

# Gladewater Former Students' Association

A TEXAS NOT-FOR-PROFIT DEDICATED TO GHS ALUMNI

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## Summer Greetings from GFSA President, Larry Clemens '68

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Dear Alums,

*I hope all of you are staying safe and social distancing. If you are like me, you are tired of hearing that phrase. These are certainly different times than what any of us have ever experienced.*

*I am sure that all of you are aware that our spring events had to be cancelled. Along with all the events being cancelled, our building has not been rented out since February. Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first time the building has been rented since February. A lot of the money that we use to maintain the building comes from rentals. We also depend on membership dues to support the scholarships that we provide to deserving GHS seniors. COVID-19 did not prevent us from handing out scholarships to two GHS seniors this spring. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to please pay your dues. If you do not remember if you have paid them, then chances are that you have not paid them lately. The form included with this newsletter details how you can pay. We have also designated the **end of January of each year** to be the date when dues are to be paid. GFSA thanks all of you who continue to support the organization.*

*The GFSA Board entered the technological world for our May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We had our meeting using Zoom. It took us a little while to get everyone on the call, but we had 10 of the 12 Board members present. We had a special called meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> and had a couple of Board members attend using Zoom, as well as two members of the Class of 1970 on the call. It is amazing what we can do with our phones, tablets and computers. Hopefully, we will be able to all get together for our July meeting.*

*If you haven't heard, our reunion that is normally scheduled for September of each year has been postponed. There is information in this newsletter as to the new date for the reunion. The Class of 1970 struggled with this decision, but felt that due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 that it would be best to postpone. I know that we are all looking forward to getting together again very soon.*

*There has not been much going on since everything was cancelled this spring. I hope all of you have a great summer and a safe summer. The Board is continuing to work hard for the organization and has had to make some difficult decisions lately. The Board welcomes your support and the organization needs your support.*

Regards,

Larry Clemens, '68  
President

## Go Bears!

ORANGE AND BLACK FOREVER

# Date Change of 2020 All-School Reunion Announced



The 2020 All-School Reunion is postponed from the September 26<sup>th</sup> date. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Class of 1970 and the GFSA Board decided to move the reunion to the last Saturday in February which is February 27, 2021. More details including registration information will be included in the next GFSA Newsletter posted at the end of September. For any additional information, contact Elizabeth Osteen Ferguson at (214)642-3439 or Nancy Dees Long at (903)738-7115 or email Gladewater70@yahoo.com

## GFSA 2020 Scholarship Awards

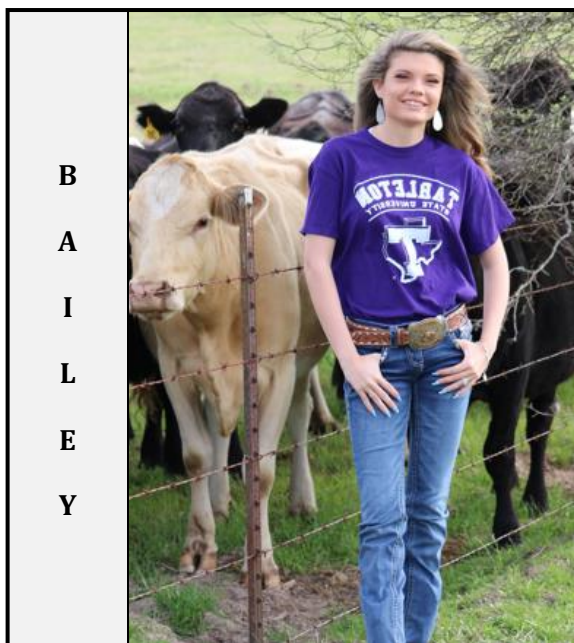
GFSA Scholarship Committee has chosen 2 GHS Seniors to give a \$1000 Scholarship for continuing their education in college. Meet these exceptional young ladies.

### GRACI MARIE HART

Graci likes to spend time at church and with family & friends. She is involved in cheerleading, ETAS, FFA, NHS volleyball and softball. She has held many leadership positions such as Varsity Cheer Captain and National Honor Society Secretary. She was voted Miss GHS of 2020. Graci plans to begin her education at Kilgore College and the obtain her nursing degree at UT Tyler. Graci's parents are Myles and Stephanie Hart.



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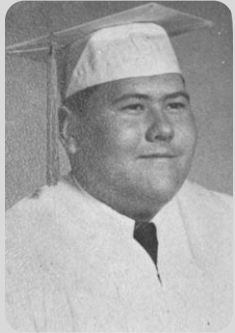
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### BAILEY N. SMITH

Bailey's extracurricular activities include softball, track, volleyball, National Honor Society, FFA and Student Council. She is active with her church's Vacation Bible School and is on the Junior Livestock Board. Her career choice is to be an agriculture teacher. She will be attending Tarleton State University because "It has the best agricultural program," Bailey states. Bailey's parents are Stephanie and Darrell Caldwell.

# MEET YOUR BOARD

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Dale Lange, GFSA Maintenance Director



Jon Keller, GFSA Treasurer



## Glenn Dale Lange, Class of 1969

After graduation from GHS, Dale attended Kilgore College and then North Texas State University, which is now University of North Texas in Denton. He graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts. In 1975, Dale graduated with a Master's in Education. He came home to Gladewater to build and remodel homes in our community. Dale married Connie Black in 1984. They have been blessed with two sons, Jonathan and Jarrett, who are both proud GHS graduates, 2004 and 2006, respectively. Dale and Connie have three grandchildren. Two of them go to Gladewater schools; Remington attends Weldon and Ruby Kate will enter Kindergarten in the fall. Both are excited to be fourth generation Bears!

Dale taught Industrial Arts and then went on to be Maintenance Director at GISD. Connie taught 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grades at GISD. They are both retired at this time, but you can see that the Langes are Gladewater proud!! They have enjoyed many years of attending meetings, celebrations and reunions at GFSA and looking forward to many more years of FUN with this organization.

## Jon Keller, Class of 1992

Jon graduated Gladewater High School in 1992 and then earned a BBA in Accounting from Texas A&M University in 1996. He has been married to his wife, Candy, for twenty-one years. Candy is a 1993 graduate of GHS. The couple has two sons. Colin is a junior at Texas A&M University and Nathan will be a junior at GHS. Jon's parents are Harold and Dianne Keller, who have both retired from GISD. Harold is also a graduate of GHS.

Some people just know what they want to do with their life. Jon has been involved in the banking industry since summer and winter breaks in college. He has accumulated 27 years in banking and currently works with City National Bank in Gladewater for the past three years.

Community involvement is very important to Jon. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Gladewater, serves on the Gladewater Beautification Board and is a Trustee of GISD School Board for 12 years where he has been Board President for 7 years. For the last five years, Jon has been a Junior Achievement volunteer teacher at Gladewater High School. Along with other districts, he has served a total of 14 years. Jon has been a former board member of the Gladewater Youth Baseball Association and has been on the Gladewater Former Students' Association Board of Directors for the last 3 years where he serves as the GFSA Treasurer.

# Connecting the Past to the Present ..... Who's at GHS Now?

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## **Ben Rambo, Ag Mechanics and Metal Fabrication Instructor**

Ben Rambo has a very interesting and diverse resume. He started his educational journey in Union Grove where he graduated in 1969. After that, Ben went to Kilgore College and then transferred to Sam Houston State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1973. In 1986, he obtained his teacher certification from Texas A&M and then his Master of Education in 1996 at Texas Woman's University.

Along the way, Ben has been a ranch manager, classroom teacher, Director for The Center of Success in Learning in Dallas, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Special Education in Joshua ISD, Director of Education for Azleway Charter School and involved in farm and ranch construction & welding. For the last couple of years, Mr. Rambo has worked at Gladewater High School with the Ag program.

Ben Rambo has many goals for his students, but they are the things that are required for metal fabrication and maintaining a job in general. Safety is the most important thing in the shop. Ben makes sure that his students understand and implement the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the safety procedures of all hand tools, power tools and metalworking tools. The students must demonstrate proficiencies in SMAW, GMAW, Oxyfuel cutting and Plasma arc. They are taught cost analysis, inspection of the final product, maintaining a clean and safe work environment and analysis of realistic career opportunities.

Entry-level skills will only get you so far in the workplace. Mr. Rambo strives to let students know what will be expected in the real workplace. He shares from his own background as an entry level employee all the way to a general manager position; from a classroom teacher all the way to a district administrator; from being a contract welder, cowboy and fabricator.

Rambo tells students that good manners will get them further than any abilities they have. He advises them that entry level skills, hard work and getting to work on time will be the foundation to success. Rambo emphasizes, "I have said before, the future is not tomorrow or next week...the future with our students is NOW!"





# BE A GFSA MEMBER & SUPPORTER

*Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, all our spring and summer events have been cancelled. The Memorial Day Service and our only fund-raising event, the Sporting Clays Shoot in June had to be cancelled due to close proximity to others. Even though the Gladewater High School had to cancel the Senior Award Ceremony, we were still able to give 2 scholarships through the mail.*

*Our forefathers of this great organization from the 1940's are passing from this earth. That generation was a strong supporter of GFSA and its mission. Unless the younger generations of BEARS are willing to step up to the task of taking the baton, GFSA will not have the funds to continue the good work of our originators.*

**Please continue to support GFSA with your \$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES and influence your fellow GHS peers to do the same.** *GFSA gives us a home for our class reunions, gives \$1000 scholarships to GHS seniors, honors our veterans and encourages all of us to be connected through friendship and kinship of being a BEAR for life.*

## FOREVER ORANGE AND BLACK!

### GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

*Our Alma Mater lost the following sons and daughters from March – June, 2020:*

**CLAUDIA HOUSER, 1966**

**DR. GARY LEE HENRY, 1964**

**JACE BLACK, 2004**

**TOM CLIFTON, 1969**

**HATTIE ELIZABETH BEARD GRAHAM, 1940**

**MICHAEL DAVIDSON, 1974**

**PATRICIA ANN TUCKER RILEY, 1966**

**EUNICE ELOISE BOTELER KETCHUM, 1936**

**KATHRYN CAUSEY TRULL, 1965**

**ROY DEAN MACKAY, 1952**

**JOHN DALE MURPHY, 1988**

**SONDRA DANIEL, 1962**

**OUIDA MARKHAM GUTWALD, 1943**

*All will be sorely missed by their families, friends and classmates to whom we extend our deepest sympathies. Please notify the GFSA Office if you know of anyone that needs to be added to the "Gone But Not Forgotten" list. Phone number and email address on front page of this newsletter.*

### GFSA Officers & Board 2020-21

#### OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: *Larry Clemens '68*

VICE PRESIDENT: *Shirley Elliott Willett '68*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: *Leslie Blount Willeford '77*

RECORDING SECRETARY: *Cheryl Moore Copeland '69*

TREASURER: *Jon Keller '92*

PARLIMENTARIAN: *Barry Cook '68*

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

*Dale Lange '69*

*Margaret Liddell Pevehouse '66*

*Steve Scurlock '68*

*Debra Shipp '75*

*Danny Sorrells '75*

*Mandy Williamson Wood '95*

#### ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBERS:

*Cathy Phillips Shipp '65*

*Leon Watson '59*

*Patricia Martin Watson '60*

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## The GLADEWATER FORMER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

would like to RECOGNIZE and THANK the following alumni who have supported this organization through the years with "KODIAK" contributions of \$1,000.00 or more:

Dorothy Duke Anderson, Class of 1943 and John Paul Tallent, Class of 1962

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| '30 George Wilkins                 | '41 Margie Brewer Morrison                 |                               |
| '38 C.W. Williams, Jr.             | '42 Jack Phillips                          |                               |
| '38 Gladys Browning Best           | '42 Ralph Weiser                           |                               |
| '39 Dr. John Heit                  | '43 Juanita Bagley Dusse`                  |                               |
| '39 Helen Adams Thomas             | '50 Janet Burnett Hill                     |                               |
| '40 June Strawn Gelvin             | '56 Leland Stracener                       |                               |
| '41 Dr. John Artie & Arra Browning | '63 Alla Burago                            |                               |
| '41 Gladys Williams Dreeson        |  |                               |
| '33 Gwendolyn Hamilton Hogue       | '49 Robert Honeycutt                       | '62 John Shepperd             |
| '38 Lee Fisher                     | '49 Bill Looney                            | '62 Paula Jones Smith         |
| '39 Glenn (Squeaky) Lange          | '49 T. E. "Ed" Maxwell                     | '62 Betty Jean Thomas Stegall |
| '39 Jane Neal Sellers              | '49 Richard D. Tallent                     | '62 Kay Pothoff Wallace       |
| '40 Ernestine Wilson Sawyer        | '51 Colleen Tallent Coffman                | '63 Melvin A. Tallent         |
| '40 Truman Wilson                  | '52 Frances Ann Brown Shanks               | '65 Danny Strickland          |
| '41 Johnnie Pace Brown             | '52 Beverly Hutson Lancaster               | '67 Jerry D. Tallent          |
| '41 Dr. Robert Brutsche            | '53 Alice Ruth Wallace Cater               | '68 Mark Abernathy            |
| '41 Emma Dean Hinton Fetzer        | '53 Jerry Don Lancaster                    | '68 Shirley Elliott Willett   |
| '41 Jean Clark Hughes              | '53 Sherman Kennedy                        | '71 Sue Clifton Moore         |
| '41 Dr. Helen Chapman Williamson   | '54 Barbara Smith Mackey                   | '76 James Hugman              |
| '41 Charles Gilpin                 | '54 Dr. Calvin N. McKaig                   | '76 Sharon Scurlock Berryman  |
| '41 Dr. Harold McDowell            | '54 Martha Williams Squibb                 | '76 Tommy Willingham          |
| '41 Patricia Nichols Summer        | '54 Jimmy A. Tallent                       | '77 Jayson Wynn               |
| '42 Ann Ruth Stone Gentry          | '54 Lula Mae Walker Waters                 | '85 Cindy Tallent Rowe        |
| '44 Lafon Dorrrough                | '55 Mary Lou Wilcox Palmer                 | '85 Jon Rowe                  |
| '44 Georgia Waters Dorrrough       | '56 Travis Stanley                         | '89 Johnny Tallent            |
| '44 Jo Nell Adams Lucky            | '56 Donald Williams                        | '90 Andrea Slover Tallent     |
| '44 Robert H. Schmidt              | '56 Ronald Williams                        | 2011 Alyssa Rowe              |
| '44 Roy A. Tallent                 | '57 Homer Beck                             | 2013 Leslie Rowe              |
| '45 Lawanna Lee Ballard            | '59 Mary Barr Price                        | 2015 Rebecca Rowe             |
| '46 Billy C. Dale                  | '59 Grace Ann Rose Shore                   | Class of 1943                 |
| '46 Gladys Ronita Dillard          | '60 Tom & Nita Zajicek <i>in memory of</i> | Class of 1945                 |
| '46 Bobbie Milliorn Modisette      | <i>Paul &amp; Agnes Zajicek</i>            | Class of 1958                 |
| '46 Dr. Jack "Spot" Collins        | '62 Jack Butler                            | Class of 1961                 |
| '46 B.M. "Mack" Rankin             | '62 Barbara Brooking Henderson             | Class of 1962                 |
| '46 Virginia Henley Mankins        | '62 Ellender "Cookie" Owens Holcomb        | Class of 1965                 |
| '48 William "Billy Bob" Green      | '62 Glenna Rush Ishmael                    | Class of 1966                 |
| '48 Nelda Jean Barr Young          | '62 Loretta Blear Mitchell                 | Class of 1968                 |
| '49 Jack Foshee                    | '62 Ronny Moore                            | Beverly Brunson Tallent       |

### ~ PAST PRESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS ~

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| '38 Nauty Byrd Pelphey Mayer 1989-1990     | '59 Leon Watson 2002-2003, 2008-2009     |
| '38 Hulon Broyles 1991-1992, 1996          | '68 Barry Cook, 2007                     |
| '40 Truman Wilson 1995                     | '60 Roy T. Van Houten, 2010              |
| '61 Sherry Waggoner Beall 1993-94, 2011-12 | '62 John Paul Tallent 1997-2001, 2013-15 |
| '56 Dr. Syntha Traugher West 2004-2006     | '68 Shirley Elliott Willett, 2016-2018   |



## GFSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Tax-Deductible Annual Membership ONLY \$25.00 per Member

*In order that we may properly give you credit for your dues payment, please fully complete this form and mail with your check to:  
GFSA, P.O. Box 1425, Gladewater, TX 75647.*

YOUR GRADUATION OR CLASS YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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## GFSA CONTRIBUTION FORM

*The GFSA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.*

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SELECT A FUND: Building \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Memorial \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: GFSA, P.O. BOX 1425, GLADEWATER, TX 75647

## BRICK ORDER FORM

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE PER BRICK - \$65.00

Engraving limited to only 3 lines, 14 characters each line (including spaces).

SUGGESTED ENGRAVING:

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: GFSA, P.O. BOX 1425, GLADEWATER, TX 75647



### **SCHEDULED 2020 BOARD MEETINGS**

Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

Our meetings are held in the board room of the GFSA Building unless via ZOOM during COVID-19.

### **Upcoming Events 2020**

Veteran's Luncheon – November 2020 (TBA)

GFSA Christmas Party – (TBA)

All School Reunion – February 27, 2021

### **Other Dates of Interest in 2020**

Tuesday, June 30 – Deadline to submit nominations for GHS Outstanding Alumni. Forms are on the GFSA website: [www.gladewaterformerstudents.com](http://www.gladewaterformerstudents.com)

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