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FOOTBALL

WEEK 11

IT'S GAME TIME!



Gladewater vs White Oak
7:00 p.m. Friday at Gladewater



Union Grove vs Beckville
7:30 p.m. Friday at Beckville



Barrett Williams and Katie Hinch were named the 2023 Band Beau and Sweetheart for the White Oak Roughneck Marching Band.

Photo by Mike Peery



Union Grove's football sweetheart for 2023 is Maddie Byers and this year's Union Grove band beau & sweetheart are Elijah Parham and Sarah Clowers.

Photos by Kim Hill



White Oak Football Sweetheart and Nominees

Senior Calee Carter was named the 2023 White Oak Football Sweetheart at Roughneck Stadium on Friday night. Pictured from L to R are Jessica Lowery, Katie Hinch, Kylie Dugger, Calee Carter, Kynlee Bright, Sabreana Gonzales, and Tristyn Cox.

Photo by Mike Peery



There were tricks, treats, and more in store for the costumed sweet-seekers at Gladewater's Emergency Services Fall Fest Saturday night on the playground at Broadway Elementary...

Photos by James Draper

Get ready to FALL backwards

- Daylight Savings starts Sunday, November 4th.

This weekend is also a good time to take these steps to make sure your household is prepared for emergencies.

On average:

7 people die every day from a home fire.

36 people suffer injuries as a result of home fires every day.

Over \$7 billion in property damage occurs every year.

Test Smoke Alarms: Take a few minutes to test and replace smoke alarm batteries if needed. Push the test button on each alarm to ensure the alarms are working. It is also a great time to check carbon monoxide detectors.

Install Smoke Alarms: If you don't already have smoke alarms, install them ASAP! At a mini-



mum, put one on every level of the home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas. Check your local building codes for additional requirements.

Practice An Escape Plan: Make sure everyone in the household

knows how to get out of every room and how to get out of the home in less than two minutes. If a fire occurs in your home: GET OUT, STAY OUT, and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anyone or anything.

Local VFDs among those getting rural volunteer fire department assistance funding

Texas A&M Forest Service awarded 260 rural volunteer fire departments with more than \$15.7 million in assistance grants last week through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Grant Program. And several local VFDs will be receiving a check.

"Our agency is very thankful to state leadership for allowing us the

opportunity to assist volunteer fire departments in Texas," said Jason Keiningham, Texas A&M Forest Service Capacity Building Department Head. "Without question, volunteer fire departments in Texas are among the best in the nation, and they make a huge difference in the lives of people on their worst days."

The funds from these grants will

reimburse rural volunteer fire departments for equipment purchased such as fire trucks, training aids, slip-ons and chassis and various fire and rescue equipment. This includes the purchase of 70 fire trucks.

Local VFDs getting funds include:
White Oak VFD - \$20,000 for Personal Protective Equipment
City of Big Sandy VFD - \$20,000

for Fire and Rescue Equipment
Hawkins VFD - \$240,000 for Large Brush Truck
Sabine VFD - \$120,000 for Small Brush Truck

"We have a shared mission to protect life and property, and therefore, it is our wish for our first responders to be equipped and well-trained to handle a wide array of emergencies,"

said Keiningham.

Created in 2002, the Texas Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program provides funding to rural volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Do your homework ...

What if the world ran like Facebook? Or a television reality show?

Maybe it already does.

The question is should we do something about it?

I vote a resounding YES! (And that sounds frightening in and of itself.)

This week's television episode of "The Orville" (yes, it is somewhat silly and doesn't always work on many levels) had a wallop of a message. In sci-fi you have the leeway to send cultural messages while (hopefully) entertaining. This one hit home. And a personal sore spot.

The episode went like this: the crew of the spaceship Orville encountered an earth-like planet whose government is completely based on a public opinion voting system to determine law and punishment. In other words, a complete democracy (of opinion).

Citizens could vote up or down arrows...much like Facebook's "Likes" and everyone had access to public videos because of smartphone cameras. It's beginning to hit awfully close to home isn't it?

Well, friends and neighbors there is a lot of truth behind this episode. And, it isn't just kids brutalizing each other through Facebook or Instagram or twitter. Adults do it too. And as a result the national, state and local political forum devolves into "he said", "she said".

Our culture has (d)evolved into opinion based rather than fact based.

And that is fine if we are talking about music or art, but policy and the legal code? Not so much.

Let me clearly state, right away that I am a science geek, a sci-fi lover and an all around nerd. Also, let me clearly state that I taught high school journalism for 19 years and history for 30 years. There was overlap on those 19 years, so NO! heck no! I am not THAT old. I have a bachelor of science degree in Broad Field Social Studies with minors in English and Science. I also have a master of science degree in American History with a Science minor. That is a lot of training in facts.

Now, let me be completely transparent, I am also a press card carrying co-owner of a community newspaper who cares deeply about governmental transparency at all levels,

Abbott, House deadlocked over school choice, teacher pay

Gov. Gregg Abbott and the Texas House are at loggerheads over which will come first – vouchers for parents to pay for private school tuition, or funneling more money to public schools, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The House wants money for teacher bonuses and a revamp of public-school accountability passed at the same time as Abbott's proposed education savings accounts, often referred to as ESAs. The governor insists the House first pass a voucher program. A version of his voucher program has already passed the Senate. The Legislature can't consider increased school funding or teacher bonuses unless Abbott adds it to the special session agenda.

This third special session ends by Nov. 7, though Abbott has indicated he would call another one if this one ends without a decision on vouchers.

"I think there is still significant opposition to any school finance bill that includes an ESA," Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, told the Texas Tribune. "I'm comfortable we have enough like-minded rural Republicans, and urban Republicans, to stand against that in numbers sufficient to defeat it."

Abbott has dismissed the House's compromise proposal, House Bill 1, which would create a limited voucher program while increasing spending on public education, calling it "insufficient."

House passes three border security bills

The House passed a trio of bills that increase border wall funding, increase the penalty for smuggling migrants, and allow state and local police to arrest migrants living illegally in the state, The News reported. The votes came last week after a lengthy heated discussion among Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

The anti-smuggling bill has already passed the Senate and now heads to Abbott's desk, while the other two bills are going to the Senate.

Rep. Victoria Neave Criado, D-Dallas, who chairs the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said the plan would undercut the U.S. Constitution so that the state could "flex its muscle with the power that it does not have," according to The News.

Democrats unsuccessfully tried to change the bill by filing nearly four dozen amendments. Rep. Cody Harris, R-Palestine, filed a successful motion to limit amendments, which led to a confrontation between him and Rep. Armando Walle, D-Houston.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



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rights because it is protection of citizen rights, and freedom from limited access to most information.

But let's get to the heart of the matter. "We the People..." as a majority just aren't that interested in doing the work to be informed. Whether it is ensuring we understand the amendments we are voting on for the Texas Constitution or ensuring we understand fully where politicians stand on matters of global to personal impact. And we often personally embrace politicians who wave their religious beliefs like a banner that covers all their political sins. Most of us, just don't want to do the work necessary to be informed.

Spoiler alert: what someone says they believe and how they govern don't always match up.

History fact brush up: the United States of America is a Republic with a limited democracy. (For some very good reasons which even a silly television show can illustrate.)

So what can we do?

We educate ourselves on candidates, issues, events, policy and long term impact. And that education must be based on facts, backgrounding and context. We have to care enough to put the work in. You might be surprised to discover that what you believe to be true is based on image, emotion and rhetoric, not fact.

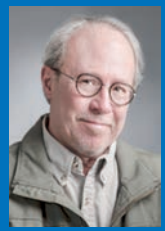
No kidding. I confess that recently I have discovered that myself about a political figure I admired.

And that scares me because I thought I had the facts. It also inspires me to dig deeper when looking at candidates, issues, promises and policies.

Thank God the Founding Fathers worked out that combination of Republic and limited democracy. They had a pretty good grasp of human nature.

Let's see what we can do to keep this great Republic going for another 241 years. And that means we are going to have to do our homework.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



"This is an emotional issue," Walle said in a statement late Wednesday evening. "This affects my family and puts so many families like mine at risk."

Paxton sues over razor wire being cut

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing the Biden administration, claiming Border Patrol agents are illegally destroying state property by cutting through concertina wire placed by the state on the banks of the Rio Grande to deter illegal immigration.

The state has spent \$11 million in the past three years placing 70,000 rolls of the wire along the Texas-Mexico border, according to the Texas Tribune.

"By cutting Texas's concertina wire, the federal government has not only illegally destroyed property owned by the State of Texas; it has also disrupted the State's border deterrence efforts, leaving gaps in Texas's border barriers and damaging Texas's ability to effectively deter illegal entry into Texas," the attorney general's office said in a statement.

The Department of Homeland Security, under which the Border Patrol operates, said it doesn't respond to pending litigation.

In Eagle Pass earlier this year, a state trooper claimed the concertina wire has injured people, including a woman who had a miscarriage while entangled in the wire, the Tribune reported.

High court to hear case of judge's refusal to marry gay couples

The Texas Supreme Court last week heard oral arguments in a case to decide whether a Waco justice of the peace can legally refuse to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies, kut.org reported. McLennan County Justice of the Peace Dianne Hensley has refused to perform those ceremonies, saying it violates her Christian beliefs and is protected under the state's religious freedom laws.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct in 2019 issued a warning to Hensley for her refusal. Lower courts have dismissed her claims against the commission.

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



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Fueling the Future ...

The US Energy Information Administration recently released its long-term projections for global fuel demand. The International Energy Outlook 2023 (IEO2023) looks at long-term energy trends across the world through 2050. It includes seven scenarios with widely varying assumptions regarding economic growth, zero-carbon technology costs, and oil prices. Of particular relevance to the Texas economy, every case indicates higher worldwide consumption of oil and natural gas in 2050 than in 2022.

The key drivers of energy consumption are population and economic growth. Global population is projected to rise by 1.7 billion, with 94% of the growth in Africa, India, and emerging countries (primarily in the Asia-Pacific region). The forecasts indicate that global gross domestic product (GDP) will more than double by 2050 in all but the Low Economic Growth case — great news in that economic expansion is the only meaningful approach to enhancing opportunity and reducing poverty and related human suffering. Additionally, with higher incomes, more people can afford to drive and fly, use commercial services, purchase goods, and heat or cool their homes and other buildings. In other words, with global progress comes the need for more energy!

Under every IEO2023 scenario, renewable energy consumption increases faster than other energy sources (though starting from a much smaller base), primarily due to increased use for power generation. The non-fossil fuel share of primary energy grows from 21% in 2022 to a range of 29% to 34% in 2050 across the cases. This expansion is very good news for many reasons. Because of this transition to lower-carbon energy sources, the level of CO2 emissions per unit of primary energy is expected to decrease through 2050, but overall emissions nonetheless increase due to rising demand.

As noted, consumption of oil and gas is projected to rise across all scenarios. The usage of coal is up in some scenarios but down in others. Incidentally, coal currently accounts for about one-third of worldwide fossil fuel energy use and comprises over 25% more than all renewables combined. Switching coal for cleaner-burning natural gas would be a giant step in the right direction.

Clearly, a lot can (and will) change in the coming decades. New technologies could be discovered and deployed — better and less expensive batteries, for example, would increase the viability of widespread use of wind and solar generation. Similarly, improved carbon-capture approaches could switch priorities around. Future policy changes are yet another factor. One thing is clear: improving the lives and prospects of a growing global population will require energy — and lots more of it!

Much of this fuel for prosperity will come from Texas, because of its vast resources of both natural gas and low-carbon oil (both onshore and offshore).

Stay safe!

PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOUR KIDS READ

Young people today are under attack from the devil, who has been attacking the hearts and minds of humanity since he convinced Adam and Eve that God didn't really have their best interests in mind. 1 Pet. 5: 8 says: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour." Therefore, we must teach our children the Word of God and stand ready always to expose how he is ever working through worldly mediums to hunt for the weakest and youngest prey.

I call to your attention to two books entitled "Conversations with God" and "Conversations with God for Teens," written by Neale D. Walsch. Their titles sound harmless enough, and they are on the New York Times best sellers list, but they clearly show that you "Don't judge a book by its cover or title!" Walsch purports to answer various questions asked by kids using the "voice of God." The answers that he gives are not Bible-based and perverts the inspired Word of God. Schools are distributing these books to children through the Scholastic Book Club. Parents, churches and schools need to be aware of it.

For example, when a girl asks the question: "Why am I a lesbian?" His (God's supposed) answer is that she was "born that way because of genetics, just as you were born right-handed, with brown eyes" Then God tells her to go out and celebrate her differences. What does God really say? (Rom. 1: 26-27). Another girl poses the question: "I am living with my boyfriend. My parents say I should marry him because I am living in sin. Should I marry him?" God's supposed reply is: "Who are you sinning against? Not Me, because you have done nothing wrong." What does God really say? (Heb. 13: 4). Another question asks about God's forgiveness of sin. His supposed reply is "I do not forgive anyone because there is nothing to forgive... There is no such thing as right and wrong and that is what I have been trying to tell everyone, do not judge people. People have chosen to judge one another, and this is wrong, because the rule is 'judge not lest ye be judged.'" What does God really say? (Jn. 7: 24; Isa. 59: 1-2; Rom. 6: 23; Deut. 12: 8; Jud. 17: 6).

Is this what you want your children to believe God would tell them to believe? While I realize these are answers many people would give, God says: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4: 11). These books say: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of the devil." Parents, you better pay attention to what your children read! Think on these things.

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GLADEWATER HONOR ROLLS - TERM 1

Gladewater Primary 1st Nine Weeks First Grade A Honor Roll

Leonardo Aguilar, Cayson Akin, Leah Bagley, Ian Baxter, Oliver Black, Carter Brinkley, Dylan Carillo-Soto, Brylee Carroll, Omar Castro, Arielle Chambliss, Blake Creech, Kayla Criss, Sabastian Dangel, Britain Daniels, Rilynn Davis, Edward Diaz Hernandez, Cameron Dickinson, Jayden Dudley, Michael Garcia, Elizabeth Henson, Logan Hunter, Emilee Kelly, Ariel LaCaze, Celia Lancaster, Avery Lee, Ireland Lennon, Axel Lopez, Halle Louvier, Ada Martinez, Alaina Moore, Connor Olbrey, Ianis Pantelica, Hollie Pettiette, Orson Reynolds, Elle Searle, Judson Selman, Bailyn Simmons, Adalynn Sipes, Addison Smith, Logan Solis, Samuel Stafford, Jay Stanley, Reid Tyson, Corri Washington, Chance Webb, Brantlee Woods, Isaac Yanez Jimenez

First Grade A/B Honor Roll

Skyler Allen, Melodi Arias, Kinley Brinkley, Kinsley Briscoe, Mykyah Carrington, Scarlett Churchill, Blessyn Craig, Rosa Deleon, Oliver Garza, Clayton Glaspie, London Gorman, Avery Gregory, A'Laysia Hawley, Jacob Hutchings, Kingston Jackson, Mason Kitchings, Alisa Lacy, Daniel Landaverde, Khalil Lewis, Logan Morgan, Nathan Otamendi, Brooklynn Parker, Mylah Roemelin, Liam Scheper, Andrea Scott, Fiona Smith, Joshua Smith, Cora Solley, Nevaeh Sparling, James Taylor, Natalie Taylor, Avery Thomas, Sawyer Tyner, Bowen Watts, Madilyn Westbrook, Declan Whitehorn, Xaiden Williams, Avery Wilson

Weldon Elementary 1st Nine weeks Honor Roll 2nd Grade 1st Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll

Ava Aldredge, Genevieve Allen, Rey Barnett, Abigail Beaver, Natalie Brady, Adalynn Bunn, Kynnedi Carter, Laykn Cates, Stetson Charchio, Aurora Coronado, Daryl Cravey, Victoria Dominguez, Cayden Fletcher, Nathan Hurlstone, Charlee Jackson, Koleson Kegarise, Harleigh King, Rowland King, Anastasia Lacy, Payson Lee, Kenneth Leerstang, Lawrence Leerstang, Trina Mach, Charleigh Owen, Dylan Reynolds, Annaleigha Rivera, Sarah Schlaefel, Tamara Washington, Emma Wilson

2nd Grade 1st Nine Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

Correy Armstrong, Cassiel Baker, Ian Bird, Ella Bosch, Jayden Brown, Rhenley Capps, Hunter Chapman, Ellie Coker, Peighton Croley, Kianna Davis, Ethan Easterling, Raylan Farwell, Jamarcus Hall, Asia Holmes, Damari Jackson, Story Jenkins, Ellie Jones, Corey Kirk, Camila Maya, Jesus McDaniel, Evelyn Meals, Sarah Meyerson, Zy Rialle Miller, Addison Mms Mitchell, Kimberly Nunez Santibanez, Knox Reed, Vivienne Robinson, Azyourien Simpson, Natalee Smith, Talon Teel, A'iani Thomas, Denver Tyiska Jackson, Evalynn Valle, Aiden Wade, Brooklyn Webb

3rd Grade update 1st Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll

LilyAnn Budro, Juddson Cook, Rayden Cumbie-Nash, Trinh Mach, Sadie Marsh, Teagan Medlin, Katelyn Mreles, Wyatt Richardson, Kranston Turner, Madilyn Villalpando, Levi Watson

3rd Grade 1st Nine Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

Jayden Allen, Cayson Armstrong, Lillian Bamburg, Walker Barnhill, Kinsley Beadles, Adam Belcher, Brilynn Bell, Cassidy Bellew, Ava Blalock, Hunter Bohanon, Reagan Bradshaw, Lilly Brooks, Elizabeth Brown, Maria Calderon Cardenas, Ava Chandaris, Natalia Chavarria, D'Aysiaa Crawford, Sophie Crenshaw, Daleyza DeLeon, Jesus Diaz, Anthony Diaz Hernandez, London Fitch, Katlin Godfrey, Kinsleigh Gordon, Jayda Griffith, Hunter Hammer, Miguel Hernandez, Santiago Hernandez, Samuel Langford, Sophie Langford, Azyiah Madden, Karlee Mahoney, Joan Martinez, Jayden Mreles, Maddox Moore, Camila Mumphy, Yahir Patino, Veronica Perez, Yazayra Perez, Ezra Pittman, Karsyn Reese, Brooklyn Regalado, Ulises Reyes, Zoe Richardson, Madalynn Rickey, Joshua Robinson, Memphis Robinson, Keray Sanders, Zander Shuler, Kennedy Smith, Maddison Smith, Journey Stephenson, Xander Terry, Braxton Thomas, Jordan Trevino, Gunner Tyner, Hope Villarreal, Presley Watts, Maximo Williams, Micheal Williams

4th Grade 1st Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll

Leland Bamburg, Natalie Bateman, Carter Ellis, Jo'Vaughn Good, Delilah Hawley, Milana McDowell, James Meals, Holly Perry, Devin Schill, Paisley Simmons, Isabelle Smith, Parker Webber, Justice Webster

4th Grade 1st Nine Weeks

"A-B" Honor Roll
Landen Anderson, Joaquin Arreguin, Noah Bateman, Easton Baxter, Columbianna Benninger, Brantley Blalock,



Jaden Bohanon, Addison Borders, Skylar Brinkler, Lila Brown, LaShiya Burton, Remi Capps, Wesley Carroll, Makayla Causey, Elijah Childress, Skylar Davis, Cameron Dickerson, Stefano Dominguez, Grayson Fletcher, Kade Fortson, Raegan Glarborg, Emmaleigh Harris, Drelin Henderson, Amiyah Jones, Kacen Jones, Caylan Latham, Irelynn Lee, Daniel Leerstang, Brilee Lennon, Caileigh Lowery, Tatiyanna Mner, Nateleigh Murchison, Derrick Nash, Kinleigh Niffenegger, Jayson Nino-Eufracio, Rosetta Parks, Joseangel Perez, Stefanie Perez, Laila Pierce, Atticus Reynolds, Susana Sanchez, Elise Teel, Cesar Trejo, Sulas Tripp, Bayleigh Wady, Jaxon Walker

5th Grade 1st Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll

Korbin Evans, Makenna Lee, Rucker Murry, Chevelle Sisson

5th Grade 1st Nine Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

Roberto Arreguin, John Brown, Inasue Budro, William Carney, Makenzay Causey, Gisselle Ceballos, Chandler Cloud, Lizzy Delgado, Alejandro Diaz Hernandez, Kar'Dae Ford, Maverick Hamby, John Jackson, Tyler Kennedy, Colsen Manley, Kinsley Nielsen, Victoria Parker, Ahmiya Pemble, Brayden Pettibone, Isabella Polanco, Zander Rendon, Jayden Rojas, Isaias Sanchez-Landaverde, Sadie Shackelford, Aliyah Thomas, Deion Thomas, Emily Youngblood-Smith

GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st nine weeks 6th Grade A Honor Roll

Brady Aldredge, Fernanda Coronado, Dexter Dickinson, Drake Gilstrap, Heath Hightower, Brighton Ku, June Macklin, Colt Moore, Brentlee Morris, Carter Peterson, Cullen Reynolds, Bellaluna Trejo Ruiz, Garrett Watson.

6th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Skylar Ackerman, Kolbi Alverson, Walter Barron, Isabella Castaneda Pargas, Lydia Crane, Adalayah Cuba, Kelsi Cushatt, Kyndall Evans, Rylee Farley, Kendon Gage, Trevor Gothard, Alonna Gregory, Kindyl Harper, Mariyah LeBlanc, Aniyah Lee, Bella Mason, Mason Matthews, Robert Meals, Elizabeth Mendez, Zoey Mze, Hannah Nash, Bentley Nielsen, Cortland NyKamp, Ariyana Quezada, Tripton Robinson, Hermione Rogers, Ethan Smallwood, Naomi Soto, Brayden Thomas, Spencer Walbridge, Gregory Watkins, Gabriel Watts, Courtney White, Bradley Wilson.

7th Grade A Honor Roll

Tinsley Aldredge, Kylie Beall, Daelyn Bradshaw, Everlie Costello, Ma'Kenzie Floyd, Eliza Garrett, Makenzie Gallin, Rylie Murry, Baylei Noble, David Ventura, Brooklyn Villalpando, Jaxon Walther, Bentley Webber, Aaron Wilkins.

7th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Brandon Alvarez Martinez, Kara Bellanger, Colin Bird, Nya Borders, Jax Bradford, Hannah Brandt, Icker Ceballos, Addison Chandaris, Landon Deason, William Hardy, Jordynn Harris, Sean Hill, Aydan Holmes, Kayden Jansen, Ashton King, Cashlyn Lehman, Ketravein Lewis, Cierra Mays, Beatrice Nasados, Abigail Nino, Peyton Noble, Evelin Patino, Ian Perez, Kasandra Polley, Ty Richey, Dexter Robinson, Dodge Sisson, Yareli Suarez Medina, Connor Thompson, Santiago Trejo Uballo, Brynlee Underwood, Brody Vickery, Britney Vite.

8th Grade A Honor Roll

Eli Brisby, Bailey Childress, Lily Childress, Samuel Corona, Juliet Dalton, Emily Dickinson, Shamore Franklin, Alayla Grooms, Kenzi Love, Titus Macklin, Aubrey Manley, Cooper Manley, Theresa Neslony, Anna Thomas, Alexander Villalpando.

8th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Mariah Barksdale, Vivian Bray, Caleb Budro, Noah Clay, Damian Correa, McKensy Cuellar-Martinez, Madison Cusatis, Mkaela Daniels, Angel Davis, James Felts, Jax Glarborg, Malik Hatten, Ryan Hawley, Emily Head, Marco Hernandez, Isabelle Inocencio, Brandon Johnson, Anthony Juarez, Landen King, Melanie Lule Camargo, Alyra Martinez, Ya'Lexan Martinez, Zachary McAlister, Ki'Zyah Miles,

Jade Mreles, Acxel Nino Mbnsvaiz, Madden Ramirez, Lainey Reynolds, Ariel Robinson, Draven Rodriguez, Jesus Rojas, Jakeilynn Rollins, Jayde Royle, Bryan Sanchez, Lilia Sanchez, Gavin Selman, Isaias Sierra, Chevy Sisson, Brayden Templeton, Kamila Turner, Lilliana Vasquez, Connor White, Kaylee Wortham, Jayden Wright, Landon Wright.

GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL

1st Nine Weeks 9th Grade A Honor Roll

Coby Bellanger, Abigail Carney, Hydrie Collins, Kylie Faye, Elshady Getachew, Reid Hass, Nobellee Humphrey, Mason Knoll, Lillian McKnight, Olivia Miller, Eli Montanez, Barrett Owens, Selah Perry, Cheyenne Waldie, Caidence Ware, Kendal Yount

9th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Leila Allen, Ethan Alvarez, Riley Ashworth, Caleb Balcorta, Emmie Lee Benson, Anthony Bouldin, Lia Castaneda, Aliyah Criss, Alivia Duncan, Shaylee Ellis, Adyson Evans, Zoe Fossan, Kymorah Gordon, Angela Hampton, Byron Hast, Lesly Hernandez, Summer Hernandez, Landon Hogue, Bryannah Jackson, Christian Jackson, Aiden Jansen, Damarion Johnson, Kailey Kistler, Nickolas Lack, Khera Lincoln, Audryana Lorenzo, Lily Mahood, Amario Mnter, Grace Money, William Morgan, Hayden Mumphy, Nikhil Patel, Dion Patton, Mryam Perez, Mariano Perez Olvera, Chase Porter, Katelyn Pugliese, Thalia Renfroe, Mackenzie Richardson, Talon Robinson, Gabriela Rojas, Anthony Sanchez, Kiara Shackelford, Ka'Vyron Sheppard, Bailey Shico, Matthew Smith, Janiah Strickland, Paytin Thompson, Carlee Townsend, Aniya Turner, Addyson Vaughn, Teresa Villalobos, Dorrie Warburton, Teagan Watkins-Brack, Trayvion Watts, Couri Willeby, Terrell Willis

10th Grade A Honor Roll

Elizabeth Brown, Samantha Brown, Mason Budro, Elizabeth Dennis, Karyme Gomez, Alayah Gordon, Callie Harris, Calex Hibler, Isabelle Hilgren, Peyton Hunter, Shayla Lara, Tucker Macklin, Aleigha McGuyer, Kevin Mreles, Edwin Nino Eufacio, Azucena Perez, Madison Rector, Christian Rojas, Ella Williams

10th Grade A/AB Honor

Anay Aguillon, Kendell Barber, Claire Beach, Skylar Beagley, Makhya Boone, Luke Brown, Sean Burke, Aaron Chavarria, Lucas Cherry, Carsin Cooper, Emily Delgado, Jeremiah Flanagan, Aubry Floyd, Breianna Johnson, Aamyria Jones, Caydence Martin, Grafton Morgan, Adriana Olson, Kyera Orange, Cian Ray, Brady Rios, Esmeralda Rojas, Kadin Rushing, Kingston Sheffield, Ivan Thomas, Garrett Throgmorton, Tolbert Donovan, John Watson, Carson Wood, Brayson Woods, Keion Wright

11th Grade A Honor Roll

Nicholas Allen, Astrith Alvarez, Jaxon Cook, Janee Davis, Joshua Diaz Mucio, Erika Evey, Jasmine Fisher, Nathan Fortenberry, Ulises Gama, Trentley Gamel, Cynthia Gutierrez, Ciara Henderson, Jada Kinsey, Ava Langford, Luke Rogers, Rachel Sheppard, Gracie Sumner, Mason Thompson, Randi Vasquez, Brayden Wood

11th Grade A/AB Honor Roll


Jayden Aills, Zoe Bowling, Emily Brown, Landon Brown, Katrina Bush, Jeralynn Cantu, Emily Cole, Ethan Evey, Pamela Fagans, Nevaeh Flanagan, Carissa Graves, Tatiana Gunder, Tanner Hammett, Violet Hast, Ilyssa Hawley, Olivia Hawley, Destiny Hughes, Liyana Lorenzo, Jimena Martinez, Amiyah Mnter, Karlee Mses, Gabriel Navarro, Corey Nelms, Chris Paredes, Jessica Perez, Landen Porter, Jesse Sczesnik, Nathan Smith, Noah Smith, Shiann Washington, Joseph Webber, Brianna Wheeler, Cameron White, Samyra Williams, Haden Wittig, Brooklyn Yount

12th Grade A Honor Roll

Hadassah Balcorta, Madisyn Bedair, Katelyn Biddle, Alexis Bleckley, Blake Crane, Seth Cross, Kayla Dandoy, Aliyah Edwards, Bayleigh Edwards, Samuel Edwards, Jaiden Eeds, Jordan Fowler, Jerrica Gilmore, Melodee Gomer, Kwamie Gordon, Caiya Harris, Hailey Head, Timothy Heashe, Abigail Hess, Kylie Knox, Emma Langford, Katelynn Lewis, Kyla Lincoln, Kyle Martin, Camron McKinney, Katie Menjivar, Adam Miles, Chloe Mumphy, Brent Owen, Eddie Patino, Morgan Perez, Ramya Ransom, Lily Smith, Cameron Taylor, Vanessa Trejo, Layne Warburton, Savannah Warren, Kaytlin White, Brianna Willson, Phillip Wilson, Grayson Wynn


12th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Meredith Anderson, Israel Cerda, Dustin Christian, Cameron Christine, Tristan Collins, Destiney Craft, Shawn Curtis, Ethan Flores, Kire Guerrero, Johnnay Hawley, Trenton Jackson, Steven Lambert, Irvin Nino Mbnsvaiz, Erik Omdahl, Ruston Padgett, G'brandon Polley, Sixto Rojas, Jobey Shico, Jacob Shirey, Francisco Sierra, Ryan Silva, Chance Sims, Mark Smith, Wyatt Taylor, Kendall Williams, Princess Zakeight Williams, Cole Wilson



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Fall/Winter jacket, coat drive underway

After collecting shoes for local students over the summer, the Darla's Angels outreach has partnered with Body of Believers Ministries for a Fall/Winter jacket and coat drive in Gladewater.

The effort is set for Oct. 15 through Nov. 17, seeking the cold weather items for children, from toddlers to teens. Donations can be dropped off at four locations including the Gladewater Mirror, Citizens Bank, City National Bank and Austin Bank.

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

'Settin' on the Woodbine' on stage

A group of Gladewater High School students will bring the city's oil boom days back to life early next month.

The GHS Theater Department is poised to present "Settin' on the Woodbine," spotlighting Gladewater history as part of the community-wide celebration of the city's 150-year heritage.

The play includes original text by Jerry Kates, Molly Aberrombie, Brenda Kaster and Glen Goza. It's directed and edited by Jessica Smith with musical direction from Darren Richardson.

The production's Opening Night event Thursday, Nov. 2, includes a chicken spaghetti dinner for \$12 per person in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets will be sold at the door for the cash-only event.

Regular tickets for performances are \$5 per person – for evening showtimes Nov. 2, 6, and 7, doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. One matinee performance Sunday, Nov. 5,

has doors opening at 1:30 p.m. before the 2 p.m. performance.

Holiday Open House coming Nov. 11

Gladewater's Holiday Open house (and the Jolly Old Elf's 2023 debut) is set for 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

The evening is co-hosted by Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, Gladewater Economic Development Corporation and the City of Gladewater in conjunction with downtown's retailers, restaurateurs and other stakeholders.

The event opens with the lighting of downtown's Christmas tree at 6 p.m. followed by a night of holiday shopping alongside an array of food trucks, hot chocolate and a children's play area.

The evening will, of course, include a visit from Santa Claus, and parents are encouraged to bring kids for an early naughty-or-nice check-up.

For more information, contact Lois Reed at Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at 903-845-5501.

White Oak Xmas parade is Dec. 4

Mark your calendars and stay on the 'Nice' list – White Oak's annual Christmas Parade is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

As the event's planners get a jump-start on this year's organizing, they've announced lineup is set for 6:30 p.m. That evening on West Old Highway 80 before the parade begins on South White Oak Road and City Hall and heads toward its end at White Oak ISD.

"We encourage all interested groups and individuals to take part in the parade," the organizers announced.

For questions or more information, contact Maureen Carrigan at 903-759-3936.

Gladewater Xmas parade is Dec. 4

Gladewater kicks off its end-of-year revelries with the Holiday Open House the night of Nov. 11, but it's the annual downtown Christmas Parade that really ushers in the season's festivities.

This year, the event's sponsors have a new carol for the community, leading locals in a round of "Joy to the Rails" in honor of the city's 150th celebration.

Parade entries who best reflect that theme Dec. 9 will be in the running for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place prizes. Entry in the parade is free.

Importantly, there will be a spot on the square at Pacific and Main to mail letters to Santa.

This year's parade is sponsored by Citizens Bank, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, the City of Gladewater and Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

For more information, contact Lois Reed at the chamber at 903-845-5501.

County library hosts storytime

Two books with autumn themes will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday, Nov. 2.

My Texas Hunt Harvest App

AUSTIN — In preparation for the Nov. 4 opening of general deer hunting season, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has updated the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app with a new Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Zone information



Longtime Dentist Dr. Keith Pannell decided to retire after over 40 years of dental service in the White Oak community. A retirement party was held for Dr. Pannell, who was a 1974 graduate of White Oak High School, at the Community Church in White Oak.

Photo by Mike Peery



Senior Volleyball players at White Oak were honored before the last district home game. The Ladyneck seniors are Ludovica Polizzi, Addison Clinkscales, and Calee Carter.

tool.

The interactive map tool allows hunters to view zone boundaries and tap any location in the state to determine if it is in or near a CWD Zone.

Other features of the free app include: Display an electronic copy of your license; Complete mandatory hunt harvest reporting; Log your harvested game species; View your harvest history on your smartphone or tablet; After a one-time login, you can easily

access your TPWD customer number for future reference; Save and retrieve harvest history.

Visitor center opens

The Big Sandy Municipal Development District held ribbon-cutting for its new "visitor center" for visitors to the city as part of the town's Fall Heritage Festival on Saturday afternoon.

The remodeled downtown building at 106 Gilmer Street, known to date back

to at least 1940, will probably open before Nov. 30, and may eventually rent out rooms formerly used by a medical clinic which was housed there.

ET Aero Modelers hosting fun fly

The East Texas Aero Modelers will host their annual Fun Fly this Saturday, benefiting Toys for Tots.

The club has been hosting the fly-in for more than 20 years, and the members will descend on their home flying site at 2033 Cherokee St. in Longview at 9 a.m. Nov. 4 to fly until it's too dark (or they're too tired) for the model planes to soar.

Attendance is free for spectators. According to co-organizer Bob Smith, flyers come from as far as Texarkana and Lufkin for the event. Each pays a fee to participate which includes a donation for Toys for Tots as well as a fried chicken lunch.

For more information, contact smith at smith4911@att.net.

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SPORTS

Bears hop over Rabbits, 28-20

By Tyler Sutton

On Friday night the weather was wet, but the Gladewater Bears football team was hot as they made the trip to Atlanta to take on the Rabbits at Rabbits stadium. And with their playoff hopes hanging in the balance, the Bears came away with a 28-20 victory.

After the Rabbits started the game with a 3 and out and punted, the Bears offense went to work quickly on the ground as Carson Cooper busted two long runs and the drive was capped off when quarterback Kyron Wilson took it in for a 3 yard touchdown run and an early 7-0 Gladewater lead. Both team's defense's then took charge of the game as their were punts on 4 straight drives. But the Bears would get the ball back with 3 mins left in the half and were able to add to their lead as Wilson lofted a beautiful pass in the corner of the endzone that was brought in by Kayson Harris for a touchdown and Gladewater took a 14-0 lead into halftime.

But Atlanta quickly changed the momentum starting the 3rd quarter, the Bears offense went to work quickly on the ground as Carson Cooper busted two long runs and the drive was capped off when quarterback Kyron Wilson took it in for a 3 yard touchdown run and an early 7-0 Gladewater lead. Both team's defense's then took charge of the game as their were punts on 4 straight drives. But the Bears would get the ball back with 3 mins left in the half and were able to add to their lead as Wilson lofted a beautiful pass in the corner of the endzone that was brought in by Kayson Harris for a touchdown and Gladewater took a 14-0 lead into halftime.

from 28 yards to make it a 21-7 Bears lead with 2 mins left in the 3rd quarter. Atlanta took no time punching right back as quarterback Peyton Harrison found receiver Maquavion Owens for a 66 yard touchdown pass to once again make it a one score game at 21-14 with 1 min left in the 3rd quarter. To begin the 4th quarter, the Bears again got the offense going as this time runningback Carson Cooper found the endzone with a 7 yard touchdown run to give the Bears a 28-14 lead 8 mins left in the game. The Rabbits thought wouldn't go away as Harrison found tight end Brayln Rowe for a 33 yard touchdown pass. The extra point was blocked and it looked like the Bears had returned it back for 2 points but they were called for being offside and Atlanta then went for 2 but were stopped. The Bears got the ball back and along with two penalties on Atlanta were able to run out the clock and pick up the victory.

"Such a great win. We were able to play one of our best games of the season tonight. Every side of the ball played so well. I feel so good for this team. We seem to be clicking at the right time of the year" coach Louvier. The Bears improved their record to 2-7 and 2-2 in district play. They also get the head to head tiebreaker over Atlanta when it comes to standing's. The Bears will wrap up the regular season on Friday with senior night as they host rival White Oak

"Coot's Corner" By Coot Putley

American League Champions ...

A few weeks ago we predicted that the Rangers and Astros would both make the playoffs and that anything could happen. Well, they both got in – and something definitely happened!

The in-state rivals each won 90 games in the regular season and tied for the division lead. Houston was awarded the title because they won the tiebreaker: head-to-head matchups. Since they were the division champs, they earned a first-round bye in the playoffs, then cruised by Minnesota 3 games to 1 in the second round. Texas had to play Tampa (2nd seed) and Baltimore (1st seed) with 99 and 101 wins respectively. The underdog Rangers swept both series.

The stage was set for the 1-45 shootout. There were great storylines: Bruce Bochy vs Dusty Baker. Two very deep lineups. Scherzer and Verlander. At last, a true rivalry between two teams who don't like each other! What more could a fan want?

We got all that and more. Texas won the first two games at Minute Maid 2-0 and 5-4, then the next three games were played at Globe Life in Arlington. Houston crushed Texas 8-5 and 10-3 and prepared for a pivotal game 5.

With an early 4:00 start, the crowd was slow to arrive. Texas fans seemed subdued, but there was a large number of Houston fans who were noisy and confident after their two big wins.

What followed was an instant classic which resulted in more dramatic mood swings than I have ever witnessed at a baseball game. The game was tense, exhilarating, and gut-wrenching. You already know about the mammoth three-run homer that Adolis Garcia hit. And you have certainly seen the excitement after he was hit by a pitch (deliberately?) in the bottom of the eighth inning. The finger-pointing, shouting, benches clearing, ejections and chaos which caused a thirty-minute delay. No-one got kicked in the fracas, but it was exciting! And you know about the three-run homer struck by diminutive Jose Altuve in the top of the ninth. And you remember that Texas had the first two runners on in the bottom of the ninth and couldn't score a run.

For Ranger fans, game 5 was a microcosm of too many losses we saw in 2023. A blown lead and a failure to execute by the offense. Even worse, it left us with that same feeling we had in 2011 when Texas was one strike from a World Series victory. (twice!) Was this going to be another Ranger heartbreak? Bruce Bochy told us that this group of players was the most resilient he had ever seen. They gave us the answer we wanted. Texas went to Houston and pounded the Astros in a convincing fashion; 9-2 and 11-4. They were led by the record setting Adolis Garcia. El Bombi, as he is known, had 15 RBI's - the most ever in a playoff series. The Houston fans booed him loudly throughout the game, but he silenced what was left of the crowd with his fifth series homer in the eighth inning.

It was a tremendous victory. The next day, Dusty Baker announced his retirement. He was probably planning this all along, but maybe he was influenced by the momentum shifting up 1-45? Will the pendulum swing? Houston has appeared in seven straight LCS Series. Will Texas start a streak? Time will tell, but this year the Astros are finished, and the Rangers are in the World Series. Bring on the Diamondbacks!

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

Volleyball roundup ...

The Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball team wrapped up their season with a trip to New Diana and fell 3-0.

Gladewater finishes the season at 7-27 and 2-8 in district play.

The White Oak LadyNecks finished up a perfect district record with a win at home vs Daingerfield (3-0). The LadyNecks finish their regular season on a 13 game win streak. Finishing with a 28-14 record and 10-0 in district play.

White Oak and Union Grove began their playoff run on Tuesday, October 31st taking on the Arp Lady Tigers in Hallsville. The Lady Lions played Garrison Tuesday in Marshall.

The results of both games were not available at presstime.



Ladyneck Ludovica Polizzi saves a point for White Oak in their warmup game for the playoffs with Beckville that the Ladynecks won 3-0.

Photo by Mike Peery

Union Grove XCCountry team finishes 4th at regionals

Union Grove Varsity Girls XC team placed 4th out of 24 teams in the Region III

2A Regional Cross Country Meet on Tuesday, Oct. 24th in Huntsville located at

Kate-Barr Ross Park.

The Lady Lions continued their State Qualifying streak now extending to 4 in a row.

They were led by Sr. Sophie Pyle 14th, Sr. Ava Wightman 19th, Fr. Danica Vestal 37th,

Fr. Rachel Potter 43rd, Sr. Jenna Scott 53rd, So. Grace-lynn Head 72nd, and Fr. Averil Cook 110.

Sophie Pyle and Jenna Scott have been team members on all 4 State Qualifying teams and are the first ever XC runners in school history

to make it to the State Meet and compete all 4 years in high school There were 177 girls in the 2A race.



Roughneck Levi Sipes makes the tackle on Sabine receiver Caleb McKinney during the White Oak's district contest with the Cardinals. The Cardinals blasted the Roughnecks 70-12.

Photo by Mike Peery

Sabine defeats White Oak, 70-12

By Aidan Keller Lott

The Roughnecks hosted the Sabine Cardinals Friday, Oct. 27 but lost their senior night game 70-12.

Sabine had six cardinals get in the endzone in their dominant win with junior quarterback Colt Sparks leading the team. Sparks had seven total touchdowns, throwing two to sophomore Bryce Pobuda and one to seniors Caleb Mckinney and Clayne Simmons, the rest of his scores came on the ground where teammates sophomore Lincoln Royce and senior Cade Silvertooth added rushing touchdowns.

"Colt was causing most of our problems," senior Caleb Maxted said. "We could not contain the quarterback. I

think we could have ran to the ball a lot harder."

White Oak fought back scoring both of their touchdowns in the second quarter when senior Dillon Sanchez ran in two goal line carries while filling in at quarterback.

"I enjoyed being back at quarterback," junior Dillon Sanchez said. "I feel like I did a good job running the ball. I just think we needed to be ready to compete and bring it."

Although the Roughnecks were able to cut the lead going into halftime, they were held scoreless in the second half and allowed 42 points in the third quarter.

"Our mindset coming out of the locker room wasn't

what it should have been," Maxted said. "Our mindset should've been to leave nothing behind because after this it could be over."

With this loss White Oak has been knocked out of playoff contention as they can no longer reach the 2-7, fourth-seed Gladewater Bears.

"All we can do is stay focused and finish hard," junior Collin Wheat said. "Whether we win this week or finish 0-10, I trust that we'll be okay even though the season has not been the best."

The Roughnecks will close out their season this Friday November 3 against Gladewater as they look to pick up their first win

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Open air venues opening downtown

A pair of open-air venues will soon make their debut – The Labrador and The Picket Fence share a split-level space downtown, and the property’s developers say there’s a variety of uses for the adjoining spots.

Facing the freshly-minted site at 111 N. Main, The Labrador is lower and on the left with a new fence separating it from a slightly-elevated neighbor, The Picket Fence.

According to Michael & Tracy Bailey, the pavilion-shielded lower site’s ideal for commercial ventures while the spot up-top is geared a bit more for entertainment.

“Down here, we’re thinking more of vendor-space,” Michael Bailey said, standing underneath the covered portion of The Labrador “everything from arts and crafts to a Farmer’s Market.

For The Picket Fence, “more of an open-air venue – parties, music, things like that up there.”

The sites will work in-tandem as well, of course, with the couple envisions a dual-purpose event like a wedding with the ceremony on the higher level, reception down below.

Both will be available for rent once they open, hopefully by Nov. 11 in time for downtown Gladewater’s Holiday Open House.

Michael Bailey, a former K9 officer, says the left spot’s named in honor of his former four-legged companion. The couple aims to collaborate with other nearby events, whether a car show, swap meet or holiday activity.

“The hope is to kind of play-off whatever the city’s got going on,” he added. “Both of them will be available for rentals. So long as the calendar’s clear. Rates we haven’t figured out yet.”

The venues are on Facebook as “The Labrador/Picket Fence.” Reservations should be made to 903-918-7421 for The Labrador, 903-399-0351 for The Picket Fence.

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ACROSS

1 “the ____ of my existence” (cause annoyance)

5 Texas has ____ on smoking in public buildings

6 Pampa hosts the “____” Texas Rodeo each July

7 actor Martin of 2006 film “Relative Strangers” with SMU-grad Kathy Bates

8 TXism: “mad as ____”

17 San Antonio hand-crafted shoe maker

18 Texas infielder, “Mr. Cub” (2 wds.)

21 Tom of “Concrete Cowboys” with TX Fairchild (init.)

22 fancy party

23 TX Janis Joplin album: “I ____ Ol’ Kozmic Blues Again, Mama!”

24 watch out

29 Trump carried the 2020 ____ in Texas

30 former Cowboy quarterback, Aikman

31 TX Nolan Ryan threw 7 ____-hitters

32 TXism: “risky ____ nest”

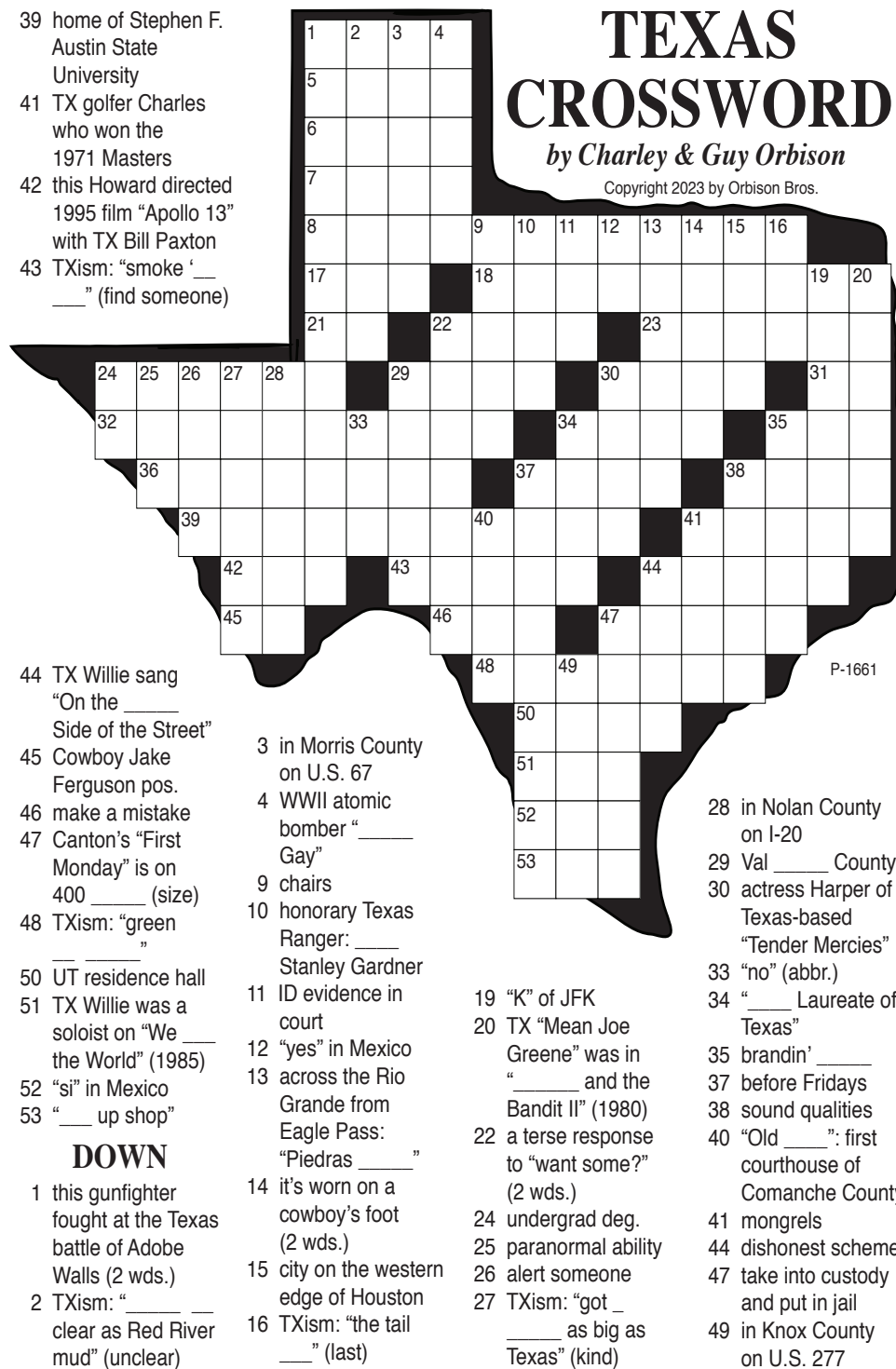
34 ____ moss

35 slang for “tattoo”

36 informal for “news conferences”

37 start of a football game: coin ____

38 pecan is the Texas state ____



39 home of Stephen F. Austin State University

41 TX golfer Charles who won the 1971 Masters

42 this Howard directed 1995 film “Apollo 13” with TX Bill Paxton

43 TXism: “smoke ‘____’ (find someone)”

44 TX Willie sang “On the ____ Side of the Street”

45 Cowboy Jake Ferguson pos. make a mistake

46 Canton’s “First Monday” is on 400 ____ (size)

47 TXism: “green ____”

48 TXism: “green ____”

50 UT residence hall

51 TX Willie was a soloist on “We ____ the World” (1985)

52 “si” in Mexico

53 “____ up shop”

DOWN

1 this gunfighter fought at the Texas battle of Adobe Walls (2 wds.)

2 TXism: “____ clear as Red River mud” (unclear)

3 in Morris County on U.S. 67

4 WWII atomic bomber “____ Gay”

9 chairs

10 honorary Texas Ranger: ____ Stanley Gardner

11 ID evidence in court

12 “yes” in Mexico

13 across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass: “Piedras ____”

14 it’s worn on a cowboy’s foot (2 wds.)

15 city on the western edge of Houston

16 TXism: “the tail ____” (last)

19 “K” of JFK

20 TX “Mean Joe Greene” was in “____ and the Bandit II” (1980)

22 a terse response to “want some?” (2 wds.)

24 undergrad deg.

25 paranormal ability

26 alert someone

27 TXism: “got ____ as big as Texas” (kind)

28 in Nolan County on I-20

29 Val ____ County

30 actress Harper of Texas-based “Tender Mercies”

33 “no” (abbr.)

34 “____ Laureate of Texas”

35 brandin’ ____

37 before Fridays

38 sound qualities

40 “Old ____”: first courthouse of Comanche County

41 mongrels

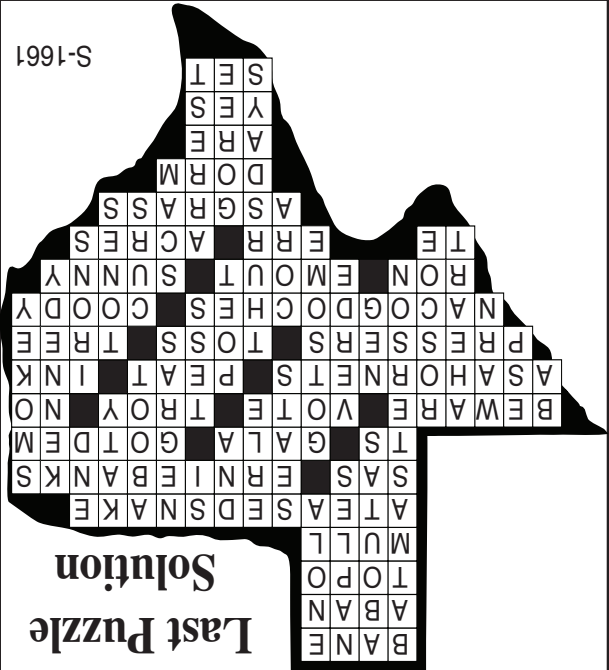
44 dishonest scheme

47 take into custody and put in jail

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	EMS	20235897	21:43	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20235898	22:05		515 N FERRY FERRY ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20235899	23:47	GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	103 W GAY GAY AVE
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	FIRE DEPT	20235901	5:50		HWY 80 HWY 80
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	ASSIST	20235903	10:09	JULIAWOOD HOMES	56 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
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	ASSIST	20235906	12:13		1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	EMS	20235908	14:44		317 EDDY EDDY ST
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	10-50 MAJOR	20235911	19:45		1781 S TYLER TYLER RD
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	EMS	20235913	3:21		1879 WILLOW OAK WILLOW OAK RD
	FIRE DEPT	20235914	3:57		W COMMERCE COMMERCE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20235915	9:07		1300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20235916	9:47		706 N CULVER CULVER ST
	CRIM TRESPASS	20235917	10:07	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20235918	10:49		325 S MAIN MAIN ST
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	FIRE DEPT	20235920	12:15		519 W GAY GAY AVE
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20235923	14:50	TEXAS TRADITIONS	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235924	16:01		E UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20235925	17:17		711 MARTHA MARTHA DR
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	FIRE DEPT	20235927	17:39	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
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	ASSIST	20235938	10:14	SEYMORS WILCO	1288 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	ASSIST	20235941	12:04		402 PARADISE HILL PARADISE HILL
	ASSIST	20235942	12:47		N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20235943	14:03	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ESCORT	20235944	14:04	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	20235945	14:22		520 W GAY GAY AVE
	CRIM TRESPASS	20235946	14:35	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235949	17:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20235950	17:21		526 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR
	EMS	20235951	17:59		601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20235952	18:36		2813 GUY GUY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235953	19:01	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235954	19:28	JO WILLIAMS	419 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20235955	21:08	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
10/26/23	MISCELLANEOUS	20235956	10/26/23		660 BRIAR COVE BRIAR COVE LN
	10-50 MINOR	20235959	10:49		N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20235969	13:34		1304 EDWARDS EDWARDS
	ABANDONED 911	20235960	15:42		1202 SANDERS SANDERS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235961	16:39		HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20235962	16:44	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20235963	17:45	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20235964	18:30	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235965	19:25	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235966	20:12	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	3601 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20235967	20:52		37 MCNEESE MCNEESE ST
	EMS	20235968	21:59		704 WOOD WOOD ST
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	EMS	20235971	1:16		1618 N LYNN LYNN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	20235972	4:26		700 W MELBA MELBA AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20235973	4:58		808 N TENERY TENERY ST
	ASSIST	20235974	5:56	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	THEFT	20235976	8:51		518 W GAY GAY AVE
	THEFT	20235977	10:01	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20235978	11:16		1102 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ASSIST	20235979	11:48	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD	110 E HWY 80 HWY 80
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20235980	12:25		505 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS
	ALARM/OTHER	20235981	12:41	CASH AMERICA PAWN 562	207 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20235982	14:01		W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235983	14:43	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20235984	15:00		515 MELBA MELBA ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235985	15:48		1202 SANDERS SANDERS ST
	EMS	20235986	16:53	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20235989	18:11		1404 HOLBERT HOLBERT ST
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	EMS	20235991	18:37		522 MELBA MELBA AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235992	19:03		611 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20235993	21:18		HWY 135 HWY 135
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235994	22:11	JO WILLIAMS	419 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	RECKLESS DAMAGE	20235995	22:43	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235996	22:57		OLIVE OLIVE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20235997	23:00		701 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
10/28/23	ASSIST	20235998	0:15		WHITE OAK WHITE OAK RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20235999	0:49		216 OAK OAK DR
	EMS	20236000	1:02		408 W GAY GAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20236001	1:05	MIKES MINI MART	1324 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
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	10-50 MAJOR	20236012	13:35		PACIFIC PACIFIC
	MISCELLANEOUS	20236013	14:02		802 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
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	FIRE DEPT	20236023	8:40		216 OAK OAK DR
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	MISCELLANEOUS	20236027	14:08	CAR	808 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20236029	14:50		18515 CR 3131 CR 3131
	EMS	20236030	15:16	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
		20236031	15:24		518 HANCOCK HANCOCK ST

GPD POLICE ARRESTS

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
10/24/23		9:35	TENNISON, AUDRY WAYNE	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	1324 W UPSHUR

Local burn permit overhauled

After numerous edits, occasional strikeouts and some hard pauses over the years, Gladewater's outdoor burning rules are getting another overhaul, a new draft that hews closely to state law.

The short version: if approved by the city's elected officials in coming weeks, except for cooking and similar small "recreation" fires the only permitted burns inside the city limits will be for an individual home's green debris and only as a carefully-regulated last resort.

Not long after local weather conditions saw burn bans lifted throughout the area, Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons put a moratorium on all outdoor burning permits in his jurisdiction. Too many nuisance calls, he said. Too many illegal burns. Too many people courting a citation that could become a state jail felony.

He's not the first local fire authority to tackle Gladewater's guidelines, and Simmons is coordinating with other city officials and state directives to ensure this latest iteration sticks.

"I'm working on putting in all the new rules and guidelines," he said. Once that's finished, "It's got to go back to council for review. After that, hopefully we'll have it all finished."

The first step is to make sure the guidelines closely follow the state's restrictions, and Simmons is using the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's field guide for outdoor burning as his boilerplate to ensure Gladewater's rules don't contradict the Texas Administrative Code's Outdoor Burning Rule.

In most cases, that means no burning is allowed - at all - inside corporate city limits beyond "recreational or ceremonial purposes or the noncommercial preparation of food, or used exclusively for the purpose of supplying warmth during cold weather." It'll still be OK to grill and sit around the firepit on a cold night.

Another exception - tightly-controlled - allows a local authority to issue permits for the burning of tree debris.

"We're going to allow sticks and leaves that emanate from the property only," Simmons said, "not bringing sticks and leaves from a business site to your personal property. That's

illegal."

It's a last resort, he repeated: residents should pursue all other options first (such as the monthly free trip to the landfill, tied to a water bill) before they apply for a permit and, if successful, pay a nominal fee before they eliminate the leaves and sticks that fall from the greenery on their property.

No permits will be - can be - issued for the burning of trash. There's no exception in state law for it, ranging from household garbage to electrical insulation, lumber, plastics, non-wood construction materials, items containing natural or synthetic rubber and a litany of other pieces.

"We don't have the authority to issue permits to burn trash according to state law," Simmons emphasized. "The only time we can, the only caveat, is when we're talking about sticks and leaves."

Frankly, he said, illegal trash is what most people have been burning, while violating other rules in the process.

"We're going back to what used to be done here," Simmons added. "You contacted the fire department, the fire department would check out the plan, give you the rules and explain them, then issue a permit to burn."

While the local regs are being rewritten, no permits are being issued at all and any outdoor burning is illegal. Enforcement is active, and though citations have been light Simmons is currently working two cases, one categorized as a state jail felony, for illegal dumping and burning.

Naturally, the pending regulations are subject to approval by Gladewater City Council members and the TCEQ.

"It's still a work in progress, and I can't speak on what the council's going to say," Simmons added. Gladewater's elected officials may opt for no green debris burning at all. If so, "There's lots of things that can be done outside of just burning in your front yard."

"We're on the right track and doing the right thing, just making our city a nicer, cleaner, safer place to live."

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Gregg County hazard mitigation meeting fails to draw attendees

Gregg County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, and the agencies driving the effort were prepared to welcome 300-plus attendees for a public meeting Monday night.

No one showed. The project partners powered on, however, offering a half-hour overview of their progress so far. For one, such meetings are essential in this kind of process. Second, the information's that important.

According to Rhonda Murphy of H2O Partners, Gregg County's consultant spearheading the multi-jurisdictional effort, the general idea's to look at all possible hazards countywide, assess them and mitigate them as much as possible in advance.

For the most part, the potential disasters are natural – tornadoes, floods and the like – but manmade problems, like hazardous material spills, are in the mix as well.

"Mitigation is going to implementing long-term solutions to reduce your risk," Murphy said. "What you should always look toward is making your plan useful for your community."

In addition to Gregg County, participating entities include the cities of Gladewater, White Oak, Longview, Kilgore, Clarksville City, Easton and Lakeport in addition to the East Texas Council of Governments. Sabine FD also attended Monday's session.

Importantly, the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

(HMAP) is necessary if the county aims to comply with the federal requirements that open the door to hundreds of millions of dollars in available grant funds that can be allocated for such disasters.

One still-new option: a grant program specifically for mitigating high hazard dam, like the aging structure at Lake Gladewater.

"All of this is meant to be a tool for communities to use to analyze their risk," Murphy said. "At the end of the day, if money is available, we want to make sure we're making the smartest decisions possible to use that money."

A follow-up planning session for first responders and subsequent public meeting are set for Dec. 11, again at Longview's

Maude Cobb Convention Center, which hosted the first meeting Oct. 30.

A related public survey is available online and open

through Jan. 31 – visit tinyurl.com/GreggCountyHMAP to participate.

The draft plan for the project is due to the plan-

ning team May 31 with a planned submission date of June 30 to the Texas Department of Emergency Management.



Roughneck, Lion bands march to 2nd place

Both White Oak's Regiment of Roughnecks and the Union Grove High School Marching Band are ranked second in their conference after last week's State Military Marching Band Championships in Waco.

Gladewater ISD's student musicians also ended their 2023 marching season on a high note after earning a trip to the University Interscholastic League's face-off for the first time in the school's history.

After scoring top marks at regional trials, the Gladewater Mirror's three favorite bands were all state-bound Oct. 23, descending on Baylor University's McClane Stadium with 3A Prelims set for morning and afternoon Tuesday, Oct. 24. Union Grove's 1A/2A Conference fell Wednesday.

Judges' preliminary scores put White Oak in a three-way bid for first place against Sabine High School and West Rusk CCISD, tied at 16 points. Gladewater didn't make Finals that evening but netted 8th place out of 10 in the band's first trip to state.

Directed by Jacob Ramos, White Oak earned second place at state after tying with New Diana at 12 points, followed by Sabine, West Rusk and Troup.

It was the 34th consecutive year Union Grove's band earned straight 1's at the UIL Marching Contest Oct. 17, and the students' supporters gathered Monday morning to send-off the group, directed by Andy Thompson. Two days later, the UGHS musicians took second place in Prelims Oct. 25 with 13 points behind Carlisle ISD's seven; they cinched their spots that night with 13 points for Union Grove to Carlisle's five.

With the bands' performances streaming live



online, accolades soon exploded across local social media accounts, praising each group's accomplishments to close their seasons.

The Gladewater High School band is under the direction of Jeff Smith, Rhett Pilcher and Joshlyn Marsh with Drum Major Madisyn Bedair leading the teens on the field.

With Gladewater ISD covering transportation, lodging, meals, performance fees and other expenses, the Gladewater Band Boosters collected additional donations and assembled treat bags to make the trip even more memorable for the inaugural state contenders.

Upshur tax statements finally being mailed out

By Phillip Williams

The mailout of property tax statements from Upshur County Tax Assessor-Collector Luana Howell's office has been unexpectedly delayed, but is anticipated to occur Friday, she announced Monday.

Changing to a new company to print and mail the statements "caused a few unforeseen hiccups," but printing began Friday, Howell said in a news release. She later said the problems were "a series of things," but nothing "terrible."

"We have been receiving calls daily from taxpayers concerned by the delay in receiving their tax statements," she wrote. "Tax accounts currently reflect the 2023 taxes, and taxpayers are now able to (already) go online to make payment, or (instead) pay in person. I apologize for any inconvenience and sincerely hope that next year will be smoother."

No Upshur County entity any longer offers a discount for payments before the Jan. 31 deadline, though the city of Ore City, Ore City ISD and the part of Warren City in the county once did, Howell said.

Payments made after Jan. 31 will be subject to penalty and interest.

The Gladewater branch of Howell's Gilmer-centered office accepts tax payments of all types, and is open Mondays-Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except being closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch).

It is in the sub-courthouse next to the rodeo grounds at 2498 W. Upshur (which is also U.S. 80). Phone number is 903-680-8353.

The Gilmer office's drive-through lanes on Titus Street near the courthouse are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Fridays. The lobby is open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. (The Friday closing time is new, and the drive-through will remain open that day after the lobby closes.)

At the drive-through, only payments by check are accepted in the outside lane, while all payment types are accepted in the inside lane (nearest the building.) The Gilmer office doesn't close for lunch.

The Gilmer office's phone number is 903-843-3085. Howell also has a branch office in Ore City to accept tax payments.

Schools sue, Texas judge blocks 'unfair' accountability ratings

Texas Tribune

A Travis County judge temporarily blocked the Texas Education Agency from releasing this year's annual school ratings after finding that the state's new rating system — which was to debut this fall — is unlawful and would harm districts across the state.

The ruling issued Thursday evening comes after dozens of school districts across the state sued the TEA to delay the ratings, claiming the state's new school evaluation methodology would result in unfair drops in their ratings. The agency had already postponed a planned September release of the ratings until sometime before the end of the year because it needed more time to adjust scores under the new system.

The agency said it plans to appeal the decision by Judge Catherine Mauzy.



Gladewater Fire Department personnel monitor a sparking — previously flaming — power line at the corner of Gay Ave. and Edward Oct. 26, keeping an eye on the situation until SWEPCO personnel arrive. Unfortunately, it's a common occurrence in Gladewater during wet weather, the crew said, and they maintain a close watch on known problem spots. Photo by James Draper

'Safe streets' grant fails to get funding

It's not the end of the road, but the City of Gladewater has to pump the brakes a bit on its plans for a 'safe streets' program — the community's application did not net funding in the first round of awards from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

There's still hope with another round of federal funding announcements coming on a date to be determined in December.

"I'm a little disappointed," said Maria Tidwell, Gladewater code enforcement officer and principle architect

of the city's application for \$250,000 in funding from the Safe Streets & Roads For All grant program. Following a mass update Friday, "They funded mostly the Metroplex. Even Longview didn't get it, and they did a huge one."

Gladewater's grant application is targeted for the development of a plan for new street signage and sidewalks as well as enhanced signals, crosswalks and more. All the targeted improvements are aimed at making local streets safer, especially for

youngsters and pedestrians.

If successful in a 'demonstration grant' (that includes a 20 percent match from the city), City Hall will apply for a subsequent implementation grant to defray construction costs.

Tidwell's not counting the community out yet: "Hopefully we'll be announced in the second round, and they'll announce the smaller towns," she said. "Sometimes people don't get it the first time."

If not, "We can do it all over again. There's three more years we can apply."



VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON



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GLADEWATER LIONS CLUB ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT & GALA BAKESALE!

GLADEWATER AIRPORT

Saturday, November 11, 2023
8:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.

8 Shots for \$7.00

HIT THE TARGET - WIN A TURKEY
Rifles Furnished to All Shooters

Limit One Turkey Per Household
Rainout Date 11/18



We Serve