Redistricting bill heads to Abbott's desk

Both the Texas House and Senate have passed a mid-decade redistricting bill that positions the GOP to pick up five additional congressional seats next year. Passage came after House Democrats ended their quorum-breaking walkout while still vowing to pursue legal challenges.

The bill dismantles Democratic strongholds around Houston, Austin and Dallas and increases Republican challenges of also picking up seats in South Texas, The Texas Tribune reported.

In response, California lawmakers seeking to counter Texas' redistricting move have approved a special election for their voters to consider a new congressional map that would likely add five Democratic seats in California.

"This fight is far from over," Rep. Gene Wu of Houston, chair of the House Democratic Caucus, said after the map's passage in that chamber. "Our best shot is in the courts. This part of the fight is over, but it is merely the first chapter."

Judge blocks law requiring Ten Commandments in classrooms

A San Antonio federal judge has temporarily blocked a Texas law that would require public schools to post the Ten Commandments in every classroom, the Chronicle reported. The suit was filed by a group of families who claimed the posting would potentially harm their children's religious development

"Ultimately, in matters of conscience, faith, beliefs and the soul, most people are Garbo-esque," U.S. District Judge Fred Biery wrote, referencing a line from actress Greta Garbo in a 1932 movie. "They just want to be left alone, neither proselytized nor ostracized, including what occurs to their children in government-run schools."

Attorney General Ken Paxton issued the following statement directing all Texas Independent School Districts (ISDs) not enjoined by ongoing litigation to display copies of the Ten Commandments once Senate Bill 10

takes effect on September 1, 2025.

"From the beginning, the Ten Commandments have been irrevocably intertwined with America's legal, moral, and historical heritage," said Attorney General Paxton. "Schools not enjoined by ongoing litigation must abide by S.B. 10 and display the Ten Commandments. The woke radicals seeking to erase our nation's history will be defeated. I will not back down from defending the virtues and values that built this country."

S.B. 10 requires any public or secondary school to display the Ten Commandments in each classroom. While no school is compelled to purchase Ten Commandments displays, schools may choose to do so. However, schools must accept and display any privately donated posters or copies that meet the requirements of S.B. 10. Prior to the implementation of the law, activists sued several ISDs to stop the law. The only school districts affected by the injunction are Alamo Heights, North East, Cypress Fairbanks, Lackland, Lake Travis, Fort Bend, Dripping Springs, Plano, and Northside. All other ISDs must abide by the law once it takes effect on Sept. 1.



White Oak High School's 2025 Community Pep Rally, presented by Roughneck Athletic Booster Club, was held Friday Aug. 22. It kicked off with a tailgate party with burgers and then launched into the Pep Rally for the Roughnecks and LadyNecks as they kick off the new school year.

Photo by Mike Peery

WOPD: Don't put the carts before the law

By James Draner

"All traffic laws apply."

That's just the first thing White Oak residents need to keep in mind if they want to roll out in a golf cart on public roads, says Police Chief Brannon Robertson.

White Oak City Council members unanimously-approved new provisions for golf carts in mid-August, but it's not a free-for-all.

"If you're in a car or a golf cart, the same rules apply," Robertson reminds residents, and there are additional regulations in play for carts following the adoption of the ordinance Aug. 14.

In particular, the new rules permit licensed drivers (that's key) to operate golf carts on White Oak roadways with speed limits of (pay attention here) 35 miles per hour or less. Highways, streets, roads and other thoroughfares within the White Oak City Limits are OK if the speed limit doesn't exceed 35 – that excludes White Oak Road, which is posted variously at 40 or 45 mph.

"They can cross any road regardless of speed limit," Robertson noted, "but they have to directly cross – they cannot drive down that road," if the speed limit is more than 35.

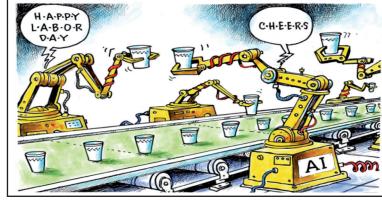
Importantly, the golf cart must also be insured and equipped with headlamps, tail lights, reflectors, mirrors and a parking brake. It also must have on display an appropriate license plate issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles as well as a reflective 'Slow Moving Vehicle' emblem if it will be traveling slower than 25 mph.

So, per the new guidelines, no kids behind the wheel or anyone else who doesn't have a valid driver's license, Robertson emphasized. And, don't drive on the wrong side of the road, etc.

"Y'all need to realize that all the rules of the road still apply," he added0 Aug. 25, even if it's not explicitly noted in the ordinance. "It doesn't specify you have to have brake lights or turn signals, but that doesn't mean you don't have to signal. Hand signs apply, like we learned back in Driver's Ed."

So far, there haven't been any tickets issued since the ordinance was approved two weeks back. Officers are keeping a watchful eye, and they'll ensure compliance by citation, if necessary.

"If we keep seeing dangerous things, that's the only avenue we have at that point."



WOISD adopts 1% deficit budget, focuses on long-term sustainability

By James Draper

Top priority for White Oak ISD's number crunching: set aside a full three-month fund balance for emergency operations.

That's about \$4.35 million, a healthy sum to comply with state regulations to keep the district up-and-running in the midst of any future downturn.

It's a start, according to Business Manager Carrie Howard: WOISD administrators' long-term goal is to exceed \$8.7 million in the fund balance, surplus on top of the 'Do Not Touch' set-aside for emergencies.

"Should something happen across the state, we still have three to six months' operating costs that we could pay our employees and we could pay our bills," Howard told trustees earlier this month. "Anything above the \$8.7 million could be used for emergencies."

It will take years to get to that point. In the meantime, White Oak ISD is still belt-tightening and looking for any remaining fat to trim now that the school's bookkeeping is back on an even keel.

Trustees adopted a \$17.6 million deficit budget Monday evening. Revenues are anticipated about \$190,000 shy of expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. It's an improvement on the previous \$750,000 deficit. Ideally, Superintendent Jack Parker says, actual revenue and expen-

"When you adopt a budget in education, it is a very well-educated guess because there are several factors that determine revenue," he said Monday. The deficit amounts to about 1 percent: "We feel like that's a good place. Even though we're adopting that deficit, we could come in even.

ditures will negate the deficit by year-end.

"We have to have a number, and we have to shoot for that number, and we will try our best to reduce that \$190,000 down to zero."

The budget is supported by a tax rate of 1.1861 per \$100 valuation, including 0.7542 for Maintenance & Operations and 0.4319 for Interest & Sinking.

In an extensive long- and short-term budget presentation to the school board Aug. 11, Howard noted school districts' hands are tied in many respects; White Oak ISD and its peers are working doggedly to comply with state-level directives. For example, WOISD will receive between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million in 'new' money this year, but approximately \$1 million is earmarked for staff salaries.

At the same time, the district is keeping an eye decades down the road: "In 10 to 20 years, we're going to need two new buildings," Howard reminded trustees. "We're knocking at the door of some big changes coming down the pipe, so we've got to get our bonds paid off."

Howard touched on a wide variety of cost-cutting measures in the coming year. Among them: limiting extracurricular travel to one overnight activity per sport, getting the most out of uniforms and equipment whenever possible and relying more on boosters to cover expenses.

"I really wish we could pay for everything. I truly, truly do, but the money's not there right now," Howard said. "There's a lot of expense and there's not enough money to go into every pot like there used to be."

Likewise, the district is pumping the brakes on its fleet upgrades, when possible.

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City uncorks liquor store decision

By James Draper

Liquor stores are back on the agenda Thursday night – Gladewater City Council members are poised to walk back recent votes on two pending developments.

The elected officials met with city attorney Ronald Stutes in executive session last week, discussing a handful of topics behind closed doors during their regular meeting Aug. 21. They also heard from a partner of one of the projects denied Specific Use Permits (SUP) in mid-July.

"I respectfully ask for your support so that Nebula Vapes & Liquor at 807 S. Tyler St. can begin serving the community immediately," Ram Hari Adhikari said, "creating jobs, generating tax revenue and helping Gladewater grow."

One of four partners who attended this month's council meeting, Adhikari addressed the council early in the session during Citizens Comments. He noted the liquor store planned for the second storefront of the Penny's Food & Fuel property is not a new type of business there, succeeding Vice City in the spot.

"We have made a very large investment in Gladewater," he added. "In total, we purchased the business for about \$3.5 million... Out of this, \$700,000 was invested specifically for the liquor and vapes business.

This shows my seriousness and long-term commitment to this com-

Last month, council members considered Specific Use Permits for the Nebula project as well as a liquor store development by Sam Patel at 1004 E. Broadway Ave. The elected officials unanimously denied both SUP applications, citing concerns that seven such stores is too many for a community the size of Gladewater.

City codes don't clearly link Specific Use Permits to liquor stores,

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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.

Gary Borders

Capital Highlights

Writing the future...

Monday was the first day of school and I only saw one kindergartner and one dad crying. It always touches my heart when the Dads are the softies. One little fella had a backpack that was almost as big and heavy as him. And that baby was hauling it with confidence down that Kindergarten classroom hall.

By the time he is a senior he will be student body president. Wait and see.

I hung out for a few minutes in several Kindergarten classes and as a former high school teacher I can almost pick out the class clown, the athletes, the artists and more. Almost. Because looks can be deceiving.

But, it is important to remember that education can make the difference in every child's life.

I love that the first colonists to this land believed in educating their young. In fact by the early years of our country our literacy rate for males was 90-100 percent depending on location. For girls unfortunately, it was half that. BUT, the world literacy rate in 1820 was 12 percent. That is perspective!

I dearly love that our Founding Fathers understood that the paths to protecting this Republic run side by side, public education and a free press.

I want to grab my bully pulpit and shout for joy when (because of school 'uniforms') I can not predict who is wealthy or who is poor. Unless I study their shoes. God Bless the darlin's.

Our public education system is the engine that drives this country. We have a lot of misguided people right now who support a lot of things, one of which is vouchers. But let me pull back the propaganda to reveal to you what vouchers actually are...they are a tool of segregation of haves and

You see it would work like this: A family decides its local school isn't making the grade and they take their local voucher to send their child to private school. The average cost in Texas for private high schools is over \$10,000. So where in the heck are they going to get the extra to send their child to private school unless they are well to do?

What happens if we give that stipend to unethical parents who decide to 'home school' for money? I bet homeschooling would grow exponentially and the education of many kids would hit rock bottom.

Then what happens when we take thousands of dollars from public schools to provide private education for the

We hurt public education. We hurt the poor. We hurt children. We further destabilize society and that should scare every single one of us.

On top of that it might help to know that some of the major donors to the legislators who support vouchers are private companies itching to start private schools once the money

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spigot is turned on.

Do we have problems in public education? Yes. Do we have problems with family stability, crime, drugs, neglect, abuse, hunger and more? Yes.

So why do you want to doom those who are in trouble now?

How about we help the schools by understanding, truly understanding the issues. While we are at it, how about donating our time and energy to mentor kids? Kids who are behind, kids who are ahead, kids who are lost, kids who know where they are going. Because I guarantee you that is the greatest help we can give our public school teachers and our community's children.

Teachers are carrying our broken culture's problems on their shoulders and it is a very heavy burden indeed. Most are giving everything they have to help our community's children have a brighter future. They do it for low pay and high cost health insurance. But they do it.

But, they don't have to do it alone.

It is time we stepped up to the plate and help teachers turn the tide. Because people, I am telling you that it is often a teacher that stands in the gap between a kid and their

And it is far past time that we took the responsibility to understand the REAL issues we like to mouth off about.

Let me list Four Fast Facts from Pastors for Texas Children for you, dear reader, to ponder. It is that organization's statement of belief.

- Believe in a unified Texas community that does not manipulate our children's education as a political issue.
- Voucher polices have been defeated in the Legislature numerous times in the past as an attempt to AVOID government entitlement and expansion programs.
- "School choice" vouchers are not a real "choice" at all for the overwhelming majority of our children.
- Believe that education is not just for children who can afford it, or children from stable families, or children whose parents are engaged in the schools, but ALL CHILDREN. Think about it. Please.

Our civil order, our society, our nation depends on it. The future is being written. What we do in the next handful of years will determine the future of this state and country

You can help write that future.

You can make a difference.

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Roy joins crowded race to replace Paxton

U.S. Rep. Chip Roy, a fiscal conservative often critical of President Trump and his fellow Republicans, has entered the race to replace Ken Paxton as Texas attorney general, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Texas is under assault – from open-border, radical leftists, and faceless foreign corporations that threaten our sovereignty, safety, and our way of life," Roy wrote. "It's time to draw a line in the sand."

Roy, R-Austin, is in his fourth term in Congress. He joins several other Republican candidates, including state Sens. Joan Huffman of Houston and Mayes Middleton of Galveston, as well as Aaron Reitz, a former deputy attorney general under Paxton. Democrats who have announced plans to run include state Sen. Nathan Johnson of Dallas and former Galveston mayor Joe Jaworski, who ran unsuccessfully for the post in 2022.

Paxton has announced plans to challenge incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the March 2026 GOP primary.

Six bills providing flood disaster relief

The Texas House passed six bills last week aimed at addressing disaster relief, emergency communications systems and preparedness. The bills are in response to the catastrophic Hill Country floods over the July 4th weekend. At least 137 people were killed, primarily in Kerr County, including 27 children and staffers from Camp Mystic on the banks of the Guadalupe River.

The News reported the measures include a requirement that youth camps develop emergency management plans and submit them to the state. Legislation also calls for establishing the Texas Interoperability Council, which would create structure and grant programs for multiple agencies to communicate and coordinate on single disasters. That would include hurricanes and mass shootings.

One of the bill's sponsors, state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, spoke surrounded by a bipartisan group of

"When I speak on this bill, for this bill, I hope I'm not just speaking for myself, but for the lost children, the grieving families who have called us, met with us and shared their heartbreak and grief with us," Darby said.

Dade Phelan won't seek reelection

Former Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, announced he would not seek reelection following a failed intra-party attempt to defeat him in the 2024 election and his subsequent stepping down as speaker. The Houston Chronicle reported Phelan served his district since 2015 and assumed the speakership in 2021.

In a statement, Phelan wrote on Facebook that "leading the House required tough choices, but I sought to char course inspired by the values we share in Southeast Texas. Looking ahead I will seek God's path in mapping out my next chapter." Both Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Paxton backed Phelan's primary opponent in 2024, following Paxton's impeachment in the House while Phelan was speaker. Paxton was acquitted in the Senate. His successor as speaker, state Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, praised him.

"Dade is more than a colleague — He is a treasure to Southeast Texas, to the Texas House, and to the great Lone Star State," Burrows said on social media.

Problems with winterizing energy grid

A new report from the State Auditor's Office concludes that state oil and gas inspectors are not doing their job to adequately verify that Texas natural gas producers and their delivery systems can hold up under severe winter storms, according to the Texas Standard.

Since Winter Storm Uri in 2021 left much of the state's power grid paralyzed, the Railroad Commission has been tasked by law with ensuring all parts of the gas supply chain to power plants can operate adequately in severe winter weather. However, the audit concluded that current rules allow gas companies to decide for themselves what is considered adequate winterization. Of 8,732 inspections conducted by the RRC in 2024 and 2025 winter seasons, only two violations were issued.

JOLTS

Despite the current challenges—from geopolitical tension to tariffs—the Texas labor market is holding relatively steady (even with a modest recent monthly decline in June) and even improving in many areas. Texas added 232,500 jobs over the past 12 months, representing a 1.6% growth rate that was significantly above the national rate (0.6%). In addition, a wide range of industries are adding jobs, always a positive signal.

At the same time, the number of job openings across the state has fallen slightly. Lest this feels like a concern, let me hasten to add that excessive job openings are an indicator that the labor force is too small to meet the needs of businesses. As a result, economic expansion is curtailed.

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) regularly tracks both job openings and labor turnover, which, even though they don't always mesh together well, is commonly known as JOLTS (sometimes, we just can't help ourselves). Texas had 575,000 job openings in June. The number of unemployed persons per job opening in Texas was 1.1, compared to a US average of 0.9. With slightly more unemployed persons than openings, the state is in a generally healthy position compared to areas such as California (with 1.5 unemployed people per opening), Nevada (1.4), Michigan (1.4) or Washington (1.3).

Texas is also better off than places such as Montana, the Dakotas, and Vermont, each of which have only 0.5 unemployed person per opening. Given skills mismatches and other issues, labor shortages are obviously a notable problem in these states. Texas is in something of a Goldilocks situation, with neither an excess of unemployed workers nor too many unfilled positions.

BLS also tracks hires and separations. This latter category

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encompasses quits (usually a positive sign in that workers are confident they will get a better position), layoffs and discharges (initiated by employers), and others (such as retirement).

In June, Texas had 535,000 hires and 459,000 separations, and over the 12 months ending in June, hires have averaged 494,000 per month, compared to 475,000 separations. This pattern works to reduce job openings. Overall, 293,000 in June were quits and 146,000 were layoffs and discharges. Quits are somewhat below a June 2023 peak, while layoffs and discharges have been fairly stable of late.

Simply stated, Texas is in the enviable position of having a growing labor force crucial to filling jobs. Demographics are quite favorable with a younger population, and wellknown opportunities and advantages that are bringing in more workers and enabling further growth. While there are certainly challenges in the labor market (particularly the substantial reliance on immigration across the entire employment spectrum at a time when future availability is clouded), the big-picture view remains positive. Stay safe!

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THE BLAME GAME

We have all heard the expression "The Blame Game" in a variety of ways and in numerous settings. A common practice of our society is what we may call "absolution of accountability." Simply put, everything under the sun, regardless of how outrageous it may be, is used to excuse or explain away our actions. We pass on blame at the drop of a hat and shed personal accountability like water of a duck's back! In most cases the assignment of blame is the absolution of self and the promotion of self as being right. We can neatly wipe our hands clean and say: "I didn't do it, and if I did, it's not my

I read a good summary of "blame." Blame never affirms; it always assaults. Blame never solves; it always complicates. Blame never unites; it always separates. Blame never smiles; it always frowns. Blame never forgives; it always accuses and rejects. Blame never forgets; it always remembers. Blame never builds; it always destroys. How true!

The real need is to focus on our part of the problem and not the other person's faults, and very importantly, accepting responsibility for our problems and not absolving ourselves from accountability. The common tendency is to say: "It's everybody's fault but mine. They are just doing this to me because they...and then a whole litany of charges is leveled." But our real need is to realize and to say: "I am wrong. I have sinned. I have committed this iniquity. I am guilty and I am the problem." This is the only way to bring about a change and improvement in our life. Henry Cloud said: "Blame is the parking brake for improvement!"

To accomplish this is to look inward at self and not outward at others. This requires a humble attitude (1 Pet. 5: 6; Jas. 4: 10). This humility starts with our attitude and standing before God. We can never be exalted and lifted up if we play the "Blame Game."

If you are not a Christian, don't blame others or circumstances or God for your neglect. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2: 3). If your life is not in order obey God today. Believe in Christ, repent of your sins, confess Christ as the Son of God and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Mk. 16: 16; Rom. 10: 9-10; Acts 8: 37; Acts 2: 38). Think on these things.

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Sports roundup

Bears wrap up pre-season, ready for Tigers

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears had their final tune-up for the regular season when they hosted North Lamar in their second scrimmage at Jack V. Murphy stadium.

Both the offense and defense looked well. Bears QB Luke Brown was effective as he had a pair of touchdown passes (one to Brayson Woods, one to Trey Watts).

Watts and Carson Cooper are once again expected to share the backfield in 2025 as they did last year. They both looked good as Watts had a touchdown rush.

The offensive line also looked well in their final tune up before it begins for real. They protected Brown well. One the other side of the ball, the

Bears defense looked very

well with a sack and a interception. Special teams still looked like it needed some work as the kickoffs were a little short each time. But the kick coverage was good as they never allowed the North Lamar returners much of anything.

"I think we looked well. We got what we needed to get done and got prepared for the real thing in 7 days " said coach Lewis. "Defense was flying around. Now we have to take this and build on it.

"We go play a very talented Daingerfield team at their place and I feel we can bring a victory back home to Gladewater if we continue doing what we did tonight."

The Bears open their 2025 campaign heading to Daingerfield to take on the Tigers on August 28th.





Sophomore Tucker Ludlow hands the ball off to senior Levi Sipes in the scrimmage against the West Rusk Raiders Thursday night. Photo by Addie Fritsche/White Oak High School



Junior Peyton Thompson receives a serve from the Lady Lobos last Tuesday at Lobo Coliseum. **Photo by Jaaliyah Collins** White Oak High School Journalism

Lady Bears get first win, WO improves to 10-7

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Lady Bears Volleyball team was looking for their first win of the 2025 season when they hosted the Carlisle Lady Indians at Bill Waters Gym and that's exactly what they did as they picked up career win # 1 for Morgan Fite as they swept Carlisle 3-0.

Gladewater took set one, in a close game 25-23. In set two, it was more dominant as the Lady Bears won 25-15. They then finished off the sweep with a 25-18 win. The win improved Gladewater to 1-5 on the season. They would then host the Overton Lady Mustangs and it went the opposite way as Gladewater was swept 3-0 in three close sets. In set one, Overton took it 25-21, in set two it was 25-23 Lady Mustangs and they then finished off the sweep with a 25-22 set win.

The loss drops Gladewater to 1-6 on the season. They will next head to Ore City followed by heading to Overton to take part in the Overton tournament.

The White Oak Ladynecks had another busy week as they first headed to Longview for a dual match with the Lady Lobos and the Lufkin Lady Panthers. White Oak went 0-2 falling to Longview (2-0) and 3-0 to Lufkin.

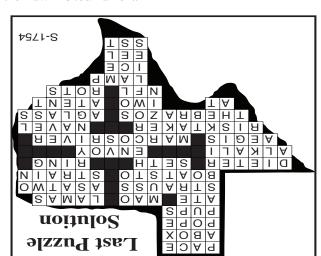
They then headed to Van to take part in the Van tournament where they went 4-1 and came home with a 3rd place finish. With wins over Mabank (2-0), Cumby (2-0), Henderson (2-0), and Mineola (2-0). With their lone loss coming to host Van (2-1).

The LadyNecks are now 10-7 on the season and will next be in action when they head to Central Heights followed by hosting the annual Shirley Atkins tournament.

Union Grove volleyball continued their start to their season as they made a trip to Gary where they fell in a close and tight match 3-2. In set one, Gary won it 25-21.

In set two the Lady Lions answered back winning it 25-22. Union Grove would take set three, 25-18. But Gary bounced back and won set four (25-20) and took the deciding set five (15-10). Union Grove then headed to West Rusk where they took part in the West Rusk tournament where they went 2-3 and finished second in the silver bracket. With wins over Hawkins (2-0) and Cumberland Academy (2-1) and losses to Kilgore (2-0) and Overton twice (2-1, 2-1).

The Lady Lions are now 3-5 on the young season and will next host Overton and then head to Hawkins to take part in the Hawkins tournament.





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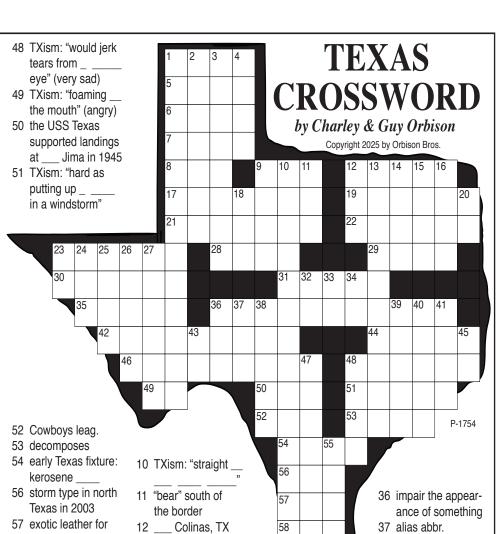
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| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20253952 | 18:48 | | 1509 N DAISY DAISY ST |
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| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20253955 | | PENNYS FOOD & FUEL | 807 S TYLER TYLER ST |
| 119775 | ALARM/OTHER | 20253956 | | ELEVATE CHURCH | 401 LEE LEE ST |
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| | EMS | 20253957 | 0:55 | LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME | 1201 FM 2685 FM 2685 |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20253958 | 1:07 | | 309 E EDDY EDDY |
| | EMS | 20253959 | 12:06 | | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | SUICIDE | 20253961 | 13:46 | SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP | 1000 S RIVER RIVER RD |
| | ASSIST | 20253962 | 15:44 | | FM 726 FM 726 |
| | EMS | 20253963 | 17:16 | LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME | 1201 FM 2685 FM 2685 |
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| /20/25 | EMS | 20253974 | 5:22 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20253976 | 7:10 | ECONOMY TOWING | 302 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20253977 | 7:31 | BILL DICKASON CHEVROLET | 1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | THEFT | 20253979 | 14:40 | DEBORD HOMES AND REMODELING SPECIALIST | 1313 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR |
| | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 20253980 | 14:50 | | 601 TENERY TENERY |
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| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20253988 | 19:59 | | 538 NORTH NORTH |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20253989 | 20:46 | | 511 S TYLER TYLER |
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| | EMS | 20254013 | 4:56 | | 606 W PACIFIC PACIFIC |
| | EMS | 20254014 | 5:09 | | 8 GREENWAY GREENWAY |
| | EMS | 20254015 | 7:19 | | 410 W GAY GAY AVE |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20254016 | 7:42 | GLADEWATER CITY HALL | 519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | EMS | 20254017 | 13:00 | | 1511 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS |
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| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20254021 | 15:54 | | 2305 W GAY GAY AVE |

GPD Arrest Report

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| | THEFT | 20254022 | 17:03 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
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| | EMS | 20254023 | 17:17 | | 508 GODFREY GODFREY |
| | SEXUAL ASSAULT | 20254025 | 17:26 | LONGVIEW REGIONAL MED CTR | 2901 N FOURTH FOURTH ST |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20254026 | 18:15 | | 501 N AMES AMES ST |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20254027 | 19:25 | | 400 RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE DR |
| | ANIMAL CONTROL | 20254028 | 19:27 | | 22 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20254031 | 21:35 | | 2026 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20254032 | 22:13 | | 528 NORTH NORTH ST |
| 8/23/25 | MISCELLANEOUS | 20254036 | 4:47 | | 271 SB 271 SB |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20254037 | 4:55 | | 1004 SHERWOOD SHERWOOD ST |
| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20254038 | 7:00 | | MAIN MAIN |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20254039 | 7:52 | | 1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
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| | ANIMAL CONTROL | 20254042 | 10:32 | | 2500 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS |
| | INCIDENT - NO REPORT | 20254043 | 12:05 | | GAYGAY |
| | SIMPLE ASSAULT "C" | 20254044 | 15:27 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | SIMPLE ASSAULT "C" | 20254045 | 16:15 | SKIPPERS PIER | 103 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | EMS | 20254046 | 17:35 | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20254047 | 20:47 | | 68 WELDON HOMES WELDON HOMES |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20254050 | 21:14 | CITIZENS BANK | 678 N MAIN MAIN ST |
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| 8/24/25 | ALARM/OTHER | 20254053 | 0:08 | MCDONALDS | 1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 20254054 | 0:26 | | 316 MELBA MELBA |
| | EMS | 20254055 | 0:55 | | 1620 N LYNN LYNN ST |
| | CRIM MIS | 20254056 | 1:22 | | 1210 N OLIVE OLIVE ST |
| | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 20254057 | 2:32 | | 1109 N OLIVE OLIVE ST |
| | ASSIST | 20254063 | 8:53 | | 223 TEXAS TEXAS |
| | ALARM/OTHER | 20254064 | 8:58 | ZEE MART | 227 S MAIN MAIN ST |
| | CRIM MIS | 20254065 | 9:48 | ECONOMY INN | 701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
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| | ASSIST | 20254067 | 11:50 | | 506 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS DR |
| | ASSIST | 20254068 | 13:31 | | 2205 N MAIN MAIN ST |
| | EMS | 20254069 | 14:42 | | 711 CLAIR CLAIR |
| | ASSIST | 20254070 | 14:53 | ACE HARDWARE | 1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE |
| | DISTURBANCE-OTHER | 20254071 | 16:11 | BUMBLE BEE PARK | 705 S MAIN MAIN ST |
| | FIRE DEPT | 20254072 | 17:14 | | 10198 LOCUST LOCUST |
| | TERROR THREAT | 20254073 | 17:42 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| | FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED | 20254074 | 18:26 | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD |
| 8/25/25 | MISCELLANEOUS | 20254075 | 2:31 | BUMBLE BEE PARK | 705 S MAIN MAIN ST |
| | ABANDONED 911 | 20254076 | 5:38 | | 1520 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR |
| | THEFT | 20254077 | 7:12 | | 504 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE |

WHITE OAK POLICE

For the reporting period of August 18th through August 24th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 242 calls for service and assistance.

Some of the most common calls were: Animal Complaints, Disturbances, Found Property, Juvenile Complaints, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Five traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period, one with reported injuries.

The White Oak Police made four arrests during this report-

Jerry Edgar, 63, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated Nilda Gonsalez, 24, of Longview, for Driving While In-

Kelli Cates, 26, of Gladewater, for Driving While Intoxicated Quentin Allen, 29, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated

Two separate and unrelated cases were presented to the Gregg County District Attorney for prosecution: One was for Driving While Intoxicated, and one for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more and Possession of a dangerous drug.

OBITUARY

Dr. Gladys June Wood Strohsahl

On Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Dr. June (as she is known by many) went to be with her Lord, family and friends who went before her.

Gladys June Wood was born to Choyce and Lucy Wood in Avery, TX on August 23, 1937. Preceding her were her parents, sister, Judy, and her twin brothers, James and Jerry.



Dr, June married Norman J. Strohsahl in September 1958, and they were married for 53 years until he passed away in January 2011. She is survived by her children: Cheryl, Charles and Craig, and a nephew, Tim Wood, from Paris, Texas. There are also loving relatives and devoted friends who are considered family who are her survivors.

A lifelong student of learning and sharing (teaching), she earned her B.S in biology and chemistry from ETBU in May

of 1970. Then, received her Teaching Certificate in August 1976 from SFA. In August of 1979, she received her M.Ed and Midmanagement Certification from SFA. Her crowning achievement was receiving her Ed.D in Educational Technology from ETSU (today known as Texas A&M Commerce) in May of 1994.

June spent over 20 years as a Medical Technologist and over 38 years teaching at Pine Tree High School. In addition, she was also an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Kilgore College from 1994 to 2014,

There are too many awards and recognitions to restate, but all the associates, co-teachers and especially her students have their memories and funny stories of their interactions with Dr. June. She trained many teachers and her students (many of whom later became friends) were successful in their competitions and presentations, and have gone on to successful adults because of her influence.

June was very active in her community - Mobberly Church, the Greggton Rotary Club, volunteering at the Gladewater Library, Museum / Manna House and as the front desk information person at Christus Good Shepherd. She was always mentioning everyone she ran into at the hospital!

She started the final phase of her life by breaking her leg and ending up in rehab (we kidded her about that term since the family definition was different, since Norman was a pharmacist - drug rehab?, not hardly!) She moved into Arabella of Longview in 2018 and enjoyed everything, including the fellowship of others and close proximity to friends and family, and flexibility to do what she wanted to do.

The multitude of friends, family and anyone who knew June understood her motto of "Faith, Family, Friends and Country".

We love you and appreciate your wisdom and guidance, Cheryl and Chuck





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Texas Parklands Passports



Gladewater Lions Club's Mandy Wood presented backpacks and school supplies to Gladewater Middle School students and Counselor Dana Yount.

TPWD Hosts Veteran Suicide Awareness **Ruck Hikes**

AUSTIN - Throughout September, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will host Veteran Suicide Awareness Ruck Hikes at Texas State Parks and State Natural Areas, and all military, veterans, family and friends are invited to participate.

"This will be our third consecutive year hosting these events, and it's been growing," said Nicole Mechler, TPWD military and internship coordinator. "The more we can advocate and join together, the better for our communities."

Hikes at various locations are scheduled for each Satur-

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day of the month beginning on Sept. 6. Each park will offer a variety of trails and activities. Information on the hikes and the specific host sites are available on the State Parks Events Calendar website or folks can reach out through email to

vetcontact@tpwd.texas.gov. Attendees can request a modification for a program or service at least two weeks before the visit through an online modification request

TPWD offers Texas Parklands Passports which provide free entry to all Texas state parks for active duty military members, veterans, disabled veterans, Gold Star Families and Senior Full. Information about the passports is online at the

website. Passes can be obtained with supporting documents at any State Park headquarters. State Park staff advise visitors who plan to acquire a pass at the event to arrive early. Visitors can learn more

about accessibility at TPWD facilities on the agencies accessibility information website.

The complete list of parks for this year's ruck hikes event is below:

Sept. 6: Brazos Bend State Park: 8 a.m.-12pm

Tyler State Park: 8-10 a.m. McKinney Falls State Park: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cooper Lake State Park (Doctors Creek Unit): 9-11 a.m.

Sept. 13: Atlanta State Park: 9 a.m. Hueco Tanks State Park: 7:30 a.m. Cedar Hill State Park: 6:30 a.m. Sept. 20: Lockhart State Park: 8:30 a.m

Abilene State Park: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Purtis Creek State Park: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Dinosaur Valley State Park: 10 a.m. Cooper Lake State Park: 9-11 a.m. Caprock Canyon State Park: 10

Sept. 27: Daingerfield State Park: 9:30-11 a.m.

Inks Lake State Park: 9 a.m.-12 Government Canyon State Park:

8:30 a.m. Pedernales Falls State Park: 9 a.m. South Llano River State Park: 9

Lake Tawakoni State Park: 8:30 -10:30 a.m.

Goose Island State Park: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m

Lake Bob Sandlin State Park:

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



Free pet microchipping set Sept. 20 for Gladewater's Gregg Co. residents

Local pets can get chip'd for free next month during a pop-up partnership between the City of Gladewater and the Longview Animal Care & Adoption Center.

Longview PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) is helping out on the no-cost pet microchipping event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Gladewater City Hall.

The good news comes on the tail-end of the city's installation of a publicly accessible microchip scanner near the night drop-box at 519 E. Broadway Ave., another joint venture with LACAC.

The free chipping is available only to Gregg County residents, City of Gladewater noted. Proof of residency is required,

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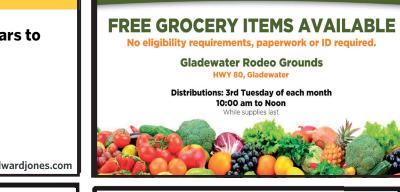
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'Prayer Force' organizers bring challenge to Gladewater churches

Across almost a quarter of a century, September 11 has become more than just Patriots Day in communities across East Texas – it's a poignant reminder to lift up first responders in prayer.

Ret. Maj. General Vernon Lewis is closing in on a century himself, but he's still putting in the miles recruiting more towns to take up the charge of the Marshall Prayer Force. Last week saw Lewis and Harrison County Judge Chad Sims bring the mission to Gladewater with a stop by City Hall.

"It's a great way for your citizens, your churches to be involved and minister to your first responders," Sims told council members Thursday night.

According to Sims, the initiative began in Harrison County post-9/11. People flooded churches after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, but that fervor faded in time.

"We didn't let that stop in our county."

The creation of the Prayer Force saw community members step up and commit to pray for a particular first responder every day for a year. Each year begins with a banquet, when participants are assigned a name.

In a small community, like Marshall or Gladewater, it's likely the program's prayerful already know the person they're lifting up.



Ret. Maj. General Vernon Lewis (right) and Harrison County Judge Chad Sims present a \$5,000 check to help launch a local 'Prayer Force' program to inspire prayers for first responders. Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan accepted the check on the community's behalf, planning to pass the challenge on to church organizers.

"It makes it a lot more personal, a lot easier for them to prayer for them on a daily basis. Your first responders are so important and so impacted," Sims said. "It's something we've developed on our own, and we're out sharing it with other counties and cities.

"We simply wanted to share this with you guys. It's best headed up by your churches. If you'd like to get started, we'll be happy to help."

Almost 25 years in, Lewis is eager to see the program continue to grow.

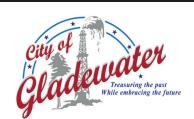
"It brings this community and the first responders together like no place in the state of Texas," he said. "We convinced Tyler to take it up. Marion County. Jefferson," and Lewis is still working on Gregg County.

"It's a big deal for us. Right now I pray for 12 people every day. We've got a check for \$5000 we'll leave with you to get started."

Thursday night's visit was a presentation in the Citizens Comments portion of Gladewater's regular meeting. Mayor Brandy Flanagan accepted the check on the community's behalf, ready to pitch the idea to local congregations.

"It's a great program our churches would like to get with and do."





PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the City of Gladewater Planning & Zoning Commission on September 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to rezone the properties located at LTS 1 THRU 10 BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS, LTS 16 THRU 30 BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS, NORTH 1/2 ALL BLK 129 WOOD HEIGHTS, LTS 11 & 12 BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS, LT 13 BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS, LT 14 BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS, LT 15 BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS (N 57; LT 15), LT 15A BLK 132 WOOD HEIGHTS (S 113' LT 15); more commonly known as 700 W Melba Ave, Virginia Dr, 100 W Upshur Ave, 802 Melba Ave, 806 Melba Ave, 808 Melba Ave, 406 Howard St, 810 Melba Ave, from multi-family and/or two-family to heavy commercial.

There will be a second public hearing held by the Gladewater City Council on September 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings. If you are unable to attend these meetings you may send written comments to Judy Van Houten, City Secretary, City of Gladewater, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.61878 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of White Oak.

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The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of White Oak from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the City of White Oak may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of White Oak is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 9, 2025 at 5 p.m. at White Oak City Hall, 906 S. White Oak Rd, White Oak, Tx 75693.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of White Oak is not required to hold an election in which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of the City of White Oak at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

FOR the proposal: Denny Kienzle, Joe Stephens, Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT not voting: Kyle Kutch

ABSENT: John Fraizer

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Michelle Terry, Tax Assessor-Collector 101 E. Methvin, Suite 215, Longview TX 75601 903-237-2552 proptax@co.gregg.tx.us



PUBLIC HEARING

The City of White Oak will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for the fiscal year 2025/2026, and a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 906 S. White Oak Rd, White Oak, Texas.

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



Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

East Texas Salt Water Disposal Company, 1209 Industrial Blvd., Kilgore, Texas 75662 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Woodbine, Suman Lease, Well Number 7. The proposed injection well is located 2.5 miles Northeast of Gladewater, in the East Texas Field, in Upshur County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3625 to 3800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



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WOISD adopts 1% deficit budget, focuses on long-term sustainability

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"We've delayed bus needs even though we have a grant to purchase three new buses. We're going to delay that for a year, and we'll revisit that next year."

WOISD is still personnel-heavy relative to its student population. The overarching goal is to let the employee roster naturally shrink back to pre-COVID levels.

"We are lowering the number of staff through attrition to bring a sustainable balance with the number of students enrolled," Howard said. "It's a slow process.

Meanwhile, "We still need to complete a study of what positions are needed."

It will take years to get where the district wants to be financially, Howard told the trustees, but White Oak's figures are pointed in the right direction.

"I want to be able to do the best job, not for anybody in this room but for the kids down the hill," Howard said, "to know they have the best programs, they have the best opportunities, they have everything they need because we're trying to take care of them."

Upshur County races heating up

Rv Phillin Williams

A Republican primary race for Upshur County Precinct 4 commissioner developed last week when former Commissioner Mike Spencer announced he will challenge incumbent Jay W. Miller in the March 3 election.

That means contests have developed for at least two county offices on the GOP primary ballot as two candidates have announced for retiring County Judge Todd Tefteller's post. They are veteran Gilmer attorney Brandon Winn and builder/

funeral home assistant Brandon Dodd.

Spencer is a businessman, farmer and rancher, while Miller, a businessman, is seeking re-election to a third term.

Only other candidate to announce as of Monday for an Upshur office is yet another Republican, Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson, a businessman seeking re-election to a third term.

All current elected county officials are Republicans. Any runoffs, whether local, regional, or statewide, result-

City uncorks liquor store decision

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which are tied to Heavy Commercial zoning and to licensing that doesn't explicitly require council approval.

Adhikari noted the state has already approved and issued the necessary liquor license and the developers are ready to begin doing business immediately.

"We trusted the process, invested millions and followed every rule carefully."

The council spent about an hour and 15 minutes in closed session Aug. 21, not just for legal advice on liquor stores but also regarding property on W. Commerce Street and Ferry Street and for an update on an underage house party at Lake Gladewater. Property and consultation with counsel

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are common exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings $\mathop{\rm Act}\nolimits.$

Returning to open session, the group took no action on the house party, but they did approve deeding a property to Gladewater Economic Development Corporation and unanimously approved revisiting the liquor store issue at a coming meeting.

This week's special session agenda, set for 6 p.m. Aug. 28, includes discussion and consideration to rescind the previous actoin denying requests for SUPs for the two properties. The meeting will also include a budget workshop and record vote on the city's proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 along with consideration of a recommended firm to perform the financial audit for FY25.



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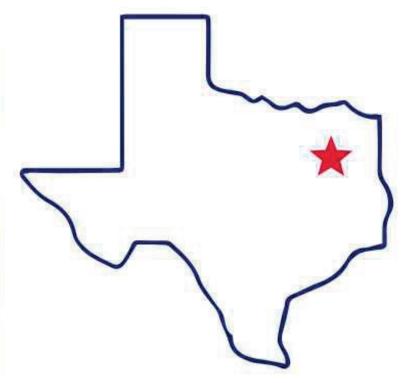
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L. Brandon Dodd for Upshur County Judge





It has been my honor and privilege to serve my fellow man for many years.

Together, and with a fantastic amount of collective effort, we have been able to make our community and Upshur County, Texas a better place to live.

It is time to take the next step.

As your Upshur County Judge, I will fight to continue all of the great things currently set in motion, build upon all of the relationships that I've spent a lifetime building, and do the hard things to make sure that our children can raise their families right here in Upshur County.

We have the best people anywhere, and vast resources right here, and it's time that we come together to strategically grow in all of the places that benefit us and allow us to grow without collapsing our rooftops with the weight of Property Taxes.

There is another way ... and together we can accomplish greater things while still maintaining our simple way of life here.

I believe in us and NO ONE will fight harder to help make it happen for us. For those of you concerned about the incredibly critical legal aspect of Upshur County Judge (because I am not an attorney) there are only 24 of 254 counties in Texas that still have attorneys as County Judge.

The rest of our counties, including rural counties just like ours, have elected businessmen-just like myself.

That said, I have spent years building relationships in the legal system and will continue to study, learn, and develop those things that will allow that to be a near seamless transition.

What we need is a businessman who has the best interest of Upshur County in mind - even before his own best interest.

As far as I am concerned, what's good for you is ultimately the best for me and my family.

I am that man.

I ask for your help and support as I undertake this great opportunity for growth for our families our posterity.

Please vote L. Brandon Dodd for Upshur County Judge.