

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 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.”



The Gladewater Bears donned the Weldon Bumblebees’ signature green-and-white once again Friday, Oct. 3, welcomed to the field by a crowd of alumni from the once segregated campus, now Weldon Elementary. It was the fourth annual Honor Game spotlighting the students, instructors and coaches of the historic Weldon school, and Darren Richardson led the alums in singing both their school song and fight song ahead of the Bears’ bout with the Sabine Cardinals.



Shootout at Sonic investigated

The Texas Rangers are investigating a Monday night shooting involving law enforcement in the parking lot of the Sonic in Gladewater.

According to a press release from the Gregg County Sheriff’s Office - “At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2025, deputies with the Gregg County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division and officers with the Gladewater Police Department were attempting to stop and detain 43-year-old Amanda Allen at a restaurant located near the 1100 block of East Broadway in Gladewater, Texas. The deputies and officers were acting on intelligence indicating Allen was directly involved in narcotics trafficking,” According to Craig Harrington, Chief Deputy “While attempting to evade the officers, Al-

len used her vehicle to ram a Gregg County patrol vehicle, forcing a Gregg County Sheriff’s Deputy to discharge his duty weapon in defense of the other deputies and police officers. The deputies and officers on scene immediately began life-saving measures, and Allen was transported to a local hospital, where she later succumbed to her injuries.

“No police officers or sheriff’s deputies were seriously injured in this incident. In accordance with Gregg County Sheriff’s Office policy, the deputy involved has been placed on administrative leave, and the incident has been turned over to the Texas Rangers for further investigation. Additional information regarding this incident will be released as it becomes available.” Business resumed at Sonic Tuesday morning.



Gladewater Fire Department Chief Mike Simmons uses a drone’s thermal setting to track the spread of a five-acre brushfire off Nottingham Road in White Oak Oct. 2.



Firefighters, police officers and EMS from White Oak, Gladewater, Clarksville City, Longview and Christus responded to a grassfire in White Oak last week after a homeowner’s burn pile apparently sent embers into surrounding dry grass Thursday afternoon.

Gregg Co. residents in hardship can apply for utility assistance

The City of Gladewater is partnering with Gregg County Health Department for a ‘Utility Assistance Program’ to support residents facing financial hardship.

The county provides help with a range of utility expenses – water, gas and electric – for qualifying individuals in certain circumstances. The outreach does not cover rent, home repairs or other uses.

“Together, we are committed to providing resources that ensure access to essential services, especially during difficult times,” the City of Gladewater announced earlier this month. “This program is designed to help eligible households with water utility assistance, offering relief to those who may be struggling to keep up with necessary expenses.”

The health department manages applicants. Required documentation includes a government issued ID such as a Driver’s License, state ID, passport, etc. A Certificate of Naturalization or Permanent Resident Card can be paired with a license or ID.

Applicants must also provide proof of residence (at the address where a disconnect notice is directed), proof of income (check stubs, bank statements or an award letter) and proof of hardship. Difficult circumstances could include everything from job loss (laid-off, terminated, reduction in hours, etc.), hospitalization (i.e. admission for three days or more, not ER visits that do not result in admission) or death in the household.

Notably, per the county, “Utility Service must still be connected, and utility bill needs to reflect a current ‘Disconnect’ notice, also must show current Service Address.”

Electric bills with a current disconnect must be paid down to the last \$150 before assistance will be provided, including a receipt showing the difference paid. Similarly, both water and gas must be paid down to the last \$75 plus receipt.

“We can only help with utility assistance every two years.”

For questions or more information, contact Gregg County Health Department at 903-237-2620.

Per the city, “We encourage any residents in need to apply and take advantage of this support. Our goal is to ensure that no one in our community is without such an essential service.”

Increasing drought conditions renew local calls for caution

Limited rainfall has counties across the state inching up the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, and both Gregg and Upshur Counties are also seeing a higher potential for forest fires.

There have been some flame-ups locally in recent days, including a 5-acre grassfire last week in White Oak, prompting official warnings about outdoor burns.

According to White Oak Volunteer Fire Department, “Due to the lack of rain and the recent wildfire activity, the Fire Marshal’s Office will not be issuing burn permits within the City of White Oak, Texas until further notice. If you choose to burn for cooking or recreational purposes please follow city ordinance/TCEQ guidelines and use extreme caution.”

Gladewater does not issue burn permits, pointing locals to state regulations – camping, cooking and ceremonial fires are permitted (when there are no bans in place) and absolutely no burning of trash or tree debris is allowed in the city limits under local regs.

There are no county bans currently, but there’s also no significant rainfall in the forecast, according

to the 14-day outlook from the National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center.

Gregg County is averaging a 575 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index while Upshur is at a 585 on the KBDI.

Maintained by Texas A&M weather researchers, “The drought index ranges from 0 to 800, where a drought index of 0 represents no moisture depletion, and an index of 800 represents absolutely dry conditions.”

Both White Oak VFD and Gladewater Fire Department responded to the Oct. 2 grassfire off Nottingham Road in White Oak alongside firefighters, police officers and EMS from Clarksville, Longview and Christus.

The incident reportedly began after a homeowner’s burn pile sent embers into surrounding dry grass, ultimately spreading across several acres with homes nearby.

Find the latest details from drought index via A&M’s Texas Weather Connection at twc.tamu.edu/kbdi. For precipitation details, log on to the National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center via tinyurl.com/precipitationdata

Major road projects reach Gladewater soon

Gladewater city leaders and stakeholders have high hopes for the Toll 49 expansion that will eventually bring more traffic into-and-through Gladewater. First, though, there’s a lot of roadwork that has to be checked off the list.

The prelude to those major projects is already underway and more’s coming soon as Texas Department of Transportation and various contractors clear the way for the planned progress.

“Within the next 60 days, there will be some dirt moving,” Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith confirmed last week. “There’s a lot of utilities being moved right now, getting them to the edge of

the new right-of-way.”

Gladewater City Council members awarded a handful of associated projects las month, from moving a city lift station on Hwy. 271 to relocating water and sewer lines on the loop and nearby. Fiber optic infrastructure and gas lines are also being shifted ahead of the major construction that’s coming.

“It really starts with TxDOT and the widening of 271,” Smith said, making way for Toll 49’s connection north of town. “We’re right in the middle of it.”

Continued on Page 8

OPINION/COMMENTARY

Fortune favors the brave...

Ideas matter. A lot.
Sometimes more than anything else.
They inspire revolutions, political and personal. They inspire change. They inspire...us.
The recipe for innovation includes inspiration, passion, enthusiasm, courage and strength of will. Sometimes our inspiration surprisingly comes from pop culture. It did just that in 1981 when an Australian 12-year old went to the movies to see “Raiders of the Lost Ark”. That inspired kid grew up to make millions in movies playing the X-Men character Wolverine.
And I will unabashedly admit that I do love X-Men... especially Wolverine. His movie character was a dedicated soldier who was experimented on against his will to create a super soldier. Wolverine has to remember who he really was and what his convictions really are to become a hero. Remember, this is based on a comic series that exploded in the brand-name, superficial ‘in’ culture of the 1980s. X-Men is about gifted outsiders feared for being different who must choose a better way despite how others respond to them.
Now stick with me if you aren’t a fan because there are some pretty important ideas these favorite movie characters sometimes convey that apply right here at home.
My good pal (supreme exaggeration) Hugh Jackman has taken his talent far beyond the comic driven X-Men franchise. By the way, I actually did meet him. In New York City in a blizzard as he was leaving his Broadway show “The Boy From Oz”. And yes, I got his autograph and took his picture to prove it.
This weekend I finally saw my old pal Hugh in the movie musical “The Greatest Showman” which he called a risky ‘passion project’ that was years in the making. The movie is about how P.T. Barnum brought people who were ‘differ-

The Best of
Suzanne
Bardwell



ent’ into the limelight and in this movie, into life as equal partners.
I loved “The Greatest Showman”. I am a sucker for good music, inspiring messages, risk-taking for a better world, and of course, Hugh Jackman.
Here are a couple of quotes from the movie that give you an inkling of the thought provoking inspiration these characters spark in its viewers, especially this one.
“No one ever made a difference by being like everyone else.”
And, my absolute favorite...“Hyperbole isn’t the worst crime.
Men suffer more from imagining too little than too much.”
We must remember that it is often the visionary who makes the biggest difference in our lives and world.
There are lessons here for all of us.
‘We the People’ need to allow for change, a few detours, maybe a few mistakes along the way, and the courage and will to do what needs to be done to address our economic, educational, cultural and infrastructure challenges.
I believe in this community and its leadership and together we can make a difference and build a better future for Gladewater.
After all, “Fortune always favors the brave, and never helps a man who does not help himself.” P.T. Barnum

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



Trio of judges to rule on congressional map

The same plaintiffs who are challenging the state’s 2021 congressional map are asking a panel of three federal judges to block using the new GOP-approved districts from being used in the March midterms. The Texas Tribune reported this is the first legal test for the redrawn districts, which are intended to increase the Texas congressional seats held by Republicans by five.
The hearing began Wednesday in El Paso and is expected to last nine days. Voting rights lawsuits are initially heard by two district judges and one circuit judge. Their ruling can only be appealed directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.
Several lawsuits were filed after Texas legislators redrew voting maps in 2021 following the decennial census. Those suits were consolidated into one case, League of United Latin American Citizens versus Abbott. As with the 2021 lawsuit, the latest complaint claims the new map harms the voting rights of Latino and Black voters.
Time is running short, with the filing deadline for candidates on Dec. 8.
“All of this, every part of this, is about the clock right now,” said Justin Levitt, a voting rights expert at Loyola Law School. “The plaintiffs want an answer as soon as possible. Texas wants to stall like crazy. All of this is about what’s going to get a court to deliver an answer before the next election.”

Texas Stock Exchange gets SEC approval
The Dallas-based Texas Stock Exchange has received approval to operate as a national securities exchange from the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, KERANews reported. The announcement came exactly a year after Gov. Greg Abbott celebrated the exchange’s creation.
TXSE is the first exchange to receive SEC approval in decades. It will launch trading and corporate listings in 2026.
“Today’s approval marks a pivotal moment in our effort to build a world-class exchange rooted in alignment, transparency, and partnership with issuers and investors,” said James H Lee, founder and CEO of TXSE.
Its mission, according to a news release, is to “reverse the decades-long decline in the number of U.S. public companies by reducing the burden of going and staying public.”

How federal shutdown is affecting Texas
The federal shutdown that began last Wednesday is stopping, for now, a chunk of the hundreds of billions of dollars that flow from Washington to Texas each year, the Houston Chronicle reported. Also affected are the more than 230,000 Texans who work for the federal government and will not receive a paycheck until the shutdown ends. That includes members of the military.
Texas is home to 14 military bases operated by more than 100,000 enlisted men and women, as well as large numbers of civilians working in support industries such as food service and construction.
Medicare and Social Security payments will continue, and military bases and other operations considered essential to national security will continue to operate. Air traffic controllers and employees of the Transportation Security Administration are considered essential employees and are required to continue working without a paycheck until the shutdown ends. Staffing shortages are expected at major Texas airports, as cash-strapped workers either stay home or look for new jobs. In addition, most federal courts will be forced to close if the shutdown lasts very long, as their funding reserves run out. National parks likely will remain open, just without anyone staffing them.

Talarico raises \$6.2 million in Senate bid
State Rep. James Talarico, D-Round Rock, raised \$6.2 million in the first three weeks of his bid for U.S. Senate, kut.org reported. That far outpaces his main rival for the Democratic nomination, former U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, who announced raising \$4.1 million over three months since launching his campaign on July 1.
Talarico’s donations came from more than 125,000 individual contributors across 230 Texas counties.

Letter to the Editor ...
Be visionaries and allow this source of development on the lake

I appreciate the story about the vacation rentals on Lake Gladewater. I have lived on the Lake for 25 years. These businesses have been a blessing for me. I have a large family and it has outgrown my house. Now each of my children can rent a house for their family, when we have a gathering and the leftovers can stay with me. Before the VRBOs, they had to stay in Longview or Tyler. They buy food, gas and supplies in Gladewater, that otherwise would have been purchased elsewhere.
I have often wondered why the city is letting this source of revenue escape. These places should be licensed and an occupancy tax collected. The recent home invasion was not the fault of the VRBOs; it was a case of undisciplined kids gone wild.

We invite visitors to come for the antique stores in Glade-water, but we lack adequate loddging. Wouldn’t an antiquing trip combined with a weekend on the lake be more appealing? Even in the middle of the summer, there is very little activity on the lake. Young families with children have been priced out of purchasing on the lake, by the rising property prices. With the rental units they can enjoy a weekend on the lake without breaking the bank account. Three of the City Council members were classmaes of my son in GHS class of 1981 and I know they enjoyed fun on this lot , which we leased but had not built on it.
Please be visionaries and allow this source of development on the lake.
Joyce Hugman

Business Dynamics

There’s a lot going on in the labor market these days, and it has recently been difficult to sift through the mixed signals to get a clearer picture of where things stand. Although some information suggests that the market is fairly stable all things considered, there are also frequent headlines regarding both layoffs and challenges for job seekers. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) tracks Business Employment Dynamics which provides some insights into the underlying patterns.
In addition to looking at net employment changes by firm size, the data also reveals the “churn” in the labor market, that is, the simultaneous processes of job creation (gross gains) and job destruction (gross losses). While most employment data is expressed on a net basis (gains minus losses), a small net number could look like stability but conceal substantial volatility.
A key finding in the [most recent data release](#) (4Q 2024) indicates that small firms with fewer than 50 employees are disproportionately responsible for the numbers of job gains and losses. The net change for small firms was a modest increase of 115,000, but there were almost 3.2 million jobs gained and more than 3.0 million lost.
Mid-size companies with between 50 and 249 employees had a net similar overall increase of 116,000 jobs, but only 1.1 million gains and 1.0 million losses. Large firms (250+) contribute a larger absolute number of jobs to the economy due to their sheer size, but they actually logged a small net decrease over the quarter, with both gains and losses of about 1.8 million. Overall, the private sector added 6.0 million jobs but lost 5.8 million, resulting in a net employment change of 227,000.

Dr. Ray
Perryman
THE ECONOMIST



It is noteworthy that small firms exhibited by far the highest volume of both gains and losses, illustrating their enormous degree of dynamism. Mid-size firms are generally a relatively consistent and somewhat more stable source of net employment growth. Large firms generated millions of jobs but lost slightly more.
Part of the picture is that many large firms are in a restructuring cycle. Several have announced layoffs related to deployment of AI-driven automation. There have also been industry-specific shifts, such as downsizing in the technology sector and movements toward pre-pandemic labor market patterns.
Relatively small shifts in overall net employment during the fourth quarter camouflaged the fact that millions of people lost private-sector jobs during just a few months (though somewhat more were added). The widely publicized net job gains are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg in the labor market. As the data for 2025 becomes available, we will be able to assess the patterns stemming from new tariff and immigration policies more clearly. Stay tuned and safe!

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com), which has served the needs of over 3,000 clients over the past four decades.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN # 6

We have learned that God seeks to reconcile all men to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us to help effect that reconciliation. His sacrifice of Himself is the perfect sacrifice and it is through Him that we can find salvation God provides. Such is the perfect demonstration of God’s love (*Rom. 5: 8*). Thus, it is the sheer love of God that instigated His plan for our redemption. It is because of His kindness, love, mercy, and grace that He intervened on our behalf to rescue us from our sinful and hopeless predicament.
But do we have any responsibility in the matter of salvation? Yes, we do! Heb. 7: 25 says, “*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come (draw near) to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*” Thus, Jesus is able to save to the uttermost (absolutely, completely). But he saves those “*who come (draws near) unto God through Him.*” Therefore, Jesus’ sacrifice is for all men, and none can be saved without it. But, at the same time, His sacrifice is effective only for those who come unto God through Him in obedience.
Thus, in Christ God draws near to men and in Him men may draw near to God with the full assurance of constant and immediate access. Jesus is our great and living mediator and intercessor. To the Romans the apostle Paul wrote, “*Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifies; who is he that condemns? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us*” (*Rom. 8: 33-34*). What a great blessing it is to have none other than the Son of God continually looking after our needs in heaven! Whatever comes our way we can confidently say “*we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us*” (*Rom. 8: 37*). Christ proved His love for us through His suffering and death on the cross, and we should reciprocate our love for Him, enduring whatever comes our way” (1 Jn. 4: 19). Jude said, “*Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life*” (*Jude 21; Tit. 2: 13*).
In conclusion, man is lost because of sin which is all around us and we are daily affected by it and its consequences. God does not excuse, overlook, and minimize sin. The end result of sin is to be lost in eternity. But there is a way out of it. Jesus Christ is the good news, and the hope of the world is found in the gospel of Christ. The sin problem is deathly serious, but it does not have to dominate our lives, control our desires, or condemn our conscience. There is hope and freedom and that hope, and freedom is found only in Jesus Christ (*Jn. 8: 32; Matt. 11: 28-30*). If I can be of help to you, please contact me. Think on these things.
Dennis C. Abernathy-White Oak Church of Christ
P. O. Box 454 - White Oak, Texas 75693- 903-736-1822-dennis.abernathy845@gmail.com.



The Gladewater Mirror is published weekly by Bardwell Ink, LLC
211 N. Main Street
Gladewater, TX



Periodicals Postage Paid
Gladewater, TX
USPS 575-140
ISSN Number 1045-5671

News & Advertising Deadlines: Noon Monday
Office Hours - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Telephone: 903-845-2235
Email: gladewatermirror@aol.com

Owners:
Jim & Suzanne Bardwell

Publisher/Editor: Jim Bardwell
Reporting: James Draper
Advertising: Darla Ferguson

POSTMASTER:
Send PS3579 to
The Gladewater Mirror
P.O. Box 1549
Gladewater, TX 75647

Subscriptions are \$36/year in Gregg, Smith & Upshur counties and payable in advance.

Sports roundup

BumbleBears shutout Cards, 47-0

By Tyler Sutton

It was the annual Weldon game at the Jack as the Bears for one night went back in time to become the Weldon Bumblebees as they took on their rivals from right down the road in the Sabine Cardinals. And in another dominant performance, Gladewater came away with a 47-0 shutout win.

After both teams swapped turnover's on downs, the Bears got into the endzone first when Carson Cooper punched it in from 6 yards out for a 6-0 lead after one quarter as the extra point was no good.

After a quick Sabine drive ended in a punt, Gladewater was driving again to score but Achilles Hess's pass was intercepted by Sabine's Ashton Tove.

But the Cardinals again could do nothing on offense and punted. Gladewater took no time adding to their lead as Cooper again found the endzone again, this time from 12 yards to make it

13-0 Bears.

After another stop by the Bears defense, Hess found Kason Harris for a 19 yard TD pass and Gladewater had a commanding 19-0 lead at the half.

Sabine got the ball to begin the second half but again went three and out and punted and the Bears took no time adding to their lead as this time Jeremiah Flannigan joined in on the fun as he broke off a 45 yard TD run and just like that it was 26-0 Gladewater.

Things went from bad to worse as they fumbled on their next drive and it was scooped up by Gladewater's Grafton Morgan who took it back 33 yards for a fumble recovery touchdown to make it 33-0 Bears.

Gladewater would add two more scores in the 4th quarter as Hess took it in for a 3 yard TD run which made it 40-0 Gladewater and finally Hess found a wide open Jakobe Crosby for a 24 yard TD pass which made it

47-0 and that was the final.

"Just a dominant performance tonight on both sides of the ball. We said all week we couldn't take this Sabine team lightly and over look them and we didn't."

"Proud of everyone and now we move our focus to a long trip to play a good Liberty Eylau team," said coach Jermaine Lewis.

The Bears improve to 5-1 on 2-0 in district play. Next up is a long road trip to Liberty-Eylau. Kickoff is at 7 PM

UG Lions fall to Yellowjackets

Union Grove football had a tough task ahead of them as they went on the road to take on the top team in the district in the Elysian Fields Yellowjackets and after hanging around in the 1st half down only 21-9, the Yellowjackets pulled away and won it 49-22.

Bryce Porter had a rough night as he was just 11-15 for 95 yards with 1 touchdown and 2 interceptions. He also had 11 carries for 38 yards.

On the ground, Hudson Wightman had a good game with 11 carries for 70 yards. Konner Long had 15 carries for 46 yards and a touchdown. Through the air, Wrigley Roberts had 6 catches for 74 yards. Hudson Wightman had 3 catches for 6 yards and a TD.

The Lions fall to 4-2 and 1-2 in district. They will next be in action with a trip to Ore City. Kickoff is at 7 PM.



Volleyball roundup ...

Gladewater volleyball continued the grind of district play as they traveled to rival White Oak and fell in 3 straight sets (25-12, 25-7, 25-19). That was followed by a trip to battle state ranked Tatum and fell again in three straight sets (25-8, 25-9, 25-12). The losses drop the Lady Bears to 12-19 and 1-6 in district play. They will be back in action next with matches at Troup then hosting West Rusk.

White Oak volleyball continued to battle for a top district finish as they took on rival Gladewater and came away with a 3-0 sweep (25-12, 25-7, 25-19). Addy Young handed out 30 assists to go along with three aces, Andee Bridges led with 16 kills. Londyn Baker and Carrington Watson finished with seven kills apiece for White Oak, and Watson added a couple of aces. Peyton Thompson recorded seven digs and seven receptions, and Macey Woolley had three kills. The win improves the Ladynecks to 16-15 and 3-3 in district play. They will next have pair of home matches with Sabine and Tatum.

Union Grove Volleyball continued district play as they headed on the road to take on Linden-Kildare and fell 3-0 (25-23, 25-23, 25-15). But they were able to bounce back with a 3-0 sweep of their own over Paul Pewitt (25-17, 25-20, 25-21). These results improve the Lady Lions to 14-16 and 3-2 in district play. They will next be on the court with a single match at Ore City.



Lady Bear Payton Thompson (3) dives to keep the ball in play as Tinsley Aldredge (5) shouts encouragement during the District matchup with White Oak. The Lady Bears lost in three games to Ladynecks.
Photo by Mike Peery

Automotive
Restoration
Systems
Inc.

903-295-8883

205 W US Highway 80
White Oak
(903) 295-8883
automotiverestorationsystems.com

Monday-Friday
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday
8 a.m.-noon
Thomas Cash, Owner

ACROSS

1 TXism: "can't grow anything but broken dreams" (bad ____)

5 TXism: "____ down" (dance)

6 baby deer

7 TXism: "fast as ____ up a rafter"

8 musical style that's definately not country

9 TXism for gadget: "____ macallit"

16 Wynonna tune: "____ the Light"

18 Houston surgeon who pioneered the pacemaker: Dr. _____Bakey

21 ex-Maverick coach, Aduabato (init.)

22 Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders can't ____ weight

23 TXism: "take sick"

24 open the jug

30 Texas State Council of the "____ Columbus"

34 first female mayor of El Paso, Azar (init.)

35 relieve pressure on the belt

36 TXism: "____ his hide to the barn door"

37 this Randall heads the Texas Ethics Commission

39 in 1991, Cowboys tried to draft this Raghib (2 wds.)

43 eaten before the chicken-fried steak

44 Austin has the ____ building in Texas

45 Santa __, TX

46 TXism: "back talk"

47 "legal eagle" hourly fee

48 TX Clark who was an ambassador to Australia

50 look over carefully

53 dir. from Center to Lufkin

54 TXism: "don't ____ nothing but burn hay" (bad horse)

55 TXism: "____ that like a duck needs an umbrella"

56 Texas-made film: "The Thief Who Came ____"

59 marriage symbols

60 TXism: "I've ____ half a mind to"

61 "one" south of the border

62 Astro or Ranger pitcher warm up area: bull ____

DOWN

1 river race: "Texas Water ____"

2 TX Evelyn Keyes autobiography: "Scarlett ____ Younger Sister"

3 in Wichita County on U.S. 287 (2 wds.)

4 Easter fasting period

9 actor Matthau of film "JFK" (init.)

10 premium beer: "Miller ____"

11 TXism: "wouldn't chase ____" (harmless dog)

12 TX Hamblen wrote "____ Ole House"

13 transports in 1-down

14 TXism: "____ two steps to his own beat"

15 pie ____ mode

17 Jimmie's defensive coordinator, Dave

19 malady

20 exotic antelopes raised in Texas

24 product safety co.

25 TXism: "couldn't find hide ____ hair of it"

26 TXism: "old ____" (old man)

27 TX Robert Benton won these for 1979 Kramer vs. Kramer film

28 Texas town that is a backwards "Walker"

29 stooped to pray

31 TX Lyle Lovett's "Here ____"

32 actress Scala

33 TX Peri Gilpin sitcom (1993-2004)

38 TXism: "____ as chili without pepper"

40 golf ball holder

41 TXism: "get while the gettin' ____ good"

42 in Lee County on highway 77

49 entrance

51 Texans Richards and Miller

52 Lamesa pronunciation: "luh-____-suh"

57 "____ some dirt" (get some gossip)

58 ace for TX Bryson: hole ____

TEXAS
CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Copyright 2025 by Orbison Bros.

P-1760

See Answers On Page 4A

GPD Activity Report					
CALL DATE	CALL DESC	CPSE	CALL TIME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
9/29/25	FIRE DEPT	20254794	1:59		321 W SUNSET SUNSET AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254795	2:45		
	FIRE DEPT	20254799	4:36		501 N POST POST ST
	EMS	20254797	7:22	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ALARMOTHER	20254798	7:59	GLADEWATER HIGH	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
		20254799	8:34	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ESCORT	20254800	11:09	CROLEY FUNERAL HOME	401 N CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	20254801	11:40	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	EMS	20254802	12:08		1805 HONEY SUCKLE HONEY SUCKLE
	EMS	20254803	13:43		1007 E PACIFIC PACIFIC
	EMS	20254804	14:02	HUGMAN KENT CLINIC	307 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20254805	14:25		5014 W HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	20254806	15:08	CYS PHARMACY	1402 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20254807	16:44	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	THEFT	20254808	16:49	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	EMS	20254809	16:51	LAKE GLADEWATER	1802 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	CRIM TRESPASS	20254810	17:30	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	ASSIST	20254811	18:52	DONNELLY'S LIQUOR	1706 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254812	21:17		59 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS
9/30/25	CRIM TRESPASS	20254813	0:35		710 TENERY TENERY ST
	ASSIST	20254814	0:45		E SHEPPARD E SHEPPARD
	EMS	20254815	1:05		503 S TYLER TYLER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254816	5:43		271 PLEATT PLEATT DR
	ASSIST	20254817	6:59	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ASSIST	20254818	7:12		811 W GAY GAY AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254819	10:02		4188 W COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20254820	11:39	GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY	548 WINE WINE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254822	12:54		
	ALARMOTHER	20254823	13:24		592 LAKE GLADEWATER LAKE GLADEWATER
	EMS	20254824	14:20		N MAIN MAIN ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254825	14:11		S TYLER S TYLER
	EMS	20254826	14:45		2638 N POINT PLEASANT N POINT PLEASANT
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254827	14:45		1620 VESTA VESTA
	FIRE DEPT	20254828	14:55		104 PLEATT PLEATT
	ASSIST	20254829	16:32		GLADE GLADE
	EMS	20254830	18:57	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ASSIST	20254832	19:34		1602 N RODEO RODEO DR
	ABANDONED 911	20254833	19:36	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254834	19:50	CAR WASH	801 N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20254835	21:30	SUBWAY	108 E UPSHUR UPSHUR
10/1/25	FIRE DEPT	20254836	0:25		216 E EDDY EDDY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20254837	4:43		801 VESTA VESTA AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20254838	5:50		110 S CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	20254840	7:59		331 HAYNES HAYNES AVE
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254841	10:27		1105 LYNN LYNN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254844	11:37		715 CANFIELD CANFIELD
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20254845	15:01	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20254846	15:55		418 BEMAN BEMAN RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254847	16:19		
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20254848	16:31	BILL DICKSON CHEVROLET	1110 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254850	17:36		CANFIELD CANFIELD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254851	17:50		608 N MAIN MAIN
	FIRE DEPT	20254852	18:10		801 VESTA VESTA AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254853	18:26	DOLLAR GENERAL	1621 N MAIN MAIN ST
	EMS	20254854	18:37	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254855	21:42	CYS PHARMACY	1402 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254856	22:15		805 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254857	23:34	DOLLAR GENERAL	2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
10/2/25	MISCELLANEOUS	20254858	01:12	JO WILLIAMS	419 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20254859	7:22		418 BEMAN BEMAN RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254860	7:45	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254861	9:44		SUNSET SUNSET
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254862	10:32		TENERY TENERY

Read Local

Local company. Local journalists. Local stories.

ty Report

	EMS	20254866	12:28	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	10-50 MINOR	20254867	13:34		HWY 80 HWY 80
	FIRE DEPT	20254868	14:41		309 N LEE LEE
	ASSIST	20254869	15:27		1421 NOTTINGHAM NOTTINGHAM
	10-50 MINOR	20254870	15:59	JAY LOW AUTOMOTIVE	801 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254873	17:21		2406 HENDRIX HENDRIX
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	20254874	17:30		4033 W COMMERCE COMMERCE AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254875	17:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254876	19:36		1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254877	21:40		1618 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
10/3/25	MISCELLANEOUS	20254878	0:21		511 TYLER TYLER S
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254879	0:57		805 BRIARWOOD BRIARWOOD
	CRIM TRESPASS	20254880	7:46		202 W WALTON WALTON
	ASSIST	20254881	9:27		205 S MILL MILL ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254882	9:27	SABINE RIVER VETERINARY CLINIC	1303 S TYLER TYLER ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254883	10:11		1210N OLIVE OLIVE
	ALARMOTHER	20254884	12:36		404 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	ASSIST	20254886	14:05		5 NOTTINGHAM NOTTINGHAM ST
	ASSIST	20254887	14:07		211 S CENTER CENTER ST
	EMS	20254888	15:39	HUGMAN KENT CLINIC	307 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254889	17:26		1305 N EDWARDS EDWARDS
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254890	18:05		407 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254891	18:07		401 AMES AMES
	10-50 MAJOR	20254892	19:25		HWY 80 HWY 80
	EMS	20254893	21:12		2200 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS ST
	CRIM TRESPASS	20254894	21:24		202 W WALTON WALTON ST
	EMS	20254895	21:52		1305 N OLIVE OLIVE ST
	ALARMOTHER	20254897	22:37	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	514 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
10/4/25	ASSIST	20254898	1:05		105 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	FIRE DEPT	20254905	12:11	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254906	16:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FIRE DEPT	20254907	16:31		868 LOCUST LOCUST
	EMS	20254908	16:44		3043 EAST LAKE DRIVE EAST LAKE DRIVE
	EMS	20254909	16:45		222 DEAN DEAN
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254910	18:08	HIGHWAY STAR	4233 US HWY 80 US HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254912	19:05		DEAN DEAN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254913	20:24		106 N NORTH ST NORTH ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254914	20:35		S LOOP 460 LOOP 460
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254915	21:00	MIKE'S MINI MART	1324 EAST UPSHUR AVE EAST UPSHUR AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20254916	21:25		408 JEANETTE JEANETTE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254918	23:38		608 TENERY TENERY
10/5/25	EMS	20254919	1:24	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2665 FM 2665
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254920	4:17		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254921	4:25		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254922	4:25		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254923	4:27		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254924	6:10		201 W UPSHUR W UPSHUR AVE
	EMS	20254925	7:46		711 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20254926	8:08	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20254927	8:37		408 S TYLER TYLER ST
	ASSIST	20254928	9:55		1516 N RODEO RODEO ST
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254929	10:54		2100 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	FIRE DEPT	20254930	12:30	UPS HUR COUNTY JP 3 OFFICE	2485 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20254931	14:08	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254932	14:28	TEXAS TRADITIONS	607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20254933	15:27		1141 SOUTH LAKE SOUTH LAKE
	CRIM MIS	20254934	16:27	KEP SCHOOL	700 MELBA MELBA ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20254937	20:23	FAMILY DOLLAR	801 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	ABANDONED 911	20254938	21:02		629 W MARSHALL MARSHALL ST
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20254939	21:31		519 WOOD WOOD ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254940	22:11	SKIPPERS PIER	103 N MAIN MAIN ST

GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
10/1/25	10/1/25	17:52	FOSTER, TONI DAWN	W	F	WALKED ON HIGHWAY WITH TRAFFIC-NO SIDEWALKS	100 PAUL ST
	10/1/25	17:52	FOSTER, TONI DAWN	W	F	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	100 PAUL ST
10/4/25	10/4/25	8:10	FOSTER, JEREMY DUANE	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	200 N N. DEAN
	10/4/25	18:16	LUSTER, JEREMY SCOTT	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	4233 E BROADWAY

White Oak Police Activity Report

For the reporting period of September 29th through October 5th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 192 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Suspicious Activity, Theft, Disturbances, Burglar Alarms, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated during this reporting period. No injuries were reported.

White Oak Officers made five arrests during this reporting period:

Dyllon Heist, 20, of White Oak, for two Class C Warrants, Driving While License Invalid and No Insurance.

Clinton Briggs, 42, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Courtney Hoffman, 37, of White Oak, for nine Gregg County warrants:

4 Bond Forfeiture Warrants: 3 for Possession of Controlled Substance PG1, and 1 for Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.

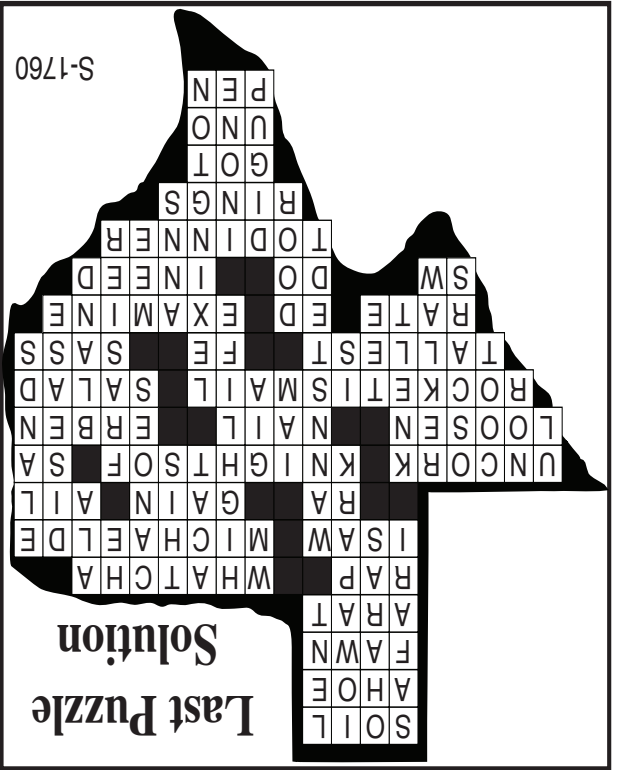
5 Capias Warrants: 2 for Failure to ID Fugitive, 1 for Possession of Controlled Substance PG3, 1 for Possession of Controlled Substance PG1, and 1 for Possession of a Dangerous Drug.

Eric Honzell, 26, of Kilgore, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Douglas Armas, 41, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.

Seven separate and unrelated cases were presented to the Gregg County District Attorney for prosecution:

- Driving While Intoxicated x4.
- Driving While Intoxicated and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.
- Driving While Intoxicated with an open alcohol container.
- Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Family Violence.



OBITUARIES

SUZANNE ISABELLE BARDWELL

Suzanne Isabelle Bardwell was born on September 19, 2025, and passed away on October 3, 2025, at Children's Medical Center Dallas. She was diagnosed with the rare Vein of Galen Malformation in the womb. Due to the size and severity of the aneurysm causing severe brain and heart damage she was not expected to survive birth, however she defiantly survived 14 days comfortably providing love to her parents and new data to help diagnose and treat future VOGM infants.

She is survived by her parents Joshua Ray and Jennifer Lynn Bardwell of West Mountain, grandfather James Ray Bardwell of East Mountain, grandmother Mary Jane Bull of Benbrook, aunt Kathy Bull of Benbrook, great-grandmother Carol Jones of Longview, uncle Ray Bull and family of Lakeway, uncle and aunt Phillip and Julia Brown of Corsicana, godparents Tim and C.J. Wright of Forney, and numerous cousins. She is preceded in death by grandmother Suzanne Brown Bardwell and grandfather Raymond Henry Bull.

The family extends their gratitude to the medical teams at Children's Medical Center Dallas, UT Southwestern, Christus Good Shepherd, Texas Children's, Mount Sinai and Boston Children's Hospital who were invested in giving her every possible chance. Immense appreciation goes out to the medical and firefighting family of Christus, Smith County Emergency Services District #2 and West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department who provided a constant support network.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her honor to the Vein of Galen Malformation Support Group, a 501c3 nonprofit that spreads awareness, promotes



medical advancements, connects families with VOGM specialists around the world, and provides financial assistance to families. They can be reached at VOGM.org

Visitation will be held Saturday October 18, 2025, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater, Texas (401 North Center Street, Gladewater Texas).

A private service for the family will be held at a later date. "Love and fight like Suzy Belle."

SANDRA EDMONSON DAY

Sandra Edmonson Day, 87, of Gladewater, TX completed her earthly journey on September 30, 2025, passing away peacefully in Dallas, TX.

Her final chapter followed a long, courageous, and dignified struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Though Alzheimer's gradually diminished her memories, it could never extinguish her intrinsic warmth or the profound, quiet strength that sustained her throughout her life.

Though we are deeply heartbroken by the profound silence of her physical absence, we are immeasurably grateful for the gift of her life, the enduring love

she gave, and the indelible mark she left on our family's foundation. We remember our mother not for an easy life, but for a fiercely and powerfully lived one. She met profound challenges not with resignation, but with a tenacious will that became her signature.

Sandra is survived by her loving family, including her daughter, Lissa Shaw of Colorado Springs, CO, and her son, Karl Day and his husband, Lennis Boggs, of Dallas, TX. She also leaves behind many cherished grand-dogs.

Sandra was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Bryant Ezell "Jack" and Iva Dimple Barron Edmonson, both of Gladewater, as well as her siblings: sisters Beverly Dawn Edmonson and Mary Dianne Sylvestro; and brothers Thomas Andrew Edmonson, Delvin Bryant Edmonson, and John Edward Edmonson.

A gathering to celebrate Sandra's life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers or formal memorial contributions, we invite you to honor her memory through a simpler, more meaningful tribute: the daily practice of love and genuine human connection. Tell someone you love them.

<https://www.online-tribute.com/SandraEdmonsonDay>

JASON MICHAEL AYOTTE

Jason M Ayotte laid his head to rest on Sept 30th 2025, Born Dec. 13th 1978, Jason was the son of Michael Ayotte and Carol McMellon.



Jason was survived by his wife Stephanie Phillips, daughters Jaedynn Ayotte and McKenzie Goode, son Rhett Ayotte and grandson Oliver Goode, brother Michael Hines and sister-in-law April Hines, sister Shelly Tucker and brother in Law Adam Tucker.

He also left behind aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins and many, many friends.

Jason loved us all very much and he took that love with him so he can watch over us all.

To Advertise Your Business
Call Us At: 903-845-2235

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN

TexSCAN Week of
Oct. 5-11, 2025

ACREAGE

Waterfront Land Sale — Texas' Newest Waterfront Community off Matagorda Bay, October 11th, one day sale. 1+ Acre Waterfront Starting at \$99,900. Terms to fit your budget. 830-310-6195.

AUCTION

Bankruptcy Sale — six-story, 111,860± SF landmark office on 8.92± AC, Victoria, TX. Bid deadline Oct. 30. Prime location at a prominent intersection in Victoria's main business district. 1908 N. Laurent St., 855-755-2300, HilcoRealEstateSales.com.

CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-493-3803.

ENERGY

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-704-8579 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network
184 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-833-460-3020 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

MEDICAL

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-901-0467 [#6258](http://www.dental50plus.com/txpress)

MOBILE ADVERTISING

AdMessenger offers simple mobile ad solutions for publishers. With customizable scrolling text, zero production costs, and 5x more engagement than standard mobile banner ads, visit <https://www.admessenger.io/> to start tapping into this powerful revenue stream today!

OIL & GAS

We buy oil, gas & mineral rights. Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI). Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation. Call today: 806-620-1422. Lobo Minerals, LLC, PO Box 1800, Lubbock, TX 79408-1800, LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com.

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

KING PLUMBING

NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELS • SERVICE

RMP DENNIS KING
903-539-1716

M36233



Gas Lines, Water Heaters & Roto Rooter



All Major Credit Cards Accepted



TEXAS REAL ESTATE EXECUTIVES

The Daniels Group

SHARON SMITH HAMMER
903-635-5021

sharonsmithrealtor@gmail.com



DESIGN BUILD, INC.

ARCHITECTURE. DESIGN. CONSTRUCTION.

903-757-7202

HLHDESIGNBUILD.COM

Edward Jones

Partnering throughout the years to reach your financial goals.



Dallas D Long, CFP®
Financial Advisor
1420 N Main St Suite 101
Gladewater, TX 75647
903-845-6680

MKT-5894N-A

edwardjones.com

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK

FREE GROCERY ITEMS AVAILABLE

No eligibility requirements, paperwork or ID required.

Gladewater Rodeo Grounds
HWY 80, Gladewater

Distributions: 3rd Tuesday of each month
10:00 am to Noon
While supplies last



20894 County Road 366, Gladewater



WE BUY CARS - RUNNING OR NOT!
CALL NOW: 903-297-4300

Vehicle Purchasing Agent
PickersLongview.com | carbuy@pickerslongview.com
5910 W Marshall Ave, Longview, TX 75604



Highway 80 East
Gladewater
845-5186

YOUR HOMETOWN TIRE STORE

BUD MAHAFFEY
Owner & Operator

HOURS
7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Mamma's Designs

Handcrafted ★ Painted ★ Custom ★ Pet
Jewelry ★ Gourds ★ Paintings ★ Portraits

Artist: Dorothy Sweet

1971 S. Tyler (US 271), Gladewater

Follow us on Facebook - MammaDesigns

Ph: 903-387-2831

dasweat7@gmail.com

GET YOUR BUSINESS NOTICED HERE!
CALL 903-845-2235 JUST \$15/WEEK FOR 13 WEEKS

SELL IT IN THE

classifieds

903-845-2235 - Ads@Gladewatermirror.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS GLADEWATER ISD’S

State Financial Accountability Rating

Gladewater ISD will hold a public meeting at

6:00 p.m. on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

in the GLADEWATER ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING - BOARD ROOM,

200 E. BROADWAY, GLADEWATER, TX

75647.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss

Gladewater ISD’s rating

on the State’s Financial

Accountability System.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BILLY DEAN TWEEDLE, Deceased, were issued on October 1, 2025, under Docket No. 2025-0299-E, pending in the County Court at Law No.2 of Gregg County, Texas, to TIFFANY TWEEDLE.

Claims may be presented as follows:

TIFFANY TWEEDLE, Administrator of the

Estate of BILLY DEAN TWEEDLE, Deceased

c/o: Courtney Anne Hairs, Attorney At Law

P.O. BOX 4373, LONGVIEW, TX 75606

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are

required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of October, 2025.

By: Courtney Annett Harris

Attorney for Applicant

ONE CALL

ONE LOW

PRICE

Advertise Your

Business or Event

STATEWIDE

Regional ads available

Contact this newspaper

for more information

903-845-2235

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 2025-06 OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK WAS PASSED IN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, TO ADOPT AND APPROVE A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WHITE OAK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FOR A COPY OF THE COMPLETE ORDINANCE, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTINE TOON, CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF WHITE OAK, 906 S. WHITE OAK RD., WHITE OAK, TX 75693 OR CALL 903.759.3936 x17.

ORDINANCE 2025-07 OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK WAS PASSED IN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK, TEXAS FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EASH LEVY AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING WHEN TAXSES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FOR A COPY OF THE COMPLETE ORDINANCE, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTINE TOON, CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF WHITE OAK, 906 S. WHITE OAK RD., WHITE OAK, TX 75693 OR CALL 903.759.3936 x17.

ORDINANCE 2025-08 OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK WAS PASSED IN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 ADOPTING REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE USE OF CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FOR A COPY OF THE COMPLETE ORDINANCE, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTINE TOON, CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF WHITE OAK, 906 S. WHITE OAK RD., WHITE OAK, TX 75693 OR CALL 903.759.3936 x17.

CITY OF

WHITE OAK

PRIDE TRADITION

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

CITY OF

WHITE OAK

PRIDE TRADITION

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapters 501 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, notice is hereby published regarding the planned expenditure of Type B sales tax proceeds on an eligible project, as defined in chapters 501 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council have approved an incentive to grant \$58,800 to the White Oak Volunteer Fire Department, for the weather-proofing of stucco and installation of metal siding, as well as electrical work.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council have approved an incentive to grant \$25,275 to the City of White Oak for the resurfacing of the tennis courts into six Pickleball courts.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council have approved an incentive to grant \$10,318 to the White Oak Police Department for an LED sign.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council have approved an incentive to grant \$50,000 to Total NDT, LLC. For an expansion of the building, the grant reimbursement will be made after receipts have been turned in.

Funding for said project shall occur after the expiration of 60 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

Be prepared before the next power outage.

It's not just a generator.

It's a power move.

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.

Call 855-704-8579 to schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply.

GENERAC

WE BUY

Oil, Gas, & Mineral Rights

Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI)

Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation.

806.620.1422

LOBO MINERALS, LLC

PO Box 1800 • Lubbock, TX 79408 • LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com

Gladewater ISD Gifted & Talented Public Notice

Gladewater ISD is beginning the referral process for Gifted/Talented (GT) services for the 2025-2026 school year. We are committed to providing challenging learning experiences for students with exceptional intellectual and creative thinking abilities. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending Gladewater ISD in Kindergarten through 12th grade can visit the Gladewater ISD website (gladewaterisd.com) and click on the campus the student attends. Scroll to the bottom of that webpage and look for the "Latest News" carousel. Choose the GT infographic, that is the link to the referral form and parental consent for testing. The referral window will run until October 31, 2025.

City of Gladewater

Treasuring the past

While embracing the future

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF GLADEWATER

The City of Gladewater plans to apply for the 2022 Resilient Communities Program (RCP) through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development & Revitalization. Therefore, the City is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for RCP contract(s), if awarded. Please submit 3 hard copies and/or an electronic copy of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: City of Gladewater, Attn: Brandy Winn, 312 W. Pacific Ave, Gladewater, TX 75647, bwinn@cityofgladewater.com. Proposals must be received by the City no later than October 27, 2025 at 3:00 PM to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Gladewater is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

To Advertise Your Business, Call Us At 903-845-2235

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the ESTATE OF HELEN RUTH GIBSON, were issued on August, 26, 2025, in Cause No.2025-0239-E, pending in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Gregg County, Texas, to: James Elwood Walker.

All claims to be filed and served upon said Estate shall be served in the following manner,

at the following address:

James Elwood Walker

c/o Kyle Kutch, Attorney

211 E Tyler St, Ste. 600-G

Longview, TX 75601

903/ 236-8788

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

What's Happening?

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. 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.

The day includes hands-on family-friendly activities, site tours of the house and brewery, presentations by archeologists, scientists, community members, and more. The event will include multiple demonstrations, and visitors will receive a notebook that will result in a prize earned when completed. The event is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the brewery, 414 State Loop 92, La Grange.

On Oct. 18, Mission Dolores State Historic Site is hosting Kids Craft Drop In. When archeologists excavated at Mission Dolores State Historic Site they uncovered thousands of ceramic sherds. Most were made by the Indigenous Caddo people while others came from Spain, France, and even China. From 10 a.m. to noon, visitors can make their own pinch pot. This is a free event and reservations are not required. The event is intended for children 5-12, but all are welcome to participate. The site is located at 701 S. Broadway St., San Augustine.

Help stamp out breast cancer

DALLAS — October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the U.S. Postal Service is reminding customers that they can help fund the cause by purchasing the Breast Cancer Research stamp.

These 90-cent self-adhesive semipostal stamps are available year-round in sheets of 20 to help raise funds for breast cancer research. Each stamp is equal to the First-Class Mail 1-ounce postage rate. The stamps are available at Post Offices nationwide, online at usps.com, by mail order through the USA Philatelic catalog or by calling 800-STAMP-24 (800-782-6724).

The amount the Postal Service contributes to breast cancer research is

determined by the difference between the 90-cent purchase price and the First-Class Mail rate in effect at the time of purchase, minus any costs incurred by USPS. The distribution of the Postal Service contribution is specified by law, with 70 percent given to the National Institutes of Health and 30 percent given to the medical research program at the Department of Defense. The stamp has raised about \$98 million since its release in 1998.

The Breast Cancer Research stamp was the first semipostal stamp in U.S. history. In 1997, Congress authorized it for the specific purpose of raising funds from the American public to assist in finding a cure for breast cancer. Legislation was reauthorized by the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Reauthorization Act of 2019, which extended the stamp's sale authority through 2027.

In addition to the Breast Cancer Research stamp, the Postal Service offers three other fundraising stamps. The Save Vanishing Species semipostal stamp, first issued in 2011; the Alzheimer's semipostal stamp, issued in 2017; and the Healing PTSD semipostal stamp, issued in 2019.

All four stamps help raise money for causes in the national public interest and are available for purchase year-round.

Pelham makes dean's list at UofM

ADELPHI, MD - More than 11,500 University of Maryland Global Campus students were named to the Dean's List for the summer 2025 term. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

The following students from the area were named to the Dean's List:

- * Levi Pelham of Gladewater
- * Monica Borden of Longview
- * Dustin Hautz of Kilgore

Library lines up new activities for readers of all ages

Need a break, parents? Lee-Bardwell Library's got you covered.

The facility's first Parents' Night is set for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

"This will be adults only, and we will have trivia, a movie and opportunities to either interact with other adults or to just be in a quiet space for a few hours," per the library's monthly newsletter. "We will also have finger foods available."

"We realize that this is Friday nights and there is football, but if the team has a bye week or you just don't feel like being around tons of screaming high school football fans, we have a space for you!"

Meanwhile, the library's first Kids' Night event is set for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 10.

"We will have snacks board games, movies, and some fun, interactive games. We only ask that if the child is under the age of 10, they also be accompanied by one parent or authorized adult."

Among other upcoming and ongoing events at the library, Storytime's back on the schedule. After attendance dropped for Thursday Storytime, library director Brandy Winn and clerk Dottie McCoy reorganized and launched their first Monday event earlier this week.

Coinciding with Gladewater ISD's opening in the

four-day schedule, the reading sessions will continue every Monday at 11 a.m. Likewise, Cozy Crochet and Craft Nights are set every other Tuesday – the first was Oct. 7 and the next is Oct. 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

"Anyone at any level of crochet is welcome, and we will have other crafts available. If you knit, cross stitch, embroider, or any other craft in which you can easily bring your supplies, please come and show us. We all love our hobbies and learning a new one may be what someone needs."

The 'Library Director's Book Club' is reading Richard Osman's "The Thursday Murder Club" this month and will gather to discuss the book at 6 p.m. Oct. 28.

"We know that many of you have already read it and we welcome you to come join us and tell us what you think of it."

For more information, contact the library at 903-845-2640 or visit @leepubliclibrary on Facebook.

Gladewater Rotarians get ready fore Nov. 1 golf tourney

Gladewater Rotarians are lining up players, teams and sponsors for their 19th annual golf tournament Nov. 1.

The club members volunteer their time and resources to organize the tournament, using proceeds to fund four \$1,000 college scholarships, two each for seniors at Gladewater ISD and Union Grove.

Advance team registration is open now at \$320 per group or \$80 for each individual, and it's \$5 per player for two mulligans. Sign-in on the day begins at 11:30 a.m. at Wood Hollow Golf Course at 5121 McCann Road in Longview.

Lunch will be provided before the 1 p.m. Shotgun Start that Saturday.

The entry fee covers food, entry into the annual putting contest, green fee, golf cart fee, the driving range and a door prize ticket. Prizes range from \$400 for the first place team to \$250 for second and \$175 for third.

Prizes will also be awarded for the Long Drive and Closest to Hole.

Player funds primarily cover costs, Gladewater Rotary President Sam Cloud said last week, with event sponsors providing the bulk of the scholarship proceeds.

There are more sponsor opportunities available – to contribute or register a team, contact Cloud at 903-844-2205 or email scloud@austinbank.com.

"I think between this and our pickleball tournament, we'll have enough to go with our scholarships at Gladewater and Union Grove, two and two, plus our military grants."

Yamming good time coming up

The 88th annual East Texas Yamboree festival, expected to draw thousands to Gilmer, is scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 15, through Oct. 18.

Mia Rene Gage, a Gilmer High School senior who is daughter of Richard and Janice Gage, will reign as "queen yam" of this year's event. The nominee of the Twentieth Century Club for queen, she will be crowned in two performances of the annual coronation (pageant).

They are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. both Oct. 15 and 16 at the Gilmer Civic Cen-

ter on U.S. 271.

Among other highlights of the festival are a downtown carnival, two parades, contests, exhibits, shows, bandstand music downtown, and the Saturday night, Oct. 18 barn dance.

The School/Youth Parade, presented by Gilmer National Bank and chaired by Mark Skinner, is set for 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17.

The Queen's Parade, sponsored by First National Bank of East Texas' Gilmer branch and Focused Care of Gilmer, is at 11 a.m. Oct. 18. Jeff Dodd is chairman of that event.

Both parades will be on and near the courthouse square although the courthouse is undergoing a major renovation.

The Amusement Midway Providers carnival, on the square, will open at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, noon the next two days, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

Many of the Yamboree's other events will be held at the Yamboree Park off north U.S. 271.

The Oct. 18 dance, featuring musical performances by Evan Patterson, Dylan Wheeler, and Casey Donahew, is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Yamboree Event Center. It is located on Bob Glaze Drive almost directly between Walmart and the civic center, which both face U.S. 271.

A highlight of Thursday, Oct. 16, is the annual All Service Club Luncheon (open to the public) at which magician Diamond Jim Tyler will perform. Sponsored by Austin Bank, and co-chaired by Janice Gage and Abby Stewart, the luncheon is set for 11:45 a.m. at the event center.

Besides several contests ranging from photography to yam pie baking, other attractions range from a 1 p.m. fiddler's contest on the square Oct. 18 to various livestock shows, a quilt show, street dances, rabbit show, goat show, an exhibit of past yam queen's gowns, and car show, among many others.



Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan and Mayor Pro Tem Sonny Anderson pose for a picture with now-retired Building Inspector Al Harrison (center), who wrapped up almost 18 years with the city Sept. 30: "Thank you, Al – you will always be a part of our Gladewater family!"

(City of Gladewater photo)

City congratulates retiring inspector, code enforcement officer named successor

Gladewater Building Inspector is a cornerstone position at City Hall, as the municipality plans ahead to ensure essential employee spots are shored up.

With longtime inspector Al Harrison's retirement at the end of September after almost decades in the office, Code Enforcement Officer Wes Moyers is taking on the mantle.

"Since 2008, Al has been a steady presence, giving his time and talents to the serve the City of Gladewater with pride and commitment," the city announced September 30. "Your contributions have left a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for the years of service you've given."

"On behalf of the City, we wish you nothing but joy, relaxation, and new adventures in your retirement."

Harrison was always one of the first people to pitch in for efforts like the citywide cleanup and other projects, Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith, lending a hand on-the-clock and off as a dedicated volunteer.

"I didn't get to work with him that long, but he did a really good job while he was here."

Closing in on 18 years in the position, Harrison's retirement has been on the horizon for some time, Smith added.

"Back when we hired Wes Moyers, the intention was to train him up to take that position when Al did retire," including recent continuing education hours to complete the necessary training for a Plumbing Inspector license. "We'll keep training him up to that point."

"He's got some big shoes to fill. I truly believe he is up for it."

Stop cleaning-out your gutters this season

EXPIRES: 11/30/2025

15% OFF + 10%

LeafFilter®

AN ADDITIONAL Discount For Seniors + Military

Get a FREE full gutter inspection and estimate: **1-833-460-3020** Promo: 285

*See Representative for full warranty details. *Promotional offer includes 15% off plus an additional 10% off for qualified veterans and/or seniors. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. Subject to credit approval. Call for details. AR 36020923, AZ ROC 348027, CA 1025795, CT ROC 067120, FL C0636676, IA C127280, ID ROC 516044, LA 559544, MA 176447, MD 0406111225, MI 26280073, MN 26280078, MO 26280079, NE 26280079, NJ 26280079, NY 26280079, OH 26280079, PA 26280079, RI 26280079, SC 26280079, TN 26280079, TX 26280079, VA 26280079, WA 26280079, WI 26280079, WY 26280079



Trust the Nation's #1 Roofing Contractor
Award-Winning Roofing and Customer Service

LIMITED TIME OFFER

50% OFF
Installation

FREE ESTIMATE
SCHEDULE TODAY!

Call 1.833.683.0236

- \$0 Down Today
- Same Day Financing Available
- Premium Warranty Protection

Join over 400,000 satisfied homeowners with an ultra-durable roof from **Erie Home**.

CALL TODAY! 1.833.683.0236

New orders only. Does not include material costs. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Minimum purchase required. Other restrictions may apply. This is an advertisement placed on behalf of Erie Construction Mid-West, Inc ("Erie"). Offer terms and conditions may apply and the offer may not be available in your area. If you call the number provided, you consent to being contacted by telephone, SMS text message, email, pre-recorded messages by Erie or its affiliates and service providers using automated technologies notwithstanding if you are on a DO NOT CALL list or register. Please review our Privacy Policy and Terms of Use on homeservicescompliance.com. All rights reserved. License numbers available at eriehome.com/erielicenses/



State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled Nearly \$4 Billion in September

AUSTIN — Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.97 billion in September, 3.2 percent more than in September 2024. The majority of September sales tax revenue is based on sales made in August and remitted to the agency in September.

“Remittances from the sectors influenced mainly by business spending were mixed last month,” Hancock said. “Following strong collections in August, receipts from the mining sector fell by double digits compared with the same month last year, while the wholesale trade and construction sectors both showed moderate growth. Collections from the

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Pmt. Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG CO.							
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$9,526.44	\$8,260.37	15.32%	\$87,921.46	\$85,496.41	2.83%
Easton	1.000%	\$4,790.97	\$7,513.63	-36.23%	\$47,700.53	\$45,796.08	4.15%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$151,770.00	\$128,470.33	18.13%	\$1,306,750.97	\$1,280,002.18	2.08%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$892,609.81	\$817,741.20	9.15%	\$7,711,171.08	\$7,367,773.59	4.66%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$25,043.05	\$22,275.69	12.42%	\$283,010.38	\$215,033.57	31.61%
Longview	1.500%	\$3,820,529.41	\$3,640,471.00	4.94%	\$34,723,894.95	\$33,767,011.57	2.83%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,393.95	\$2,073.54	-32.77%	\$42,952.77	\$16,669.53	157.67%
White Oak	1.500%	\$164,596.93	\$137,974.87	19.29%	\$1,356,882.59	\$1,204,158.66	12.68%
UPSHUR CO.							
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$23,453.70	\$21,002.92	11.66%	\$242,228.29	\$223,550.74	8.35%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$4,278.48	\$4,593.50	-6.85%	\$45,863.02	\$43,632.01	5.11%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$245,153.62	\$218,014.03	12.44%	\$2,115,066.12	\$2,082,469.22	1.56%
Ore City	1.500%	\$22,622.18	\$16,886.62	33.96%	\$193,039.83	\$154,356.01	25.06%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$651.85	\$732.44	-11.00%	\$7,702.03	\$6,538.79	17.78%

manufacturing sector were slightly negative.

“In the major sectors driven largely by consumer spending, the retail trade sector increased 3.2 percent compared with September 2024. Within the retail trade sector, electronic shopping once again showed the largest gain, with general merchandise, clothing and accessory stores, and electronics and appliance stores all showing solid gains compared with last September. Receipts from the services sector were down slightly for the month. Receipts from restaurants were up 3.3 percent from a year ago, however below the rate of inflation for food away from home.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in September 2025 was up 5.3 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major

taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$651 million, up 10 percent from September 2024;
- motor fuel taxes — \$341 million, up 2 percent from September 2024;
- oil production tax — \$444 million, down 14 percent from September 2024;
- natural gas production tax — \$224 million, up 13 percent from September 2024;
- hotel occupancy tax — \$59 million, down 4 percent from September 2024; and
- alcoholic beverage taxes — \$150 million, up 1 percent from September 2024.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller’s Monthly State Revenue Watch. For an extensive history of tax policy developments and fees since 1972, visit our updated Sources of Revenue publication.

TRADES DAYS
AT FAIRGROUNDS!

Longview Trade Days
will be held
Oct 11-12
at the Longview
Fairgrounds
1123 Jaycee Drive
Longview

Saturday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
www.greggcountyfair.com
For Booth Rental Call
903-753-4478



With a second-place finish at the District 16-3A meet, the White Oak boys varsity cross country team qualified for regionals in Arlington on Oct. 20. Team members are (from left) Henrick Rider (25th), Niko Soto (5th), Cooper Tucker (2nd), Logan Langewisch (11th), and Nathan Stronger (12th). Photos by Mike Peery

CITY OF GLADEWATER

FALL 2025 CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 11th from 8am - Noon

E. Commerce Street, Gladewater, Texas 75647

JOIN TO VOLUNTEER

Volunteers Needed! Help us make a difference at the City-Wide Clean Up. Your time and effort will go a long way in keeping our community clean and beautiful- come lend a hand!

PROHIBITED ITEMS: paint, tires, shingles, batteries, refrigeration items, chemicals, & commercial waste.

The White Oak girls varsity cross country team competed at the District 16-3A meet at Union Grove High School. Pictured are Maddie Hart (left), 5th place; Ally Tatum (center), 13th; and Sophie Fisher (right), 3rd. Fisher and Hart advance to the regional meet in Arlington on Oct. 20.

Major road projects reach Gladewater soon

Continued from Page 1

There will be an influx of traffic along George Richey Road east and west, and that work’s already underway, too. Per White Oak Police Department, “Construction has begun on E. George Richey Rd. (FM 2275) from Longview to White Oak Rd. With it now being an active work/construction zone, TxDOT has changed the speed limit to 45-mph. We ask everyone to be mindful of that area, and please slow down and look out for the workers.” The bulk of Gladewater’s work is on the horizon, Smith said. “For us, it’s Phase II. The loop is going to be the first part they start. It’s going to kick off in the next 60 days.”

COMMUNITIES
DEPEND ON LOCAL
NEWSPAPERS

1 out of 2 Americans read or access information from their local weekly newspaper every month.