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## FOOTBALL

IT'S GAME TIME!



Gladewater vs Mount Vernon  
7:30 p.m. Friday at Gladewater



Union Grove vs Cumby  
7:00 p.m. Thursday at Cumby



White Oak vs Harmony  
7:30 p.m. Friday at Harmony



On Saturday units from Sabine Fire & Rescue, Gladewater Fire Department, Clarksville City - Warren City Volunteer Fire Department, Smith County ESD2, White Oak Volunteer Fire Department, Texas A&M Forest Service, as well as several Gregg County S.O. Deputies and the Fire Marshal's Office responded to an approximately 11 acre fire near Hwy 135 and FM 2207. Excellent work by all involved lead to a successful outcome and the fire was brought under control and contained. The cause of the fire was most likely an over heated power line that sparked. Remember it is very dry out there and the County is still under a burn ban.

### A 'handy' haul for Tony

Tony Handy has a new fish tale for years to come after hauling in a 42-inch, 55-pound Flathead catfish at Lake Gladewater Aug. 18.

According to the White Oak resident, he was fishing by himself on a little boat, just using his regular dip net to haul the catch in when he realized how large the catch was.

"That sucker come up, man," Handy said, "then he jumped out of the net. He wasn't hooked good. I just kind of bear-hugged him and rolled him over in the boat with me."

Lake Gladewater's a regular haunt for the fisherman, but he'd never imagined it was home to an Opelousas catfish as large as this one.

"I've got a 35-pounder out there before," he said. "I thought it was a big fish - it is a big fish. This is the biggest one I've ever caught."

"It took me two days to finish cleaning it. The hide's so thick - just like cowhide."

The solid white belly meat has been pretty tasty, too.

"You just make nuggets out of it. The belly is the best part."



White Oak fisherman Tony Handy hefts his personal-best 55-pound Opelousas catfish. He caught the 42-inch flathead Aug. 18 in Lake Gladewater.

Courtesy photo by Sunni Smith

## GISD accepts building donation by GEDCO

By James Draper

New teachers at Gladewater ISD will be getting a \$2,000 sign-on stipend after an 'Aye' vote from trustees last week.

The school board members also accepted a key building and property donated to the district by Gladewater Economic Develop-

ment Corporation.

Dr. Sedric Clark says he's glad to see more money headed into teachers' accounts following the trustees' action.

"At the end of the year, they gave a \$2,000 commitment stipend to those who will return," the GISD superintendent recalled. "For those

who came to us, they did the same thing Monday," Aug. 21.

"The more they get, the less that have to worry about it."

The Gladewater Center for Community Education sits in front of the high school, and the 2,196 square-foot structure has long been a part of campus operations though

owned by the economic development organization.

"GEDCO has allowed us to use that building for years as a classroom for our dual credit classes," Clark confirmed.

Built in 1969, the facility sits on about 1.2 acres. On Aug. 9, the GEDCO Board of Directors voted

4-1 to donate the property to GISD.

"Now we can use that for other purposes, and it's ours," Clark said, grateful for the support.

That's the prevailing mood at the district right now, the superintendent added: the 2023-2024 school year kicked-off smoothly, with

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## New laws take effect in Texas on Sept. 1

It's that time of the year again, Texans. Starting September 1, more than 750 new laws will be enacted in the Lone Star State. We compiled the significant new laws Texans should know about that will have a noticeable impact on people's lives.

State lawmakers in Texas only meet once every two years, in odd-numbered years. Since the 1960s, regular sessions have lasted for 140 days. Before then, they ranged from as short as 45 days in 1863 to 177 days in 1949, according to the Texas House of Representatives website.

The Texas Legislature in 2023 surprised many with its bills, such as getting rid of mandated water breaks for outdoor workers and billing electric vehicle drivers an extra \$200 a year. These new rules will last through at least until 2025:

### 'Death Star' bill strips authority from cities

The new Texas law that overrides city and county ordinances will also eliminate protections currently in place for outdoor workers, such as mandated water breaks, even in extreme heat. The city of San Antonio sued the state over this law, dubbed the "Death Star bill," in July.

### Texas law bans COVID mask mandates

During the coronavirus pandemic, city leaders and state lawmakers didn't see eye to eye on enforcing masks or shutdowns due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. Come September 1, lawmakers prioritized to "end COVID restrictions forever."

In June, Abbott signed into law Senate Bill 29, which prohibits local governments from requiring COVID-related masks, vaccines, or business shutdowns. The law does not

restrict pandemic rules by private entities, according to the Texas Tribune.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to recommend vaccination against COVID-19 for those 6 months and older as the best way to prevent serious illness.

### Texas toll road changes

Toll agencies have to warn customers with credit cards on file that their payment failed under a bill by Texas lawmakers.

House Bill 2170 was the only bill to become law out of at least nine toll-related bills during this year's legislative session, according to the Texas Tribune. It also mandates toll entities to send the invoice by mail with a clear message outside the envelope indicating it contains a bill that must be paid.

The law applies to users who have TxTag electronic stickers issued by the Texas Department of Transportation for automatic toll payments.

### Lawmakers look to tame street takeovers

High profile street takeovers have led to dozens of arrests across the state, and in cities like Austin, Houston, and San

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Climb down, move on ...

*"It's so hard to forget pain, but it's even harder to remember sweetness. We have no scar to show for happiness."*  
Chuck Palahniuk

We have all been 'pole-axed' on occasion with a crystal clear confrontation of a truth that convicts. In the October edition of Reader's Digest an author who is a cancer survivor wrote of the need to "climb down off her cross".

She wrote of how individuals, including her, have embraced a disease or trauma, or the sheer maddening difficulty of life as a martyr. We wear our survivorship like a Purple Heart. Perhaps we enjoy the attention we receive as a survivor to the point that we stopped...there...without ever moving beyond the disease, the trauma, or the responsibilities that overwhelm, so that we become defined, self-defined by those events.

In other words we become defined by our pain instead of our blessings and gifts.

Of course most of us grow during these painful experiences. If we don't, instead of better we become bitter. Often our faith deepens, our strength increases and our wisdom grows. But... sometimes we begin to wear our traumas or illnesses, or scars, like we wear a T-shirt, for all the world to see.

Being a survivor of something, anything, be it cancer or divorce should not overtake the living of your life or the lives of those who love you.

I have a very dear friend who is God's gift at holding up a mirror. She always says: "Check your motives". From some of



the experiences of her life as well as my own and others, I have learned the value of letting go, of forgiving, of moving beyond the trauma baggage.

Life is tough and we are surrounded by hurting people and sometimes self-absorbed people. But we owe it to our families, friends and co-workers not to "cling to our crosses" long after we should have laid them down.

We must allow ourselves to fully receive 'healing'. According to the author of "Down Off the Cross" Debra Jarvis, "We have to let our old story go so that a newer, truer story can be told about who we are".

So, starting today let's quit replaying the hurts of the past. We need to put them where they belong. In the past. And if the beams of your cross were nailed together with anger, betrayal or neglect... quit making a list of wrongs and live your life. Do not let pain define who you have become. Do not let pain take today away.

Life is far too short not to embrace joy.

And peace.

And grace.

And move on...

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Big Mac Attack ...

The Economist magazine's [Big Mac index](#) was recently released, providing insights into the cost of the classic McDonald's burger in countries around the world. The index was started in 1986 to provide a quick look at how currencies are trending against one another.

The economic concept of purchasing power parity (PPP) indicates that exchange rates change over time to equalize the global price of an identical basket of goods and services. A single burger was chosen because it is highly standardized irrespective of location (and is ubiquitous and simple to grasp).

The most recent data indicates that the vast majority of world currencies are undervalued compared to the dollar based on the price of a Big Mac and prevailing exchange rates. Even when

adjusted for the relative wealth of countries, the dollar remains stronger than most. Although clearly the Big Mac index is merely an illustration, the dollar has been trending at a fairly strong level for a while. The index also suggests that US inflation is now lower than that of most (but not all) major countries.

The Federal Reserve maintains a [more comprehensive index](#) of how the dollar is performing against the currencies of the 26 most important US trading partners by volume of bilateral trade. The base year is 2006, and the index generally stayed below that level for years except for a period of time during the Great Recession. Starting in 2011, however, the relative value of the dollar began to rise.

The pattern was uneven at times, with notable spikes during times of uncertainty such as the pandemic. A peak of about 128 was reached last fall, and the index is currently around 121.

In addition to the dollar's role as a safe haven, demand is boosted by high US interest rates and resulting demand from foreign investors for dollar-denominated options. In addition, a large share of global business is conducted in dollars and the US dollar is the world's dominant reserve currency. (While there have been headlines about this situation changing, I don't see that happening.)

A strong dollar is both good and bad. An overly weak currency would be a symptom of big problems such as persistent low economic growth and high inflation. It also makes imported goods more expensive. However, a strong dollar causes US exports to be more costly in world markets. In addition, for US firms doing business overseas, it reduces revenue as international sales are converted.

Looking ahead, the dollar should remain relatively stable for the time being. The economy is resilient, and the Fed is dealing with inflation. There is also no stronger or more stable financial system anywhere, and uncertain times call for safe havens. Stay safe!

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## Texans asked to conserve energy

The agency that operates the power grid for much of the state asked Texans to conserve energy use several times last week as the grid was beset with high demand and low wind-power generation, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has asked electric users to reduce energy use as the state continues to face a tenacious heat wave.

Demand on the grid operated by ERCOT has record levels 10 times this summer. The system has held up to the strain to this point. Any outages across the state have been local and caused by other reasons other than demand on the grid, such as downed power lines or blown transformers.

ERCOT is calling on large electric customers to voluntarily cut consumption during peak periods and is working with out-of-state power operators to secure additional power generation capacity.

In addition, two "virtual power plants" are now able to provide power to the grid, according to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. According to the PUC, "The pilot project tests how consumer-owned, small energy devices, such as battery energy storage systems, backup generators, and controllable Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers, can be virtually aggregated and participate as a resource in the wholesale electricity market, strengthening grid reliability."

The two pilot projects underway involve Tesla customers who have electric storage systems in their homes and have agreed to sell their surplus power in the ERCOT market.

### Wildfire danger remains high in Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to respond to requests for assistance on wildfires across the state as dry weather continues. Currently there are four active fires, the largest being the Shearwood Creek Fire in Jasper County. As of Sunday it had burned 3,000 acres and was 70% contained.

As of Sunday 208 counties had burn bans in place. Meanwhile, a helicopter delivering water to the 150-acre Barth Fire in Caldwell County almost collided with a drone being flown by someone not with the agency. It came within feet of the helicopter.

"Pilots have no way to detect a drone or know there is one present in the airspace until they see it," said Jared Karns with the forest service. "Suppression aircraft can respond to wildfires quickly, increasing the likelihood that a new ignition remains a small, manageable wildfire. Utilizing aircraft greatly enhances the state's firefighting efforts, but they have to be able to fly in a safe environment."

Under Federal Aviation Administration rules, all aircraft, including drones, are prohibited from flying over wildfire areas. More than 1,350 wildfires have occurred in the state in July and August to date.

### TPWD trying to buy property containing state park

The commissioners overseeing Texas Parks and Wildlife Department voted unanimously last week to negotiate acquiring the roughly 500 acres that contains Lake Colorado City



State Park in Mitchell County. The state has been leasing it from Vistra Corp. for more than 50 years.

Earlier this year, the energy company sold a piece of property that contained Fairfield State Park to a developer, forcing the park's closure.

"This makes all the sense in the world," outgoing commission chairman Arch "Beaver" Alpin III said about the purchase, according to The Dallas Morning News. "I believe we've had a meeting of the minds on being able to do it. This will allow us to secure one of our parks for the long term and be able to own it."

The park is located off Interstate 20 about halfway between Sweetwater and Big Spring and offers opportunities for water recreation and outdoor activities for nearly 30,000 visitors annually.

### Judge rejects 'invasion' defense in buoy suit

A federal judge in Austin rejected the state's assertion that it has the right to install buoys in the Rio Grande because of a "migrant invasion," The News reported.

"We are here for purposes of determining whether this is a barrier to navigation, whether this is a navigable waterway," U.S. District Judge Ezra said.

The U.S. Justice Department has sued the state over the buoys, saying their placement ignored the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, which established that the federal government controls navigable waterways. The state's defense claims the Rio Grande is not navigable in the section where the buoys were installed, near Eagle Pass.

### Counties can't ban solar farms, AG rules

An attempt by Franklin County officials to ban solar farms has failed after provisional Attorney General Angela Colmenero ruled that counties don't have specific authority to do so, the Texas Standard reported.

Commissioners in that county voted last year to impose a 180-day moratorium on commercial solar development. They later rescinded it, but the Franklin County attorney asked for an attorney general's ruling.

As elsewhere, some Franklin County residents opposed the solar farms on grounds that trees would be cut down, grasslands destroyed, and wildlife blocked by fences.

### WWI hipwreck found in Neches River

The Texas Historical Commission has confirmed a shipwreck found in the Neches River dates to World War I. The wooden-hulled vessel was one of nearly 40 built in Beaumont by the U.S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation and abandoned when the war ended.

Many of the 40 vessels were unfinished and often converted to barges or sold for scrap. Designed as steamships, they were nearly 282 feet long.

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## DO YOU NEED A LITTLE TNT IN YOUR LIFE?

This week let's think about putting a little TNT in your life. Now TNT is the clever way someone described the cure of procrastination. TNT stands for: "Today, Not Tomorrow." Most of us need a little TNT in our lives, because procrastination is a problem many of us have. But I'm most concerned about procrastination regarding obeying God, because the worse procrastination of all is putting off obeying God.

Do you know you should become a Christian? Do you even know what you need to do to become a Christian? Do you know the Word of God says in Rom. 10: 9-10 that you must believe in Jesus and confess Him, and that Acts 2: 38 teaches you that you must also repent of your sins, and be baptized for the remission of your sins? Do you know all of that, but, for some reason or other, you just haven't done it yet? Do you intend to do it someday, but you just keep putting it off? There are several problems with such spiritual procrastination, not the least of which is the fact that you may die before you ever become a Christian and be lost forever.

Take, for example, a man mentioned in the Bible whose name was Felix. Acts 24: 25 tells us the apostle Paul preached to Felix about "righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come," and Felix was fearful at the prospect of meeting God condemned. But, instead of becoming a Christian, Felix told the apostle Paul, "Go away for now, when I have a convenient time, I will call for you. Well, as far as we know, that convenient time never came for Felix, just as it may never come for you.

Friend, if you're not really a Christian, you need some TNT in your life. You need to make up your mind to become a Christian "TODAY, NOT TOMORROW," If I can assist you in your understanding of what you need to do to obey God and become a child of His, please contact me. Think on these things.

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# TPWD seeks public comments on the 2024 Land and Water Plan

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking public review and comments on its draft 2024 Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan (Land and Water Plan).

The plan identifies goals, objectives, strategies and measurable actions to be undertaken by TPWD over the next 10 years.

“In fulfilling our mission, TPWD is committed to delivering effective natural resources stewardship and outdoor recreation programs that exemplify the highest standards of quality, service and professionalism,” said TPWD Executive Director David Yoskowitz, Ph.D. “We used the Land and Water Plan as a critically important tool used to guide and evaluate effectiveness of the agency in delivering our mission and ensuring our programs continue to meet the needs of the state and all Texans.”

Earlier this year, TPWD solicited public and targeted feedback through an online survey of the agency’s performance and priorities. That input informed development of the draft plan, which was presented for review by the Governor-appointed Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

A request for public review and comments on the draft Land and Water Plan also launched on Aug. 23 and is scheduled to remain open through Sept. 30. Those interested can provide review and submit comments through the 2024 Land and Water Plan Draft website.

The site also offers links for two TPWD-offered public webinars, scheduled from noon-1 p.m. Sept. 1 and Sept. 8. These webinars will profile the plan and provide instructions for submitting comments.

Once public comments have been reviewed and addressed, TPWD will present a final version of the 2024 Land and Water Plan to commissioners for final review and approval at their November meeting.

The Land and Water Plan was originally developed in 2002 and updated in 2005, 2010, 2013 and 2015. In 2021, the 87th Texas Legislature adopted recommendations from the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission that led to changes in the statutory requirements for the Land and Water Plan (Texas Parks & Wildlife Code, § 11.101–106). An update that conforms to these new requirements is scheduled to be completed by 2024.

## ‘My Texas Future’ offers resources and information about postsecondary opportunities

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has launched My Texas Future, a new digital tool that connects Texans with resources and information about postsecondary opportunities. My Texas Future will help bridge the skills gap and provide support to individuals as they work to further their careers, return to the workforce, or return to higher education.

My Texas Future includes personalized interactive features to help prospective students identify interests and skills, explore careers and programs, plan for school, and navigate financial aid. Visitors can create accounts, save preferences, and request to speak to an advisor.

“The future of Texas prosperity relies on developing our Texas talent. My Texas Future is a one-stop advising shop for Texans to explore the changing landscape of high-demand jobs, understand higher education programs and costs, develop plans, and advance their careers,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. “This new tool offers resources to help more Texans earn credentials of value so they can participate in our state’s dynamic economy.”

Users may begin an exploration of professional interests with a career quiz. With information about jobs that might fit their interests, users can compare hundreds of Texas-based careers by local demand, pay, required education, and related skills. They may also compare credential programs by average tuition, location, and salary after graduation.

If students create an account, they can tailor their results from these interactive tools to their learning goals. They can save careers, schools, programs, and resources to their profiles and connect with advisors from partner institutions, receiving support specific to their individualized needs at every stage of their postsecondary journey.

The tool advances the state’s strategic plan for higher education, Building a Talent Strong Texas, with the goal of at least 60% of Texans ages 25-64 earning a degree, certificate, or other postsecondary credential of value by 2030 and with a manageable level of debt in relation to their potential earnings.

- Current Partner Institutions:
- South Plains College
- Angelo State University
- Texas Woman’s University
- Texas A&M International University
- Lamar State College Orange
- University of Houston-Victoria
- Tarleton State University
- McLennan Community College
- The University of Texas at Tyler
- College of the Mainland
- West Texas A&M University
- Amarillo College
- Midwestern State University
- Frank Phillips College
- Del Mar College
- Blinn College
- Wharton County Junior College
- University of Houston
- Texas Lutheran University
- University of the Incarnate Word

THECB aims to partner with all colleges and institutions across the state so more Texans can directly connect with high-quality advising no matter what program and school they’re interested in. The current release of My Texas Future is designed primarily for working-age Texans, including adults who have stopped out of higher education, displaced workers who need to reskill and upskill, and veterans. Future releases of My Texas Future will include additional tools for middle and high school students and transfer students.

Visit My Texas Future at [mytexasfuture.org](http://mytexasfuture.org) and contact your local institution to learn more about its plan to partner with My Texas Future.

# WHAT’S HAPPENING

## Cattle owners need to call the GPD

Calling all livestock owners in city limits....

If you have livestock in the city limits we would like to hear from you. We have had a few instances lately where livestock have gotten loose and we need to know how to get in touch with the owners. Our dispatchers and officers don’t always know who they belong to or where....

For these rare occasions help us plan ahead, please let us know your name, what and where your livestock are, any brands or markings, and how to get in touch with you or someone else during a livestock escape. Call dispatch at 903-845-2166.

## WOISD to discuss budget/tax rate

The White Oak Independent School District board of trustees will hold a special-called meeting/public hearing August 31 at 5 p.m. to discuss the annual budget and proposed tax rate.

## UT Health offers free virtual seminar on nonsurgical treatment for injuries

UT Health East Texas is offering a free, virtual seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 31. The seminar will feature a presentation on nonsurgical treatment for pain with Michael Galbraith, DO, board-certified family medicine physician who specializes in sports medicine at UT Health East Texas Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Institute.

The seminar is free, and you can register in advance at [UTHealthEastTexas.com/seminars](http://UTHealthEastTexas.com/seminars) to receive an email with the direct link before the presentation starts. When you register, you will also have the opportunity to submit a question in advance through the message box. The presentation will premiere on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas](https://Facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas).

## Manna House needs donations

The local Manna House is always in need of food so they can help our neighbors. So please continue our weekly donations of jelly and cereal, along with bread, canned fruit. So, when you are grocery shopping, consider picking up a few extra items for Manna House, so they can keep helping others. Drop off the non-perishable items at 519 E Broadway Ave. or at the *Gladewater Mirror* at 211 N. Main. Got questions, call (903) 845-3128.

## Lee-Bardwell Library crocheting

The Lee-Bardwell Library hosts “Cozy Crochet” every Saturday at 1 p.m.. Everyone is invited! Call 903-845-2640 for information.

## Museum hosting Dick Burnett exhibit

The Gladewater Museum is featuring a new exhibit honoring Dick Burnett and his semi-professional baseball team, the Gladewater Bears – this team became the Dallas Eagles. The Texas Rangers are honoring their origin that includes the Dallas Eagles and the Fort Worth Panthers. Admission is free. Visit the museum at 116 W. Pacific Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday to learn the rest of the story.

## Summer Shoe drive underway

The Darla’s Angels charity outreach is kicking off a Christmas in July effort this weekend – the 2023 Summertime Shoe Drive is looking for locals who are



Gladewater Rotary President Darla Ferguson and Rotarian Darren Richardson welcomed GHS Athletic Director Johnny Louvier as last week’s speaker.

ready to step up for students.

Throughout July, four businesses in Gladewater will be collecting donations of new pairs of shoes and socks for boys and girls in a variety of sizes. The four donation locations include Citizens Bank, the Gladewater Mirror, Penny’s Food & Fuel and City National Bank. Shoes sizes range from toddler through youth and adult. Socks will be greatly appreciated, says organizer Darla Ferguson.

For more information, contact Darla at the *Mirror* at 903-845-2235.

## GHS Class ‘73 reunion Sept. 23

Come join us at the Gladewater High School All-School Reunion to honor Outstanding Alumni including Jack Jones (Class of 1964) and Dr. John Hood (Class of 1985). The All-School Reunion is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Gladewater Former Students Building.

Online registration and payment of \$30 are available on the GSFA website at [gladewaterformerstudents.com](http://gladewaterformerstudents.com). Attendees may also mail a check to GSFA, P.O. Box 1425, Gladewater, TX 75647.

## County library features storytime

Two books by Erica S. Perl will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library’s two weekly “Storytime” sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (Aug. 31).

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events are “Chicken Butt” and “Chicken Butt’s Back.”

A craft will follow each Storytime at the library,

702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154).

While all 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 or visit its website at [www.yousee-more.com/upshur](http://www.yousee-more.com/upshur).

## Policy limiting use of eminent domain adopted by TPW Commission

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a policy Thursday limiting its use of eminent domain.

The policy, adopted during the commission’s August meeting, limits the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) from taking private property for park sites except under exceptional and unusual circumstances, mainly property previously dedicated to public use as a park.

“Given its significant potential impact on private landowners, our commissioners chose to limit TPWD’s use of eminent domain to ensure it will be used exceedingly sparingly and only under specified circumstances,” said Commission Chairman Arch “Beaver” Aplin III. “The policy is clear - TPWD will not use eminent domain to condemn residences, farms or ranches.”



The Gladewater Lions Club and Sasquatch Trading Post partnered to bring school supplies to all four campuses in Gladewater ISD. Pictured is Lion Club member Mandy Wood with GHS principal Derrick Floyd.

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# New laws take effect in Texas on Sept. 1

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Antonio. Police have impounded cars using a deadly conduct statute, but House Bill 1442 outlines a new section of penal code law for incidents of “reckless driving exhibition.”

In addition to cars involved in takeovers, other contraband at can be seized by law enforcement. The reckless driving exhibition law will also be a part of an organized criminal activity statute, giving prosecutors and police additional options for charges and enforcement.

## Bill revises pedestrians walking on roads

The law restricting pedestrians from walking on roads

has been revised to let pedestrians use roadways in certain situations.

House Bill 1277 allows pedestrians to walk on roadways facing oncoming traffic if sidewalks are obstructed or unsafe, according to the Texas Tribune. Under the existing law, pedestrians must walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic if there’s no sidewalk available.

The law was revised after 18-year-old Rodney “R.J.” Reese was arrested by Plano police officers for walking on a road while heading home from work during the February 2021 winter storm. Charges against Reese were dropped after he spent a night in jail, the Texas Tribune reported.

The incident spurred Texas lawmakers to reexamine the law that led to Reese’s arrest and pass House Bill 1277.

## Texas will bill EVs an extra \$200 a year

Texas will start charging electric vehicle drivers an additional fee of \$200 each year and a \$400 fee if they register a new electric vehicle.

Senate Bill 505 was passed to make up for the state’s lost revenue from gasoline taxes that are used to pay for road construction and maintenance, according to the Texas Tribune. In a 2020 report, Texas agencies said the state lost an average of \$200 per year in gasoline tax dollars when EVs replaced traditional vehicles that use gasoline.

## Speed limits based on road conditions

A new law allows the Texas Department of Transportation to have more power to better protect drivers.

House Bill 1885, signed into law this June, empowers TxDOT engineers – without approval from the statewide transportation commissioners – to temporarily change speed limits for a portion of a road or highway, according to CBS News. The altered speed limit would be in effect only when it’s posted on signs notifying drivers of the change and it can’t be lower than 10 miles under the regular speed limit.

It can also only be used in certain situations, such as inclement weather, like back in 2021 when icy roads caused a pile-up on Intersate-35W in Fort Worth, leaving six people dead.

## Texas’ book ban law

The Texas House passed a bill in April that aims to ban sexually explicit materials from school libraries.

Under House Bill 900, a priority for House Speaker Dade Phelan, sexually explicit books would be taken off shelves, and some books with sexual references would require parental consent. The law requires book vendors to assign ratings to books based on depictions or references to sex, according to the Texas Tribune.

## Repealing the ‘tampon tax’

Texas lawmakers passed a bill that advocates have been wanting for years. The legislation removed the sales tax on feminine hygiene and baby products.

With the passing of Senate Bill 379, women’s menstrual products will be tax-free. This includes tampons, menstrual cups, and many pregnancy-related supplies, according to the Texas Tribune. The bill also includes removing sales tax on diapers, baby wipes, maternity clothes, and breastfeeding products.

Lawmakers also extended Medicaid coverage for moms, from two months to a year after childbirth.

## Medical bills

Come September, Texas hospitals and other healthcare providers must provide patients with an itemized medical invoice before any attempts to collect money.

Texas lawmakers passed Senate Bill 490 to require hospitals and physicians to provide a plain-language description of every service provided to help patients understand the costs, the Texas Tribune reported.

The bill aims to help the growing medical debt problem in the country. Studies have shown a growing segment of the population has been saddled with outstanding healthcare payments due to patients not understanding the billing process.

## Puppy Mill Bill

A new bill called the “Puppy Mill Bill” (SB 876/HB 2238) will regulate the number of dogs breeders can have, according to a news release from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

The bill redefines who is a dog and cat breeder by lowering the threshold for the number of breeding dogs or cats to five or more intact females, and does away with the minimum requirement of sales in a calendar year.

Currently, any person with 11 or more adult intact female dogs or cats who breeds them and sells or exchanges at least 20 animals per year must be licensed and inspected. The bill contains a new exception for dogs raised for breed or conformation shows. Breeders with five females or more have to be licensed by January 2024.

# GISD accepts building donation by GEDCO

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generous help from people throughout Gladewater.

“We’re just grateful for the support that our community gives us,” Clark said. “It’s been a really good start to the school year.”

In other business during their Aug. 21 meeting, the board received an update on GISD’s compliance with new legislative requirements that staffers be trained to administer so-called “opioid antagonists,” such as Narcan, to reverse fentanyl overdoses.

There has to be a plan in place just in case, Clark said, and select employees have been trained and equipped to administer the life-saving medication in an emergency.

Clark also recognized the school’s Spring 2023 state choir qualifiers and updated trustees on the district’s improvement plans and impact models.

Across the school, staffers are putting personal attention to various areas beyond their normal duties. Presenting their plans in the first semester, the employees will submit progress reports in the second.

According to Clark, “Every department has a specific area that they are focusing on improving this school year.”

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The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Warren City by 26.38%.

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Notice is hereby given that a Notice of Default & Foreclosure Sale was recorded in the Gregg County Recorder's office. WHEREAS, on **September 29, 2012**, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by **Lawanda G. Wilks**, as Trustor(s) in favor of **Scott R. Valby**, as Trustee, and **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.**, as nominee for **New Day Financial, LLC** as Beneficiary, and was recorded on **December 18, 2012**, in Instrument Number **201222873**, in the Office of the Recorder, **Gregg County, Texas**; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated **August 17, 2016**, and recorded on **August 23, 2016** in Instrument Number **201613479** in the Office of the Recorder, Gregg County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of **July 1, 2023** is **\$200,005.26**; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27 subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on **May 27, 2021**, in Instrument Number **202109516**, notice is hereby given that, on **September 5, 2023** at **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder(s):

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The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the trustor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the Deed of Trust agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, before public auction of the property is completed.

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1 TX JoBeth Williams 1980 comedy "\_\_\_ Crazy"

5 poetic sea eagle

6 simplified "night"

7 TXism: "\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)

8 \_\_\_ of war

9 TXism: "fits like ugly on an \_\_\_"

12 apron, e.g.

17 spice up

19 TXism: "\_\_\_ hat and no cattle" (pretentious)

21 Fort Worth money plant uses magnetic 3-down inks to deter counter

22 the Alsatian \_\_\_ group of Germany founded Castroville, Texas

23 1924 slogan: "Me for \_\_\_ Ain't Got a Durned Thing Against Pa"

28 TXism: "he ain't got both \_\_\_ in the water" (slow witted)

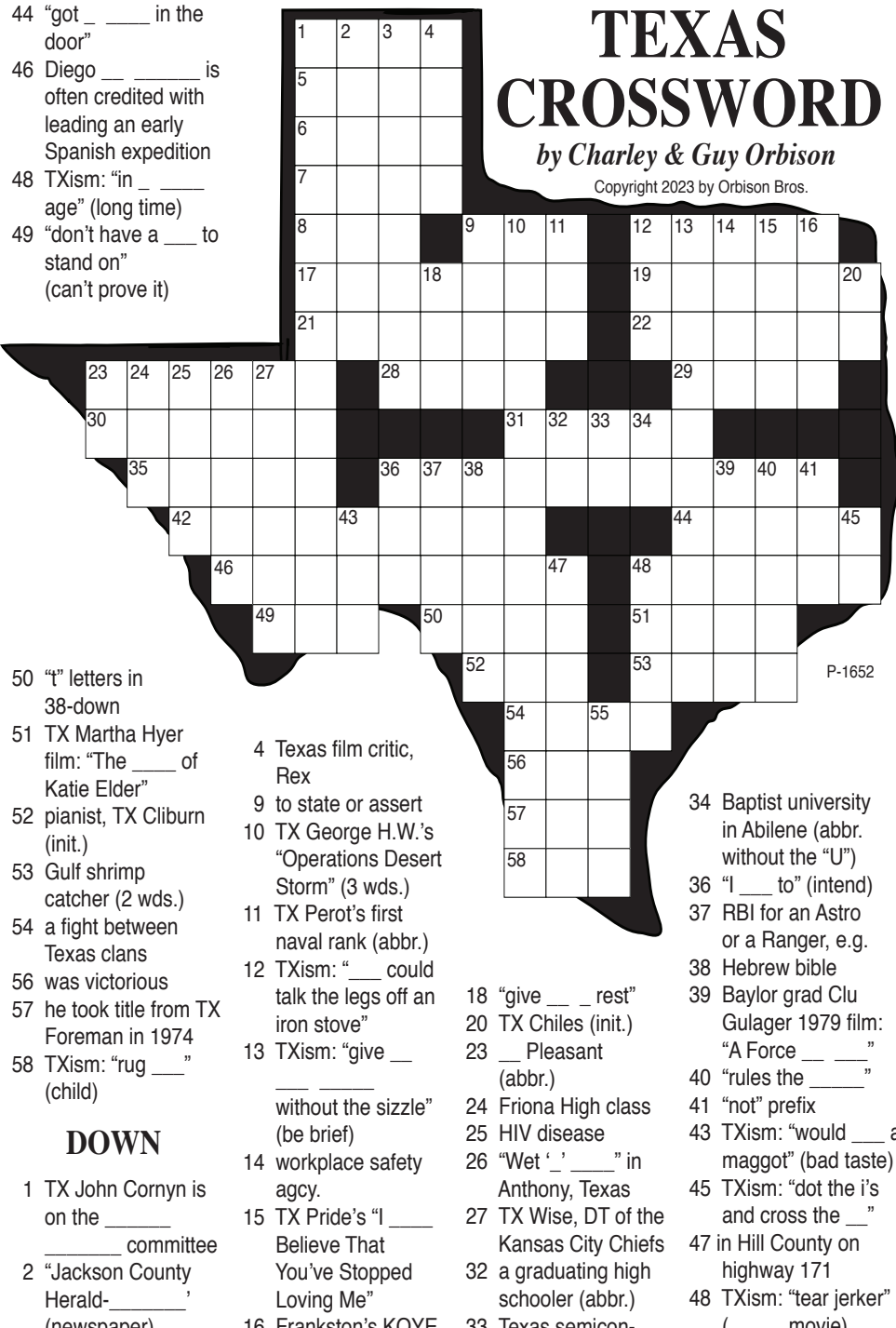
29 cowboy headgears it was once Formosa

31 TXism: "\_\_\_ pope Catholic?" (yes)

35 this Porter was in "True Blood" with TX Jim Parrack

36 1976 film starring TX Kristofferson and Streisand (4 wds.)

42 TXism: "\_\_\_ the wall and see if it sticks" (try it out)



44 "got \_\_\_ in the door"

46 Diego \_\_\_ is often credited with leading an early Spanish expedition

48 TXism: "in \_\_\_ age" (long time)

49 "don't have a \_\_\_ to stand on" (can't prove it)

4 "t" letters in 38-down

51 TX Martha Hyer film: "The \_\_\_ of Katie Elder"

52 pianist, TX Cliburn (init.)

53 Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)

54 a fight between Texas clans

56 was victorious

57 he took title from TX Foreman in 1974

58 TXism: "rug \_\_\_" (child)

4 Texas film critic, Rex

9 to state or assert

10 TX George H.W.'s "Operations Desert Storm" (3 wds.)

11 TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)

12 TXism: "\_\_\_ could talk the legs off an iron stove"

13 TXism: "give \_\_\_ without the sizzle" (be brief)

14 workplace safety agcy.

15 TX Pride's "I \_\_\_ Believe That You've Stopped Loving Me"

16 Frankston's KOYE, at its beginning

18 "give \_\_\_ rest"

20 TX Chiles (init.)

23 \_\_\_ Pleasant (abbr.)

24 Friona High class

25 HIV disease

26 "Wet ' \_\_\_ " in Anthony, Texas

27 TX Wise, DT of the Kansas City Chiefs

32 a graduating high schooler (abbr.)

33 Texas semiconductor co.

34 Baptist university in Abilene (abbr. without the "U")

36 "I \_\_\_ to" (intend)

37 RBI for an Astro or a Ranger, e.g.

38 Hebrew bible

39 Baylor grad Clu Gulager 1979 film: "A Force \_\_\_"

40 "rules the \_\_\_"

41 "not" prefix

43 TXism: "would \_\_\_ a maggot" (bad taste)

45 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the \_\_\_"

47 in Hill County on highway 171

48 TXism: "tear jerker" ( \_\_\_ movie)

55 military subdivision

See Answers On This Page

# Copper wire theft at UG elementary school

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Sheriff's Office is investigating the Aug. 13 theft of about \$2,400 worth of copper wire from the Union Grove Elementary School, sheriff's Chief Deputy David Hazel said Tuesday.

Video surveillance showed the wire being taken away in a white Ford F-150 supercab pickup, believed to be occupied by two white males, Hazel said. The vehicle, believed to be a model between 2009 and 2014, may have had a Texas handicapped license plate, he added.

While video showed the theft occurred on a Sunday, school personnel discovered it the next day and reported it to the sheriff's office, said Hazel.

The pickup had a black bedliner and smoking shields on the passenger and driver windows to protect tapped cigarettes from rain, he noted.

Taken were about 12 rolls of 50' x 55' wire--an estimated total of 620 feet weighing about 715 pounds, Hazel said.

Anyone with information on the crime is asked to call Upshur County Crimestoppers at 903-843-3131 or the sheriff's office at 903-843-2541, Hazel said.

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Local first responders work a single-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 80 near Broadway Ave. Friday morning. According to Gladewater Police officers, the driver was westbound in the outside lane when her tire struck a curb and blew out in front of City Hall, sending her across the roadway where she struck a median and vaulted it, ultimately crashing head-on into a utility pole in the eastbound right-of-way. Fortunately, despite the hard impact, the driver sustained only minor injuries and a responding ambulance was canceled after firefighter EMTs provided treatment. The vehicle itself was badly damaged, and the utility pole shifted several inches in its footing – still new, it took the impact without breaking.

## WOPD POLICE ACTIVITY

For the reporting period of August 21st through the 27th, 2023, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to, or initiated, 212 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were; Burglar Alarms, Traffic Issues (collisions, traffic direction, road hazards, etc.), Investigative Follow-ups, Animal Complaints, Suspicious Activities, and Community Relations (burn permits, welfare checks, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Four traffic collisions were investigated resulting in one injury and no continuing criminal investigations.

Three arrests were made by White Oak Police during the reporting period:  
Randy Leon Hawkins, 60, of Winona on an outstanding Smith County warrant for Assault,  
Joseph Chad Modisette, 45, of White Oak on three outstanding Gregg County warrants: Fail to Register as a Sex Offender, Grand Jury Indictment for Fail to Register as a Sex Offender, and Assault - Family Violence - Causing Bodily Injury, and Kristopher Noah Wade Carlile, 32, of Gladewater on an outstanding Upshur County warrant for Motion to Revoke Probation on an original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance Less Than 1 Gram.

## GPD POLICE ACTIVITY

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CF#	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
8/20/23	EMS	20234705	2:49		206 S CULVER CULVER ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20234706	4:04		316 N LEE LEE ST
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20234707	4:17		1501 VISTA VISTA AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20234708	5:21		316 LEE LEE DR
	FIRE DEPT	20234709	8:44		1135 WHITE PINE WHITE PINE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234710	11:56		510 FERRY FERRY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234712	13:00	GLADEWATER MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY	4716 E HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234713	13:22		1212 SANDERS SANDERS
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234714	13:43		1520 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	FIRE DEPT	20234715	15:19		TENERY ST TENERY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20234716	17:27		1979 WILLOW OAK WILLOW OAK RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20234717	18:04		88 WELDON HOME WELDON HOME
	EMS	20234718	18:42	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARM/OTHER	20234719	19:34		1501 VISTA VISTA AVE
	EMS	20234720	20:35		810 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234721	21:31	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ABANDONED 911	20234722	22:13	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
8/21/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20234724	0:19		215 OAK DRIVE OAK DRIVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20234725	5:11		312 N LEE LEE DR
	EMS	20234726	10:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ILLEGAL DUMPING	20234727	10:59		1103 LONG LONG
	EMS	20234728	12:02	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20234729	12:12		HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	RUNAWAY	20234730	13:16	DANIELLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE	1014 N LYNN LYNN ST
	EMS	20234731	14:56		2204 E HAROLD HAROLD ST
	EMS	20234732	15:54		8 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	EMS	20234733	17:30		302 MAPLE MAPLE AVE
	EMS	20234734	17:33		2402 WOODBINE WOODBINE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234735	20:44		W SABINE SABINE AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20234736	21:06		74 E EDDY EDDY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234737	21:49		512 S TYLER TYLER ST
	EMS	20234738	23:23		1000 NELWYN NELWYN AVE
8/22/23	ALARM/OTHER	20234739	2:50	GLADEWATER ISD HEAD START	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234740	3:26	EZ MART	400 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
		20234741	7:28	JULIAWOOD HOMES	42 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20234742	10:43	TEXAS REAL ESTATE EXECUTIVES	99 S MAIN MAIN
	EMS	20234743	13:18	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20234744	13:59	SUDDEN LINK COMMUNICATIONS	507 NE LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	EMS	20234745	14:47		519 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	EMS	20234746	18:35	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20234747	19:04		83 WELDON WELDON
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234748	19:34	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234749	19:55		83 WELDON WELDON
	FIRE DEPT	20234750	20:38		4193 W COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE
	EMS	20234751	21:02		311 N LEE LEE
8/23/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20234753	1:34		311 N LEE LEE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20234754	1:35		TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234755	3:31	PENNYS FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
	ASSIST	20234756	7:35		VESTA VESTA AVE
	EMS	20234757	8:52		510 S WHITE WHITE ST
	ASSIST	20234759	9:00		519 MELBA MELBA
	ASSIST	20234759	13:12	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1623 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	ALARM/MALFUNCTION	20234760	15:03	ANYTIME FITNESS	803 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20234761	16:16	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20234762	16:31		2115 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	THEFT	20234763	17:08		901 CANFIELD CANFIELD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234764	18:14		104 W PACIFIC PACIFIC
	EMS	20234765	22:48		804 POST POST
8/24/23	EMS	20234767	5:03		1007 N LYNN LYNN
	ALARM/OTHER	20234768	7:09	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20234769	9:05		418 PRIVATE ROAD 3475 PRIVATE ROAD 3475
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20234770	9:35		S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234771	11:26		2813 GUY GUY
	EMS	20234772	14:57		206 E GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20234773	15:21		408 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234774	15:26		1513 VESTA VESTA AV
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20234775	18:47	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20234776	19:40		666 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE LN
	EMS	20234777	20:05		311 N LEE LEE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234778	20:08	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
8/25/23	EMS	20234779	1:26	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	20234780	2:21	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20234781	3:48		EDDY EDDY
	MISSING PERSON	20234782	6:53		1806 HONEYSUCKLE HONEYSUCKLE
	ASSIST	20234783	8:30		N MAIN MAIN ST
	10-50 MAJOR	20234784	11:29		400 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20234785	11:37		516 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	ASSIST	20234786	13:35	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20234787	14:11		2604 W HAMPTON HAMPTON
	FIRE DEPT	20234788	14:48		507 FIR FIR RD
	THEFT	20234789	15:45	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234790	16:44	BODACIOUS BBQ	1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20234791	16:53	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20234792	18:00		HWY 80 HWY 80
	ALARM/HUMAN ERROR	20234793	18:08	WALKER PHARMACY	402 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20234794	20:10		222 TEXAS TEXAS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234795	22:16		204 EDDY EDDY ST
8/26/23	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20234797	1:32		103 S DEAN DEAN
	ABANDONED 911	20234798	4:38	BOOM TOWN RV PARK	301 W COMMERCE COMMERCE ST
	ESCORT	20234799	8:50	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20234800	9:10		HWY 80 HWY 80
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20234801	10:31	RIISING STAR CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	801 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20234802	10:44		529 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234803	10:54	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234804	11:35		OAKRIDGE OAKRIDGE
	FIRE DEPT	20234805	11:53		1103 N RODEO RODEO ST
	FIRE DEPT	20234807	12:25		507 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20234814	20:30		309 MELBA MELBA AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20234815	22:41		906 E MARY MARY
8/27/23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20234817	0:37		PHILLIPS PHILLIPS
	EMS	20234818	1:53		520 MELBA MELBA
	EMS	20234819	5:56		2610 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	EMS	20234820	6:52		1022 LOCUST LOCUST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234821	7:18		500 JEANNETTE JEANNETTE AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234822	8:42	BILL DICKASON CHEVROLET	1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20234825	13:29		N 271 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234826	13:57	BLUEBYRD ROOM	208 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20234827	14:03	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20234828	14:16	TUMBLEWEED STEAKHOUSE	1103 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20234829	15:24		402 LIVE OAK LIVE OAK ST

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.08452 per \$100  
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.08149 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.08452 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 736 Wilkins Rd., Gladewater, Texas 75647.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Commissioners of Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal: Greg Colquitt, Clyde Willoughby, Daniel Patterson, Jennifer Phillips

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Mike Clements

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your property tax database on which you can easily assess information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Gregg County Emergency Services No. 2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 this year:

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.09570	\$0.08452	Decrease of \$0.01118 per \$100, or 11.68%
Average homestead taxable value	\$157,037	\$177,988	Increase of 13.34%
Tax on average homestead	\$150.28	\$150.44	Increase of \$0.16 or 0.11%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$506,161	\$547,815	Increase of \$41,654 or 8.23%

For assistance with tax calculation, please contact the tax assessor for Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 at (903) 237-2552 or Michelle.Terry@co.gregg.tx.us or visit <https://www.co.gregg.tx.us/tax-assessor-collector> for more information.

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## Lions open season with 37-14 win

By Faith Woodall

The Union Grove Lions kicked off football season with a 37-14 win over Bishop T.K. Gorman's Crusaders August 24.

Jace Roberts rushed 163 yards for three touchdowns, including a 65-yard touchdown run, and passed 41 yards to Judson George for another six points. Kayden Day also scored a touchdown for the Lions on a 4-yard run, and Luis Fernandez added a field goal and four

PATs.

The Lions' defense held Gorman to only seven points. Carter Cooper made five tackles and caused a fumble, George and Day each made three tackles, and Roberts, Will Wilson, and Morgan Mayhan added two apiece.

The Lions will travel to Cumby to battle the Trojans for another win on Thursday, Aug. 31.



Judson George takes off down the field for a Lion first down.

Photo Kim Hill



Wide Receiver Brayden Bratcher goes high to catch a pass from QB Jaxsen Ludlow in the first game of the season for the Roughnecks.

## Bears fall in opener, 53-32

By Tyler Sutton

The 2023 high school football season kicked off for the Gladewater Bears on Thursday night, August 24, as the Bears traveled to Daingerfield to take on the Daingerfield Tigers at Mickey Mayne stadium on a scorching hot night as the temperature was in the high 90's at kickoff.

Unfortunately the opener didn't have the results the Bears had hoped - losing to the Tigers, 53-32.

The game was moved up to Thursday because of a shortage of referee's in East Texas.

Both teams went for it on fourth down on their opening drives and failed with the Tigers attempting a fake punt that was unsuccessful. Daingerfield then had a good drive going but the Bears defense struck when Daingerfield quarterback Chase Johnson was sacked and fumbled the ball and it was scooped up by Gladewater's Chandarlis Clayton who motored to the end zone for a 70 yard touchdown. The extra point was no good and Gladewater held a 6-0 lead. But the Tigers answered right back with a quick 20 yard strike from Johnson to wide receiver Kenny Mosely. Then two plays later Johnson found Mosely again for a 47 yard touchdown pass with the extra point being missed to tie the score at 6 with 4 minutes left in the first quarter. Gladewater



Gladewater Bear Carsin Cooper sprints down the sideline enroute to a touchdown against the Daingerfield Tigers.

Photo by Jim Bardwell

quickly came back as Kyrion Wilson found Frank Sierra for a huge 58 yard gain that set up a 6 yard touchdown pass to Kayson Harris as Gladewater took a 13-6 lead. The fast paced first quarter continued as Daingerfield answered again as running back Braden Lewis burst through the middle for a 35 yard run then Lewis found the endzone from 7 yards out. The Tigers went for two and got it to take a 14-13 lead after one quarter.

The Bears defense stepped up again to open the 2nd quarter as they forced another Tigers turnover as running back Bubba Hampton fumbled. Gladewater quickly took advantage as Carsin Cooper took it in from 6 yards out and gave the Bears the lead back at 19-14. But Daingerfield scored once again right before the end of the half as Johnson found receiver Amarion Simon-Jones for a 69 yard touchdown pass to give the Tigers a 20-19 lead at the half. To say the Daingerfield offense came out swinging to begin the 3rd quarter would be an understatement as on the very first offensive play of the quarter, Hampton burst free and took it 70 yards to the house for a touchdown and gave the Tigers a 27-19 lead not even a minute into the 2nd half. Then after a quick three and out punt by the Bears, Hampton found the endzone once again this time from 2 yards to give Daingerfield a 34-19 lead mid way through

the 3rd quarter. Gladewater continued to fight back as Wilson took it in for a 2 yard touchdown run. They went for two but it was unsuccessful and the Tigers lead stood at 34-25 with 5 minutes left in the 3rd quarter. Daingerfield struck again as Johnson found Mosely again from 19 yards to make it a 40-25 lead as the 2 point try was no good.

The Bears counter punched again as Wilson found Tyrone Maddox for a huge 68-yard gain that had 15 yards added to it after a horse collar penalty on the Tigers. Then Wilson found the endzone for a 2 yard touchdown run to cut the Tigers lead to 40-32 at the end of the third quarter. But then the Tigers put the game away with two more touchdowns in the 4th quarter as Johnson found the endzone for a 28 yard touchdown run and finally running back Ashton Williams broke free for 40 yards and scored.

"I feel we looked very good on offense tonight. Obviously the defense has to improve. But I feel we have a lot to build on heading into week 2 vs a very good Mount Vernon team. Will be a great night with our home opener. We have to get better on defense this week to be competitive vs them," said Bears head coach Jonny Louvier.

Gladewater will be back home in Week 2 for their home opener as they host the Mount Vernon Tigers.



Photo by Mike Peery




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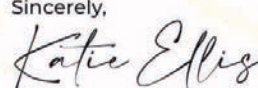
The Education Foundation Gladewater (EFG) is pleased to announce its 2023 Grants for Teachers Fundraiser Event, Giddy Up & Give 2023! We have scheduled this event for Sept 30 at Tempest Golf Club in Gladewater. It will once again be a fun night of fundraising with dinner, music, and a live and silent auction. Watch for more details on our website and Facebook page!

The EFG's mission is to support innovation and creativity in the classroom by funding educational grants submitted by faculty and staff of Gladewater ISD. The teachers of our district strive to add innovative and engaging curriculum to their classrooms, but budget constraints at times limit those possibilities. By supporting Giddy Up & Give 2023, you can provide a much needed contribution to make those innovative ideas a dream come true for our teachers.

There are several ways to support this effort. Would you sponsor a table? Purchase individual tickets to attend the event? Or, donate an auction item? Certainly, you are welcome to do all!

We hope that we can count on your help to make this year's Giddy Up & Give 2023 event a success!

Thank you for your consideration in partnering with the EFG as we work together to make Gladewater ISD a premier district in this region. We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact any of our EFG directors for additional information.

Sincerely,  
  
 Katie Ellis, Event Chair

P.S. We are pleased to announce that the Education Foundation Gladewater is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.



# SPORTS

## VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

The Gladewater Lady Bears went 2-2 with a Tuesday night loss to Jacksonville 2-1 then fell to Hawkins on Thursday morning picked up a 2-0 win over Ore City in the opening game of a tournament.

Then later that afternoon fell to Hawkins 2-1.

Then on Saturday, Gladewater picked up a 2-0 win over Ore City and fell 2-0 to Hawkins. The Lady Bears record now at 3-15.

They will be in action twice this upcoming week - Tuesday, August 29 when they hosted West Rusk and then on Friday, September 1 when they travel to Ore City.

On the White Oak side, the LadyNecks had a mid week home game vs Whitehouse which they fell 3-0.

Then White Oak participated in the Shirley Atkins Tournament going 3-0 on Thursday, August 24 with wins over Pittsburgh (2-0),



**Union Grove's setter Karen Chavez scores an assist on an Ava Wightman kill in the Lady Lions' Aug. 22 game against Arp.**

Photo by Bre Reynolds

Big Sandy (2-0) and Pine Tree (2-0). Then on Saturday in the gold bracket, White Oak went 0-2 with losses to Texas High (2-1) and Carthage (2-0).

The LadyNecks are now

14-11 on the season and will next be in action for 2 games this coming week starting on Tuesday, August 29 with a trip to Bullard then on Friday, September 1 with a road game in Gilmer.



**Congratulations Union Grove Lady Lions - who won 3rd place in the Hawkins tournament last week.**

## “Coot’s Corner” By Coot Putley

### Ranger Reserves Report Card

This will be the final installment on our Texas Ranger report cards, as we look at the reserves and role-players who have been on the roster this year.

**Travis Jankowski A**  
Easily the most pleasant surprise in the group. He had already been told at the end of spring training that he was not going to make the team, then was added to the roster when the decision was made to start the season with Leody Taveras on the injured list. Jankowski had played in the majors for 5 other teams over the previous 8 years and was considered a “good field-no hit” outfielder with speed. For Texas he has earned playing time as he has hit well and shown a knack for clutch plays. Every team that exceeds expectations has someone who steps up and provides an unexpected spark. Jankowski has been that man.

**Robbie Grossman B**  
He has been a competent back-up who gives you patient at bats with some power.

**Josh Smith C**  
A versatile utility player with good speed, the LSU Tiger has struggled at the plate.

**Sandy Leon, Sam Huff C**  
Back-up catchers at different stages in their careers. Leon is winding down after 12 years with six different teams and Huff is still a prospect who is trying to develop consistency. Leon has moved on to the Cleveland organization and Huff is at Round Rock.

**Brad Miller D**  
A great teammate whose productive years are behind him, Miller has been injured most of the year.

**Bubba Thompson D**  
An exciting player who provides great defense and tremendous speed but proves the old adage “you can’t steal first.” Thompson is now with Kansas City’s AAA team in Omaha.

**Austin Hedges I**  
An excellent defensive catcher who is very limited offensively. Hedges supplies depth while Jonah Heim works his way back.

**J.P. Martinez I**  
Has had a tremendous year at Round Rock, recently called up as Texas looks for additional output at the major league level. Martinez has looked very good – time will tell if he can contribute for the stretch run.

**Jothan Ornelas I**  
Made a brief appearance with the Rangers after Josh Jung was injured and scored a run in a win against Oakland. Ornelas is a defensive specialist waiting in the wings at Round Rock.

**Overall grade for reserves C**  
The team’s depth has been tested this year due to injuries. Only Jankowski has been a steady contributor. Texas needs the starters to be healthy in order to make a playoff run. Next week I’ll tell you why you can’t be an Astro fan.

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



**Karsyn Edwards focuses on returning the ball in the Ladynecks match with Pine Tree at the Shirley Atkins Volleyball Tournament held in White Oak this past weekend. The Ladynecks defeated the Lady Pirates 25-15, 25-15.**

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gladewater ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:30 am, September 11, 2023 in 200 Broadway Gladewater Texas - School Board Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.757500/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.244949/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value**  
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value** of all property	\$1,000,941,916	\$1,219,270,469
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$11,844,275	\$17,033,091
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$631,520,052	\$695,246,064
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$10,510,464	\$14,076,417

\*All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.  
\*\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$1,752,204

\*Outstanding principal.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.977100	\$0.308496	\$1.285596	\$5,096	\$8,572
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.865688	\$0.244949	\$1.110637	\$4,865	\$6,319
Proposed Rate	\$0.757500	\$0.244949	\$1.002449	\$4,230	\$9,395

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$139,199	\$185,299
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$67,840	\$48,239
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.285596	\$1.002449
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$872.15	\$483.57
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$388.58

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.002449. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.002449.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$9,161,882
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$2,979,228

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

## Budget on commissioners agenda

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Thursday (Aug. 31) will consider acting on the proposed county budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year, and consider hiring a new county road administrator.

A public hearing on the proposed budget, and possible action on it is on tap, although it is not expected to be finally adopted till Sept. 15. The other meeting also lists action on the proposed budget (about \$21.5 million for the general fund and insurance fund combined) on its agenda.

In addition, the court is scheduled, in separate votes, to likely set a public hearing on its proposed property tax increase, finally adopt the new tax rate, and finally adopt the budget, all on Sept. 15.

Although the court is eyeing lowering the tax rate from 59.9 cents per \$100 valuation to 49.6 cents, taxpayers are generally expected to pay more taxes than last year due to increased taxable valuations assessed by the Upshur County Appraisal District.

The county projects raising \$1.1 million more in tax revenue this fiscal year, due to a combination of the valuation increases and \$536,450 from new properties, said Williams. Most of the additional funds will go toward the courthouse renovation project, which may begin in October.

The project is being financed mostly by state and county funds, and some federal monies.

In the meeting with the longer agenda, the court will hold a closed session to interview applicants for the road administrator post vacated by Andy Jordan's recent resignation. Commissioners will then consider naming his successor in open session after possibly considering other personnel issues in closed session--issues which may be acted on in public session.

Also slated for discussion in the closed session, subject to action in open session, are three other matters.

One is contracts for facilities which may be used during the \$12.8 million courthouse renovation. Another is considering "the purchase, exchange, lease, sale or value of real property in connection with the relocation of county offices during courthouse renovation or repairs." A third involves contracts being negotiated in connection with the renovation and with Tyler Technologies, a firm the court recently chose for certain computer-related equipment.



Gladewater Police Chief Gordon Freeman recognizes GPD Officer Mark Stith with the Life Saving Medal before city council members Aug. 17. "Due to the quick assessment and rapid action," Freeman read, "a human life was saved and a young man received a second chance" on Aug. 4 during a 5 a.m. drug overdose call. Stith administered Narcan and performed chest compressions on the 19-year-old victim until EMS personnel arrived and began advanced medical treatment. Per Gordon, "The subject was awake and talking and he was transported to an area hospital where he was treated and released."

Photo by James Draper



A road construction crew lays asphalt on Hwy. 80 east of W. Pacific Ave. Monday morning. Projects on the highway are spearheaded by Texas Department of Transportation. Photo by James Draper



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KIM DONNETT BAND ON STAGE

**Sept. 9**  
\$35 ARMBAND & FAMILY DAY BROUGHT TO YOU BY KYKX 105.7  
DARBY WARREN BAND ON STAGE

**Sept. 10**  
\$35 ARMBAND MEGA 99.3 FIESTA DAY  
ZONA "H," MARIACHI NUEVE & MANY MORE ON STAGE

**Sept. 11**  
\$30 ARMBAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY CBS 19/KYTX  
SENIOR CITIZENS FREE  
ANTHONY BONNETTE AND LONE STAR STEEL ON STAGE

**Sept. 12**  
\$30 ARMBAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY KOYE 95.7 107.8  
TANNER WELBORN ON STAGE

**Sept. 13**  
\$30 ARMBAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY KETX EAST TEXAS AND FOX51  
THE HEAVY LETDOWNS ON STAGE

**Sept. 14**  
\$30 ARMBANDS KISS 107.3 FM  
MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT ON STAGE

**Sept. 15**  
\$35 ARMBANDS  
JOSH DAVIS - ELVIS TRIBUTE ON STAGE

**Sept. 16**  
\$35 ARMBAND KTYL/KNUE  
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.

