:46				EMS	1103 WALNUT WALNUT
6/7/24	6/7/24	12:58				ANIMAL CONTROL	45 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
6/7/24	6/7/24	13:49				ABANDONED 911	205 S MILL MILL ST
6/7/24	6/7/24	13:52				MISCELLANEOUS	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
6/7/24	6/7/24	14:25				MISCELLANEOUS	HWY 271 HWY 271
6/7/24	6/7/24	14:37				EMS	1604 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
6/7/24	6/7/24	14:59				FIRE DEPT	4411 COMMERCE COMMERCE W
6/7/24	6/7/24	15:38				MISCELLANEOUS	307 N CENTER CENTER ST
6/7/24	6/7/24	16:54				THEFT	901 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
6/7/24	6/7/24	18:01				MISCELLANEOUS	405 RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE DR
6/7/24	6/7/24	19:38				ABANDONED 911	EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
6/7/24	6/7/24	20:08				EMS	503 N RODEO RODEO DR
6/7/24	6/7/24	20:14				ALARM/OTHER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
6/7/24	6/7/24	20:19				FIRE DEPT	1203 NELLYN NELLYN
6/7/24	6/7/24	20:19				FIRE DEPT	FAIRVIEW FAIRVIEW

## GPD Arrest Report

## WOPD Police Activity

For the reporting period of June 3rd through the 9th, 2024, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 226 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Animal Complaints, Investigative Follow-ups, Traffic Issues (collisions, reckless drivers, traffic control, etc.), Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.). Five traffic collisions were investigated resulting in two collisions and no continuing criminal investigations.

Two people were arrested by White Oak Police during this reporting period: Ezequiel Javier Mendoza-Robinson, 26, of Big Sandy on four White Oak warrants for No Driver's License X 3 and No Insurance, and also one Upshur County warrant for Possession of Marijuana; and

Rohnda Lynn Clifton, 49, of Gladewater for Possession of between 4 and 200 grams of a penalty group 1 controlled substance, and also for five White Oak warrants for No Driver's License X 2, No Insurance X 2, and Theft of Property less than \$50.



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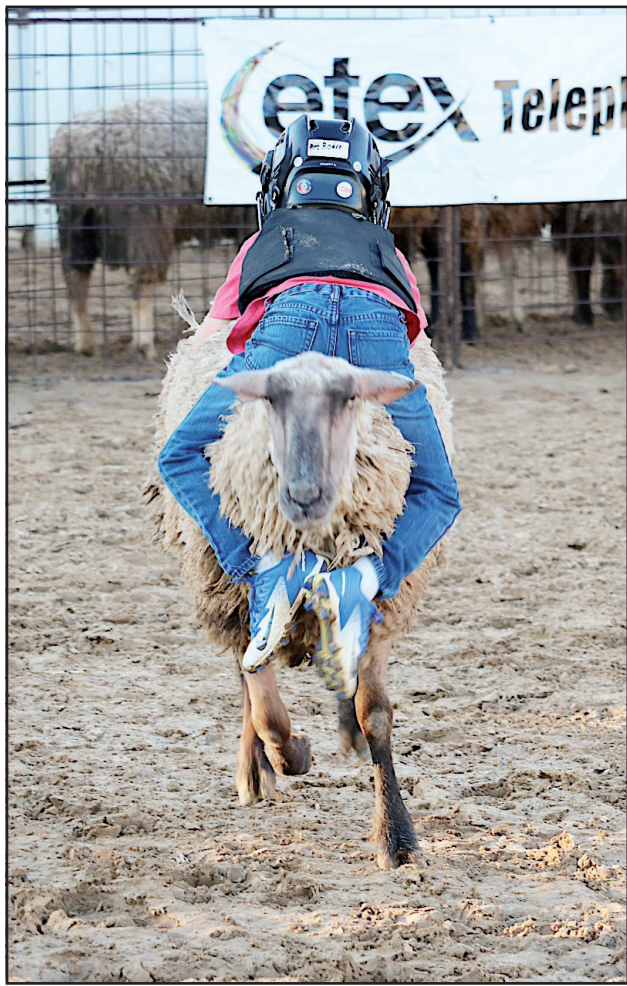
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It was hard to tell if this Buckaroo was coming or going in the Mutton Bustin' competition.

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Greyson Coffey won Night 1 of Mutton Bustin' at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo



Dawson Hutton won Night 2 of Mutton Bustin' at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo



Liam Tomberlain won Night 3 of Mutton Bustin' at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo



Easton Torres won Night 4 of Mutton Bustin' at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo



# GLADEWATER ROUND-UP

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4.9, \$1,508; 3. Cody Russell/Cody Egusquiza, 5.4, \$1,282; 4. Brandon Farris/Braden Harmon, 5.7, \$1,056; 5. Justin Lovell/Michael Fortenberry, 9.9, \$830; 6. Jayse Tettenhorst/Troll Tettenhorst, 10.5, \$603; 7. Manny Egusquiza Jr./Evan Arnold, 11.2, \$377; 8. Casey Tew/Cody Tew, 14.3, \$151.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Sterling Crawley, 85 points on Rafter G Rodeo's R watson's Walki, \$1,997; 2. Chase Brooks, 84, \$1,531; 3. Brandon Lansford, 83.5, \$1,131; 4. Ryder Sanford, 82.5, \$732; 5. Parker Fleet, 81.5, \$466; 6. Logan Cook, 81, \$333; 7. Parker Kempfer, 80, \$266; 8. Brady Hill, 78.5, \$200.

Tie-down roping: 1. Cody McCartney, 8.3 seconds, \$2,540; 2. Roan Hudson, 8.4, \$2,209; 3. Chris McCuistion, 8.9, \$1,878; 4. Marty Yates, 9.0, \$1,546; 5. Marcos Costa, 9.4, \$1,215; 6. (tie) Tyson Arledge and Lane Webb, 10.0, \$718 each; 8. (tie) Neil Dove and Robert Mathis, 10.2, \$110 each.

Barrel racing: 1. Kaycee Killingsworth, 17.03 seconds, \$2,091; 2. Chloe Gray, 17.09, \$1,777; 3. (tie) Shelley Morgan and Caley Walkoviak, 17.10, \$1,359 each; 5. Taylor Carver, 17.20, \$1,045; 6. (tie) Krystal Dillman and Jamie Olsen, 17.23, \$627 each; 8. LaTricia Duke, 17.25, \$418; 9. Emma Abbott, 17.26, \$366; 10. Alyssa Urbanek, 17.30, \$314; 11. Abby Pursifull, 17.32, \$261; 12. Tillar King, 17.34, \$209.

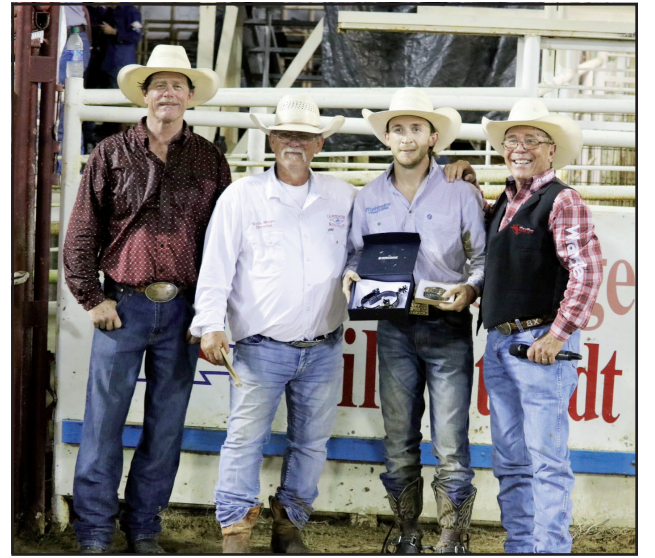
Breakaway: 1. Brighton Bauman, 1.7 seconds, \$2,540.53; 2. Jordan Hollabaug, 2 seconds, \$2,177.60; 3. Martha Angelone, 2.1 seconds, \$1,693.69; 3. Cassidy Boggs, 2.1 seconds, \$1,693.69; 5. Anna Dietrich, 2.3 seconds, \$750.06

Bull riding: 1. Ayden Dale, 88 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Desert Twister, \$2,533; 2. Hudson Bolton, 87.5, \$1,942; 3. Trey Holston, 86.5, \$1,435; 4. Jadon Hayes, 85, \$929; no other qualified rides.

Total payoff: \$68,547. Stock contractor: Rafter G Rodeo. Sub-contractors: Frontier Rodeo, Generations Pro Rodeo and Big Rafter Rodeo. Rodeo secretary: Lauranne Smith. Timers: Terri Gay and Raine Gilley. Announcers: Don Gay and Greg Simas. Specialty act: John Harrison. Bullfighters: Judd Napier and Mike Driver. Clown/barrelman: John Harrison. Flankman: Summer Gay. Chute boss: Rafael Mosqueda. Pickup men: Skeete Abbott and James Rogers. Music director: Jesse Knudsen.



Round-Up Rodeo Secretary Ashley Smith was honored with the 2024 "Director of the Year" award.



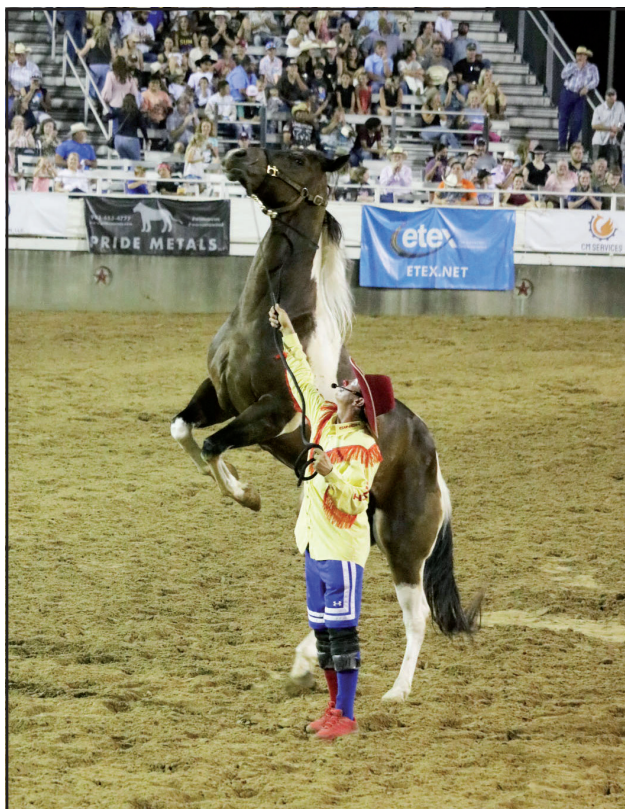
Trey Kimzey captured his second Xtreme Bull win Wednesday night at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo's CAPCO Gladewater Round-Up Xtreme Bulls "John Quintana Memorial." Kimzey, of Strong City, OK, recorded a score 87 to top his competitors. James (JR) Stratford and Creek Young won second both with scores of 86.5. The special "all bulls" event is in honor of Johnny Quintana, who on June 6, 1971, here in Gladewater at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo, V-61 met his match when World Bull Riding Champion Johnny Quintana rode him for the first time and scored a high score of 94 points. The ride was so momentous that many couldn't hear the buzzer due to the noise of the crowd. Quintana later rode the bull again that year. Quintana's score of 94 on that ride was the highest score ever recorded at that time in a bucking stock event.



See more rodeo action photos at the Gladewater Mirror Facebook Page



The coveted Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo "Silver Spurs" award was presented to Jackie Crawford of Stephenville, Tx.



The Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo "Wrangler of the Year" award was presented to Sierra Moore.

