

Upshur looks at tax hike

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court voted 3-2 Friday to propose increasing the property tax rate by 1.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

The raise isn’t final, pending another vote after the court holds a Sept. 15 public hearing on the proposal. It is set for 10 a.m. at the temporary county courthouse at 150 E. Jefferson on the downtown Gilmer square.

County Auditor Connie Williams said the proposed hike would increase taxes on a home valued at \$100,000 by \$15. The average value of a home in the county, she said, is \$160,000, a valuation which would trigger a \$24.06 jump in taxes.

Before setting that hearing date, the court also approved holding a separate public hearing at 10 a.m. Aug. 29 on the proposed county budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

County Judge Todd Tefteller, Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle voted to propose raising the rate from the current 49.9 cents per \$100 valuation to 51.4 cents.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay Mille and Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson, who are seeking re-election in 2026, opposed the proposal. Tefteller, the only other court member whose seat is up for election then, has announced he won’t seek another term.

When the proposal to raise the rate came up, Miller said, “I’d like to keep it where it is,” and Nicholson said, “I agree.”

Tefteller, though, argued that the county got “put in the hole” by previous commissioners courts not raising taxes.

A factor in the proposed tax rate is that the proposed budget contains across-the-board pay raises for all county elected officials and employees. Williams told the court that “You can’t pay the same salaries (as now) when inflation is there” and that Upshur workers’ pay is “averaging well below counties of similar size.”

In addition, Dolle cited the Road and Bridge Department’s proposed budget is \$500,000 above the current level.

Nicholson, though, urged “Give it a year (before changing the tax rate). Finish the (multi-million dollar) courthouse remodel(ing). . .before putting an extra burden on the citizens.”

When he said keeping the current rate would provide funds to cover the proposed budget, Williams said, “That’s not a correct answer. . .Revenue would go down.”



FETCHING RESULTS

City Hall kiosk helps lost pets find their way home

City of Gladewater Animal Control Officer Colby Warren is making his rounds regularly to reunite families with their wandering pets, and a new tool at Gladewater City Hall aims to help locals do the same, soonest. Gladewater recently became the second city in East Texas to install a public Community Microchip Scanner in partnership with the City of Longview Animal Care & Adoption Center. It’s a quick means of determining whether a stray has a family waiting and connecting with key registration details.

According to the still-new @GladewaterAnimalControl page launched on Facebook in early May, the kiosk provides locals (and visitors, for that matter) with no-cost 24/7 access to scan any found-animals for microchips.

Per a public announcement Aug. 16, “This tool helps reunite pets with their families quickly and reduces the number of animals entering shelters.”

Located beside Gladewater City Hall’s night deposit drop-box, the ‘scanning station’ has panels of signage outlining how to use the handheld device wired to a weatherproof container.

After securing the animal, it’s a simple matter of booting up the scanner, pushing the center button and waving it over the creature’s body, including typical chipping spots. In the event the animal is indeed chipped, the microchip’s 9-, 10- or 15-digit number will appear on the scanner. Users can then scan a QR code to reach an online portal to input the animal’s code and connect with relevant registries.

There are also instructions for strays with no chip, such as helping connect the user with the Adoption Center and providing advice for advertising the animal’s been found. Gladewater Animal Control can be reached via 903-845-2011 or email to cwarren@cityofgladewater.com. On the city’s website, visit cityofgladewater.com/animalcontrol.

Importantly, animals must not be left at the location: “Abandonment is a felony and will be pursued.”

Likewise, “If the pet appears to be sick or injured and it is outside the shelter’s business hours, please contact GWPD.” Gladewater Police Department’s non-emergency number is 903.845.2166

“The City of Gladewater remains committed to offering innovative resources that support both our residents and the wellbeing of animals throughout Gregg County.”

TEA releases 2025 accountability ratings

White Oak ISD earns ‘A’ rating

The Texas Education Agency has released both the 2025 A-F accountability ratings and the delayed 2024 ratings for public school systems and campuses. The latter were delayed by legal challenges.

“Today marks a return to clarity and accountability. With the release of the 2025 A–F Ratings, we are reinforcing our commitment to transparency and to providing accurate, readily available information that helps every family understand how their school is doing,” said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

A total of 1,208 districts and 9,084 campuses were rated in 2025. Compared with 2024, 24% of districts and 31% of campuses improved their letter grade. A small portion — 15% — saw their grades decline while most maintained their previous rating.

To view the 2025 A-F Ratings for school systems and campuses across the state, go to Txschools.gov. The site features several different facets to allow people to better understand that accountability ratings data, including a map to search for schools by address and compare selected schools.

White Oak ISD received a rating of A, while Gladewater ISD earned a C. Union Grove ISD received a B rating and Sabine ISD earned a C.

Here is how other local school districts fared:

Big Sandy – C	Mineola – B
Daingerfield-Lone Star – C	Ore City – C
Gilmer – B	Overton – C
Hallsville – B	Pittsburg – A
Harleton – B	Spring Hill – B
Harmony – B	Sulphur Springs – B
Hawkins – C	Tatum – B
Henderson – C	Tyler – B
Jefferson -D	Union Hill – C
Kilgore – C	Waskom – C
Leverett’s Chapel – C	West Rusk – C
Lindale – A	Winona – C
Longview – B	

Council considers new board’s dog park proposal Thursday

New and improved – Gladewater’s Parks & Recreation board members have sent their first pair of recommendations to council members, and the ideas are set for consideration during the elected officials’ regular meeting Thursday evening.

First up is discussion and a vote on a new dog park at Everett Park. Then, council members will consider a plan to enhance the entrance to Lake Gladewater Park.

The monthly meeting begins at 6 p.m. Aug. 18 at Gladewater City Hall and will also feature discussion of two new ordinances proposed by Public Works: the creation of a chipping program in the community as well as a sewer cleanout initiative.

After the council’s standard opening items – officials’ comments and reports as well as a section for citizen feedback – the group will hold requisite public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The council members are also scheduled for a vote on the 2025-2026 budget for Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

GEDCO’s expenses for the coming year are projected at \$642,855. It’s a 46.7 percent increase on the current FY25 strategy as the local EDC fuels more activity in the city limits using a third of Gladewater’s sales tax revenues.

Another public hearing and vote Aug. 18 focuses on a request for a lot size variance for a Heavy Commercial space encompassing 503 Willow, Sabine Street and 303 plus 305-307 Cooper. A related replat request (and action) will follow the council’s vote.

Former council member Teddy Sorrells is chairman of the still-new Parks & Rec Board and will present the group’s two options for council members’ consideration. The options include a funding allocation for fencing, parking and pathways at the proposed dog park as well as funds for two new fences, automatic openers and installation of the Lake Park gate.

In executive session, a closed door discussion on key exceptions to the

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Ex-jailer indicted for improper sexual activity with person in custody

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury returned 18 indictments, including one apiece against a former county jailer and two Gladewater men, in Gilmer on Aug. 7, announced District Attorney Billy Byrd.

The jury, which sealed five of the indictments since no arrest had been made in those cases, also no-billed one case of an undisclosed nature, Byrd said.

The ex-jailer, Dallas Jordan Mosley, 30, of Gilmer, is charged with having “improper sexual activity with person in custody” on March 30, Byrd’s office said. He was freed on \$100,000 bond, the office added.

Sheriff Larry Webb’s office said Mosley was immediately suspended March 30 when the office began investigating a male inmate’s report that he had improper sexual conduct with a male prisoner.

Mosley was suspended pending the investigation, and county officers arrested him the next day, when he was fired, said Webb’s office.

The defendant had worked in the jail about 4 1/2 years and passed a criminal background check prior to employment, said the jail’s chief deputy, James Grunden.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the other open indictments were as follows, Byrd’s office said:

James Gorden Snow, 55, of Gladewater, burglary of a building on Feb. 24. He was released on \$15,000 bond.

Rodney Dwayne Duffey, 54, of Gladewater, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver April 28. He remained in county jail under \$35,000 bond.

David Gregory Harris, 60, of Winnsboro, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver June 27. He was freed on \$45,000 bond.

Jennifer Nicole Henderson, 39, of Big Sandy, abandon/endanger a child on May 21. She

remained jailed under \$25,000 bond.

Ashley Dawnette Goodson, 33, of Ore City, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) Feb. 15. She was released on \$25,000 bond.

Kevin Shane Bunn, 46, of Gilmer, retaliation on March 26. He was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Jalon Fulton, 17, of Texarkana, robbery on May 30. He remained jailed under \$100,000 bond.

Jamie Antoine Crockett, 50, of Dallas, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Oct. 18. Although he posted \$5,000 bond on that charge, he remained jailed on other charges.

Richard Charles Easley, 64, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine) June 29, 2024. He was released on \$50,000 bond.

Jacob Andrew Swanson, 29, of Gilmer, unauthorized use of vehicle Jan. 12. He remained jailed on other charges.

Adolphus Antonio Parker, 62, of Fort Worth, forgery on April 18. He remained jailed on other charges.

Matthew Cash Perez, 39, of Gilmer, burglary of building last Sept. 9. Arrested by Longview police March 22 and booked into the Upshur County Jail July 21, he remained confined under \$50,000 bond.

The sealed indictments, said Byrd’s office, included one each for aggravated assault with deadly weapon, assault/family violence--occlusion, and burglary of building.

The other sealed true-bills included one for “burglary of building--enhanced” (meaning the defendant has a prior criminal record and could therefore face a stiffer punishment for the offense than someone with no previous convictions). Jurors also returned a single sealed indictment of three counts of driving while intoxicated with child passenger.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

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

...a good tired

I am too tired to write this week’s column. Jack is too tired to write a column. And Clark Kent has put the finishing touches on the 48-page Fall Sports/Extracurricular tab that covers FOUR school districts and is now trying to finish this week’s paper for you, our much appreciated readers.

We live in the fast lane. Lately there have been as many as four meetings a week for good old Clark Kent, plus workdays. Plus a few, very few, ’fun’ days when we can sneak them in. When we should think about slowing down we are speeding up. Out of necessity. That’s what happens when you want your community newspaper to truly serve your readers.

I do believe that I would rather burn out, preferably blaze out, than fizzle out. That old platitude that “hard work never killed anybody” probably isn’t true in all cases.

We aren’t the only ones ‘burning the candle at both ends’. Our Gladewater firefighters, along with a host of volunteer fire departments and the Texas Forest Service have their



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The Best of
Suzanne Bardwell

hands full with fires started by pitched cigarettes, chains trailing vehicles on roadways and ignored burn bans. Those boys and girls are worn out trying to keep fires in check until a soaking rain limits the fuel for fire in our neck of the woods. And the volunteers nearly all have full-time jobs in addition to their time ‘on the line’ protecting our property and lives. Bless their hearts!

Please keep our firefighters in your prayers and be vigilant and careful where fire is concerned. And PLEASE get the heck out of their way when their lights and sirens are on. Also, cases of water and gatorade would be much appreciated by our GFD and surrounding volunteer fire departments. While you are at it don’t forget to give them a pat on the back and sincere thanks for the hard job they do in this sweltering heat.

I had planned to skip my birthday this year but my sweetie put a celebratory wish in the paper which resulted in the best cupcake I have ever eaten. Thanks to Main Street Director Christina Stanger for her thoughtfulness. She also brought two more to the office so I didn’t have to hide mine.

My buddy Lois Reed who is always thoughtful and generous remembered me in a special way. And our office manager Tiffany Harroff gave me the cutest cactus garden. I used to have a green thumb but lately it has turned brown. Hopefully I can keep the cactus garden happy by not overwatering. My brown plants have been underwatered so there is a pretty good chance I will be successful. That Tiffany is clearly forward thinking.

My annual Black Dog Gallery cake came from my gifted baker in-laws. If you have never had a Black Dog cake you are missing out. They ship them all over the United States. More importantly they hand delivered mine to the office last week.

Yummy!

And Jimmy beats all. He designed an umbrella made for me that is made up of Gladewater Mirror stories. He also threw in a Graf’s Jewelry store very cool southwestern bracelet. All I can say is that it is good to be loved.

Now if we can just catch some sleep the world will realign and we will be on to the next project and crusade. As soon as this paper ‘goes to bed’ so will we. A ‘good tired’ is not a bad thing. Not bad at all.

Gary Borders
Capital Highlights

Special session ends; Dems make new demands

With a quorum-breaking number of House Democrats still out of state, House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, gaveled the first special session to an end Friday. Gov. Greg Abbott immediately called a second special session that has already convened.

House Democrats indicated they will likely return to Texas at some point during the second special session and would fight the proposed redistricting attempt with legal challenges against the Republican plan to add five GOP-heavy congressional districts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

“Texas House Democrats broke quorum and successfully mobilized the nation against Trump’s assault on minority voting rights,” said Texas House Democratic Caucus Chair Rep. Gene Wu of Houston. “Now, as Democrats across the nation join our fight to cause these maps to fail their political purpose, we’re prepared to bring this battle back to Texas under the right conditions and to take this fight to the courts.”

Democratic California Gov. Gavin Newsom has said voters in his state will be asked in a November election to counter the redistricting move in Texas by approving new Democratic congressional districts there.

Meanwhile, the Texas Senate has passed legislation on flood relief and disaster response, doing away with STAAR testing in favor of three tests annually, and other measures that would await approval in the House during the new special session.

Colleges, nonprofits urge judge to reinstate Dream Act

As the fall semester gets underway, lawyers are again asking a district judge to allow them to contest a ruling that overturned the Texas Dream Act. That measure for 24 years has allowed eligible Texas residents who are non-citizens to pay in-state tuition rates, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The federal government in June sued the state, arguing the 2001 Dream Act provides unfair benefits to non-U.S. citizens. When the state declined to fight the suit, state District Judge Reed O’ Connor stopped the law from being enforced. That means non-citizens would have to pay the considerably higher tuition rates charged to international students.

Multiple parties have sued seeking to join the suit after the state declined, but the judge has not ruled on that bid, leaving colleges and universities in limbo as tuition bills are sent out.

“They would have had a very hard time proving that a 25-year state law that has helped tens of thousands of students is somehow harming the U.S.,” said David Donatti of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is seeking to join the suit. “Our arguments are very strong. To me, our right to intervene is extremely clear.”

Texas has more than 57,000 students without legal documentation, second only to California, according to Inside Higher Ed. They would face tuition rates up to four times higher than in-state tuition if the ban on the Dream Act becomes permanent.

No cellphones in schools, other new laws to take effect

Students will no longer be able to access their cellphones or other electronic devices in public schools when a new law takes effect Sept. 1, according to The News. Texas school districts will have 90 days to adopt and enforce policies on how cellphones will be restricted or stored on their campuses.

The new law allows for an exception if the district provides electronic devices to students for instructional purposes.

Other new laws require displaying a poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments in each classroom, allowing districts to adopt policies setting aside time for students and staff to pray or read a religious text, and a ban on school-sponsored LGBTQ clubs.

If approved by voters in November, homeowners should see lower property tax bills with the homestead exemption being raised from \$100,000 to \$140,000. Residents with disabilities or those 65 and older will see the exemption rise to \$200,000 if the proposed amendments pass.

Disruption

“Creative disruption” is a process by which the invention of one very useful thing brings major changes for many others. It is related to “creative destruction” (the rapid obsolescence of some activities as new mechanisms emerge) which dates back to sociologist Werner Sombart over a century ago and was brought into mainstream economic thought by Joseph Schumpeter in the 1940s. These phenomena happen frequently in niches across the economy. For example, telephone switchboard operators largely went away due to automation. These disturbances are healthy and, indeed, essential to progress, but can engender very difficult transitions.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a disruptor on steroids! While not yet perfected, its deployment is affecting essentially every industry and type of work. Few occupations will be left unchanged, with workers either using it to be more productive or out of work entirely as AI-driven robots and sensors or software displace them.

The only remotely comparable shift in recent times is the internet. People became more productive, as they could easily communicate, send information, and conduct research. However, there were also significant disruptions, such as the rise of e-commerce and online advertising and the resulting effects on traditional retail outlets and aspects of print media.

Nonetheless, while the internet primarily impacted tasks related to information access and communication, AI is beginning to both automate cognitive tasks previously exclusive to humans and enable new levels of machine learning and robotics. In fact, a recent report suggests that AI could eventually automate a quarter of all work tasks in the US and Europe.

AI is affecting a broad range of white-collar and high-skill jobs, performing tasks such as legal research, drafting

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basic documents, financial modeling, and even some code writing. Consequently, positions in these fields are at risk, though companies will necessarily maintain some hiring to foster future leadership.

New jobs created by AI will initially be concentrated in the development, deployment, and maintenance of AI systems. In addition, jobs requiring uniquely human skills such as creativity, critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and interpersonal communication will see increased demand. As AI handles routine tasks, workers can focus on higher-value activities, which is a positive development.

Companies and industries must morph to remain relevant, and current and potential employees must upskill and adapt. Beyond the risks to jobs or firms, it will also be important to ensure that regions or nations without adequate supporting infrastructure aren’t deprived of the opportunities for progress that AI will enable. Ultimately, AI will create more jobs than it destroys. That has been true of all major disruptors throughout history, dating back to the greatest of them all – the wheel—about 5,500 years ago. In the meantime, buckle up and get ready! Stay safe!

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PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability is defined as “*The quality or state of being accountable; especially an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one’s actions.*” There is a great lack of personal accountability in our culture today. More and more people want to shift the blame of their own actions to someone else. Call it “*passing the buck*” or whatever you want to call it, it is becoming standard conduct. Ronald Reagan said: “*We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.*” Of course, what fuels such conduct is accountability breeds responsibility! We are facing a climate where there is a woeful lack of personal responsibility!

Such is not only true in life in general, but it is obvious in the religious world as well. Daniel Webster was asked: “*What is the greatest thought that can occupy a man’s mind?*” He answered: “*His accountability to God.*” But, like Adam and Eve, people don’t want to be held accountable. When facing the responsibility of eating the forbidden fruit Eve said the serpent was to blame. She said: “*The serpent deceived me, and I ate*” (Gen. 3: 13). Adam blamed Eve. He said: “*The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate*” (v.12). Actually, he not only blamed his wife, but he blamed God! He implied: “*Lord, after all, You are the one who gave me the woman!*”

Playing the blame game may work with society, but it does not cut it with God. Rom. 14: 12 says: “*So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.*” You see, the Lord knows all the facts and details, and nothing is hidden from Him, because “*There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account*” (Heb. 4: 13). In Jeremiah 17: 10 we read: “*I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.*”

Each of us is accountable for his actions. I cannot serve God for my family, and neither can they serve Him for me. The prophet Ezekiel said: “*The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him*” (Ezek. 18: 20). We are accountable for our own actions (Jas. 1: 13-15). Think on these things.

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Sports roundup

Area varsity volleyball teams kick off season

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball team got their 2025 season underway when they hosted the Jacksonville Lady Maidens at Bill Waters gym and in a back and forth contest they fell 3-2.

The Lady Bears took the opening set 25-16. But Jacksonville bounced back and took set two by a score of 25-20.

The Lady Maidens then took set three 25-19. But the Lady Bears rallied to force a winner take all set five by winning set four, 25-19. But Jacksonville would take control and win the match in the fifth set by a score of 15-8. Gladewater would then make the trip to Malakoff to take part in the Cross Roads tournament where they went 0-4 with losses to Buffalo (2-0), Maypearl (2-0), Grand Saline (2-1) and Palmer (2-0).

The Lady Bears start the season 0-5 and will be back at home next with home matches with Carlisle and Overton

The White Oak Ladynecks opened up what they hope is another successful season as they hosted a very talented

Spring Hill team and fell in four sets, 3-1. In set one, the Lady Panthers took it 25-23. They then went up 2-0 with a 25-15 set two win. White Oak kept the game alive with a 25-18 set three victory. But the Lady Panthers closed it out with a 25-21 set four victory. The Ladynecks would then head to Nacogdoches to take part in the Central Heights tournament where they went 6-3 and and won the consolation bracket. They had wins over Elysian Fields (2-0), Garrison (2-0), Quitman (2-0), North Hopkins (2-1), Marshall (2-1) and Henderson in the consolation bracket championship game (2-1) with losses to Marshall (2-1), Henderson (2-1) and Farmersville (2-1).

White Oak starts their season at 6-4 and will next will be in action when they head to Longview to take on Lufkin and Longview in a dual match followed by heading to Van to compete in the Van tournament

The Union Grove Lady Lions looked to build on the momentum of a playoff run last season as they opened up their 2025 season with a home match with Garrison

where they fell 3-1. Union Grove took set one, 25-15. But Garrison stormed back winning the next three sets (25-17, 25-12 and 25-18).

The Lady Lions would then make a trip to Tyler to take on Cumberland Academy where they swept the Lady Knights 3-0. Union Grove

won set one (27-25), set two (25-21) and finished off the sweep with a 25-21 win. It improved the Lady Lions to 1-1 on the early season.

They will next have a road match at Gary followed by heading to West Rusk to take part in the West Rusk tournament

2025 Varsity Football Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTE
Friday, August 15	Overton	Away	5:00 PM	Scrimmage
Thursday, August 21	All-Saints	Away	5:00 PM	Scrimmage
Friday, August 29	Como-Pickton	Home	7:00 PM	-
Friday, September 5	Cumby	Away	7:00 PM	-
Friday, September 12	Cushing	Home	7:00 PM	Homecoming
Thursday, September 18	Waskom*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Friday, September 26	Hawkins*	Home	7:00 PM	Tailgate
Friday, October 3	Elysian Fields*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, October 9	Ore City*	Away	7:00 PM	KYXX Game of the Week
Friday, October 17	---	---	---	Open Week
Thursday, October 23	Harleton*	Home	7:00 PM	Pink Out
Friday, October 31	Beckville*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Friday, November 7	Big Sandy*	Home	7:00 PM	Senior Night

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Thursday, August 21	All-Saints	Away	5:00 PM	Scrimmage
Thursday, August 28	Como-Pickton	Away	5:00 PM	-
Thursday, September 4	Cumby?	Home	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, September 11	Cushing	Away	7:00 PM	-
Tuesday, September 16	Waskom*	Home	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, September 25	Hawkins*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, October 2	Elysian Fields*	Home	7:00 PM	-
Tuesday, October 7	Ore City*	Home	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, October 16	---	---	---	Open Week
Tuesday, October 21	Harleton*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, October 30	Beckville*	Home	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, November 6	Big Sandy*	Away	7:00 PM	-

2025 JH Football Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (7th/8th)	NOTE
Thursday, September 4	Cumby?	Home	5:00/6:00 PM	Scrimmage
Thursday, September 11	Cushing	Away	5:00/6:00 PM	-
Tuesday, September 16	Waskom*	Home	5:00/6:00 PM	-
Thursday, September 25	Hawkins*	Away	5:00/6:00 PM	-
Thursday, October 2	Elysian Fields*	Home	5:00/6:00 PM	-
Tuesday, October 7	Ore City*	Home	5:00/6:00 PM	-
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Thursday, November 6	Big Sandy*	Away	5:00/6:00 PM	-



VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULES 2025-2026

LOCATION & TIME	SITE
Aug 15 / 6:30 PM VS New Diana White Oak White Oak, TX --	White Oak White Oak, TX
Aug 21 / 6:30 PM AT West Rusk West Rusk New London, TX --	West Rusk New London, TX
Aug 29 / 7:30 PM AT Eustace Eustace Eustace, TX --	Eustace Eustace, TX
Sep 05 / 7:00 PM VS Paul Hewitt White Oak White Oak, TX --	White Oak White Oak, TX
Sep 11 / 7:00 PM AT Quitman Quitman Quitman, TX --	Quitman Quitman, TX
Sep 19 / 7:00 PM VS Queen City White Oak White Oak, TX --	White Oak White Oak, TX
Sep 26 / 7:00 PM VS Atlanta White Oak White Oak, TX --	White Oak White Oak, TX
Oct 09 / 7:00 PM AT Jefferson Jefferson Jefferson, TX --	Jefferson Jefferson, TX
Oct 17 / 7:00 PM VS Sabine White Oak White Oak, TX --	White Oak White Oak, TX
Oct 24 / 7:00 PM AT Liberty Eylau Liberty Eylau Texarkana, TX --	Liberty Eylau Texarkana, TX
Oct 31 / 7:00 PM VS Tatum White Oak White Oak, TX --	White Oak White Oak, TX
Nov 07 / 7:00 PM AT Gladewater Gladewater Gladewater, TX --	Gladewater Gladewater, TX

GLADEWATER BEARS			
2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES			
VARSITY			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
8/14	TROUP (SCRIMMAGE)	7:00	AWAY
8/21	NORTH LAMAR (SCRIMMAGE)	7:00	HOME
8/28	DAINGERFIELD	7:00	AWAY
9/5	NEW DIANA	7:00	HOME
9/11	WEST RUSK	7:00	HOME
9/19	SPRING HILL	7:00	HOME
9/26	*JEFFERSON	7:00	AWAY
10/3	*SABINE	7:00	HOME
10/10	*LIBERTY EYLAU	7:00	AWAY
10/17	*TATUM	7:00	HOME
10/24	OPEN		
10/31	*ATLANTA	7:00	AWAY
11/7	*WHITE OAK	7:00	HOME
HOMECOMING	SENIOR NIGHT	WELDON GAME	*DISTRICT GAME
JUNIOR VARSITY			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
8/14	TROUP (SCRIMMAGE)	6:00	AWAY
8/21	NORTH LAMAR (SCRIMMAGE)	6:00	HOME
9/4	NEW DIANA	5:00	AWAY
9/9	WEST RUSK	5:00	AWAY
9/18	SPRING HILL	5:00	AWAY
9/25	JEFFERSON	7:00	HOME
10/2	SABINE	7:00	AWAY
10/9	LIBERTY EYLAU	7:00	HOME
10/16	TATUM	7:00	AWAY
10/23	OPEN		
10/30	ATLANTA	7:00	HOME
11/6	WHITE OAK	7:00	AWAY
8th GRADE (B / A)			
Date	Opponent	Time	Site
9/4	NEW DIANA	4:30 / 6:30	AWAY (SCRIMMAGE)
9/9	WEST RUSK	4:30 / 6:30	HOME
9/18	SPRING HILL	4:30 / 6:30	HOME
9/25	JEFFERSON	4:00 / 6:00	HOME
10/2	SABINE	4:00 / 6:00	AWAY
10/9	LIBERTY EYLAU	4:00 / 6:00	HOME
10/16	TATUM	4:00 / 6:00	AWAY
10/23	OPEN		
10/30	ATLANTA	4:00 / 6:00	HOME
11/6	WHITE OAK	4:00 / 6:00	AWAY
7th GRADE (B / A)			
Date	Opponent	Time	Site
9/4	NEW DIANA	4:30 / 5:00	AWAY (SCRIMMAGE)
9/9	WEST RUSK	4:30 / 5:00	HOME
9/18	SPRING HILL	4:30 / 5:00	HOME
9/25	JEFFERSON	4:00 / 4:30	HOME
10/2	SABINE	4:00 / 4:30	AWAY
10/9	LIBERTY EYLAU	4:00 / 4:30	HOME
10/16	TATUM	4:00 / 4:30	AWAY
10/23	OPEN		
10/30	ATLANTA	4:00 / 4:30	HOME
11/6	WHITE OAK	4:00 / 4:30	AWAY

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former Texas grocer: Pay-N- ____
6 TXism: "hard as folding ____ in a windstorm"
7 rank and ____
8 TX Perot ran as one in 1992
16 famous Texas case: ____ v. Wade
17 crosstown rival of Permian (2 wds.)
21 position of Astro Jeremy Pena (abbr.)
22 Bugs Bunny foe: Elmer ____
23 San Augustine: "The ____ of Texas"
24 TXism: "at the drop ____ _ ____"
29 small and racer, A.J.
30 Houston racer, A.J.
31 ____ Campo, TX
32 these Patriots won Super Bowl LI in Houston (2 wds.)
34 this Thomas was first Texas female in the U.S. Congress
35 traffic tie-up in Houston or Dallas
36 1947 romance film starring TX Greer Garson (2 wds.)
37 Elm ____, TX
38 El ____, TX
39 "Gone With The Wind" plantation
40 TXism: " ____ the Lord and pass the ammunition!"
42 fattened rooster

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43 cattle auction bid indicator
44 A&M-Kingsville was formerly Texas ____
45 old west justice: " ____ feathers"
46 TXism: " ____-horse town"
47 TX pitching legend: ____ Ryan
49 TXism: " ____ sheared like a spring lamb" (cheated)
50 Pontiac "muscle car"
51 TXism: " ____ argue with a fence post"
52 former Astro GM, Smith
53 TXism: "cut ____ some slack"
10 Austin's "Deep ____" was Texas' first swimming pool
11 Texas-based 1992 TV movie: " ____ Blessing"
12 this Smith was Cowboys LB (1993-96) (init.)
13 prom date, e.g.
14 TXism: " ____ _ soul" (no one)
15 TXism: " ____ dog won't hunt" (disagree)
18 TXism: " ____ have to get better to die" (sick)
19 Jackie of Texas-based film "Smokey and the Bandit II"
20 "Soap" and "Who's the Boss" actress, TX Katherine
22 TXism: "he'll be late to his own ____"
24 TX Dabney Coleman 1981 film: " ____ Golden Pond"
25 Texas' Guadalupe is a spring- ____ river
26 TXism: "does ____ dog stink?" (yes)
27 " ____ _ ____ show" (didn't attend)
28 TXism: "could talk the legs off ____ stove"
29 panhandle town
30 fancy festival
33 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ____ Sueur
34 Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII (2 wds.)
35 Texans fought against this country in WWII
37 TXism: "burn the ____ oil"
38 ____ chute
41 TX Toomay's "On ____ Given Sunday"
42 TX ____ Farley's Boys Ranch
45 tater ____
48 pasta tube or swim toy

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GPD Activity Report

CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CFM	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
8/1/25	10-SUMNR	2025384	11:11	GAY GAY	
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2025385	18:36	304 W SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR	
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2025386	19:40	305 W OLIVER OLIVER ST	
	FIRE DEPT	2025387	21:15	300 MONEY MONEY ST	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025388	21:40		
	FIRE DEPT	2025389	22:11	300 MONEY MONEY ST	
	ABANDONED 911	2025391	23:41	1300 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR	
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2025392	0:09	MARY ST MARY ST	
	BMS	2025393	1:24	511 S TYLER TYLER RD	
	ESCORT	2025394	9:29	32 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE	
8/1/25	FIRE DEPT	2025396	9:50	300 MONEY MONEY ST	
	FIRE DEPT	2025398	11:54	306 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE	
	FIRE DEPT	2025399	13:46	516 VISTA VISTA LN	
	BMS	2025399	14:50	250 W GAY GAY AVE	
	BMS	2025399	16:27	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	BMS	2025399	16:54	100 E COMMERCE COMMERCE	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	20:36	511 S TYLER TYLER	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	22:12	504 JEANETTE JEANETTE	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025397	22:29	804 CANFIELD CANFIELD	
	ALARMOTHER	2025399	23:38	314 SAUNDERS SAUNDERS	
8/1/25	FIRE DEPT	2025399	2:45	312 HAYNES HAYNES AVE	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025391	5:24	W GAY W GAY	
	BMS	2025392	7:30	300 MONEY MONEY ST	
	ABANDONED 911	2025393	10:47	ALFRED FAMILY DENTISTRY	418 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	2025394	11:05	AMERICAN REAL ESTATE	1400 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025395	10:50	405 N TITUS TITUS ST	
	THEFT	2025396	14:38	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	TERROR THREAT	2025397	15:38	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	2025399	16:14	716 CANFIELD CANFIELD	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	19:09	165 VILLAGE NORTH VILLAGE NORTH CR	
8/1/25	MISCELLANEOUS	2025370	19:32	2016 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR	
	ABANDONED 911	2025371	21:00	11947 US HWY 271 US HWY 271	
	BMS	2025372	23:30	300 MONEY MONEY ST	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025373	1:00	LAKE GLADEWATER	1800 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	2025375	9:20	MELBA MELBA	
	BMS	2025376	10:50	894 TENERY TENERY	
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2025377	11:10	DOLLAR GENERAL	504 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	BMS	2025378	12:19	121 PRIVATE ROAD 3447 PRIVATE ROAD 3447	
	ASSIST	2025379	15:52	506 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR	
	BMS	2025380	16:39	300 MONEY MONEY ST	
8/1/25	FIRE DEPT	2025381	16:59	2286 CR 101 CR 101	
	10-SUMNR	2025383	17:36	N MAIN MAIN ST	
	ALARMOTHER	2025384	18:39	NORTH LOOP CHURCH OF CHRIST	1000 N LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025385	18:59	2200 PINECREST PINECREST	
	FIRE DEPT	2025386	19:26	516 MELBA MELBA	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025397	20:00	GAY GAY	
	BMS	2025388	21:10	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025389	21:57	3019 E LAKE LAKE	
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	2025390	22:11	214 HULL HULL AVE	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025391	22:27	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
8/1/25	MISCELLANEOUS	2025392	5:19	301 W UPSHUR UPSHUR	
	10-SUMNR	2025393	7:29	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	10-SUMNR	2025394	9:40	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	516 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	10-SUMNR	2025396	10:46	1812 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY	
	BMS	2025397	12:30	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1802 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FIRE DEPT	2025398	13:19	401 AVALON AVALON DR	
	FIRE DEPT	2025399	15:01	448 W COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE	
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025390	16:34	204 E EDDY EDDY AVE	
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2025392	19:27	2212 WOODBINE WOODBINE	
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2025393	20:09	1304 OLIVE OLIVE	
8/1/25	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2025394	20:39	308 W WALTON WALTON	
	FIRE DEPT	2025395	21:10	236 REYNOLDS REYNOLDS CR	
	FIRE DEPT	2025396	23:34	2884 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS	
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MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	7:49	PENNYS FOOD & FUEL	807 S TYLER TYLER ST
BMS	2025390	8:16		201 N TENERY TENERY ST
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2025391	9:24	TEE MART	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
BMS	2025393	10:50	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2885 FM 2885
INCIDENT - NO REPORT	2025394	11:00		SAUNDERS SAUNDERS
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2025395	13:42		1809 SHELLCAMP SHELLCAMP
FIRE DEPT	2025397	15:20		600 LINCOLN SPRINGS RD LINCOLN SPRINGS RD
MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	20:09	BILL DICKSON CHEVROLET	1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
ANIMAL CONTROL	2025390	20:14		SPENCER SPENCER
FIRE DEPT	2025391	21:09		2300 WOODBINE WOODBINE
MISCELLANEOUS	2025392	21:33		515 W MARSHALL MARSHALL
8/1/25	MISCELLANEOUS	2025392	0:12	1500 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	ALARMOTHER	2025394	0:20	WALDONALDS
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	2025395	2:19	514 N FERRY FERRY
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	2:49	1500 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2025397	3:19	E BROADWAY E BROADWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	4:53	SEMORES WILCO
	ALARMOTHER	2025393	9:20	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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	MISCELLANEOUS	2025399	19:09	511 S TYLER TYLER
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025394	19:41	501 MELBA MELBA
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2025394	20:31	1194 E MARY MARY
	FIRE DEPT	2025394	21:09	54 GREENWAY GREENWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025394	1:09	308 W WALTON WALTON
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025394	2:00	1300 MARY MARY
	MISCELLANEOUS	2025394		

WHITE OAK POLICE

For the two-week reporting period of August 4th through August 17, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 439 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Burglar Alarms, Suspicious Activity, Assaults, Vehicle Driving Complaints, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Three traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period. No injuries were reported.

The White Oak Police made five arrests during this reporting period:

Nathan Hill, 26, of Gladewater, for Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and Driving While Intoxicated with an open container.

Derek Miller, 35, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated with an open container.

John Smelley, 31, of White Oak, Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Jason Westerman, 49, of White Oak, Gregg County Warrant- DWI 2nd.

Donovan McCloskey, 24, of White Oak, for Driving While Intoxicated.

One search warrant was requested and obtained for a criminal investigation.

Five separate and unrelated cases were presented to the Gregg County District Attorney for prosecution: Two for Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, two for Driving While Intoxicated with an open container, one for Driving While Intoxicated and Resisting arrest, search, or transport, and one for Theft of Property \$100-\$750.



The Gladewater Bass Anglers fished Lake o’ the Pines earlier this month, reporting soaring temperatures and a successful weekend. According to the results, 1st Place went to Team Slayton with 17.65, 2nd for Pollick (16.92) then 3rd to Ranier and Gilbert at 15.57. Pollick nabbed the big bass, 6.01. Courtesy Photo

State health officials declare W. Texas measles outbreak over

By Terri Langford, The Texas Tribune

The West Texas measles outbreak, the nation’s largest in 30 years, is now over, state health officials announced on Monday. The Texas Department of State Health Services announced the outbreak was over after no new cases had been reported in 42 days.

“We arrived at this point through a comprehensive outbreak response that included testing, vaccination, disease monitoring and educating the public about measles through awareness campaigns,” DSHS Commissioner Dr. Jennifer A. Shuford said in a statement. “I also want to recognize the many health care professionals who identified and treated cases of a virus that most providers had never seen in person before this outbreak.”

The outbreak began in late January in Seminole and eventually spread to more than 10 Texas counties and to three other states — Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma — as well as Mexico. As of Aug. 18, 762 Texas cases of measles were detected and more than two-thirds of the cases involved children. Ninety-six people were hospitalized and two Seminole children died from the disease. Most of those infected were unvaccinated. The state health agency, which spent more than \$10 million to combat the outbreak, insisted the end of the outbreak does not mean the threat of measles has passed. The best protection against the highly contagious respiratory virus is to be immunized with two doses of measles-mumps-rubella or MMR vaccine, which prevent more than 97% of measles infections.

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City leaders insist airport plan won't stall out

By James Draper

Gladewater Municipal Airport has plenty of traffic, but it's never quite gotten the funding to take it to another level, Charlie Smith says.

There's room for growth, according to Gladewater's city manager. Now, there's a plan for it, too, and a fire under coun-

End Summer with Friends, Not Cellmates

Law enforcement is increasing patrols across Texas to stop drunk drivers, from now to Sept. 1

AUSTIN – Whether it's coming home from the pool or a BBQ, summer fun can end quickly with just one bad decision. Every 23 minutes there's a crash in Texas involving a driver under the influence of alcohol. That's more than 60 crashes a day in our state and adds up to a lifetime of pain for families who lost loved ones.

As the Labor Day holiday approaches, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is asking Texans not to drink and drive and to always choose a sober ride. Law enforcement will be watching for Texas drivers who make the wrong choice and drive drunk instead of calling a ride, taking public transit, or designating a sober driver. Texans know that it's never just about following the law — it's about saving lives.

"As Texans, we care about our neighbors and families, and that doesn't stop when we get behind the wheel," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Even when you are celebrating Labor Day, it's important to do so responsibly and choose a sober ride so we can all get home safely."

Drunk driving has far-reaching risks and consequences, but you can always find a sober ride. That's the message TxDOT hopes to spread with its "Drive Sober. No Regrets" Labor Day campaign and partnership with Texas law enforcement agencies.

During the summer, 273 people were killed and 596 were seriously injured in DUI-alcohol related crashes. (June 1 - Aug. 31, 2024)

Over Labor Day weekend alone, there were 327 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 10 fatalities and 36 serious injuries. (Friday, Aug. 30, 6 p.m. to Monday, Sept. 2, 11:59 p.m.)

24% of the total traffic deaths during the Labor Day time period in Texas were DUI-alcohol related.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is conducting a national increased enforcement period Aug. 15 - Sept. 1 to stop drunk drivers.

cil members to starting checking items off the new task list.

Texas Department of Transportation regulates the airports, Smith noted, and spearheaded the 2025 plan in collaboration with city personnel.

"Every 10 years we're supposed to go in and take a look at the airport to see what changes might benefit us," he said. It took the better part of two years to assemble all the tasks to fuel the airfield's future: "That airport is used a lot. Just go out and sit for a day and see all the airplanes that come and go. There's a lot of traffic."

The city's volunteer airport board reviewed and signed off on the structured plan earlier this year, and council members adopted it unanimously last month.

"This is the kind of plan we want to enact for everything," council member Kevin Clark said.

The layout plan factors in available space and potential

costs as well as opportunities to add new amenities such as enhanced communications, meeting spaces, additional hangars and more.

The council members briefly discussed setting a timeline for airport enhancements, i.e. during the coming decade, while brainstorming other ways to increase activity, such as airport events.

Smart plans for community growth have fallen by the wayside in years past, Mayor Brandy Flanagan said: "From a council position, what can we do to ensure this gets enacted?"

The experts divided the airport strategy into phases and aligned grants to enact those steps. Make it happen, Flanagan added, and put the airfield to its best use.

"It does us no good as a city to have these assets and let them fall apart... The whole point of having this before us is because it is the plan we will follow-through as the city."



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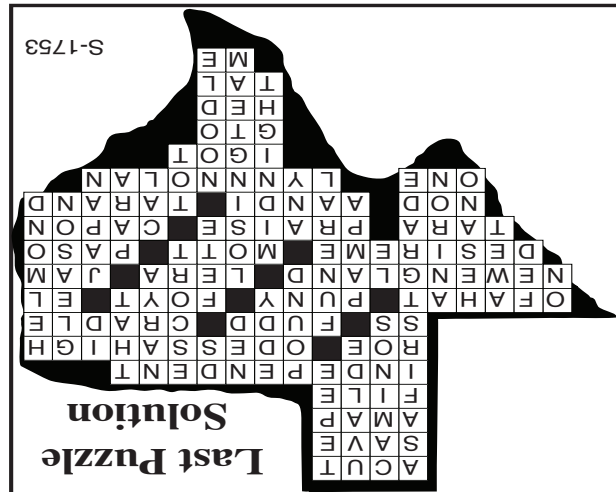


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All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 2025-04 OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK WAS PASSED IN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 14, 2025, TO ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE USE OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO SUCH REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION;AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FOR A COPY OF THE COMPLETE ORDINANCE, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTINE TOON, CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF WHITE OAK, 906 S. WHITE OAK RD., WHITE OAK, TX 75693 OR CALL 903.759.3936 x17.

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Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., 320 S Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, TX 75702, and at City of Gladewater, 519 E. Broadway Ave., Gladewater, TX 75647.

PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS may be examined without charge at City of Gladewater. Bid forms and plans may be examined or obtained at the office of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., 320 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, Texas 75702. One copy of each set of documents may be obtained from Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., upon payment of \$60.00. No refunds will be made. Plans can also be found online at www.civcastusa.com.

A Bidder's Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check in an amount not less than (5%) of the total bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into contract with the City of Gladewater.

This project will include approximately, 90 LF of 24" pvc gravity sewer, 734 LF of 12" pvc gravity sewer, 1489 LF of 8" gravity sewer, 9 manholes, and other miscellaneous items of construction.

The project is to be substantially complete within 90 calendar days from the notice to proceed and shall be fully complete within 90 calendar days from the notice to proceed. Liquidated damages of \$300.00 per day shall be assessed for any days in which contract time is exceeded.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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1. LT 1 BLK 4 NORTON & OLSON; more commonly known as 501 Godfrey St.

2. LTS 6 THRU 9 BLK 1 LAVELLE ADDN; more commonly known as 509-511 E. Miller Ave. (Dr. MLK Jr. Dr.)

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What's Happening?

Rosedale Cemetery meeting set

The annual Rosedale Cemetery Association business meeting will be held in the Rosedale Cemetery Cottage, at the corner of Hwy. 80 East and Loop 485 in Gladewater on Sunday, August 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Locals on 2025 UIL All-State Staff

Congrats to the 245 student journalists named to the All-State Journalism Staff for their outstanding achievement in yearbook, newspaper, online news, and broadcast journalism during the 2024-25 school year!

Among the local honored journalists are:

Abby Lobue, White Oak; Alli Sims, White Oak; Collin Wheat, White Oak; Kate Dusek, White Oak and Peyton Yosten, White Oak.

Bailee Hosak, Union Grove ISD; Charlotte Wright, Union Grove ISD; Hannah Caperton, Union Grove ISD; Jamie Russell, Union Grove ISD; McClane Handorf, Union Grove ISD and Natalie Pritchett, Union Grove ISD.

Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water signup

August 30 is deadline to file to run for a seat on the board of directors of the Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District No. 417.

Those who own title to farm and ranch lands within subdivision five of the district are eligible to run for the seat, and to vote, in the Oct. 8 election, set for 10 a.m. at the district's headquarters in Gilmer.

Candidates must file during normal business hours



Upshur County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Hall is now serving as School Resource Officer at Union Grove ISD.

at the district, housed in the USDA Service Center at 1259 Hwy. 271 South. Although the office won't be open on the last day to file, a Saturday, candidates can file in the mail slot that day through 4:30 p.m. and must date the time of filing.

Candidates can also file by mail which is postmarked no later than Aug. 30.

The subdivision five seat held by Stephen (Steve) Still, who has filed for reelection, is the only place on the 5-member board up for election to a 3-year term. That subdivision covers south central Upshur County.

Besides Still, board members include chairman Janet Knight, vice-chairman Scott Clower, secretary Charles V. (Victor) Hill, and Alan Branham. For more information, contact District Clerk Technician Joyce Williams at 903-734-8732.

Storytime in Gilmer

Two books will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (Aug. 21).

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. readings are "Pete the Cat-I Love My White Shoes" by Eric Litwin (illustrated by James Dean), and "Color the Sky" by David Elliott (illustrated by Evan Turk).

A "shoe coloring sheet" craft will follow each session. While the activities are free, children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent. The library is at 702 W. Tyler, which is also Texas 154.

For more information, call the library at 903-843-5001. Amy Allred is its children's director.

Roadwork areas

TYLER – TxDOT is planning to conduct the

following construction and maintenance work in the district during the week of Aug. 18, 2025. Please remember, work schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failure, or other unforeseen issues. Slow down and pay attention in work zones.

Gregg County

Longview Maintenance is scheduled to perform base repairs on FM 1650, west of US 259 N. Crews will also perform ditch maintenance at the same location. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. Also, crews will perform base repairs and ditch maintenance on SH 42, south of River Road. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. Time permitting, crews will begin ditch maintenance on FM 2207, between SH 135 and N. Cole Bottom Rd. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic.

US 80

Limits: Lake Divernia east to FM 3272

Contractor: Longview Bridge

Cost: \$3.43 million

Anticipated Completion Date: September 2025

This week, the contractor will be milling and patching base failures. The project consists of removing four inches of existing surface and replacing with new hot mix. The project will also include striping and pavement markings.

SH 135

Kilgore Traffic Circle

Limits: Traffic circle in Kilgore to Rusk County line

Contractor: East Texas Bridge Cost: \$8.37 million

Anticipated Completion Date: August 2025

This week, crews are scheduled to place the final striping and work on punch list items. This project involves rebuilding the traffic circle.



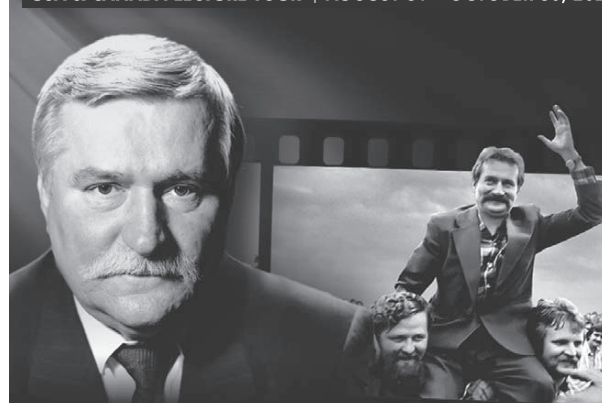
Roy T. and Linda (Whitlock) Van Houten observed their 65th wedding anniversary (August 5) on Saturday, August 2 at Clarksville City Baptist Church in Gladewater with more than 50 family members and friends gathered. The longtime residents of Gladewater have been actively involved in the community for many years, serving as Gusher Days Board of Directors, and involved with the Gladewater Former Students Association. They owned and operated XLI Industries, until their retirement in December 2010.

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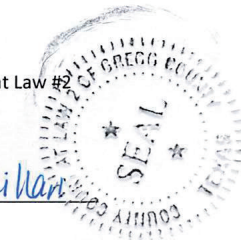
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Clerk of County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas

By Amil McMillan
Deputy



GEDCO ties new grant fund to permanent improvements

By James Draper

It's a vicious cycle: As buildings decline, the costs of renovating them increases more and more, year after year.

Whether asbestos, a crumbling foundation or ancient plumbing, problems that come with age are costly, making even the most outwardly attractive or well-placed structure a non-starter. That's a rough reality for developers and for a community that's hungry for growth.

Gladewater Economic Development Corporation has already been helping entrepreneurs enhance their business ventures through the Grow Gladewater Grant Program. Now, the organization wants to help rejuvenate the infrastructure housing those businesses, investing local dollars in permanent improvements for long-term ROI.

GEDCO Executive Director Anna Conlan pitched the expansion of the organization's grant program to her board last week. The group still offers small business grants, she said, but GEDCO is also adding larger grants to tackle the high-dollar projects that discourage prospects.

"It's keeping us from putting buildings back on the market that could be creating business or creating jobs," she said Aug. 13. With the new initiative, "The money is going to stay with the infrastructure of Gladewater.

In the unfortunate event a business relocates or fails, "That building for the next person is up to code, can have a business in it, does not have that expense. The infrastructure's there."

It makes the community as a whole more viable for developers seeking turnkey properties.

"I think it's a great idea," said GEDCO board member

(and Gladewater Mirror publisher) Jim Bardwell. "It should have been done a long time ago."

Board member Mark Carpenter was concerned an infrastructure grant program could sparking a 'flipping' situation. The new grants can assist in refurbishing a building, covering "egregious" costs like a sprinkler system, Carpenter agreed, but will the increased value of the building be taken into account if a property is sold?

"We're not talking about a fly-by-night business," Conlan said. Even with GEDCO's assistance, developers aren't going to put \$50,000 or \$100,000 into a property if they're not in it for the long haul. "This isn't a performance incentive. It's based on their spend. They get 50 percent up to a certain amount.

Meanwhile, "We've improved a property in Gladewater," regardless of who's occupying the building.

The current grant program (whose guidelines were also updated last week) funds a variety of projects. That includes, for example, grants for signage and similar aesthetic improvements tied to the applying business.

Signage is portable, Conlan said. If a business leaves, for whatever reason, the signage likely goes, too.

Infrastructure improvements, like fire suppression systems, stay where they are regardless of who owns or leases a property.

"You would be increasing the value of it permanently," board member Danny Darden agreed. At the same time, "We've removed a barrier to entry."

With infrastructure, the property value increases as soon as improvements are completed, GEDCO Board President Luke Kimbrough said.

It makes Gladewater more attractive as a business destination, according to Mayor Brandy Flanagan, ex-officio board member.

"We want developers to come in and get these buildings and completely redevelop them," she said, and infrastructure grants are an attractive incentive: "We want them to hear about that and get in here and buy these buildings."

Notably, Conlan said, the developer pays the project costs upfront for reimbursement by GEDCO.

"For a change," Bardwell added, "we actually are requiring them to put their money where their mouth is."



Gladewater FFA's Ethan Alvarez and Ty Richey brought home accolades from the 2025 Bluebonnet Kick-Off Classic in Bryan earlier this month. Hosted by the Bluebonnet Brahman Breeders Association, Alvarez won the 16-year-old division while Richey won the 14-year-old division on showmanship.

Courtesy photos from Gladewater FFA

Council considers new board's dog park proposal Thursday

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Texas Open Meetings Act, in addition to deliberation regarding real property, the council members are scheduled to consult with the city's legal counsel regarding liquor stores (the group voted against two developers' proposals last month) and on an underage house party at Lake Gladewater in July.

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