

Lake rentals face choppy waters at City Hall

By James Draper

Vacation rentals are making waves among homeowners on Lake Gladewater, spurring City Hall to launch a closer look at local leases.

Following up on complaints from long-term residents about the short-term stays, Gladewater City Council members earlier this month discovered about a dozen active listings on platforms like AirBNB and VRBO.

The question now is what regulations will the city apply if the rentals are permitted to continue.

“Let’s face it, what we’ve got going on right now is a little bit out of control,” council member Kevin Clark said. “At the risk of speaking out of turn, I don’t think that is what we intend Lake Gladewater to become.”

All shoreline lots are city-owned and leased to residents on the artificial lake, constructed in the early ‘50s to serve as the community’s primary water source. At first glance, the standing leases prohibit sub-letting properties. Rules also restrict how many leases can be held by any single entity – according to still-developing information, multiple properties may currently be in violation of that provision.

(Notably, there are at least two sets of similar rules currently in the mix – city staffer will rectify which apply, per city codes, ahead of the council’s next session Oct. 16.)

“My question is, are they operating a business in a residential area?” South Lake Drive resident Mike Atkins said. Addressing council members during the public comments portion of their Sept. 18 meeting, Atkins says two short-term rentals nearby are choking the road and causing disturbances: “We have loud parties. I’ve had problems getting to my house. People walk in my yard in the middle of the night.

“They ask, ‘Am I trespassing?’ I said, ‘Well, you’re standing in my driveway, I guess you are.’”

Ken Colyer expressed similar concerns, regularly navigating around unfamiliar drivers.

“My cameras are picking up a lot of traffic at night,” Colyer said, choosing not to speculate on why. That said, “Is the property zoned residential or commercial? If it’s commercial, is a business license required?” If so, have any been acquired? Are taxes being paid? “That’s income to the city. You’re not getting it.”

Per City Treasurer Meghan Foster, City Hall has not received any Hotel Occupancy Tax from rentals at the lake. There’s no codes on the books (yet) that require it.

“This is a new generation issue. It is falling into our laps,” Mayor Brandy Flanagan said. “There is nothing on the books because it wasn’t there before.”

Simply put, it’s residential area, Flanagan added.

“I do think it is a worthwhile thing for our council to come up with a solution that makes our residents that live out there the number one priority,” she said. “We need to do what we need to do make sure the people who live out there feel safe in their homes.”

After researching the issue, council member Milton Anderson said he, too, thinks the city needs to bring its attorney into the discussion to determine the best path forward.

“We do have a mechanism in the current lease: ‘Lessees shall not assign his rights under this lease.’ I think we do need to consult counsel, but that includes subleasing.”

Gladewater Fire Chief & Lake Warden Mike Simmons questioned whether the short-term rental properties are compliant with building codes, i.e. fire suppression systems. Among a myriad of new questions, it’s also unclear where liability would fall if, for example, a visiting boater collided with the lake dam or caused other damage.

Council member William Blackmon suggested the city could consider permitting such operations case-by-case.

Gladewater Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Anna Conlan weighed in from the audience, encouraging the council to consider short-term rentals throughout the community.

“I don’t think it’s just restricted to the lake. I think you should look at whether you want them downtown,” she noted. “From a tax perspective, it does fund some things that are happening in the city. Maybe we should regulate it instead of getting rid of it.”

Per Flanagan, “I have an issue with it when it tramples on our residents here.”

Regulation would allow for restrictions, the mayor agreed, aimed at preventing out-of-control parties like the one that occurred at an empty lake house in July. It would also ensure rentals are ‘paying in’ to the city coffers.

Granted, “The lake is not here for us to turn a profit on, necessarily. It is for our residents,” Clark said. “I appreciate that other people want to come in and enjoy it, but it is an amenity. More importantly, it is our water supply.”



Volunteer ramp-builders gather for a group photo with homeowner Lewis Price after a job well done Saturday, crafting a new path for Linda Price as she returns from rehabilitation following a stroke. The team included Leon Word, Andy Killian, Al Harrison, Tony Handy, Dave Ferguson, Billy Deshasier, Sam Cloud and Mark Carpenter. (Courtesy photo)

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Volunteers’ handiwork helps woman overcome steep hurdle

It may look like a ramp, but a handcrafted project by Gladewater Rotarians and dedicated volunteers is actually a path home for Linda Price.

The local woman’s been rehabilitating in a Gladewater care facility for the past 10 months after suffering a major stroke in December 2024. According to husband Lewis, Linda’s sunny disposition never faltered, and she’s pushed through in hopes of returning home after restoring her mobility.

“She’s gained a lot of it back, but sometimes she’s got to be in a wheelchair,” Lewis said Sept. 27, gratefully watching a team of men hard at work to build an ADA ramp at his home. “The social worker for the nursing home contacted these guys, and they came without hesitation.

“This right here saved me about \$4000. It’s humbling.”

Spearheaded by Gladewater Rotary Club member Leon Word in partnership with Texas Ramp Project, the weekend’s work was a study in cheerful efficiency: the volunteers arrived early with many of the ramp’s key elements pre-built, and they gladly set to work as the morning sun crept over the trees.

Along with Word, the team included Andy Killian, Tony Handy, Dave Ferguson, Billy Deshasier, Al Harrison, Mark Carpenter and Sam Cloud.

The Texas Ramp Project is celebrated 40 years in 2025, four decades helping people overcome obstacles they never expected due to age, injury or infirmity.

Lewis said he’s also grateful for the staff at Legend Oaks Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Gladewater for helping Linda along her journey.

“You couldn’t get a better rehabilitation unit around here,” he said. “They treated my wife with the utmost respect.”

Christmas time’s a’ comin’ to kids center as local biker bar preps for annual ride

A contingent of Santa’s elves spend off-season rolling out on motorcycles and passing the warmer months at Outlaws Longview Bar. They’re counting down to Christmas, though, ready to go kickstands up once again and ride out for the young residents of Truman W. Smith Children’s Care Center in Gladewater.

In the meantime, they’re glad to accept donations on behalf of the young, infirm charges of the nursing facility on Hwy. 80. The group’s eager to load up a heaping trailer and make the haul toward Gladewater with Santa in the lead on a Harley.

“We love those kids,” says Melissa Lynn Kelly, bar owner and operator. The annual toy run’s been going on for more than three decades, and she was an eager



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Next week marks the 85th celebration of National Newspaper Week. Since 1940, Newspaper Association Managers has sponsored and supported National Newspaper Week, a week-long promotion of the newspaper industry in the United States and Canada.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Banish bored...forever!

Life is tough. But not as tough as we sometimes think we have it. Growing up with an older brother who had severe cerebral palsy I ‘innately’ knew to be grateful for mobility and speech. Donnie so impacted my life, or more accurately, how my Mom taught me that my brother was a gift of love from God shaped me tremendously.

There was no bitterness or ‘what ifs’ allowed in our family. When I became a teacher one of the speeches I gave every year, to every class, was the “You don’t have the right to be bored — EVER!” speech. I passionately taught ‘my’ kids that if they could see, hear, walk (or roll) and talk they didn’t have the right to be bored. I declared the word ‘bored’ on the same level as swearing and banished it from my classroom year after year.

That is one of the lessons that former students tell me they remember most. That and the “misery is optional, so happiness is a choice” speech.

Over the course of a teaching career teachers deal with many tragedies and if we are fortunate many triumphs. Saturday I was covering my sixth Adaptive Sportsfest for children and adults with disabilities. I nearly always get to see my former student Michael Rickman. Michael is a triumph in progress.

Michael was a Roughneck athlete with skill who was injured in a car accident in high school about eight years ago. Michael had a long and painful partial recovery. The pain is still a daily battle. But Michael is a young man of fortitude and bravery...and humor.

He recently, unexpectedly, heartbreakingly lost his 54-year old father. Even with faith one wonders how much can be borne.

Especially when you depend on the care and the support of someone else. Thank goodness he has the gift of his mother

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and his sweet sis Lindsey.

So, dear friends and neighbors, before you use the word ‘bored’ with ease in the future consider the following miracles you experience daily: you can get a drink when you are thirsty, you can turn the channels on your remote with ease, you can get up, you can sit down. You can independently take care of your personal needs.

Lord have mercy, how did we become so arrogant in our culture that we think we must be constantly entertained? To look at the sky, to scan the stars at night, to pick wildflowers, to ride with the windows down and the wind in your hair, to love on a child or pet with ease are down right miracles. To feed yourself is one as well. To sing, even off key? A miracle.

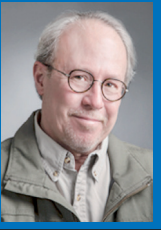
To be able to share your love in words or with your body is a gift from God. These are all gifts we squander. Gifts we toss away. How can we be so oblivious to the walking, talking, loving miracles that we are?

Life is too short my friends not to passionately embrace the beauty of the world around us. If I could exact a promise from you to banish the word bored from your vocabulary and that of your children and grandchildren I would.

And while I am being all ‘teachery’ let me remind you that happiness truly is a choice. One we make over and over and over again.

Today I choose happiness. Today I choose to see, to hear, to feel the miracles that surround me. I pray that you do as well.

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In-state tuition guidance creating confusion

Advocates for undocumented college students claim some students have been told incorrectly they are no longer eligible for low in-state tuition rates, the Texas Tribune reports. They are asking for clear guidance on the issue.

In June a federal court ruled unconstitutional the Texas Dream Act, a state law which granted in-state college tuition rates for undocumented college students. The June court ruling came after the state declined to defend a suit filed by the U.S. Justice Department.

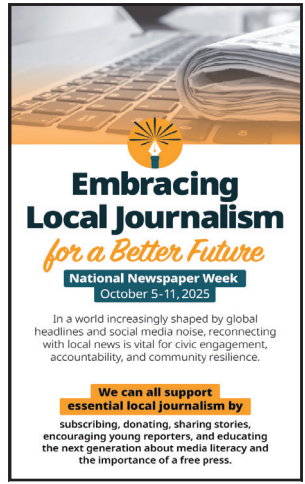
Advocates say some schools are confusing students previously eligible under the Dream Act with students attending under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA, who are considered to be living legally in the United States.

“The rules don’t help at all. They create even more confusion... You’re just going to have, again, more people getting wrongly denied,” said Julieta Garibay, co-founder of United We Dream, a national immigrant advocacy group. The advocates say several colleges, including Blinn College and Laredo College, initially said on their websites that DACA recipients can no longer obtain in-state tuition.

An assistant commissioner for the coordinating board, Charles W. Contéro-Puls, said repealing the Texas Dream Act would not negatively affect the state’s economy, a claim disputed by the American Immigration Council. Its analysis concluded rescinding in-state tuition for undocumented students could cost the state more than \$460 million annually in lost wages and spending power.

UPHOLDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT





Talent

A large, growing, and well-qualified workforce is essential to ongoing economic expansion. Texas has an advantage over many areas in that our population is younger and, hence, has more people in childbearing age ranges. Additionally, the state has long been attracting workers from other parts of the country (and, indeed, the world). A recent report by Lightcast, a global labor market intelligence firm, illustrates just how well Texas is doing.

Lightcast’s Talent Attraction Scorecard ranks states on seven components. The analysis looks at overall job growth over the past five years at an occupational level, then becomes more specific by delving into the numbers in high-earnings categories and blue-collar categories. Growth in the college-educated population and prime-age (25-54) population is considered, as well as people arriving with incomes above \$25,000 per year. How an area is performing as a result of competitive advantages rather than overall national trends is also part of the ranking.

Texas had three of the top 10 large (250,000+ residents) metropolitan areas. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington topped the list by a very large margin. Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos was second, and Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands was sixth. All other metro areas on the list were in Florida (which led Texas slightly on an overall statewide basis). At the other end of the spectrum were the greater Los Angeles (ranked last at 196), New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, and Boston areas.

A variety of factors influence in-migration. One is a dynamic economy. Texas has been a growth leader for a number of years, generating jobs across a broad spectrum of industries. These opportunities attract skilled workers, and the state’s sustained economic momentum is clearly a factor.

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Another advantage is the cost of living. It’s no coincidence, for example, that the states where people are attracted have no state income tax. In some of the areas losing talent in greatest numbers, there are not only state income taxes, but also substantial local taxes and particularly hefty levies on high-income individuals. When combined with higher costs for housing and other necessities, the financially rational decision can quickly shift toward Texas, Florida, and other less expensive places to live.

Momentum builds momentum. Good opportunities attract talent, which helps businesses expand and create yet more opportunities. Texas has been dominating major locations and expansions for well over a decade. The state is also attracting workers needed for continued growth. There are daunting challenges going forward, including providing adequate educational opportunities, electric power, water, and other infrastructure to facilitate further expansion, and overcoming perceptions discouraging some knowledge workers from coming to or remaining in the state. For now, however, Texas is well positioned to remain one of the most dynamic economies in the nation. Stay safe!

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AI ‘gold rush’ sweeps Texas

As Gov. Greg Abbott helped unveil the new Stargate facility in Abilene, he praised the state’s increasing role in the rapid growth of the artificial intelligence center. The Dallas Morning News reported the governor hinted that upcoming data center buildouts will be “far larger” than the nearly \$500 billion center opening in Abilene.

Financial and technology companies are staking claims in the state, Abbott said. Stargate’s facility in Abilene is part of a joint venture of OpenAI, Oracle, Softbank and the federal government. It plans to increase capacity at the flagship sites and add two other facilities in Shackelford and Milam counties.

Abbott hinted the sites unveiled are just the beginning for the economic growth spurred by AI.

“When you see the demand for them for artificial intelligence, you will see the power that it will inject into the future of the Texas economy,” he said. While there are concerns about high energy demand by the data centers, Abbott said the state’s capacity is more than sufficient.

“We have wind, solar, nuclear, which we’re adding even more to, and, of course, natural gas. And so we have low-cost power, abundant power, that is attracting the AI data centers,” he said.

ERCOT warns against power ‘complacency’

The agency that manages the state’s electric grid said a relatively mild summer put less strain on the state’s power grid, but officials are still warning against complacency. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas board met recently and credited the milder weather and rapid growth of solar energy and battery storage for an “uneventful” summer for the Texas grid.

In previous hotter summers, ERCOT operators have warned the grid was nearing capacity during prolonged heat waves.

“We’ve had so many well-above-average summers in a row that this seems like a cool summer relative to those,” said Dan Woodfin, ERCOT’s vice president of system operations. “But this is more what a normal summer looks like.”

Peak power demand has not reached record levels since the summer of 2023, but the state’s overall energy consumption has seen “extremely rapid” growth, ERCOT CEO Pablo Vegas said. The state’s energy consumption is rising five times faster than national average growth was from 2000 to 2020, he said. Vegas said the lack of extreme weather events has overshadowed the state’s rapid growth in power demand, in large part due to the data centers being built across the state.



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THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN # 5

What is the answer and solution to man’s sin-problem? None other than Jesus can release us from condemnation. Acts 4: 1 says: “Neither is there salvation in any others; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Jesus Christ is the ONLY answer! Sure, such is narrow, but true nonetheless (Jn. 14: 6). The religious world today proclaims that as long as you are a good person, you can be saved and go to heaven a thousand different ways. But the apostle Peter says, “No! You can only be saved through the name of Jesus.”

Titus 4 says, “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us.” In verse 5 Paul spoke of God’s “mercy;” and in verse 7 His justifying “grace.” Thus, God’s kindness is shown even to “the ungrateful and wicked;” His love is His concern for “the whole human race;” His mercy is extended to “the helpless who cannot save themselves;” and His grace reaches out to the “guilty and undeserving.”

In Rom. 5: 6, 8 we read: “For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Sin demanded the penalty of death, but Jesus was sinless and gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for man’s sins (Gal. 1: 3; Tit. 2: 14). Man needed a Savior who could relate to and identify with his infirmities without himself submitting to sin lest He Himself fall into the same condemnation. In this Jesus was more than adequate. The writer to the Hebrews said: “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4: 15). See also Heb. 7: 26-27.

But man also needed a Savior whose sacrifice could satisfy the demands of God’s justice. Again, only JESUS could meet such a demand (READ Rom. 3: 23-26). Because of JESUS, we now can be released from condemnation and have peace with God. To the Romans Paul wrote “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are In Christ Jesus” 8: 1). To the Galatians the same apostle wrote: “For ye all are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Again in Rom. 5: 1 He wrote “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Therefore, there is no condemnation to those who are “in Christ Jesus.” Who then are those who are “in Christ Jesus and children of God by faith? Those “who have been baptized into Christ.” Thus, the apostle Paul could say “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5: 1). Jesus Christ is the only answer to man’s problem with sin! Think on these things, More to come next week.

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Sports roundup

Bears edge ‘Dogs 28-27, ‘Necks fall

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears had their first real test of their season as they headed on the road to open district play to Jefferson to take on the 3rd ranked team in 3-A the Jefferson Bulldogs. And they passed that test with flying colors as they rallied late and defeated Jefferson 28-27.

Jefferson won the toss and deferred to the second half so the Bears got the ball first but couldn’t do much with the ball and punted. But Jefferson did the same and punted the ball back to Gladewater where the Bears started driving again but Achilles Hess’s pass was intercepted and returned 35 yards for a pick six and the Bulldogs lead 7-0. Jefferson got the ball right back but the Bears defense got them the ball right back as Destin Sherridan intercepted Jefferson quarterback Chance Washington’s pass. But again the Bears offense couldn’t do much and punted again and Jefferson went down the field and punched it in and it was a quick 14-0 Jefferson lead. After yet another Gladewater punt, the Bulldogs really began to flex their muscle and scored once again to make it 21-0 Jefferson. But then the Bears began their comeback. Starting with Jeremiah Flannigan finding the endzone for a 10 yard TD run and they went for two and got it making it a 21-8 game. After a quick defensive stop, the Bears chipped away more as Grafton Morgan nailed a 32 yard field goal to make it a 21-11 game. But Jefferson added to their lead with a touchdown and it was 27-11 Bulldogs at the half.

The Bears defense struck to begin the second half as they forced a Jefferson fumble and got the ball right back. But the drive stalled and they had to settle for another field goal from Morgan, this time 28 yards to cut the Jefferson lead to 27-14. The 4th quarter belonged to the Bears as Flannigan ripped off a 43 yard run to the 1 yard line and the next play Hess punched it in for a 1 yard TD run to make it a 27-21 game with 10 minutes left in the game. The Bears then took a gamble and attempted a onside kick and it paid off as they recovered. But they couldn’t do much and punted. But the Bears defense got them the ball right back as Maddox Vasquez intercepted a Washington pass and the Bears

offense took advantage and Flannigan punched it in from 1 yard out and the Bears lead 28-27. Jefferson muffed the kickoff and were buried at their own 4 yard line and could do nothing with it and punted the ball. The Bears were able to get a first down to seal the comeback win. “Just unbelievable heart this team has.

“We never thought we were out of this game. As long as we played the way we know how to play Bears football, I had no doubt we could win this game “ said coach Lewis.

The Bears improve to 4-1 and 1-0 in district play. They will be back home next for the annual Weldon game as they host Sabine. Kick off is at 7 PM.

‘Necks fall 39-14

The White Oak Roughnecks opened up district play as they hosted the Atlanta Rabbits and after holding a 14-13 lead at the half, it was all Rabbits in the 2nd half as they outscored the Necks 26-0 and rolled to a 39-14 victory. Jaxsen Ludlow and Kenny Poul had rushing touchdowns for White Oak. The Roughnecks drop to 4-1 and 0-1 in district play. They will next make the trip to Jefferson to take on the Bulldogs. Kick off is at 7 PM.

Lions claw out win

The Union Grove Bulldogs kicked off district play as they hosted the Hawkins Hawks and they were able to hold on for a 21-20 victory. Brycen Porter had another



White Oak’s Levi Sipes scrambled after a loose ball following an Atlanta punt return fumble. Teammate Chase Carroll ultimately recovered it for the Roughnecks that led to a touchdown. White Oak held a 14-13 halftime edge over the Rabbits, but Atlanta dominated the second half to win 39-14 in the district opener for both squads.

Photos by Mike Peery

good game as he was 10-16 for 144 yards with a touchdown. He also was nearly unstoppable on the ground with 28 carries for 147 yards and 2 touchdowns. Kohl Sirmans had 5 carries for 44 yards. Through the air, Wrigley Roberts had a huge night as he hauled in 7 passes for 119 yards and a touchdown. The Lions improve to 4-1 and 1-0 in district play and will travel to Elysian Fields. Kickoff is at 7 PM.

Volleyball roundup ...

By Tyler Sutton

Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball continued district play as they hosted the Sabine Lady Cardinals and fell in three sets 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-14). The loss drops Gladewater to 12-17 and 1-4 in district play.

They will next be in action with a pair of district matches on the road as they head to rival White Oak and then to Tatum.

White Oak Ladynecks volleyball continued their march through district play as they hosted the West Rusk Lady Raiders and fell in four sets 3-1 (29-27, 25-15, 16-25, 25-22). White Oak did bounce back with a sweep of Arp 3-0 (25-13, 25-20, 25-15). Addy Young handed out 31 assists, Andee Bridges knocked down 13 kills. Young also recorded six kills and three aces for the Ladynecks. Carrington Watson had 10 kills, Londyn Baker nine kills and five digs, Peyton Thompson six digs and 10 receptions, Taylor Morgan three aces and Macey Woolley three kills.

The LadyNecks set now at 15-15 and 2-3 in district action. They will next be in action with a match with rival Gladewater.

The Union Grove Lady Lions opened up district play with a home match with Hawkins where they fell 3-1. But they were able to bounce back next as they made the short trip to Big Sandy and swept them 3-0 (25-16, 25-11, 25-20).

Union Grove now sets at 10-13 and 1-1 in district play and will be back in action with matches at Linden-Kildare and a home match against Paul Pewitt.

WO fishing team compete at Lake Fork

By Mike Gilbert

The 2025/2026 fishing started the new season at Lake Fork Saturday, September 27th. With over 160 teams competing, White Oak had five teams with two that finished high in the standings. The team of Brayden Elliott and Colton Zivney finished in 17th place with a five fish limit weighing 6.74 lbs. Finishing in 32nd place was the team of Brayden Calhoun and Jackson Betts with a five fish limit weighing 5.57 lbs. As a school, White Oak finished 8th out of 29 schools at the tournament.

Lake Fork is a “slot limit” lake, meaning any fish measuring between 16 to 24 inches must be returned to the lake as a non-keeper fish. Out of well over 300 high school anglers, only one fish was weighed in over 24 inches long.

Our next event will be at Lake O the Pines Saturday, October 18th. Congratulations to the whole team for great start to the new season!



Brayden Calhoun and Jackson Betts with their limit

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6 TXism: “does a _____ office business” (successful)

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15 TXism: “got his spurs tangled”

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29 these words follow Panna & Santa in two Texas towns

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32 “Cowpokes” artist, TX Ace (init.)

33 Houston: “The Golden Buckle _____ Belt”

36 brave sea bird at Gulf restaurants

37 TXism: “_____ your head for something besides a hat rack”

38 State Park near Port Arthur (2 wds.)

39 TXism: “got _____ tangled” (lied)

41 action by the service department at an auto dealership (2 wds.)

44 TX “Babe”: Mildred _____ Didrikson

45 Texas poet: Naomi Shihab _____

46 this actress Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in “Racquet”

47 brandin’ irons _____ the hides of cows

48 writes again

51 TXism: “_____ do in a pinch”

52 Dallas Stars league (abbr.)

53 slang for “leg”

54 1984 novel by former Cowboy Pat Toomay: “On _____ Given Sunday”

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1 noted past Astro GM, Smith, in Astro Hall of Fame

2 TXism: “clean _____ hound’s tooth”

3 in Smith County on U.S. 69

4 TXism: “hot as a _____”

8 this Pete wrote “North Dallas Forty”

9 TXism: “_____ bark on a tree”

10 ex-Maverick but mostly a Nugget, Alex (init.)

11 Dallas County named for this VP (init.)

12 New York international music festival

13 TXism: “hook, _____, and sinker”

14 Oklahoma town

15 TXism: “spends his time looking _____” (lazy)

16 this Musial’s “World Series” is in Texas

17 TX Mac Davis _____ on Hollywood Blvd. in 1998

18 sleep sounds

20 Alamo’s Davy wore a _____ skin cap

22 Texas-born comedy actor, Martin (init.)

23 a MGM co.

24 sis’ sib

25 Texas actress Helen of 1940 film “Curtain Call”

26 restaurant or cafe

28 “_____ fair in love and war” (anything goes)

31 strait between Galveston Island & Treasure Island: San _____ Pass

34 poetic “before”

35 British 1967 film: “To _____ With Love”

37 Troy Aikman’s alma mater

40 strong beers

42 citrus drink ending

43 tinhorns can get saddle sore

_____ horse

49 TXism: “never in _____ born days”

50 Ron DeSantis state (abbr.)

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9/22/25	MISCELLANEOUS	20254845	2:48		265 HICKORY HICKORY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20254846	5:48		7441 FM 1404 FM 1404
	ALARM/OTHER	20254847	8:10	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254848	9:05		718 MARTHA MARTHA DR
	FIRE DEPT	20254850	9:48		328 MELBA MELBA
	ESCORT	20254851	10:16	MCWHORTER FUNERAL HOME	714 STATE HWY 300 STATE HWY 300
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254853	11:25		711 MARTHA MARTHA
	EMS	20254854	12:25		225 S DEAN DEAN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254855	12:37		1820 N LYNN LYNN ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254856	13:30		106 GREGORY GREGORY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254857	13:42		1201 E MARY MARY
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20254859	14:23		338 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE
	EMS	20254860	16:16		602 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	EMS	20254861	16:25		2107 FM 2865 FM 2865
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254862	16:30	TEXAS BANK AND TRUST	1603 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FIRE DEPT	20254864	16:11		2504 COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254865	19:24		100 THERY THERY
	DISURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20254866	19:50		210 GAY GAY W
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254867	20:00	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254868	21:10	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20254869	21:33		217 DEAN DEAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254870	22:05	AUSTIN BANK	1605 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
9/23/25	FIRE DEPT	20254871	2:57		215 HURLEY HURLEY
	ALARM/OTHER	20254872	3:32		3043 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254874	4:25		VESTA VESTA
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254875	6:35		1503 SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	MISSING PERSON	20254876	7:36		2804 WOODBINE DRIVE WOODBINE DRIVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254877	9:41		2204 WEST LAKE DRIVE WEST LAKE DRIVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254878	11:01	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20254879	11:34	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254880	14:45		1625 WEST LAKE DRIVE WEST LAKE DRIVE
	EMS	20254882	15:30	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1301 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20254883	16:03	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20254884	16:16	ZIPPS LIQUOR	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	THEFT	20254886	17:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254887	17:55	ZIPPS LIQUOR	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254889	18:46	ZIPPS LIQUOR	301 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254891	19:15		SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254892	20:17	BODACIOUS BBQ	1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254893	20:47		1610 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254894	21:47		1804 MUSTANG MUSTANG
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254895	22:23	ECONOMY INN	701 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20254898	23:45		HAROLD HAROLD ST
9/24/25	ALARM/OTHER	20254899	2:42	AJ S FAST STOP EXON	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254899	3:36		610 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	ASSIST	20254700	8:25	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20254701	9:54		1813 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY
	EMS	20254702	10:45		HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20254703	11:10	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
	EMS	20254704	11:15	GREENWAY VILLAGE	5 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254707	11:08		HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	HARASSMENT	20254708	11:58		515 N FERRY FERRY ST
	ABANDONED 911	20254709	12:15	SEYMOURS WILCO	1288 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SIMPLE ASSAULT "C"	20254711	13:24	GREENWAY VILLAGE	13 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	ABANDONED 911	20254712	13:40		2312 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ASSIST	20254713	14:11		W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20254714	14:48		803 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE
	EMS	20254715	14:55	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	10-50 MINOR	20254716	16:17		S TYLER S TYLER
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254717	19:16		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254719	20:13	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
9/25/25	ABANDONED 911	20254720	1:26		336 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20254721	5:17	TEAS CAFE	1414 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254722	6:42		LOOP 485 LOOP 485

	DISURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20254723	7:10		511 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20254724	7:20	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARM/OTHER	20254725	7:46		2128 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	ALARM/OTHER	20254726	7:51		2302 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	WARRANT	20254727	10:38		555 CLINTON CLINTON
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254728	14:22		MAIN MAIN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254729	15:07		100 W GAY GAY AVE
	WARRANT	20254730	16:32		2730 LINCOLN LINCOLN AVE
	ASSIST	20254731	17:31		2314 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254733	21:02		10 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254735	21:34		1515 SHELL CAMP SHELL CAMP RD
	10-50 MINOR	20254736	22:14	LEE BUILDING	500 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
9/26/25	EMS	20254737	0:13	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254738	11:07		1625 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE
	FIRE DEPT	20254740	13:04		1288 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20254742	14:18	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254743	15:48	CAVENDERS	800 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	10-50 MINOR	20254744	16:20	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254746	20:40	AJ S FAST STOP EXON	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISURBANCE-OTHER	20254748	21:56		21 JULIAWOOD JULIAWOOD
	FIRE DEPT	20254750	22:33		312 HAYNES HAYNES AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254751	23:17		30 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
9/27/25	MISCELLANEOUS	20254752	2:45		4 GARDEN LAKE GARDEN LAKE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254753	3:36		
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20254756	7:10		N TAYLOR TAYLOR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254757	7:30	48 FEED & SUPPLY	307 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20254759	9:58	ABUNDANT LIFE TEMPLE	407 N MONEY MONEY ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254760	10:01		
	ALARM/OTHER	20254760	12:28	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20254761	12:58	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1301 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20254762	13:18	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20254763	13:19		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254764	13:38		335 E UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ESCORT	20254765	14:08		
	EMS	20254766	14:11	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	20254769	17:02	OPTERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.	135 TEXAS TEXAS ST
	EMS	20254770	17:37	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2865 FM 2865
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	20254771	17:41	FAMILY DOLLAR	801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	DISURBANCE-OTHER	20254772	18:02		21 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254774	19:10		HWY 80 WB HWY 80 WB
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254775	20:11		207 S CENTER CENTER ST
	DISURBANCE-OTHER	20254776	20:18	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20254778	23:08		520 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
9/28/25	MISCELLANEOUS	20254779	0:13		400 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254780	0:23		HWY 135 HWY 135
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254781	1:31		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254783	5:58		5945 W COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE
	EMS	20254784	8:36		214 E EDDY EDDY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254786	12:05		3800 E EAST LAKE DRIVE EAST LAKE DRIVE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20254787	12:16		LEE LEE
	EMS	20254788	14:14	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20254789	16:51		1050 WILLOW OAK WILLOW OAK
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254791	20:38		1103 SHERWOOD SHERWOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254792	20:55		700 BROADWAY BROADWAY ST
9/29/25	FIRE DEPT	20254794	1:58		321 W SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254795	2:45		
	FIRE DEPT	20254796	4:34		501 N POST POST ST

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
9/23/25	9/23/25	20:20	GREEN, DAYLON QUINTEZ	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	1105 W UPSHUR AVE
	9/23/25	14:46	MASON, MISTY ANN	W	F	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1625 W LAKE
	9/23/25	18:51	BRIAN, BRIANNA MORGAN	W	F	SILENT/ABUSIVE CALLS TO 911 SERVICE	301 E UPSHUR AVE
9/25/25	9/25/25	15:11	HALE, DEANDRE TIONEDWARD	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	100 W GAY AVE
	9/25/25	15:11	HALE, DEANDRE TIONEDWARD	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	100 W GAY AVE
	9/25/25	14:24	LERMA, ANTHONY RON	A	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	404 S. MAIN
9/28/25	9/28/25	21:07	CLARK, CHANCE NOAH JR	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	700 E BROADWAY
	9/28/25	6:54	CORONADO, ALEXI LAURO	W	M	PUBLIC INTOXICATION-MINOR	2502 W UPSHUR

White Oak Police Activity Report

For the reporting period of September 22nd through September 28th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 209 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Advice Calls, Criminal Mischief, Suspicious Activity, Assault, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

No traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period.

White Oak Officers made seven arrests during this reporting period:

Edgar Morales, 22, of Monte Alto, TX, for Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Container.

Jackson Cauthorn, 18, of Gladewater, for a Smith County Warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Eduardo Rivas, 30, of Tyler, for Driving While Intoxicated.

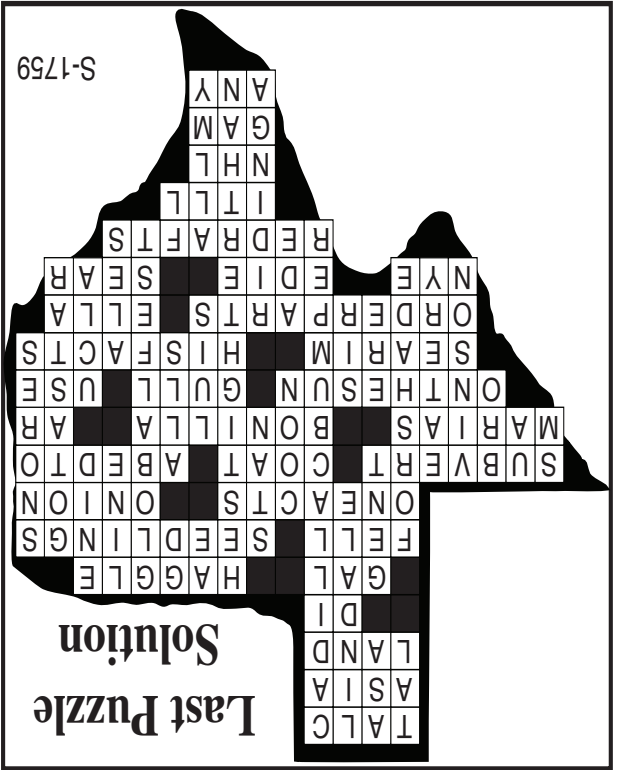
Ariella Smith, 21, of Diana, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Gregory Tubbs, 34, of White Oak, for Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Family Violence.

Travis Perry, 21, of White Oak, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Tracy Dula, 62, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

One separate and unrelated case was presented to the Gregg County District Attorney for prosecution:
-Assault Causing Bodily Injury Family Violence



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What's Happening?

Third Town Hall event brings 3 community leaders to the table Oct. 2

City, school and business will all be in the spotlight Oct. 2 during Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan's third Town Hall Meeting.

Featuring Gladewater ISD Superintendent Rae Ann Patty and Gladewater Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Anna Conlan alongside Flanagan and the team at Gladewater City Hall, the public panel discussion and talkback begins at 6 p.m. that Tuesday evening in the Gladewater High School Cafeteria. Other key participants include Gladewater City Council members, City Manager Charlie Smith and more municipal personnel.

According to the organizers, "This Town Hall will begin with brief presentations, followed by a panel discussion format that will allow citizens to ask questions directly."

"Your voice matters, and you are an integral part of Team Gladewater. The Mayor encourages everyone to be part of the conversation as we continue to move Gladewater forward."

Residents asked to pitch-in for cleanup Oct. 11

Gladewater's Fall 2025 Citywide Cleanup is just a couple of weeks out, and this year's event will once again take a multi-prong approach to sprucing up the community.

Along with Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and volunteers, City Hall's spearheading the Oct. 11 effort: "Together, let's show some hometown pride and keep our community looking its best."

Downtown, city personnel and helpers will be on-hand



A group of Longview firefighters, including a White Oak resident, were recognized Sept. 26 for their response to the Kerrville floods in July. The group of LFD personnel included Battalion Chief Tommy Daniel, Lieutenant Tim Clanton, Captain Shayne Rust, Captain Ryan Howard, Firefighter Cliff Patrick, Driver Engineer / Paramedic Brian Pfau of White Oak, Driver Engineer Brian Woodrum and Deputy Fire Marshal Joshua Meenach. The firefighters spent 14 days in Kerrville as part of the coordinated search, rescue and recovery mission.

(Courtesy photo)

to transfer residents' car, truck and trailer-loads of trash into roll-off containers. Running 8 a.m. to noon that Saturday morning, residents are invited to drop-off their accumulated junk at the city's collection site on East Commerce Street.

Meanwhile, "The City of Gladewater will be offering curbside pick-up for our disabled and senior residents," per City Hall's event page. To schedule a pick-up, call the Water Utility Billing Department at 903-845-2196 no later than noon Thursday, Oct. 9.

Concurrent to the collections, the city is recruiting volunteers to spread throughout the community for an autumn litter round-up: "We need you to help us make a big impact."

Helpers will gather at 7:45 a.m. Oct. 11 at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on East Pacific.

"From there, we'll head out to neighborhoods and parks across the city to roll up our sleeves and get Gladewater shining.

Bring your gloves – we'll supply the garbage bags."

Chamber dynamo Lois Reed will be leading another band of volunteers through downtown in memory of her predecessor, the late Marsha

Valdetero. The group will start from the intersection of the loop and Hwy. 271 at 8 a.m. and head north, cleaning up Main Street ahead of end-of-year activities.

Per Reed, "This is a great opportunity to just spread out and cleanup."

Can You Dig It? Find Out During Texas Archeology Month In October

AUSTIN — Previously unknown stories await discovery in Texas, and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is excited to celebrate Texas Archeology Month (TAM) in October.

Archeological discoveries have revealed some of the most captivating stories in Texas history, from ancient burial grounds to the cornerstones of historically significant buildings.

TAM, which occurs annually in October, fosters the spirit of discovery and promotes awareness of archeological programs across the state.

Don't miss this year's Texas Archeology Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. In conjunction with the museum's H-E-B

Free First Sunday, the full-scale public event features a wide array of hands-on activities, artifact displays, crafts, games, and expert demonstrations highlighting the diverse cultures and traditions that have shaped Texas history.

Other events

Some of the THC's state historic sites and organizations are hosting events throughout October. Some of the events are highlighted below.

Oct. 4 is Step Back Saturdays: Artifact Matchup at Starr Family Home State Historic Site, 407 W. Travis St., Marshall.

A prelude to the site's larger celebration—Dig In!—the artifact matchup allows visitors to try their hand at piecing together ancient pottery with puzzles while discovering how archeologists match fragments to unlock history. The event is free, but house tours are available at the standard admission price.

Oct. 11 is Archeology Day at Kreische Brewery. Visitors will learn about the work of archeologists by exploring the history of artifacts at the site, which was excavated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the 1970s.

OBITUARIES

JOYCE ANN HIGHTOWER

Joyce Ann Hightower, a beloved mother, grandmother, and caring friend, passed away on August 29, 2025, at the age of 92. Born on November 6, 1932, in Scottsboro, Alabama, Joyce was the daughter of A.P. and Alice Guffey. She spent her early years in Alabama before moving to Gladewater, Texas, for her senior year of high school, where she would ultimately plant her roots.



After graduating, Joyce began her career at the Gladewater Telephone Office. On November 2, 1952, she married Maurice Hightower, and together, they created a legacy with Hightower Jewelers, a cherished fixture in the Gladewater community for many years until their retirement in 1995. Joyce was involved in various organizations, including Cub Scouts, Blue Birds, Campfire, and the PTA, as well as the 3 Arts Club. She was known

for her reserved demeanor yet radiated love, kindness, and thoughtfulness to everyone she met. Her passion for baking birthday cakes, sewing, and crocheting brought joy to her family and friends alike.

Joyce joins her beloved husband, Maurice, who she shared 68 wonderful years with. She is preceded in death by her parents, A.P. and Alice Guffey, as well as one sister and one brother. She leaves behind a loving family, including her children, David Hightower (Donna) and Brenda Allen (Ronnie), along with her cherished grandsons, Ryan and William Allen. Joyce is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, three sisters, and one brother.

Rest in peace, Joyce. Your love will live on in the hearts of those you have left behind.

CHARLES "CHARLIE" ANTHONY RUSSELL

Funeral services for Charles "Charlie" Anthony Russell, of Longview, Texas, will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Walnut Creek Baptist Church. Interment to follow at Walnut Creek Cemetery. The family will



receive friends at 10:00 am prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Charlie was born on April 6, 1955, in Bossier City, Louisiana, to David Parker Russell Sr. and Ida Lois Gaines Russell and passed from this life on September 26, 2025, in Longview, Texas.

Charlie was a live-in counselor at Sabine Valley and Azleway Boys Ranch for many years before his retirement. With a love for sports, he umpired Little League Baseball for over 40 years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Penny Renee Love; son, Bryan Alan Russell; and his brothers, David Parker Russell Jr. and Clifford Wayne Russell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, James Russell.

Pallbearers will be Wade Beckham, Mo Lopez, Bill McDowell, Mark Oliver, Greg Pope, and Trey Villareal.

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in the GLADEWATER ADMINISTRATION
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NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
The White Oak Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 906 S. White Oak Rd. Regarding a request from Larry Renhquist to change the zoning at AB 38 W H Castleberry SUR TR 23-02 Sec 10 UND INT, and AB 38 W H Castleberry SUR 23 SEC 10, more commonly known as 2209 & 2211 E. Old Hwy 80, White Oak, from local retail to single-family 8.
A second public hearing will be held before the White Oak City Council on November 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
For more information contact Jimmy Purcell, City Coordinator at jpurcell@cityofwhiteoak.com

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Allen, Bardwell to wed

Daniel and Rosemary Thatcher of Hamilton would like to announce the engagement and impending marriage of their daughter Abigail Thatcher Allen of Providence Village to Jim Bardwell of Gladewater, son of Carol Jones of Longview.

The couple plan to wed Oct. 17 at the bride's parents' Hamilton home with a private family ceremony. Allen's daughters, Julia and Jada, will serve as her maids-of-honor, and Bardwell's best men will be his best friend Jerry Comb-est and Jim's son Josh Bardwell.

James Draper will conduct the ceremony.

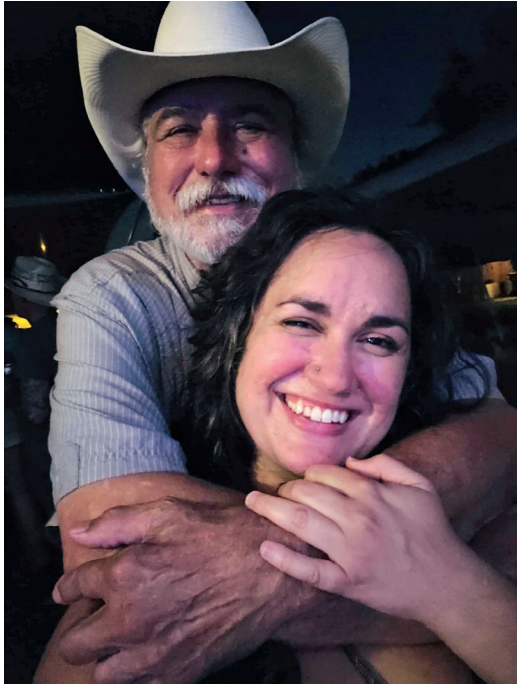
They plan a larger public celebra-tory ceremony for April 18, 2026, out-side Gladewater in East Texas for close family, friends and newspaper family.

Both the bride and groom are pro-fessional journalists. She is the editor and publisher of the Pilot Point Post-Signal, and he is publisher and owner of the Glade-water Mirror newspaper and East Texas Sports Magazine.

She is a graduate of Hamilton High School and the University of North Texas, while he graduated Longview High School and attended Kilgore College and East Texas State University.

Both have served as board members on the North & East Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association. Allen is the first vice president of the NETPA and Bardwell served as president of the NETPA twice and was president of the TPA.

Both are very active in their communities, serving on economic development cor-poration boards, chamber boards, and community and civic boards. And both have been recognized regionally and statewide during their newspaper careers, with him also earning national recognition.



City lends a hand with locals' limbs

Limb pickup doesn't cost an arm or a leg for residents, thanks to the City of Gladewater chipping in.

A public works chipping initiative recently got the green light from council members, and municipal personnel are available on an as-needed basis to mulch tree debris for homeowners and renters.

"We do have a chipper that we bought to help the citizens," Gladewater Public Works Director Brian Smith said. "If they cut the limbs down themselves, we will come haul off three yards, anything smaller than six inches, for free.

"We'll do up to three cubic yards free the first time. After that, there's a charge. It's very minimal," \$10 per cubic yard.

To request a pickup, call 903-845-2196.

Smith's reluctant to charge even a nominal cost to residents, but the city has to recoup some of its maintenance and fuel costs.

Notably, the City of Gladewater program does not cover limbs left by tree companies, green waste at commercial properties or by landlord request, only cuts by tenants.

"It was set up for the residents who needed the help, not people who are making money for the house."

Those projects add up too quickly to be footed by taxpayers.

"It's costing the city lots and lots of money in manpower, equipment and dumping."

Mulch is available for residents who request it, Smith noted.

"We go and dump it in their yard when they ask."

Public works clears gap in Sewer policies before bust

The City of Gladewater recently tightened its policies regarding sewer cleanouts and maintenance – the goal is to safeguard homes, particularly when older pipes can't handle modern pressures.

"Every city helps its citizens by cleaning out the sewers when they get backed up," ac-cording to Gladewater's public works director, but proximity's become a problem.

For years, Brian Smith explained, the norm was to let contractors place cleanouts wher-ever. Naturally, he allowed, "The contractors would always put them near to the house because it's cheaper for them."

Years and decades later, though, the city's having to step-back that courtesy maintenance at residences without enough of a safe zone between the curb and the home.

"We no longer can do it unless it's away from the house by 15 feet because of the pres-sure," he said. Modern equipment isn't kind to old infrastructure: "It will backflow into the house and flood it. If we continue to do the cleanouts up by the house, it's just a matter of time before we flood the house and get sued."

It's long been the city's policy to assist homeowners with that task when requested, but the risk's just too great inside the private property's boundary. Ideally, city maintenance won't get any further from the curb then three to five feet moving forward.

"So long as we stay within that easement, we're good."



Christmas time's a' comin' to kids center as local biker bar preps for annual ride

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participant throughout the years the charity ef-fort was helmed by the late Nell Higginbotham of Longview's former Mom's Biker Bar.

Today, Kelly's the excited organizer of the holiday benefit, and she's getting ready to raise the 'Angel Tree' in late October to start stockpiling gifts and necessities for the second Saturday in December.

"It's always kickstands up at 1 p.m. at Out-laws," Kelly says. The long line of bikes (and other vehicles) stretches down 80 to arrive about half an hour later, raising "such a clatter" for the sake of the care center's clientele: "What better way than to pull up at the hospital and see all these babies' faces out there because here comes Santa Claus?"

In addition to dropping of contributions at Outlaws, donors can contact Kelly at 903-353-3353 to learn specific needs they can help fulfill.

"They actually give us their wish list and their

need list," Kelly explained, essentials and gifts for every patient, averaging about 100.

"Pajamas and hygiene products, specialty and sensory toys, things like that, we get them socks and the basic day-to-day needs. Then, we also make it possible to fill their want list.

"One year there was a little boy that wanted a drum set. Everybody here pitched in a little bit. Every year we try to just do something a little extra for one or all of them together. I don't know what we're going to do this year."

Everyone is invited to join in the effort, she added, riding out with the Christmas spirit.

"It doesn't matter if you have a motorcycle. You can come in a regular vehicle. We all line up and go. The more, the merrier, really."

The kids love the roar of the caravan, she added. "The more we have, the better. The more noise we make, the more the children get to hear."



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Brylen Bailey (right) and DeAndre Hale take advantage of last weekend’s cool, sunny weather to cast a line in the Sabine River at the Hwy. 271 bridge Saturday morning.

Weldon Alumni get buzzing for annual honor game Friday

Gladewater is “calling all Bumblebees” back to the hive again this weekend for the fourth annual Weldon Honor Game Friday night.

Weldon Alumni Association’s Darren Richardson credits former GISD Athletic Director Johnny Louvier with the inspiration to pay homage to the Bumblebees in honor of the years the campus served as the local school for African American students during segregation.

In 1965, according to a 2023 history of the campus, “On Feb. 8th, the dual school system was abolished. Freedom of choice among the four Gladewater schools was instituted.”

Weldon Elementary-High School operated through 1969 before being converted and re-named Gladewater Middle School that fall. It was renamed Weldon Middle School in 1979, became the intermediate school in 1984 then transitioned to elementary in 2016.

During the school’s heyday, with its signature green and white, “There were a couple of times the Bumblebees played for a state championship. They never won, but they made it twice,” Richardson said. “The last time they made it was in 1968, when Walter Derrick was their head coach.

Come Friday, “The Bears will wear green and white jerseys and turn into the Bumblebees for this game.”

Fans, too, are encouraged to where Weldon’s colors Oct. 3 as Gladewater High School faces the Sabine Cardinals at Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium. Richardson is co-organizing this weekend’s alumni activities. For more information, contact him at 903-374-1370.

History of the Weldon Bumblebees

- 1894: The first school in Gladewater Proper was organized. The one room building was located on the east of Main Street in Gladewater
- 1921: The school rented the New Hope Baptist Church
- 1922: The school district qualified for the Rosenwald Fund and built a two room building on 2 acres. The Rosenwald school served the district until 1933
- 1932: Red Rock, Holly Springs and Lincoln Springs community schools were consolidated
- 1933: In May, it was decided that a consolidation “...into one school system to be located in Gladewater was the only hope for anything like adequate training.”
- 1934: The district purchased six acres at the current location and built a ten room building for \$34,000
- 1935: The auditorium was complete
- 1937: The schools as named “Weldon” in honor of the principal, J. Weldon Williams
- 1937: The district consolidated Big Sandy, Joy, and Evergreen district.
- 1939: Organized athletics began with C.C. Cooksey as the first paid coach. The Weldon Band was organized under Milton B. Flemings
- 1953: A disastrous fire completely destroyed the main building
- 1954: Weldon was rebuilt for a cost of over a quarter million dollars. The campus was then approximately twenty-six acres and extended to South main to Roden Lane on the south side of Saunders
- 1959: Enrollment was 593 and three more classrooms were built
- 1961: The air-conditioned auditorium and eight classrooms were completed
- 1965: On Feb. 8th, the dual school system was abolished. Freedom of choice among the four Gladewater schools was instituted
- 1969: This was the last year that Weldon Elementary-High School was operated. In the fall, the campus was converted to the middle school in the Gladewater Independent County Line School
- 1969: Weldon's name is changed to Gladewater Middle School (6th,7th & 8th)
- 1979: Gladewater Middle School becomes Weldon Middle School
- 1984: Weldon Middle School becomes Weldon Intermediate School (4th &5th)
- 2016: Weldon Intermediate School became Weldon Elementary School (2nd-5th)



CITY OF GLADEWATER

FALL 2025 CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 11th from 8am - Noon

E. Commerce Street, Gladewater, Texas 75647

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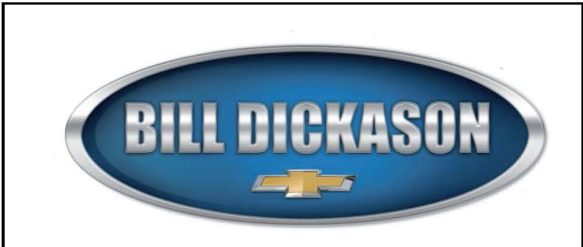
An illustration showing four people (two men and two women) participating in a clean-up activity. They are using tools like rakes and brooms to clear debris from a path. There are trees and a grassy area in the background.

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