

**New Focus Somervell County**  
**“Project Graduation”**  
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Each year after the High School Graduation, Glen Rose seniors are invited to attend an all night party. This party was first held in 1987 and has continued as a community effort to create a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for students to attend after graduation. This May will mark the 38<sup>th</sup> year of this Glen Rose tradition, which has thrived successfully over the years.

The New Focus Committee, a non-profit organization, organizes the party with the help of numerous volunteers including parents and community members. The party is financed with one fundraiser held each spring, the spaghetti supper and auction. Senior students are awarded “Project Graduation points” (not real money) for their participation in the fundraiser. The points earned allow the student to attend “Project Graduation,” which is the party held on graduation night. During the course of the night, drawings are held with prizes awarded from items purchased with funds raised. These items may include scholarships, gift cards, and small electronics, etc. At the end of the night, an auction is held in which students bid on items consisting of numerous things such as MacBook’s, iPhones, Apple Watch, TVs, etc. (The more points the student earns will mean the greater chance they have of getting a better prize at the auction).

As stated earlier, the Project Graduation program is designed to keep students safe on a very important night in their lives. We feel strongly that we are accomplishing just that!

This year’s Spaghetti Supper & Auction will be held Monday, April 22, 2024, at Glen Rose High School. This year’s Project Graduation will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024, at Glen Lake Camp.

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