



Taliah Bond enjoys a snowstorm of bubbles Saturday evening alongside parents Bethany and Isaac during Gladewater Chamber of Commerce’s 2025 Holiday Open House downtown under the derrick. A healthy throng of residents and visitors descended on the shopping district Nov. 8 for the annual lighting of the community Christmas tree, hot chocolate, games, carols, bargain hunting and more.

Photos by James Draper



LAKE GLADEWATER DAM

Genasys alerts help city keep residents aware

By James Draper

In a perfect world, Gladewater’s dam will never merit a mention via the Genasys alert system. A set of pre-scripted notifications have already been uploaded to the platform, though, just in case. From the perspective of ‘Better safe than sorry’ or ‘An ounce of preparation is worth a pound of cure,’ it takes just a moment to sign up for the local alerts. That’s just one layer of the safety net, says Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons. Additional layers are in place on the city side, including knocking on doors if necessary, and more layers are advised for residents as well. Simple precautions could make all the difference in a variety of incidents. “The idea is to be totally prepared is to have all those layers of notification in place and pay attention.” The dam is only one factor – one that’s now being diligently tended, monitored and, in time, mitigated as city leaders allocate funds to improve the 73-year-old structure at Lake Gladewater. Meanwhile, the Genasys system is tailored for mass advisories on everything from weather to water. “It’s our primary notification system that we use in the City of Gladewater,” Simmons said, going back about three years. “The idea is to be able to type one message and send it to everybody through multiple options,” whether they opt-in for text, social media alerts, email, a phone call or a personal mix. “When they sign up for Genasys, they can choose their alerts.” To sign up, text GLADEWATER to 65513 or visit cityof-gladewater.com/alerts to fill out a registration form. The platform is tied into the National Weather Service’s polygon system to push alerts in a particular geography when and if a weather threat arises. Likewise, while there’s no imminent threat at the dam, the forecast is cloudy. It will continue to deteriorate with time, and related alerts (from standby orders to evacuation prompts) are primed. “Any kind of alerting system or program, there’s several components. Number one is the individual themselves,” Simmons said. “You always need to be prepared, have a plan and pay attention.”



GPD officer fired after indecency with child charges filed by Dallas PD internet crimes unit

According to a Gladewater Police Department press release by Chief Kyle Ready, “On Thursday, November 6, 2025, at approximately 5 p.m., I was contacted by the Dallas Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Division regarding a Gladewater Police Department employee under investigation in coordination with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. “I was informed that Officer Kenan Robert Laza had been arrested at his residence in Longview, Gregg County, Texas, for Indecency with a Child, a third-degree felony. “I immediately responded to the scene of the arrest. Officer Laza’s employment with the Gladewater Police Department was terminated on-site, effective immediately.” Ready said the allegations and evidence presented in this case “are deeply disturbing and have shocked this department to its core. It is unthinkable that an individual entrusted with protecting our community could commit such a horrific act.” The Gladewater Police Department is fully cooperating with the Dallas Police Department and all involved agencies. Ready added, “We will assist in every possible capacity to ensure a complete and thorough investigation and that justice is pursued to the fullest extent of the law. “These actions represent a gross violation of public trust and a disgrace to the law enforcement profession and every officer who serves with honor and integrity. The citizens of Gladewater can be assured that this department will not tolerate such behavior under any circumstance, and anyone found to have engaged in criminal or unethical activity will be held fully accountable. “To the victim and their family, I extend my deepest sympathy for the pain and trauma you have endured. To our community, I reaffirm my commitment that the Gladewater Police Department will continue to serve with honor, transparency, and accountability. The actions of one individual will never define the men and women who wear this badge with pride and purpose.”

| City             | Rate   | Net Payment This Period | Comparable Pmt. Prior Year | % Change | Payment YTD     | Prior Year Payment YTD | % Change |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| GREGG CO.        |        |                         |                            |          |                 |                        |          |
| Clarksville City | 1.000% | \$10,502.06             | \$11,949.72                | -12.11%  | \$106,697.04    | \$105,289.20           | 1.33%    |
| Easton           | 1.000% | \$6,189.05              | \$1,355.57                 | 356.56%  | \$58,357.46     | \$52,368.39            | 11.43%   |
| Gladewater       | 1.500% | \$175,733.16            | \$167,956.38               | 4.63%    | \$1,608,876.52  | \$1,593,597.56         | 0.95%    |
| Kilgore          | 1.500% | \$917,806.67            | \$948,343.13               | -3.21%   | \$9,486,705.78  | \$9,244,208.90         | 2.62%    |
| Lakeport         | 1.500% | \$31,566.90             | \$24,460.96                | 29.05%   | \$339,739.75    | \$266,042.42           | 27.70%   |
| Longview         | 1.500% | \$4,358,737.39          | \$4,137,650.85             | 5.34%    | \$42,645,855.40 | \$41,326,971.44        | 3.19%    |
| Warren City      | 1.000% | \$2,088.73              | \$3,119.16                 | -33.03%  | \$47,548.08     | \$21,998.06            | 116.14%  |
| White Oak        | 1.500% | \$152,896.72            | \$152,915.56               | -0.01%   | \$1,627,980.67  | \$1,490,950.70         | 9.19%    |
| UPSHUR CO.       |        |                         |                            |          |                 |                        |          |
| Big Sandy        | 1.250% | \$28,667.64             | \$29,093.22                | -1.46%   | \$292,557.59    | \$273,217.60           | 7.07%    |
| East Mountain    | 1.000% | \$4,605.69              | \$4,705.82                 | -2.12%   | \$54,897.60     | \$52,125.07            | 5.31%    |
| Gilmer           | 1.500% | \$258,873.43            | \$239,591.34               | 8.04%    | \$2,590,062.69  | \$2,541,931.30         | 1.89%    |
| Ore City         | 1.500% | \$23,535.02             | \$16,267.12                | 44.67%   | \$237,405.97    | \$185,343.66           | 28.08%   |
| Union Grove      | 1.000% | \$676.02                | \$736.94                   | -8.26%   | \$9,063.05      | \$7,744.02             | 17.03%   |

Gladewater, White Oak stay in the black on sales tax

Sales tax revenues were up-and-down across the area this month despite the addition of quarterly returns in the November mix. Statewide, revenues showed a year-to-year increase of more than 6 percent. In Gladewater, the municipality reaped a \$175,733 payment from the state comptroller’s office. It’s a 4.63 percent increase on November 2024’s check. White Oak’s allocation was virtually the same – the check compiled by Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock’s team showed an \$18.84 dip from the same time last year, a decrease of about 0.01 percent that still adds \$152,896.72 to the local coffers. November’s allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly plus revenues from sales made July, August and September by quarterly filers. Hancock announced last week his office would be sending cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for November. It’s a 6.4 percent increase compared to the same month last year. Across Gregg County, sales taxes increased 4.75 percent comparing November 2025 to 2024, while Upshur County reaped 16.04 percent more than the same period 12 months back. Gilmer’s check came in at 8.04 percent ahead (\$258,873) while Union Grove’s significantly smaller allocation (\$737) showed an 8.26 percent year-to-year decrease. For the calendar year, Gladewater’s total allocations are ahead a bit less than 1 percent while White Oak’s up more than 9 percent.

White Oak voters OK \$1M debt transfer

Voters in White Oak ISD signed off on the school’s \$1 million ‘bookkeeping bond’ according to unofficial results posted by the Gregg County Elections Office on Election Day last week. With voter approval, the district will ‘move’ about a million dollars from its Maintenance & Operations budget to Interest & Sinking (debt service). The action is projected to have no impact on residents’ taxes, according to data compiled by the school’s financial advisors. The Election Day totals showed 60.53 percent of 646 voters cast ballots in favor of the bond. That includes a tally of 391 votes ‘For’ to 255 ‘Against’ including early voting and decisions made on Nov. 4.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Time ...

Time is an uneasy ally and a patient enemy.  
At this point in my life there is never enough of it.  
Days and evenings are full to bursting and nights far too short.  
Today is deadline day with back-to-back meetings starting at 4:30 p.m. after a full day of writing and editing.  
My body is still recovering from a very full work week and not enough sleep.  
Between the clock of my life speeding up, and the obligations of work and home piling up, I feel just a bit desperate to find that screen door that leads to the comfy chair on the porch. The one my hardworking father sat in for that occasional extra cup of coffee and a visit with his sweetheart and his much loved sister. The porch chair I know I need to leave my own coffee stains on.  
Today Pink Floyd’s song “Time” is in continuous play in my overtaxed brain.  
“...You are young and life is long and there is time to kill today...  
And then one day you find ten years have got behind you...”

The Best of  
Suzanne  
Bardwell



Of course those rock stars thought that 10 years was an eternity, but here I am with just four years of ‘newspapering’ behind me that has created a whole new lifetime of experiences and exhaustion. Blessings have been rich with new friendships and opportunities. Plus I can bring my dog to work. I have a personal conviction that all dogs are therapy dogs.  
Despite the joys and good things accomplished I really need to find that porch chair for just a few hours or I am going to need more than my ‘therapy’ dog and caffiene to keep me going.  
In the meantime, I will just keep the coffee pot on and Jack the wonder dog under my desk.

Gary Borders  
Capital Highlights



Voters approve all 17 amendments

Texas voters approved all 17 constitutional amendments on the ballot last week, the Houston Chronicle reported. Those included measures to raise the homestead exemption and reduce property taxes for businesses, and to provide \$1 billion annually for a statewide water fund.  
Other propositions passed would allow judges to deny bail to people accused of serious crimes and create a \$3 billion dementia research fund.  
“This legislative session, we delivered the conservative victories Texans demanded,” Gov. Greg Abbott wrote in a statement. “And this November, Texans showed up to enshrine them in the Texas Constitution.”

Nearly 3 million cast ballots statewide Texans showed up in record numbers for this off-year election. Unofficial statewide returns indicate nearly 3 million cast ballots – nearly 15% of all registered voters in the state, the Austin American-Statesman reported. That appears to set a new record for off-year election turnout in Texas, driven in part by key local issues in larger counties, such as Travis and Bexar counties.

The statewide leader in voter turnout was tiny Loving County on the Texas-New Mexico border, where more than half of the county’s 140 registered voters cast ballots.

Nelson fighting GOP over closed primaries

The state’s top election official is fighting a GOP lawsuit that seeks to restrict the state’s primaries to registered party members, the Texas Standard reported. Republican Secretary of State Jane Nelson in her filing said that decision should be left up to state lawmakers, not the courts.  
She said that a court ruling now, with the March primaries just a few months away, would “confuse voters, unduly burden election administrators, or otherwise sow chaos or distrust in the electoral process.”

The Texas Republican Party claims the state’s open primaries violate their constitutional right to freedom of association. Key Republicans, such as Attorney General Ken Paxton, complain Democratic and independent voters are casting ballots in Republican primaries to back more moderate candidates.

Closing Texas primaries would require overhauling the state’s voter registration system, require changes in state law, and take years to implement, the Standard reported.

Increase in whooping cough in Texas

The Texas Department of State Health Services is reporting a steep increase in cases of pertussis, or whooping cough, this year. Early data indicates Texas has had more than 3,500 reported pertussis cases through October, four times the number reported over the same period last year.

This is the second straight year the state has experienced high increases in pertussis cases, according to DSHS.

Pertussis can cause serious and possibly life-threatening complications in infants and young children who are not fully immunized. About one-third of babies younger than a year old who contract pertussis need to be hospitalized.

Pertussis is a highly contagious illness with early symptoms akin to the common cold. It can lead to extended coughing fits that can last for weeks or even months.

Texas to buy 54,000 acres for new state park

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week accepted a gift of a 54,000-acre ranch in the western Hill Country, the Statesman reported. The Silver Lake Ranch, about 125 miles west of San Antonio, is being acquired from the Moody Foundation.

“We actually haven’t been using it for a long time,” Elle Moody, with the foundation, said in an interview before the formal vote by the parks commission. “But hopefully it will be in the near future for camping and paddling and mountain biking. So we’re really looking forward to opening it up to the wider public.”

The parcel, located in Kinney and Edwards counties, would be second in size only to Big Bend Ranch State Park, at 300,000 acres and purchased in 1988.

“This is exactly that kind of property that could really help expand or meet the demand for recreational opportunities on public land in Texas,” Luke Metzger, with Environment Texas, said. “I swear, that’s just some of the prettiest country I’ve ever seen in Texas. It’s just gorgeous out there.”

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Looking for Labor

Recent data indicate that US legal immigration has slowed markedly under the current tighter immigration policies. There is evidence that more foreign-born persons are leaving than entering, and H-1B visa registrations as well as student and temporary work visas have dropped. While accurate estimates are difficult to generate at best, it appears that the number of foreign-born workers has declined by well over one million in 2025.

Although there are many potential reasons for slowing migration to the United States such as sluggishness in the technology sector and restrained economic growth, it is clear that higher fees, stricter vetting, and expanded enforcement have been primary culprits. Policies to address legitimate border security concerns are obviously both needed and appropriate, but we must distinguish those concerns from essential workforce math. Discouraging responsible immigration threatens the adequacy of the US workforce.

One problem with slower migration is that current US demographic patterns will simply not support sufficient growth in working-age ranges. Birth rates last peaked in 2007 (18 years ago); thus, there will be fewer new entrants each year at the same time that Baby Boomer retirements remain quite high. Immigration accounts for the majority of labor force expansion. Without workers, the economy cannot expand. Shortages are particularly acute in industries such as construction, agriculture, health care, and hospitality. As wages are bid up due to constraints, some of the incremental costs will be passed on to consumers. In addition, many immigrants are highly skilled, which will work to reduce innovation, patents, and startup creation, thereby further slowing growth.

With slower or even negative net immigration, we can ex-

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pect less economic growth. Credible research has estimated that each one million-person drop in working age immigrants reduces potential gross product growth by 0.05-0.1 percent-age point per year. Although not a huge decrease in growth, the problems compound over time.

Moreover, the worker shortages will affect daily life. With insufficient farm workers, food prices will rise. A lack of construction workers will slow projects and raise costs, particularly as we try to address a chronic housing deficiency. There are severe shortages in nurses and home health aides, which will only be exacerbated by slowing immigration.

Several potential policy options should be explored. Streamlining various visa and work permission processes, adjusting numbers to match legitimate workforce needs, reducing fees, and addressing issues at all skill levels are viable options. Comprehensive reform has been needed for decades, and demographics are only heightening the urgency.

The immigration slowdown will constrain the US labor force at a time of lower birth rates, overall aging, and robust labor demand. Simply stated, when you are not making enough people, you need to go and find some. Stay safe!

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PRESUMPTION AND WORSHIP # 3

As we conclude our study on worship, using a Bible concordance to find how many adjectives are used to describe the word “worship” could be a very profitable study. For example, when the apostle Paul spoke to the Athenians, he mentioned an altar with the inscription, “TO THE UNKNOWN GOD,” and said, “whom therefore you ignorantly worship, him I declare unto you” (Acts 17:23). Thus, we are introduced to the concept of “Ignorant worship.” In Colossians 2: 2: 22-23 this same apostle speaks of “will worship.” In Matthew 15: 9, Jesus said the scribes’ and Pharisees’ worship was “vain,” saying “In vain they worship Me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” And in John 4: 23, Jesus said: “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” So, we find that the Bible speaks of “true worship. Obviously “will worship,” “ignorant worship,” and “vain worship” are neither a glory to God nor of any real benefit to man.

Jesus was very explicit concerning the kind of worship which God will accept. Again, He said in John 4: 24: “God is a spirit: and they that worship Him MUST worship Him in spirit and in truth.” That verse gives us great insight. True worship is directed to the right object, God, and not to man nor idols, nor even angels, and it involves the “right attitude” and is “in spirit,” which involves the heart of man and true worship must be “in truth,” or according to the Word of God.

In summation then, first century Christians who worshipped God “in spirit and in truth” partook of the Lord’s Supper upon each first day of the week, (Acts 20: 7). They sang praises to God (Ephesians 5: 19). They prayed (Acts 2: 42), and according to 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2, they contributed on the first day of the week for appropriate works of the church. Their worship was simple; it was spiritual; it was God-directed; and according to truth. We should worship that way today. Think on these things.

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Sports roundup

Bears remain perfect in District play

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears wrapped up their regular season with one more game at the Jack as they celebrated their seniors on senior night as they hosted their rivals from up the road the White Oak Roughnecks. And after both teams got off to a slow start, the Bears pulled away in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for a dominating 42-20 victory.

White Oak won the toss and deferred and the Bears got the ball first. Neither team could do much on offense in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter as it was a scoreless game after a quarter. White Oak got on the board first early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as Jaxsen Ludlow punched it in from 1 yard out to give the Roughnecks a 7-0 lead. But Gladewater quickly answered when Achilles Hess found Landon King for a 24 yard TD pass to cut the lead to 7-6 as the extra point was missed.

The Roughnecks answered back when Ludlow found Logan Ladwig for a 61 yard touchdown pass and it was

13-6 White Oak as the extra point was blocked. The Bears offense took over from there as they quickly tied things up when Hess punched it in for a 1 yard score to tie the game at 13. On the first play after the kickoff, the Roughnecks fumbled and it was recovered by the Bears and Gladewater quickly took advantage as Carson Cooper took it in for a 1 yard touchdown and the two point conversion was good and the Bears lead 21-13 at the half.

After a scoreless 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter from both sides, Gladewater added to their lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as Hess found King again this time for a 44 yard TD pass and it was 28-13 Bears. The Bears quickly got the ball back as Destin Sherrdian intercepted Ludlow's pass which quickly led to Hess's third TD pass of the evening as he hit Maddox Vasquez for a 28 yard TD and it was 35-13 Bears midway through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Both teams would add one more score. White Oak's Ladwig broke off a 89 yard TD run to cut the lead to 35-20. Gladewater then put the game away when senior Sean Burke

punched it in to make it 42-20. " We wanted to make sure we sent these seniors out the right way and we did tonight " " They finish undefeated against White Oak which is special against a rival" " Now the real fun begins with the playoffs " said coach Jermaine Lewis. The Bears finish the regular season at 9-1 and a perfect 6-0 in district. They will open up the playoffs in Mount Veron on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Don Meredith stadium. Kickoff is at 7 PM. The Roughnecks finish their season at 5-5 and 1-5 in district play.

The Union Grove Lions were able to celebrate clinching a playoff berth as they cruised to a 55-0 shutout win over Big Sandy. The Lions jumped out to a 48-0 lead at the half and spent the 2<sup>nd</sup> half mainly getting some backup and young player some playing time. Brycen Porter was a perfect 6-6 for 99 yards and 2 touchdowns. On the ground, Konnor Long had carries for 98 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Kohl Sirmons had 7 carries for 34 yards and a TD. Through the air, Carter Cooper had 1 catch for 20 yards and a TD. Wrigley Roberts 2 catches for 61 yards and a TD. The Lions finish their regular season at 7-3 and 4-3 in district play. They will open up their postseason play taking on the Honey Grove Warriors in Rains on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Kickoff is at 7 PM.



Destin Sheridan leaps to make an interception for the Bears during their district finale against White Oak. The Bears completed a perfect 6-0 district record with a 42-20 victory Friday at Jack V. Murphy Stadium. Photo by Mike Peery



Madaxx Vasquez snags a 28 yard touchdown pass from Achilles Hess in the Bears' 42-20 win over White Oak. Photo by Mike Peery



Landon King stretches out to score on a 24 yard pass from Achilles Hess. Photo by Mike Peery



It's early November which means high school basketball season is getting underway and the ladies are the first to get going for Gladewater, White Oak and Union Grove. The Gladewater Lady Bears opened up their season with a home game against the Carthage Lady Bulldogs at Bill Waters gym and they came away with a 57-49 victory. Khera Lincoln had 10 points and 4 assists, Paytin Thompson also had 10 points and Kyla Lincoln had 6 points and 5 assists. The Lady Bears improve to 1-0 and will next travel to Spring Hill followed by a trip to Union Grove. The White Oak Ladynecks also opened up their season on the road against a very good Mineola team and fell 62-12. They will next travel to Longview to take on Christian Heritage. Followed making trip to Mount Pleasant to take part in the Harts Bluff tournament. Finally the Union Grove Lady Lions opened up their season with a dominant 42-11 victory over Waskom. Union Grove led 23-0 at the half and cruised from there. The Lady Lions start off at 1-0 and will next have home games against ETHS and cross town rival Gladewater.

GHS SENIOR NIGHT

Gladewater High School celebrated its seniors at Friday's final home game. Here are a few of the seniors we captured. See all those featured at the Gladewater Mirror Facebook Page.



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ACROSS

1 fraudulent business scheme

5 TX Roy Orbison's "She's A Mystery"

6 succulent plant grown in the Valley

7 camping shelter

8 "Gig '\_\_\_ Aggies!"

9 San Angelo was named for one

12 this TX English was on the Lawrence Welk show

17 TXism: "it's \_\_\_ cats and dogs"

20 TXism: "got \_\_\_ as big as Texas" (kind)

22 San \_\_\_, TX

23 WWII book: "Texas \_\_\_ War"

24 chemical compound that neutralizes acid

29 TX Forrest played Hondo on this show (1975-76)

30 held at 22-across: "Texas Mardi \_\_\_"

31 fin on Gulf sharks

32 TXism: "flush '\_\_\_'" (hunting phrase)

36 former Fort Worth mayor, Willard (1965-67)

37 Copperas Cove newspaper (2 wds.)

43 "Giant" star Liz also played this queen

45 Warren of "Tough Enough" with TX Dennis Quaid

47 TXism: "wouldn't know him from \_\_\_"

48 illegal block in the back

50 TXism: "it'll kill it or \_\_\_" (medicine)

51 TXism: "two peas in a \_\_\_" (alike)

52 TX Audie in WWII

53 makes eyes at

54 words with Chico & Fenix

55 star of "Silkwood," filmed in Dallas

56 explosive used by Texas oilfighter "Red" Adair

58 former athletic assn. of Midwestern State

59 TXism: "could strut sitting down"

60 a \_\_\_ of dominoes

DOWN

1 runs between Rusk & Palestine: "Texas \_\_\_"

2 it's a county and town on U.S. 84

3 early Fort Worth publisher, Carter

4 "Antique Auto Swap \_\_\_" in Wise County

9 this Columbus ship replica came to Texas in 1992

10 a company that flies into DFW (2 wds.)

11 "Stop '\_\_\_'"

12 TXism: "limp as a dish \_\_\_"

13 TXism: "scarce as grass around \_\_\_"

14 lascivious look

15 Houston space agcy.

16 Chuck Norris has a martial \_\_\_ program in Houston

18 Texas Light Crust Doughboys tune: "When \_\_\_ Round up Time In Heaven"

19 Garth tune: "What She's Doing \_\_\_"

21 TV film: "Gone \_\_\_ Texas" (1986)

24 this TX Dexter sang "Pistol Pack-in' Mama" (init.)

25 Yo \_\_\_ Digo Creek

26 Abilene TV station

27 TXism: "tame \_\_\_ dog"

28 song: "Streets of \_\_\_"

33 TXism: "sold \_\_\_ a bill of goods"

34 TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_ die"

35 TXism: "\_\_\_ to snuff"

37 Texas inn: \_\_\_ Quinta

38 "\_\_\_ it in stone" (make it permanent)

39 this Whelan starred in 1953 film "San Antone"

40 this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"

41 TXism: "he speaks cow like a \_\_\_"

42 Fiesta Diez y \_\_\_ after lunch (init.)

44 \_\_\_ Jo, TX (abbr.)

49 TXism: "sticks like a \_\_\_ stamp"

50 young'uns drink

57 "One \_\_\_, one Ranger"

See Answers On Page 4A



| GPD Activity Report                                   |                          |          |           |                                 |                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| CALL DATE                                             | CALL DESC                | CF#      | CALL TIME | BUSINESS NAME                   | ADDRESS                                   |
| 11/02/25                                              | FIRE DEPT                | 20255471 | 0:01      | SENTINEL GARDENS                | 300 MONEY MONEY ST                        |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255472 | 0:15      | SUBWAY                          | 100 E UPSHUR UPSHUR                       |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255473 | 1:44      |                                 |                                           |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255474 | 2:10      | JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS         |                                           |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255475 | 8:03      | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER   | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR                      |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255476 | 8:20      | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER   | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR                      |
|                                                       | THEFT                    | 20255477 | 8:57      | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT    | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD                      |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255478 | 12:15     | GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL          | 2201 W GAY GAY AVE                        |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255481 | 12:26     | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT    | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD                      |
|                                                       | DISORDERLY CONDUCT       | 20255482 | 12:59     | SENTINEL GARDENS                | 300 MONEY MONEY ST                        |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255483 | 15:10     |                                 | 2011 OLD LONGVIEW HWY OLD LONGVIEW HWY    |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255485 | 17:17     |                                 | 810 SCOTT SCOTT ST                        |
|                                                       | DISORDERLY CONDUCT       | 20255486 | 17:42     |                                 | 304 W OLIVER OLIVER AVE                   |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255487 | 19:59     | AI'S FAST STOP EXON             | 1708 N MAIN MAIN ST                       |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255488 | 20:03     |                                 | HWY 271 HWY 271                           |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255489 | 20:46     |                                 | 701 N GARY GARY ST                        |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255490 | 1:16      | SENTINEL GARDENS                | 300 MONEY MONEY ST                        |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255491 | 5:48      |                                 | 608 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE                 |
|                                                       | TERROR THREAT            | 20255492 | 6:08      |                                 | 16 GREENWAY GREENWAY                      |
|                                                       | THEFT                    | 20255494 | 8:00      |                                 | 506 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE                 |
| 11/02/25                                              | BMS                      | 20255495 | 9:33      |                                 | 501 N POST POST                           |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255498 | 11:20     |                                 | TYLER TYLER                               |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255497 | 11:35     |                                 | 1188 WHITE FIR ROAD WHITE FIR ROAD        |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255499 | 12:55     | SEWMOSES WILCO                  | 1208 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | DISORDERLY CONDUCT       | 20255498 | 13:02     |                                 | 2000 EAST LAKE DRIVE EAST LAKE DRIVE      |
|                                                       | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE       | 20255501 | 15:04     |                                 | 1821 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS RD |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255502 | 17:35     | BLOODS IN YOUR SOCKS DAYCARE    | 318 W OUTLAW OUTLAW ST                    |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255503 | 19:33     |                                 | 544 W MARSHALL MARSHALL AVE               |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255504 | 9:40      |                                 | 1508 N DANNY DANNY ST                     |
|                                                       | INCIDENT - NO REPORT     | 20255506 | 7:20      |                                 | N MAIN MAIN ST                            |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255510 | 7:30      | GREENWAY VILLAGE                | 16 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE      |
|                                                       | ANIMAL CONTROL           | 20255511 | 8:54      |                                 | 500 MUSTANG MUSTANG                       |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255512 | 10:01     | CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC         | 1800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | ALARM/OTHER              | 20255513 | 10:33     | TEXAS BANK AND TRUST            | 1802 E BROADWAY BROADWAY                  |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255514 | 12:11     |                                 | 777 ROCKS ROCKS CIR                       |
|                                                       | HARASSMENT               | 20255515 | 12:25     | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT    | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD                      |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255517 | 14:34     |                                 | 2208 WEST LAKE WEST LAKE DR               |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255519 | 15:02     | SONIC DRIVE IN                  | 1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255516 | 15:10     | LEE BUILDING                    | 800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE               |
|                                                       | RECKLESS DRIVING         | 20255521 | 15:58     |                                 | N MAIN MAIN ST                            |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255521 | 16:00     | MCDONALDS                       | 1100 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255522 | 16:10     | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT    | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD                      |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255523 | 16:45     | GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT    | 511 S TYLER TYLER RD                      |
|                                                       | BURGLARY/HABITATION      | 20255524 | 16:55     |                                 | 100 MELBA MELBA                           |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255525 | 17:16     | GAY AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL       | 100 W GAY GAY AVE                         |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255526 | 17:32     |                                 | HWY 271 HWY 271                           |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255527 | 17:46     |                                 | HWY 271 HWY 271                           |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255528 | 17:52     |                                 | MAIN MAIN                                 |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255529 | 18:15     | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH            | 300 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE                   |
|                                                       | DISURBANCE-OTHER         | 20255530 | 19:15     |                                 | 407 N LIVE OAK LIVE OAK ST                |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255531 | 20:55     |                                 | 127 WOODLAND WOODLAND TRL                 |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255532 | 22:05     |                                 | 144 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE                   |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255534 | 0:02      |                                 | 1305 N OLIVE OLIVE ST                     |
|                                                       | MISSING PERSON           | 20255535 | 5:54      |                                 | 310 N MAIN MAIN ST                        |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255536 | 11:27     | SENTINEL GARDENS                | 300 MONEY MONEY ST                        |
|                                                       | CRIM MIS                 | 20255537 | 11:32     |                                 | 1801 W LAKE LAKE                          |
|                                                       | THEFT                    | 20255538 | 11:37     |                                 | 704 N HOLLY HOLLY                         |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255539 | 12:00     |                                 | 816 JEANETTE JEANETTE AVE                 |
|                                                       | SAMPLE ASSAULT "C"       | 20255540 | 13:48     |                                 | 104 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE                   |
|                                                       | RECKLESS DRIVING         | 20255541 | 15:33     |                                 | N MAIN MAIN ST                            |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255542 | 16:37     |                                 | N UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE                       |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255543 | 16:45     |                                 | 100 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE               |
|                                                       | INCIDENT - NO REPORT     | 20255544 | 17:24     |                                 | EAST LAKE EAST LAKE                       |
|                                                       | SUSPICIOUS PERSON        | 20255545 | 21:34     |                                 | WEST LAKE WEST LAKE                       |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255546 | 21:52     | GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL          | 2201 W GAY GAY AVE                        |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255547 | 0:26      | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER   | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR                      |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255548 | 6:32      |                                 | 1508 N DANNY DANNY ST                     |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255549 | 6:38      | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER   | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR                      |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255550 | 7:53      |                                 | 320 N TAYLOR TAYLOR ST                    |
|                                                       | 10-51 MINOR              | 20255551 | 8:35      | TEXAS TRADITIONS                | 607 E BROADWAY BROADWAY                   |
|                                                       | ANIMAL CONTROL           | 20255552 | 8:37      |                                 | 1801 WESTLAKE WESTLAKE                    |
|                                                       | THEFT                    | 20255553 | 8:45      | COLLAR GENERAL                  | 2870 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE                  |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255555 | 10:11     | TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER   | 2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR                      |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255556 | 10:15     |                                 | 204 E EDDY EDDY AVE                       |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255557 | 11:25     | TEXAS BANK AND TRUST            | 1802 E BROADWAY BROADWAY                  |
|                                                       | SUSPICIOUS PERSON        | 20255558 | 13:14     |                                 | MAIN MAIN                                 |
|                                                       | RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE | 20255559 | 15:46     |                                 | 2347 GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY          |
|                                                       | 10-51 MINOR              | 20255562 | 20:13     |                                 | HENDRICKS HENDRICKS                       |
|                                                       | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE       | 20255563 | 20:57     | ECONOMY TOWING                  | 302 S TYLER TYLER RD                      |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255564 | 21:15     | SEWMOSES WILCO                  | 1208 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255565 | 2:45      |                                 | 410 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE                 |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255566 | 7:16      | SENTINEL GARDENS                | 300 MONEY MONEY ST                        |
|                                                       | THEFT                    | 20255568 | 9:45      | ACE HARDWARE                    | 1800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | INCIDENT - NO REPORT     | 20255569 | 10:47     |                                 | 1010 CHEVY CHASE CHEVY CHASE              |
| 11/02/25                                              | ASSIST                   | 20255570 | 11:15     |                                 | 150 MCNEESE ST MCNEESE ST                 |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255571 | 12:04     |                                 | 912 E SHEPPARD SHEPPARD DR                |
|                                                       | ASSIST                   | 20255574 | 15:15     |                                 | 887 LOCUST LOCUST RD                      |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255575 | 15:15     |                                 | 204 E EDDY EDDY AVE                       |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255576 | 16:45     |                                 | 27 GARDEN LANE GARDEN LANE                |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255577 | 17:08     |                                 | DEAN DEAN                                 |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255578 | 17:25     |                                 | 1015 PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE                  |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255579 | 17:52     |                                 | 10 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS                |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255580 | 20:25     |                                 | 500 FREY GODFREY                          |
|                                                       | ALARM/HUMAN ERROR        | 20255581 | 22:02     |                                 | 2201 GAY GAY AVE                          |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255582 | 22:04     |                                 | W GAYHIGH SCHOOL W GAYHIGH SCHOOL         |
|                                                       | ALARM/HUMAN ERROR        | 20255583 | 22:31     |                                 | 1015 BROADWAY BROADWAY                    |
|                                                       | DISURBANCE-OTHER         | 20255585 | 0:36      |                                 | 2815 BERNICE BERNICE ST                   |
|                                                       | DISURBANCE-OTHER         | 20255586 | 0:57      |                                 | 228 MCNEESE MCNEESE                       |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255587 | 1:08      |                                 | 216 EMPIRE EMPIRE ST                      |
|                                                       | DISURBANCE-OTHER         | 20255588 | 1:14      |                                 | 3043 EAST LAKE EAST LAKE DR               |
|                                                       | ALARM/OTHER              | 20255589 | 3:36      | CHICKEN EXPRESS                 | 1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255590 | 7:17      |                                 | 421 FIR FIR RD                            |
|                                                       | ALARM/OTHER              | 20255591 | 9:04      | ACE HARDWARE                    | 1800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | DISURBANCE-OTHER         | 20255592 | 9:45      |                                 | 1002 N LYNN LYNN ST                       |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255593 | 12:37     | GLADEWATER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX | 1006 E PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE                |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 20255594 | 12:51     | SUBWAY                          | 106 E UPSHUR UPSHUR                       |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255595 | 13:45     |                                 | 225 SUNBIRD SUNBIRD LN                    |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255596 | 14:07     |                                 | 328 MELBA MELBA AVE                       |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 20255597 | 14:40     |                                 | 7133 FM 1944 FM 1944                      |
|                                                       | SUSPICIOUS PERSON        | 20255598 | 15:05     |                                 | 506 JEANETTE JEANETTE                     |
|                                                       | BMS                      | 20255599 | 15:15     | LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME        | 1201 FM 2085 FM 2085                      |
|                                                       | DISORDERLY CONDUCT       | 20255600 | 16:22     |                                 | 1 JULIA WOODS JULIA WOODS                 |
|                                                       | HAWAIIED #11             | 2025601  | 16:54     |                                 | 314 GODFREY ST GODFREY ST                 |
|                                                       | DISORDERLY CONDUCT       | 2025602  | 17:10     |                                 | 40 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE      |
|                                                       | 10-51 MINOR              | 2025603  | 17:34     |                                 | 271 271                                   |
|                                                       | FIRE DEPT                | 2025604  | 17:46     |                                 | 885 COACH COCKSEY COACH COCKSEY           |
|                                                       | RECKLESS DRIVING         | 2025605  | 18:19     |                                 |                                           |
|                                                       | 10-51 MINOR              | 2025606  | 19:37     |                                 |                                           |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 2025607  | 22:31     |                                 | 103 N DEAN DEAN ST                        |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 2025608  | 23:31     |                                 | 912 SHEPPARD SHEPPARD E                   |
|                                                       | ALARM/OTHER              | 2025609  | 2:01      |                                 | 1101 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE              |
|                                                       | MISCELLANEOUS            | 2025610  | 6:39      |                                 | LOOP 485 LOOP 485                         |
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## White Oak Police Activity Report

For the reporting period of November 3rd through November 9th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 230 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Suspicious Activity, Disturbances, Advice Calls, Animal Complaints, Burglar Alarms, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Two traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period; no injuries were reported.

White Oak Officers made one arrest during this reporting period:

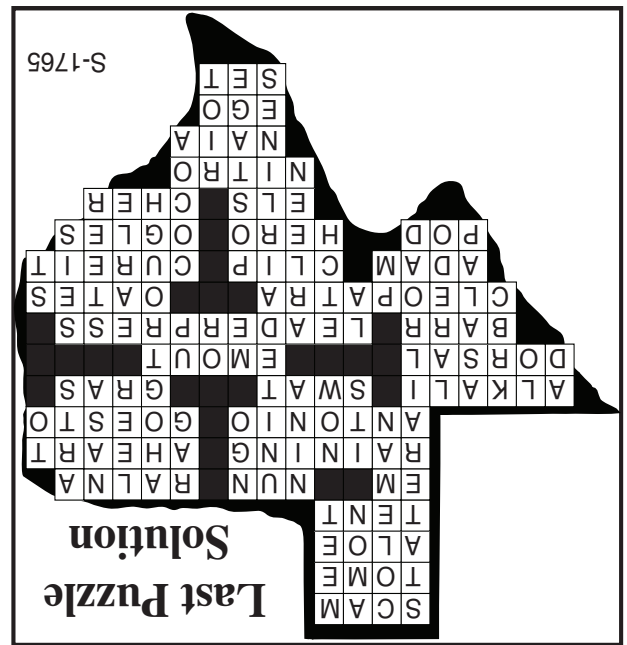
Cordae Hollins, 19, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Two separate and unrelated cases were presented to the Gregg County District Attorney during this reporting period.

-Driving While Intoxicated  
-Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child

## GPD Arrest Report

| ARREST DATE | ARREST DATE | TIME  | FULL NAME                    | RACE | SEX | OFFENSE                | LOCATION ADDRESS   |
|-------------|-------------|-------|------------------------------|------|-----|------------------------|--------------------|
| 11/02/25    | 11/02/25    | 17:34 | DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD SHANE | W    | M   | WARRANT (LOCAL)        | 800 EAST LAKE DR   |
|             | 11/02/25    | 17:34 | DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD SHANE | W    | M   | WARRANT (LOCAL)        | 800 EAST LAKE DR   |
|             | 11/02/25    | 17:34 | DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD SHANE | W    | M   | WARRANT (LOCAL)        | 800 EAST LAKE DR   |
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|             | 11/02/25    | 17:34 | DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD SHANE | W    | M   | WARRANT (LOCAL)        | 800 EAST LAKE DR   |
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|             |             |       |                              |      |     |                        |                    |
|             |             |       |                              |      |     |                        |                    |
| 11/02/25    | 11/02/25    | 11:24 | RICHARD, KEONTE DAJUAN       | B    | M   | WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY) | 1408 E BROADWAY ST |
|             |             |       |                              |      |     |                        |                    |
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# What's Happening?

**Gladewater Museum Executive Director Elaine Roddy peruses one of the local tourist attraction's scrapbooks. The museum marked its 20th birthday at 116 W Pacific Ave. Sunday afternoon with community members and special guests joining the destination's volunteer staffers and board of directors to celebrate the cornerstone of local history.**

(Courtesy photo)



### Blood drive slated

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will hold mobile blood drives this month in Gladewater and Gilmer, announced Carter field recruiter Donna Russell.

One drive is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the Gladewater High School faculty parking lot. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A drive is set at Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative in Gilmer this Monday. Hours for that event on Texas 155 are 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Russell at 903-574-4998 or DRussell@carterbloodcare.org.

### Chamber welcomes workplace coach for quarterly lunch

Dr. Stan Ward of Influence Coaching will visit Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Nov. 17 to pass on strategies to 'Drive the Dialogue' and help local business leaders mitigate conflict in the workplace.

The chamber's Quarterly Business Luncheon begins at noon that Monday afternoon at 215 N. Main St.

According to the chamber's executive director, Lois Reed, she first encountered Ward through his presentation at a Better Business Bureau luncheon and quickly recruited him to bring the same insights to Gladewater.

"Did you know there's three types of employees?" Reed asked. "Conflict, Avoid and Leave."

She took extensive notes from Ward's BBB speech, which touched on everything from 'checking your own stress gauge' to being fair, not playing favorites and cultivating a positive attitude that helps other succeed.

"He made it relatable," Reed said.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the luncheon, contact Reed at 903-845-5501.

### Holiday BINGO event set Saturday night

First United Methodist Church of Gladewater is inviting locals to 'Fall Into Christmas' Saturday at 208 W. Quitman Ave. The Nov. 15 event is a BINGO fundraiser featuring free popcorn and nachos, an auction and prizes.

Beginning at 6 p.m. that evening, participation costs \$10 per 10 BINGO cards in the church's Family Life Center.

For more information, call 903-845-2565.

### Storytime set for Thursday

Two books will be read to small children at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (Nov. 13). To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. readings are "The Littlest Pilgrim" by Brandi Dougherty, and "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims" by B.G. Hennessy.

A "pilgrim hats"-related craft will follow each session.

Though the activities are free, children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent. The library is at 702 W. Tyler, which is also Texas 154. For more information, contact the library at 903-843-5001. Amy Allred is its children's director.

### Salvation Army's red kettles return

The Salvation Army invites the community to Give with Joy this Christmas season as its iconic Red Kettle Campaign returns to Tyler. More than just a holiday tradition, the red kettle is a symbol of hope, compassion and generosity—supporting vital programs that serve thousands of individuals and families in need throughout the year.

While many people in our communities are silently battling hunger, homelessness and hardship, we can find hope in the fact that giving is a source of joy for all. The Salvation Army's recently released national campaign encourages people to Give with Joy and uplift families in need by helping provide shelter, food, bill assistance and more. Your generosity offers joyful reassurance that even during our most challenging times, we are not alone.

### Chamber collects contributions for Wreaths Across America '25

Contributions are coming in for the community's annual Wreaths Across America remembrance, but there's still a ways to go to hit the goal to place 600 wreaths for service members graves at Gladewater Memorial Park come Dec. 13.

It's a simultaneous commemoration nationwide, set for 11 a.m. that Saturday morning.

Per Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lois Reed, a thousand dollar donation is incoming, and it'll join contributions from Gusher Days (\$500) and the

Gladewater Arts & Crafts Festival (another \$500) as well as private donors' gifts.

That said, "I need more than that."

Though the effort will only take place at one local cemetery this year, collections are still shy of the target by several hundred wreaths. They're furnished by the national Wreaths Across America organization and distributed by local volunteers. Each participant is asked to pause in placing a wreath on a service member's grave.

It's a way "to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud," according to Gladewater's project page at [wreathsassamerica.org/pages/175570/](http://wreathsassamerica.org/pages/175570/)

"Remember the Fallen... Honor those who Serve... Teach our children the value of Freedom."

Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery is located at 4716 US-80 in Big Sandy. Prior to the placing of the wreaths, participants are asked to gather first at the Veterans' Memorial Plaza at 119 E. Pacific Ave.

Kicking off at 11 a.m. "We have a brief ceremony at the veterans memorial then we'll all go to one cemetery," Reed said.

For more information or to make a donation, reach Reed at 903-845-5501.

### DAV hosting free dinner

Disabled American Veterans chapter 204 in Gilmer will host a free dinner Saturday for military veterans, their families and friends, announced chapter Senior Vice-Commander Oscar Martinez.

The event at the chapter's headquarters on U.S. 271, across from Walmart, is set for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations aren't needed.

A fund-raising auction for such items as knives, and a raffle for one or two guns, will also be held, Martinez said.

The menu, he said, will include turkey and dressing with all trimmings, and sweet potato casserole.

Martinez said the dinner is a belated celebration of Veterans Day, which was Tuesday

### Byrd running for district judge

Immediate past Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd announced his candidacy for 115th District Court judge at a reception in Gilmer last Thursday honoring his 24 years as a prosecutor, the last 18 as Upshur DA.

A crowd estimated at 250-300, which included several law officers, judges, and attorneys among others, attended the program at which several speakers praised Byrd before he announced his candidacy at the Gilmer Civic Center.

He had retired as Upshur County district attorney effective at 10 p.m. Oct. 31, and was succeeded the next day by his first assistant, Barry Wallace, who was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott.

The 115th District Court judge is elected by voters in Upshur and Marion counties, and incumbent Dean Fowler recently announced he won't seek re-election to a third term.

Byrd said Monday he filed by certified mail to run in the 2026 Republican primary, and that he has no primary opponent thus far.

Elected Upshur DA in 2006, he took office Jan. 1, 2007 and is believed to have held the post longer than anyone in the county's history. Before assuming that position, he was an assistant Gregg County district attorney for six years, working under the late then-District Attorney Bill Jennings.



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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the County Court At Law of , by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will on the 2nd day of December, 2025, at public auction on an online platform at [www.mvbataxsales.com](http://www.mvbataxsales.com), at 10:00AM on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Gregg County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page (V\_\_/P\_\_) or document number (Doc #) or instrument number (Inst #) of the Deed or Official Records of Gregg County, Texas

**Cause No. 19,830-CCL2**  
**Pine Tree Independent School District v William Carl Jones et a**  
**Tract 1:** Lot 23, Block 6 (New City Block 3245) George Jones Estate (V371/P602) Acct #000049527

**Cause No. 021857-CCL2**  
**Pine Tree Independent School District v Bruce Jeffery Weaver, et al**  
Lot 6, Block 4, Hillcrest Addition, City of Longview, (Doc #200826646), Acct #000047561

**Cause No. 022383-CCL2**  
**Pine Tree Independent School District v U S Bank Trust National Association et al**  
South 200' of Lot 15 & East 20' of Lot 16, Block B, Pineland Addition, New City Block 3122, City of Longview (201614957, SAVE AND EXCEPT, 201804171) Acct #000060896

**Cause No. 022630-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Jimmy R. Brewer et al**  
Lot 5, Block 5, Mallock AKA Malloch AKA Maloch Addition, City of Gladewater, (V774/P312) Acct #000053698/N00654778/53698

**Cause No. 022677-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Galen Clayton Watson et al**  
2.00 Acres, more or less, W. Friar Survey, Abstract 68 (200722389) Acct #000196143

**Cause No. 022742-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Billy Dean Caughron et al**  
Lot 6, Block 2, Everett Hiland Addition, City of Gladewater (Doc #201101999) Acct #000041577

**Cause No. 022757-CCL2**  
**The City of Gladewater, Texas v Raymond Lewis Johnson**  
Lots 64 & 65, Block 22, Saunders Addition, City of Gladewater (Doc #200302995) Acct #64592/000064592

**Cause No. 022758-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Mary S. Green**  
11.250 Acres, more or less, H. H. Edwards Survey, Abstract 1 (202006741) Acct #000015418

**Cause No. 022782-CCL2**  
**Pine Tree Independent School District v Dennis Williams et al**  
Lot 3, Block 3, New City Block 4118, Helane Village Unit 1 Addition, City of Longview (9907663) Acct #000046525

**Cause No. 022802-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Kelly Lewis et al**  
Lots 15 & 16, Block 4, Frank Collins Addition, City of Gladewater (Doc #201209284) Acct #000038912/38912

**Cause No. 022808-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Terri L. Harris**  
Lot 7, Block 2, C. O. Spencer Addition, City of Gladewater (9828858) Acct #000066505

**Cause No. 022809-CCL2**  
**Gladewater Independent School District v Don Ledbetter et al**  
**Tract 1:** 8.420 Acres, more or less, S. L. Davis Survey, Abstract 61 (Tract 2, 200426390) Acct #000015015  
**Tract 2:** 6.424 Acres, more or less, S. L. Davis Survey, Abstract 61 (Tract 1, 200426390) Acct #000015026  
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This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Troy Lee Slaton, Deceased, were issued to Tammy R. Frame on October 13, 2025, in Cause No. 2025-0218-E, pending in the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Executor, c/o Paula G. Hartsfield, Attorney, 3300 S. Broadway, Suite 101, Tyler, Texas 75701, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.



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Bidders may contact the Code Enforcement Department for details at 903-845-2011.

Bids should be submitted to: Wesley Moyers, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Ave., Gladewater, Texas 75647 on or before Friday, December 5, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. At that time the bid will be awarded. Insurance or bond required.



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Gladewater Manna House volunteer Tony Handy shelves stock at the local food outreach Nov. 7. The outreach has been tracking three times its regular traffic – find the story online at GladewaterMirror.com

Gladewater ISD’s campuses are competing, but it’s Manna House’s clients who will be the winners from the district’s annual Canned Food Drive. Organized by the Gladewater High School National Honor Society, the effort kicked off Tuesday and continues through Dec. 4 as each Gladewater ISD campus collects nonperishable goods and other shelf-stable foods. Students are encouraged to bring donations to school. It’s the third annual effort, and the final stockpile will be passed along to Gladewater Manna House to help support families in need this holiday season.



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**NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST**

On October 14, 2025, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) filed a Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 58819, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO’s electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Procedural Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 191,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by the relief requested in SWEPCO’s Petition.

SWEPCO’s request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on March 31, 2025. SWEPCO’s Petition requests approval for a total Texas retail base rate revenue requirement of \$641,516,844 and a base rate increase of \$163,896,434, an increase of 41.67 % over adjusted Texas retail Test Year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. The proposed increase in Texas retail revenues will be offset by setting SWEPCO’s current TCRF, DCRF, Advanced Metering System (AMS) surcharge, and a portion of Net Operating Loss Carryforward (NOLC) surcharge to zero, a reduction of \$68,960,435. Thus, the net proposed increase is \$94,935,998. The overall impact of the proposed revenue requirement, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 13.48% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice, as shown in the table below. In addition, SWEPCO is seeking recovery of the reasonable rate-case expenses, including expenses paid to reimburse intervening municipalities, that it incurs in this case and those rate-case expenses incurred in three prior dockets that have yet to be recovered.

A Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in their total bill (including fuel costs and rate riders) of \$16.43 per month, an increase of approximately 12.15%.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

| <u>Major Rate Class</u>                  | <u>Base Revenue Change</u> | <u>Base Percent Increase</u> | <u>Total % Change @ Proposed</u> |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                          |                            |                              |                                  |
| <b>Residential</b>                       | \$ 65,986,839              | 41.26%                       | 12.90%                           |
|                                          |                            |                              |                                  |
| General Service                          | \$ 7,941,672               | 29.84%                       | 4.33%                            |
| Light & Power                            | \$ 42,089,946              | 29.84%                       | 7.39%                            |
| Cotton Gin                               | \$ 175,099                 | 83.33%                       | 17.46%                           |
| <b>Total Commercial</b>                  | \$ 50,206,717              | 29.91%                       | 6.96%                            |
|                                          |                            |                              |                                  |
| <b>Industrial</b>                        | \$ 41,899,554              | 78.73%                       | 30.66%                           |
|                                          |                            |                              |                                  |
| <b>Total Commercial &amp; Industrial</b> | \$ 92,106,271              | 41.66%                       | 13.72%                           |
|                                          |                            |                              |                                  |
| Municipal                                | \$ 2,421,140               | 62.58%                       | 20.06%                           |
| Municipal Lighting                       | \$ 1,689,786               | 62.29%                       | 25.52%                           |
| <b>Total Municipal</b>                   | \$ 4,110,926               | 62.46%                       | 21.95%                           |
|                                          |                            |                              |                                  |
| <b>Lighting</b>                          | \$ 1,691,431               | 29.45%                       | 7.30%                            |
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SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

SWEPCO also seeks to reconcile its Advanced Metering System (AMS) deployment costs through March 31, 2025. SWEPCO is requesting to (1) implement new base rates reflecting its ongoing costs to provide AMS and (2) reconcile AMS costs with AMS surcharge revenues under 16 TAC § 25.130. At the conclusion of this proceeding, with the implementation of new base rates, SWEPCO proposes to eliminate the AMS surcharge and roll AMS capital expenditures and AMS operations and maintenance costs into base rates.

SWEPCO is proposing various revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF, DCRF, and Generation Cost Recovery Rider (GCRR) filings pursuant to 16 TAC §§ 25.239, 25.243, and 25.248, respectively, SWEPCO requests that the Commission: (1) set the Company’s current TCRF and DCRF to zero; and (2) establish in this docket the baseline values consisting of the inputs to the calculations that will be used to calculate SWEPCO’s TCRF, DCRF, and GCRR in future dockets. Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may contact the Commission through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission, unless otherwise provided by order of the presiding officer. A request for intervention or request for further information should refer to Docket No. 58819.



# New Sharelunker bass make home in Lake Gladewater

**By James Draper**

Lake Gladewater welcomed 45 new residents last week, recently retired Sharelunker broodfish from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Fish Hatchery in Brookeland.

“They’re pretty special fish,” fisheries technician Melissa Johnson said as she prepped her 3- to 5-pound charges for transfer into the lake Nov. 5.

Each is about 7 years-old and put in about four years in the hatchery.

“They live over 10 years. They’ve got quite a bit of life left,” Johnson added. “And these are some healthy fish; they’ll just keep getting bigger.

“They’re a little feisty.”

Come put them to the test, Gladewater Fire Chief & Lake Warden Mike Simmons said in an open invitation to area anglers.

“Come out, bring a rod, enjoy some fishing,” he suggested, just make sure to log any big bass. “A lot of people don’t realize if you catch that fish and it’s above 8 pounds, you can register that with the Sharelunker program and maybe win some prizes.”



Texas Parks & Wildlife Technician Melissa Johnson preps 45 recently-retired Sharelunker broodfish for transfer into their new home at Lake Gladewater.

Photo by James Draper

According to District Fisheries Biologist Tim Bister, this crop was spawned in 2018 and matured for three years before their stint in the hatchery.

“Once in a while we have to make room for another group of fish coming up,” he added. “Several years ago we used those Sharelunker fish to totally change our broodstock in our hatcheries.

“The mother was at least a 13-pound fish. These fish have that genetic potential to get to these sizes” and to breed like-sized offspring.

The Sharelunker program helps TPW collect information on bigger fish in public reservoirs.

Anyone who hooks one is encouraged to hang it on a scale and snap a picture that shows the weight and the entire fish. Qualifying catches get a token of appreciation in thanks for their efforts.

“If you catch a fish that’s over 13 pounds, you can record it for Texas arks & Wildlife,” he added, “and if it’s in good health, you can donate it to our hatcheries as a broodfish.”

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Photo by Mike Peery

## Put out your ‘Scouting for Food’ donations this Saturday morning

Local Scouts went out into the community last Saturday to spread the word about this weekend’s round-up of nonperishable donations, and they’ll be following up in a couple of days to help feed the hungry this season.

With Thanksgiving fast-approaching, the members of Gladewater Boy Scout Troop 198 and Union Grove Cub Scouts Pack 196 will be making the rounds again early on Nov. 15 to collect residents’ contributions to the annual ‘Scouting for Food’ effort.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the project is asked to place their donation of food-stuffs outside by 9 a.m. Saturday, in a bag or box outside on the front porch or near the mailbox. Those who did not receive a door hanger Nov. 8 are advised to contact coordinator Dustin Watson at 903-399-9347 to ensure they’re on the collection route Nov. 15.



Union Grove 5th and 6th graders honor local veterans with a patriotic performance on campus Nov. 7. Directed by Elementary Music Teacher Diana Flores, “They represented Union Grove with honor, respect and heart,” including a spotlight on students Ember Burnet and Sophia Norris. (Courtesy photo)

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