



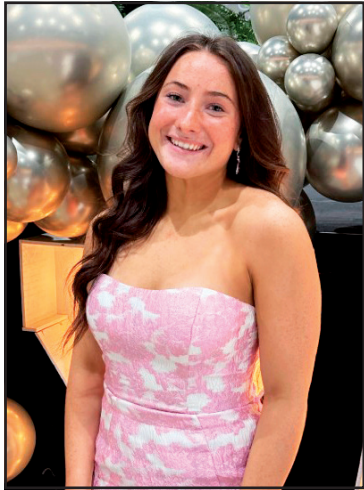
Volunteers trek along Hwy. 271 Saturday morning during the community’s annual Fall citywide clean-up event. The litter pick-up gives Main Street a fresh shine ahead of the holidays while locals simultaneously tackle detritus in their neighborhoods.



City of Gladewater employees get a helping hand from council members Stoney Stone and William Blackmon Oct. 11 during the annual Citywide Cleanup event on Commerce Street. Saturday morning’s steady stream of vehicles hauled loads of trash for the city workers to transfer into haul-off containers from Republic Services.



ELLA WILLIAMS



PEYTON HUNTER

Gladewater ladies take Yamboree stage

Two Gladewater High School standouts will be in the East Texas Yamboree spotlight this week in Gilmer.

Learn more about the Yamboree and find a full schedule of events and activities, including the Queen’s Coronation, online at yamboree.com/full-schedule-of-events/

ELLA WILLIAMS

It’s familiar territory for Ella Williams as she represents Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at the annual Yamboree – the Gladewater High School senior is a four-year member and Captain of the HoneyBears Drill Team and has danced three years at the local pageant.

Daughter of Michael and Lynn Ann Williams of Gladewater, Ella is also granddaughter of the late Michael and Joyce Pettigrew as well as J.O. and Joyce Williams.

The GHS standout is in the Top 10 Percent of her class and is actively involved in National Honor Society as well as the Gladewater High School Tennis Team. A member of First Baptist Church of Gladewater, Ella has been involved with the Yamboree previously, having danced in the pageant for three years.

After graduation, she plans to attend Texas A&M University.

PEYTON HUNTER

Representing Gladewater High School at the event, Peyton Hunter is Captain of the Cheer squad and a four-year Varsity member of the school’s state-winning Track team.

A member of National Honor Society and Student Council, Peyton has a spot among the Top 10 Percent of the Senior class at GHS. She attends Pine Tree Church of Christ.

It’s a first time Yamboree outing for the teen, daughter of daughter of Marshal and Jovita Hunter and granddaughter of Julio Zapata and Derek and Mary Hunter.

Peyton is keeping her options open as she considers colleges for Fall 2026, but she aims to study Kinesiology and Health Science toward a career as a Pediatric Physical Therapy Assistant.

Invasive visual recording at UG nets indictment

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury has indicted a 17-year-old Gladewater man on a charge of “invasive visual recording” of a fellow male Union Grove High School student.

Preston Grant Travis, who was indicted Sept. 18, is charged with recording the other student in a bathroom stall and “sharing” the recording with others, Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd said Monday.

Travis, charged with committing the felony offense April 1, was arrested Oct. 3 and freed on \$25,000 bond, Byrd’s office said.

Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb, who Byrd said is required by law to notify a school when one of its students is indicted, said Monday Travis is still a Union Grove student “as far as I know.” The Mirror was unable to contact the school Monday as classes were out this entire week.

Travis’ case was among 14 indictments, six of them sealed, which jurors returned Sept. 18 in Gilmer, Byrd reported Oct. 10. His office said the jury also passed on one case and no-billed two others, the natures of which weren’t disclosed.

Donovan Jeremiah Rojas Christian, 20, of Longview, burglary of a habitation on May 11. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

Taylor Lee White, a Longview man who turned 33 Oct. 7, possession of controlled substance (fentanyl) on July 31. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Timothy Dean Scruggs, 52, of Kilgore, assault/family violence with previous conviction on May 9. He posted \$3,500 bond, but was released to another agency and sent to the Gregg County Jail.

Jennifer Nicole Tucker, 40, of Onalaska, theft of property (worth) less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions--enhanced. (Enhanced means that, if convicted, Tucker could face a stiffer sentence for the alleged Aug. 19 offense than someone without previous convictions).

She remained in the Upshur County Jail at Gilmer under \$20,000 bond.

Devang Patel, 40, of Melissa, attempted financial abuse of elderly individual on June 12, 2024. He was freed on \$50,000 bond.

Terra Kay Davis, 42, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 26. She was released on \$45,000 bond.

Rodney Allen Smith, 45, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 12, 2024. He posted \$25,000 bond, but was released to another agency and sent to Gregg County Jail in Longview.

Identity of anyone charged in the sealed indictments wasn’t disclosed because no arrest had been made in those cases, Byrd said.

They included, his office reported, two for possession of controlled substance (heroin) with intent to deliver, and two for aggravated sexual assault of a child--one of which was a single indictment on three counts of that charge.

The others, the office added, included one indictment each for possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver and delivery of controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Upshur DA announces retirement

Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd announced his intention to retire on Tuesday morning.

In a press statement, Byrd said his retirement is required before he can publicly announce plans to run for another elected office.

Byrd said his first assistant, Barry Wallace, will take over the DA duties until Gov. Abbott makes an

appointment.

“It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as District Attorney and I will forever be grateful,” Byrd stated.

“I can leave knowing the criminal justice system has forever been changed to make our county the best place to call home in the State of Texas.”



White Oak High School’s 2025 football sweetheart nominees are Allie Root, Nina Trim, Kara Kennedy, Taylor Dark and Ally Tatum. The coronation will be Friday, Oct. 17 during pre-game. Photo by Addie Fritsche

Gladewater leaders may elevate discussion of cemetery spaces

When land’s limited, don’t build out – build up. That may be the solution for Gladewater Memorial Park. On Thursday, city council members will discuss the possibility of constructing a columbarium.

Yes, we had to look it up.

According to Oxford Languages, a columbarium is “a room or building with niches for funeral urns to be stored.” Not too complicated, but it would be a new development for burials here, an alternative to a previous strategy to re-plate a portion of the cemetery with smaller spaces for cremated remains.

“They’ll hold up to 40 cremation urns,” Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith said.

City Hall personnel will present their relevant research to the council during their 6 p.m. meeting

Thursday, the regularly third-Thursday session for the local elected officials.

In addition to standard agenda items, the October itinerary includes the presentation of a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well as a presentation from the Longview Ladies Auxiliary to the Gladewater Fire Department Bucket Brigade.

GFD Chief Mike Simmons will make separate presentation on an emergency action plan, and the council is set for discussion and consideration to make Veterans Day a city holiday – not for the first time, but possibly for the last if the elected officials make the change permanent. They’ll also weigh a street and infrastructure master plan, following up on summertime talks.

OPINION/COMMENTARY

This day ...

Cancer, in any of its forms is a frightening diagnosis. Every single reader has dealt with this disease in some form. Some families get an unfair helping of the dreaded disease. Some are shocked to find that exposure to carcinogens in ways they couldn't have imagined have brought the disease to their door.

I have watched some face the fight with a smile and determination.

I have seen some let the disease take them without raising a fist to fight because it came at a time that it was just too much to bear. We have all seen the fight and the surrender too many times to count.

So here comes October with all of its reminders about breast cancer awareness in cheery pink. And certainly the focus has led to saved lives and earlier treatment and that is definitely something to celebrate.

And we do. We have come a long way. So, I too, will be breaking out my pink shirts.

My grandmother was diagnosed in the days of brutalizing surgery and chemo. She surrendered when the disease metastasized. She had lived a loving and relatively long life. Yet as she waited to leave this earth one of her heartbreaking cries to me was "why can't I just die?"

I didn't know the answer to her question but I encouraged her to be at peace and be with us until she wasn't.

My joyful aunt raised her fist and fought the disease with energy and fierce dedication and she lived to be 85. She died

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of our family's most feared ailment...stroke. One of my best friends fought cancer in her early 40s just as fiercely only to embrace the inevitable and say goodbye to her 11-year old son. My husband's beloved Granny fought it with the help of her family as long as she could and had seven years more of life, but died far too soon, at the same age I am now.

Medicine has come a long way. Treatments for cancer are better than ever. But that doesn't change the fear of the unknown that comes with the diagnosis. So we keep fighting as long as we can. And we keep supporting those we love as long as we can. Until there is no more time.

Today is all we have. Today, this moment, is our life. Let's try to live it as fully, as joyfully, as courageously and kindly as we can.

Because we can.

That is the gift we have before us...this day.

I pray that your gift of life, today, is filled with much laughter and love.

And memories. Sweet and precious memories.

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Capital Highlights



Redistricting attracts a spate of
GOP candidates

Redrawing the state's congressional maps, though being challenged in court, has drawn 114 Republican candidates in the state's 38 districts with nearly two months left until the filing deadline, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Texas Legislature redrew the maps at the request of President Donald Trump in hopes of gaining five additional GOP seats. As a result, there are winnable seats for Republicans in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas that have drawn 19 GOP candidates to date.

Two Republican members of Congress are seeking statewide office instead of trying to hold on to their current seats. Chip Roy, who represents a Central Texas district, is running for Texas attorney general, while Houston Republican Wesley Hunt recently jumped into the U.S. Senate race.

In addition, Michael McCaul, R-Austin, and Morgan Luttrell, R-Houston, are not seeking reelection. Those four open seats have drawn 25 GOP candidates.

Company tapped to run school
voucher program

A New York tech company has been picked to administer the state's new school choice program, the Texas Standard reported. The billion-dollar program passed in the regular legislative session will help parents use taxpayer money to pay for private school tuition, homeschooling expenses, and other educational expenses.

Odyssey, the company, manages education funding in several other states. It will be responsible for both processing applications and ranking families to determine who gets access to funding.

Anyone can apply as long as they have a child eligible to go to public school in K-12 as well as 4-year-olds who are eligible for pre-kindergarten.

Odyssey can receive up to 5% of the total school choice appropriation of \$1 billion, meaning it could earn up to \$50 million for administering the voucher program.

Roberson's execution date
paused by Texas court

Just a week before his scheduled execution date, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals stayed the execution of Robert Roberson in the death of his two-year-old daughter in 2002. Roberson was convicted of capital murder the following year for shaken baby syndrome, a diagnosis since discredited by most scientists. His case has drawn widespread attention and calls for his exoneration.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the state's highest criminal court decided to send the case back to trial in Anderson County, where he was convicted. The court cited the case of Andrew Wayne Roark, a North Texas man who was exonerated in a similar "shaken baby syndrome" case.

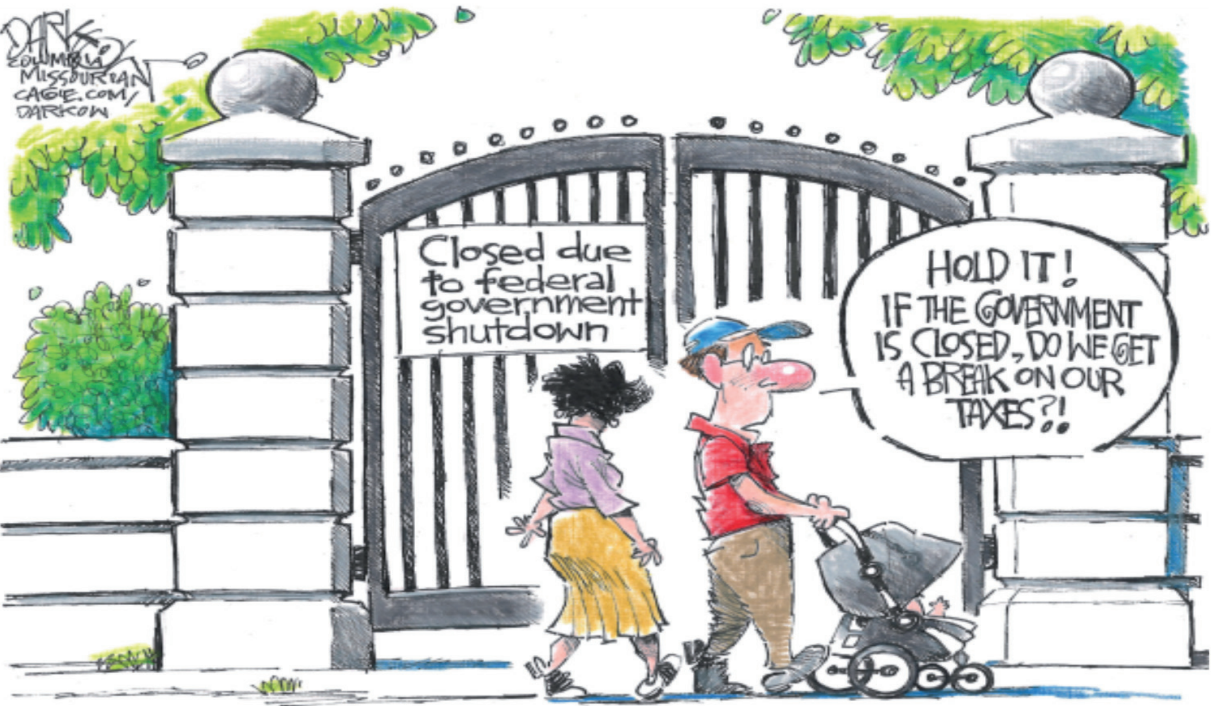
One of the judges wrote a concurring opinion: "As identified in Roark, our scientific understanding of what has become known as Shaken Baby Syndrome has significantly advanced. Because of this deeper understanding, certain assumptions and conclusions that were once thought to be true may not be."

Roberson, now 58, claims his daughter fell out of the bed in the middle of the night in 2002. He soothed her to sleep, and upon checking on her later that night, found that she was not breathing. She was pronounced dead at an emergency room the next day, and Roberson was eventually charged and convicted of capital murder.

Agency raising awareness
of screwworm threat

The Texas Department of State Health Services is calling for increased awareness among health professionals and the public about the New World screwworm. This parasitic fly can threaten the health of both animals and humans.

The screwworm was previously eradicated in the United States in the 1960s but remained endemic in most of Central and South America. Cases were detected in Mexico in November 2024, raising concerns that it would make its way back across the border.



Fannie and Freddie

There has recently been speculation regarding an initial public offering (IPO) to at least partially reprivatize Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) and Freddie Mac (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation), two huge public entities which buy mortgages from lenders to increase their liquidity, enable more mortgages, and facilitate homeownership in the US.

Fannie Mae was created by Congress in 1938 (as part of the National Housing Act), with Freddie Mac being chartered in 1970. After buying mortgages from banks and other entities, they either hold the loans or bundle them into mortgage-backed securities to be sold to private investors. Over time, each entity was reorganized to include shareholders. Nonetheless, because there was at least implicit government backing, Fannie and Freddie enjoyed some competitive advantage over other institutions.

In 2008, amidst the housing and financial crisis that precipitated the Great Recession, both firms incurred huge losses and were placed into conservatorship under the Federal Housing Finance Agency, with the Treasury extending substantial support. Since that time, they have returned to profitability, with billions in net income each year.

Together Freddie and Fannie guarantee or own trillions in mortgage debt and account for most new originations. Clearly, their health and structure are critical to the housing market and the economy. There are, however, sound reasons to consider reprivatizing them at least to some extent, an idea which is gaining traction in financial circles.

One rationale for private ownership is to reduce taxpayer risk and shift it to shareholders. In addition, privatization would level the playing field with other firms, potentially enhancing competition. It might also promote greater discipline due to market scrutiny, enhance capital allocation, better control costs, and support

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product innovation. Even a relatively small ownership percentage made available in an offering could also generate tens of billions for the Treasury.

It should be noted, however, that executing such an IPO is complex and faces political, regulatory, and market obstacles. One significant concern is that mortgage rates could rise modestly without Freddie and Fannie's implicit government guarantee, thus frustrating homeownership efforts in a market already dealing with elevated borrowing costs and spiraling insurance premiums. Moreover, the entities would need additional capital to comply with private-sector standards, thus potentially limiting the amount of capital available for housing purchases.

Not surprisingly, the six largest US banks and many smaller ones are jockeying for roles in the potential underwriting process, and other activities are underway. Nevertheless, it is a very complicated endeavor dependent on the right combination of political will, regulatory reform, and market conditions. If done properly, reprivatization could bring market discipline, reduced taxpayer risk, and enhanced value. If poorly executed, however, it could destabilize mortgage finance and increase borrowing costs. Stay safe!

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WHEN WILL JESUS COME AGAIN?

Deuteronomy 29: 29 says: "The secret things belong to the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever; that we may do all the words of this law." That's a very important Bible lesson to learn. What God has chosen to reveal, WE CAN KNOW! What has been left unrevealed, are secret things which belong to God and CANNOT BE KNOWN by man!

For example, John 8: 6 tells us that Jesus once wrote something on the ground, but we are not told WHAT he wrote. We can know He wrote something on the ground, because the Bible REVEALS it. However, since the Bible does not reveal what He wrote, we CANNOT KNOW what it was.

In a similar way, we can know HOW Jesus will come again, but we cannot know WHEN He will come. Although setting a date for Christ's second coming seems to be an almost irresistible temptation to some people, the TIME of Christ's second coming is not revealed. In the Bible. It cannot be known by any man. Acts 1: 11 says: "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Thus, Jesus will PERSONALLY and VISIBLY come again. 1 Thess. 4: 16 says: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God." Thus, His coming will be AUDIBLE. Matthew 25: 31 says: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him." Thus, Jesus' coming will be GLORIOUS, and WITH THE ANGELS. These facts about HOW Jesus will return are revealed, and therefore we can KNOW them. But WHEN Jesus will come again is not revealed, and no man can know that time! Matthew 25: 13 says: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." Thus, we CANNOT know the day or the hour. 1 Thess. 5: 1-2 says: "But concerning the times and the seasons you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes, as a thief in the night." Thus, we cannot know the times or the seasons.

What is my point? Don't be deceived by people claiming to have discovered WHEN Jesus is coming. He could come TODAY, or His coming may be long delayed. Our duty is to be READY all the time and not speculate about the time!

The hymn we sing says it very well: "Watch and pray for the Lord is coming, coming in the clouds someday. Wash your robes in the cleansing fountain, watch, oh watch and pray. Watch and pray, watch and pray, for we know not the hour when the Lord shall come. Watch and pray, watch and pray, and be ready to enter the soul's bright home." Think on these things.

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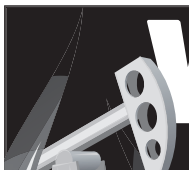
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	EMS	20254968	14:17		415 S CENTER CENTER ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254969	15:27		504 TENERY TENERY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254970	15:30	GLADEWATER CITY HALL	519 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20254971	19:45		
	FIRE DEPT	20254973	21:47		155 VILLAGE NORTH VILLAGE NORTH
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254974	22:32		2122 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	EMS	20254975	1:10		46 GARDEN GARDEN LN
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254976	5:59		1620 VESTA VESTA
	10-50 MINOR	20254977	7:25		GAY GAY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20254979	8:17		1300 N OLIVE OLIVE
	EMS	20254979	8:19		1210 N OLIVE OLIVE ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20254980	8:59	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	20254982	9:43		511 WOOD WOOD ST
	THEFT	20254983	12:02	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ABANDONED 911	20254984	12:14	TEXAS TRADITIONS	807 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20254985	12:49		218 S DEAN DEAN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254986	13:52		LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20254987	15:13		605 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20254988	15:49	SONIC DRIVE IN	1103 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20254989	16:21		168 SCARLET OAK SCARLET OAK
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20254990	16:29		519 MARGOLD MARGOLD
	EMS	20254991	16:47	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	ASSIST	20254992	17:51	AJ S FAST STOP EXXON	1708 N MAIN MAIN ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20254993	19:30		909 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA DR
	ASSIST	20254994	19:35		308 BOULDER BOULDER
	ALARMOTHER	20254996	22:47		723 VIRGINIA VIRGINIA
	EMS	20254997	22:49	SENTINEL GARDENS	300 MONEY MONEY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20254998	23:07		535 HICKORY HICKORY
10/09/2025	ASSIST	20254999	0:54		16688 COUNTY RD 3110 COUNTY RD 3110
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255000	2:59	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR

GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS
10/06/2025	10/06/2025 13:37	FOSTER, TONI DAWN	W	F	ARSON OF BUILDING RECKLESSLY CAUSING DAMAGE	304 WALTON ST
10/10/2025	10/10/2025 0:08	HALE, LAQUALON TREMAINE	B	M	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	503 S TYLER ST
	10/10/2025 10:05	WHITE, CHASIDY LEANN	W	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	100 E UPISHUR AVE
	10/10/2025 10:09	MURPHY, JAYLAN O'BRYAN	B	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	103 E UPISHR

	EMS	20255001	5:06	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPISHUR UPISHUR
	EMS	20255002	5:23		2312 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	EMS	20255003	6:14		25284 COUNTRY CLUB COUNTRY CLUB RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20255004	6:55		1007 RICHEY RICHEY ST
	EMS	20255005	8:31	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPISHUR UPISHUR
	ALARMOTHER	20255006	9:23	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	EMS	20255007	14:01	MKES MINI MART	1324 W UPISHUR UPISHUR AVE
	RECKLESS DRIVING	20255008	14:36		HWY 271 HWY 271
	EMS	20255009	14:40		1305 N OLIVE OLIVE ST
	10-50 MINOR	20255010	16:14		W UPISHUR UPISHUR AVE
	ASSIST	20255011	16:49		809 TENERY TENERY
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20255012	17:25		EMPIRE EMPIRE
	EMS	20255013	17:33		197 ELEANOR ELEANOR
	EMS	2025014	18:22	HAPPY CABBAGE	113 MAIN MAIN N
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	20255015	18:56		2186 N MAIN MAIN ST
	FIRE DEPT	20255016	19:24		LOCUST LOCUST RD
	EMS	20255017	21:52		1603 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255019	23:10	MCDONALDS	1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255020	23:58		503 S TYLER TYLER RD
10/10/2025	MISCELLANEOUS	20255021	3:57	SEYMORES WILCO	1286 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ALARMOTHER	20255022	4:08	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255023	5:02		271 271
	EMS	20255024	7:19		1025 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255025	9:53	SUBWAY	106 E UPISHUR UPISHUR
	FIRE DEPT	20255026	10:50		1 ACADEMY BLVD ACADEMY BLVD
	FIRE DEPT	20255028	11:39		4550 US HWY 80 US HWY 80
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255030	12:23		943 SANDERS SANDERS
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255031	13:00		707 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20255032	13:13	GYM 101	500 E ALLISON ALLISON ST
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255033	13:49		707 N MAIN MAIN ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20255035	17:23		507 COTTON COTTON
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255036	17:33		508 MELBA MELBA
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20255037	17:37		316 N COTTON COTTON
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255038	17:50		204 E EDDY EDDY AVE
	THEFT	20255039	18:00		1305 N LYNN LYNN
	THEFT	20255040	18:26	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ANIMAL CONTROL	20255041	19:19		711 MARTHA MARTHA ST
	FIRE DEPT	20255042	19:20		1901 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255043	22:37		BROADWAY BROADWAY
10/11/2025	ALARMOTHER	20255044	0:27		2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	THEFT	20255046	5:06		710 TENERY TENERY
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255047	6:17		21 JULIA WOOD JULIA WOOD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20255049	8:54	LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255053	13:56		1102 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255054	14:31		807 N TENERY TENERY ST
	ALARMOTHER	20255055	15:24	GLADEWATER ISD HEAD START	100 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255056	16:57	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255058	19:55		110 N CENTER CENTER ST
	ALARMOTHER	20255061	20:57		2201 GAY GAY W
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255062	21:59		1105 N RODEO RODEO ST
	FIRE DEPT	20255063	22:10		5 GREENWAY GREENWAY
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255064	22:13		271 271
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255065	22:55		HWY 80 WB HWY 80 WB
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255066	23:00		1005 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
10/12/2025	MISCELLANEOUS	20255067	0:01		GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255068	1:19		800 BLK OF GAY BLK OF GAY AVE
	FIRE DEPT	20255071	9:25		418 BEAMAN BEAMAN RD
	FIRE DEPT	20255072	10:00		1204 MARY MARY ST
	FIRE DEPT	20255073	11:05		GAY GAY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20255075	13:03	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20255076	14:42		302 PINERIDGE PINERIDGE
	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	20255077	16:10		204 HULL HULL
	FIRE DEPT	20255078	19:08		1304 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR
	FIRE DEPT	20255080	19:28		5014 HWY 80 HWY 80
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255081	20:52	FAMILY DOLLAR	801 W UPISHUR UPISHUR

White Oak Police Activity Report

For the reporting period of October 6th through October 12th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 173 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Suspicious Activity, Burglar Alarms, Loud Noise Complaints, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Three traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period. One with reported injuries.

White Oak Officers made one arrest during this reporting period:

Brooke Thornton, 35, of Palestine, for Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.

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

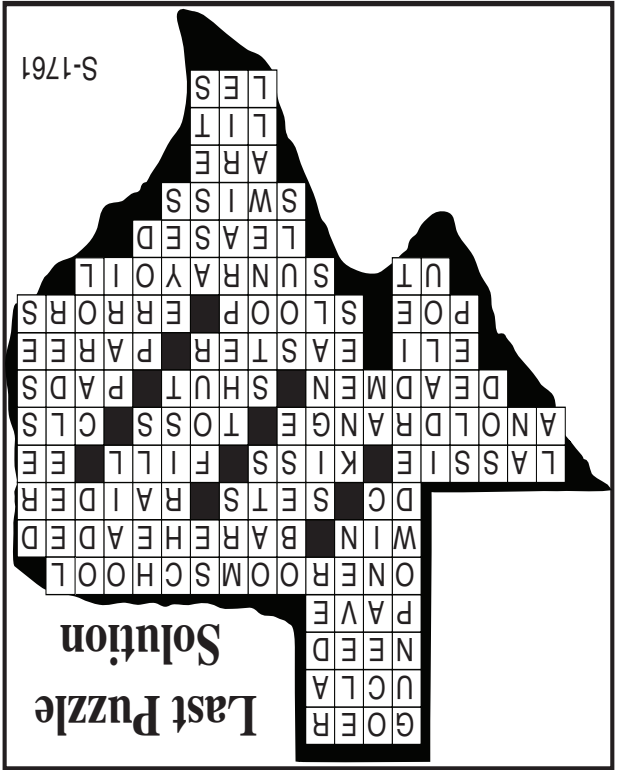
- Driving While Intoxicated x2.
- Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.
- Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Family Violence.

OBITUARY

MARRELL T. GREATHOUSE

Marrell T. Greathouse was born on April 14, 1938, in Brundidge, Alabama to Cecil K. Greathouse and Emma Lee Medley Greathouse, and passed from this life on October 5, 2025, in Conway, Arkansas.

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Gladewater girls take Yamboree stage

Two Gladewater High School standouts will be in the East Texas Yamboree spotlight this week in Gilmer.

Learn more about the Yamboree and find a full schedule of events and activities, including the Queen's Coronation, online at yamboree.com/full-schedule-of-events/

ELLA WILLIAMS

It's familiar territory for Ella Williams as she represents Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at the annual Yamboree – the Gladewater High School senior is a four-year member and Captain of the HoneyBears Drill Team and has danced three years at the local pageant.

Daughter of Michael and Lynn Ann Williams of Gladewater, Ella is also granddaughter of the late Michael and Joyce Pettigrew as well as J.O. and Joyce Williams.

The GHS standout is in the Top 10 Percent of her class and is actively involved in National Honor Society as well as the Gladewater High School Tennis Team. A member of First Baptist Church of Gladewater, Ella has been involved with the Yamboree previously, having danced in the pageant for three years.

After graduation, she plans to attend Texas A&M University.

PEYTON HUNTER

Representing Gladewater High School at the event, Peyton Hunter is Captain of the Cheer squad and a four-year Varsity member of the school's state-winning Track team.

A member of National Honor Society and Student Council, Peyton has a spot among the Top 10 Percent of the Senior class at GHS. She attends Pine Tree Church of Christ.

It's a first time Yamboree outing for the teen, daughter of daughter of Marshal and Jovita Hunter and granddaughter of Julio Zapata and Derek and Mary Hunter.

Peyton is keeping her options open as she considers colleges for Fall 2026, but she aims to study Kinesiology and Health Science toward a career as a Pediatric Physical Therapy Assistant.



The Union Grove PTO put on a super fun Foam Party for Ms. Cooper's class last week. The Union Grove Elementary kids had a blast.

Man gets 25 years in prison as a habitual offender

By Phillip Williams

A judge sentenced Marcus Andrew Holloway to 25 years in prison as a habitual offender last week after the Tyler man pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated-

third or more time, said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

115th District Judge Dean Fowler sentenced Holloway, who turns 42 Friday, and is already serving prison time for another offense, for the July 4, 2022 DWI, said Byrd. The new sentence, as-

sessed Oct. 8 in Gilmer, will run concurrently with the one Holloway is serving on an escape charge from Morris County.

Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers Christopher Putt and Jeremy Frazier stopped Holloway for speeding, and "Putt immediately

smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage" in a vehicle containing "several opened boxes of different types of beer along with unopened and opened beer bottles and cans," Byrd's news release said, adding Holloway failed sobriety tests, the prosecutor added.



Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan visits with local Boy Scouts Oct. 7 following her third Town Hall event, this time in the Gladewater High School Cafeteria alongside GSD Superintendent Rae Ann Patty and Gladewater Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Anna Conlan.

Photo by James Draper

Appeals court upholds revocation

By Phillip Williams

A state appeals court last week upheld the revocation of probation and 20-year prison term assessed a man in a Gregg County revocation hearing which was prosecuted by Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd.

The Texas Sixth Court of Appeals in Texarkana affirmed the sentence Oct. 8 for Treacy O'Brian Robbins, 52, of Kilgore, who Byrd said was convicted of "transporting motor fuel without manifest or shipping document."

The state assigned Byrd to specially prosecute the Dec. 16 proceeding in Longview after Gregg County District Attorney John W. Moore disqualified himself from the case. Moore did so because he had represented Robbins when Moore was a private practice attorney between 2015 and 2018, said Byrd.

Robbins, who contested the revocation, had

pleaded guilty in March 2017 to the charge of "stealing large amounts of diesel fuel from his employer," and was placed on "deferred adjudication" probation, said Byrd.

Under that type of probation, no final conviction appears on a defendant's record if he/she successfully completes probation. If such probation is revoked, however, up to the maximum sentence can be imposed, and Byrd said he requested the maximum 20-year term, which 124th District Judge Alfonso Charles assessed after adjudicating Robbins guilty. Robbins violated terms of his probation in 2018, and it was modified to include additional conditions, said Byrd. "After being given multiple opportunities to change," the defendant violated his probation for the fourth time when he was charged with driving while intoxicated.

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TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE WHITE OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT: (PARA LOS VOTANTES HABILITADOS, RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WHITE OAK:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025 for voting in a special election in the White Oak Independent School District to consider the following proposition(s): *(Por la presente se da aviso de que los lugares de votación a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 4 de noviembre de 2025 para votar en una elección especial en del Distrito Escolar Independiente de White Oak para considerar la siguiente proposición(es):)*

White Oak Independent School District - Proposition A

Shall the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the White Oak Independent School District (the “District”) be authorized to issue refunding bonds of the District, in one or more series or installments, in the amount of \$1,075,000 for the purpose of refinancing the principal of, interest on, and any redemption premium on that certain previously issued maintenance tax note of the District designated as the “White Oak Independent School District Maintenance Tax Note, Series 2015”, which bonds shall mature, bear interest and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy, impose and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements (including credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds), all as authorized by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America?

(Distrito Escolar Independiente de White Oak - Proposición A

¿Se deberá autorizar a la Junta de Síndicos (la “Junta”) del Distrito Escolar Independiente de White Oak (el “Distrito”) a emitir bonos de reembolso del Distrito, en una o más series o plazos, en la cantidad de \$1,075,000 ¿se deberá autorizar a la Junta de Síndicos (la “Junta”) del Distrito Escolar Independiente de White Oak (el “Distrito”) a emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o más series o plazos, en la cantidad de \$1,075,000 con el propósito de refinanciar el capital, el interés y cualquier prima de redención sobre esa tal nota de impuesto de mantenimiento del Distrito emitida anteriormente designada como “Nota de Impuesto de Mantenimiento del Distrito Escolar Independiente de White Oak, Serie 2015”, bonos que vencerán, devengarán interés y serán emitidos y vendidos en conformidad con la ley al momento de emisión; y se deberá autorizar a la Junta a gravar, imponer y comprometer, y hacer tasar y recaudar, impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre toda propiedad gravable en el Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de crédito (incluso acuerdos de crédito firmados o autorizados en anticipo, relación o conexión con los bonos), todo según lo autorizado por la constitución y las leyes del estado de Texas y los Estados Unidos de América?)

Ballot Language (idioma de la boleta); Vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” (Votar "A Favor" o "En Contra"):

White Oak Independent School District - Proposition A
THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The issuance of \$1,075,000 of refunding bonds for the purpose of refinancing the principal of, interest on, and any redemption premium on that certain previously issued maintenance tax note of the District designated as the “White Oak Independent School District Maintenance Tax Note, Series 2015”, and the levy and imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

*(Distrito Escolar Independiente del White Oak - Proposición A
ESTE ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.*

La emisión de \$1,075,000 en bonos de reembolso con el propósito de refinanciar el capital, el interés y cualquier prima de redención sobre esa tal nota de impuesto de mantenimiento del Distrito emitida anteriormente designada como “Nota de Impuesto de Mantenimiento del Distrito Escolar Independiente de White Oak, Serie 2015”, y el gravamen y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos.)

Website (sitio web): <https://www.woisd.net/>. Complete Order Calling Refunding Bond Election, including Voter Information Document and Section 3.009, Election Code information, available at: *(Orden completa de convocatoria a elecciones de reembolso de bonos, incluido el Documento de información para votantes y la información de la Sección 3.009 del Código Electoral, disponible en:)* https://www.woisd.net/6440_1 (click / hacer clic “November 2025 Bond Election Notices”).

**ELECTION DAY PRECINCT AND POLLING INFORMATION
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Election Day: November 4, 2025
Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
*(Día de la Elección: 4 de noviembre de 2025
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Election Day Polling Places (Lugares de votación del Día de Elección):
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Longview Community Center, 500 E Whatley St, Longview, TX 75601
Meadowbrook Country Club, 1306 Houston Street, Kilgore, Texas 75662
Judson Community Center, 1129 FM Rd 1844, Longview, TX 75605
Elderville Community Center, 10450 FM 349, Longview, TX 75603
Broughton Recreation Center, 801 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Longview, TX 75602
Community Connections, 501 Pine Tree Rd, Longview, TX 75604

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS
(LUGARES, FECHA Y HORARIOS DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)**

Early Voting Dates and Times (Fechas y Horarios de Votación Anticipada):
Monday, October 20, 2025 through Friday, October 24, 2025: 8:00am to 5:00pm
(Lunes 20 de octubre al viernes 24 de octubre de 2025: 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 27, 2025 through Wednesday, October 29, 2025: 8:00am to 5:00pm
(Lunes 27 de octubre al miércoles 29 de octubre de 2025: 8:00am a 5:00pm)
Thursday, October 30, 2025 through Friday, October 31, 2025: 7:00am to 7:00pm
(Jueves 30 de octubre y viernes 31 de octubre de 2025: 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.)

Main/sole early voting polling place (Lugar principal/único de votación anticipada):
Gregg County Election Office, 100 E. Methvin St, Longview, TX 75601

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on Oct 24, 2025. *(Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán recibirse antes del cierre de activida del 24 de octubre de 2025.)*

The contact information/delivery addresses for applications for ballots to be voted by mail other matters related to the election are as follows: *(La información de contacto o direccion: entrega del Administrador para solicitudes de boletas para votar por correo y otros asui relacionados con la elección son los siguientes:)*

Name (Nombre): Jennifer Briggs
Official Mailing Address (Dirección postal oficial): P.O. Box 2827, Longview, TX 75606
Physical Address (Dirección física): Gregg County Courthouse, 101 E. Methvin, Suite 112, Longview, TX 75601
E-mail Address (Dirección de correo electrónico): elections@co.gregg.tx.us
Phone Number (Teléfono): (903) 236-8458
Fax Number (Fax): (903) 309-2562
Website (sitio web): <https://www.greggcountyvotes.com/>

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a Transportation Policy Board meeting on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, TX 75601** to hold a presentation and discussion on work to be done in fiscal year 2026, a discussion on potential reprioritization of funding for SH 149 and Spur 63, and a presentation on the East Texas Hourglass by a representative from the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA). The public is invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook Live, on CityView Municipal TV at www.LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and on Longview Cable TV, Channel 10.1 or 215. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. Comments and questions may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact the Longview MPO at 903-237-1062. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Marisela Henson en 903-237-1300.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 2025-09 OF THE CITY OF WHITE OAK WAS PASSED IN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2025, TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION”, SECTIONS 30-1 AND 30-2 HEREBY ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2021 EDITION AS THE FIRE CODE FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE TO SECTIONS 30-2 “LIMITS ON STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND LIQUEFIED PERTROLEUM GAS”, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND EACH DAY THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTINE TOON, CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF WHITE OAK, 906 S. WHITE OAK RD., WHITE OAK, TX 75693 OR CALL 903.759.3936 x17.



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Manna House volunteers and Vietnam veteran John Zindt sorts donations at the local food pantry Oct. 8. The nonprofit nutrition assistance program is open from 9 a.m. to 11 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 317 Broadway Ave. Outside of the organization’s operating hours, donations can be dropped off at Gladewater Mirror at 211 N. Main St.

Photo by James Draper



Union Grove’s Liam Mayhan and Kynan Birlew run the Hawkins course during their district cross country meet Oct. 8. Mayhan placed third among the varsity boys, and Landry Harris won the varsity girls division. Waylon Clift, Birlew, David Shaver, Shaniya Roland, Rachel Potter, Susanna Sturkie and Jill Taylor also earned top-ten medals individually, and both teams won their district championships - the 10th in 11 seasons for the varsity girls - and will advance to the regional meet at Hunstville Oct. 21. Adeline White, Landri Sirmans, Jillian Russell, Charlotte Wright and Kyleigh Blackstock each medaled individually for the JV girls, also winning their district title. Josiah Sturkie, Malachi Martin and Matthew Martin earned medals in the JV boys division.

Photo by Natalie Pritchett

Sabine River Authority grants \$20,000 for Gregg County ESD No. 2’s new UTV

The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) recently awarded Gregg County Emergency Services District #2 a Community Assistance Grant as part of SRA’s Fiscal year 2025 Economic Development Initiative.

The \$20,000 check will be used to purchase a UTV for emergency response to off-road locations. The Polaris Ranger 1000 will especially be put to use by Sabine Fire & Rescue.

Per Sabine Fire Chief Richard Sisk, the vehicle will be an asset for wild land search and rescue, including gaining access to the Sabine riverbank and potential floodwaters.

“The Sabine River makes up 13 miles of Gregg County Emergency Service District 2’s northern border between State Hwy. 31 and State Hwy. 42,” Sisk noted. Likewise, the UTV “will be outfitted with wildland fire-fighting equipment to help mitigate grass and woodland fires,” also equipped with EMS equipment for patient care and off-road transport.

According to David Montagne, SRA’s Executive Vice President and General Manager, “These funds will allow Gregg County ESD #2 to respond to calls easier in remote locations,” he said, “like areas along the Sabine River.

“With increased recreational activity along the waterway, it’s important our first responders have the tools necessary to respond.”

Community Assistance Grants are part of SRA’s community assistance program approved by the SRA Board of Directors to help promote the quality and quantity of services essential for the development of a viable community.

The Sabine River Authority was created by the Texas Legislature in 1949 as an official agency of the State of Texas and covers all or part of 21 counties in East Texas. The Authority serves as a conservation and reclamation district with responsibilities to control, store, preserve and distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary streams for useful purposes.

For more information about SRA’s Community Assistance Program, contact Zach Johnson at 409-746-2192 or email cap@sratx.org.



A \$20,000 grant from Sabine River Authority to Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 2 funds a new utility task vehicle (UTV) to equip Sabine Fire & Rescue personnel for emergency response to off-road locations along the 13 miles of the waterway in the ESD’s service area.





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