

Gary P. Nunn getting Cozy

Gary P. Nunn, one of the founding fathers of Texas Music since 1972 when song-writers Michael Martin Murphey and Jerry Jeff Walker moved to Austin with a bag full of songs and no band, is bringing his talent to Jackson's Cozy Theater Nov. 22.

Nunn was instrumental in the production of Walker and Murhey' first records which were the first released on major recording labels out of Austin, and a new genre which came be known as Texas Progressive Country Music was born.

Joining Jerry Jeff Walker in the old dancehall in Luckenbach for a recording session in 1973, Gary P. Nunn recorded "live", his song, LONDON HOMESICK BLUES, aka HOME WITH THE ARMADILLO, which was an instant hit on Walker's multi-million selling album, VIVA TERLINGUA, became a Texas anthem and helped propel Jerry Jeff Walker into the national spotlight! The song was selected by the start-up PBS series, AUSTIN CITY LIMITS, and served as the theme song for nearly 30 years.

Nunn has received numerous honors in his long and storied career spanning over 50 years. He has been inducted into the Texas Music Hall of Fame, the West Texas Ring of Honor along with such notables as Bob Wills, Buddy Holly, Waylon Jennings, and Roy Orbison. He has been proclaimed the "Official Ambassador of Texas Music" by three governors. In 2019, he was honored and recognized on the floors of the Texas House, Texas Senate, and by Gov. Greg Abbott for his contributions to the Texas Arts. In 2023 he was inducted into the TEXAS SONGWRITER'S HALL OF FAME.

Gary P. Nunn has 20 selfproduced albums to his credit and his songs have been recorded by Willie Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Martin Murphey, David Allen Coe, Johnny Bush, Chris Stapleton, Roseanne Cash, among many others. In 2019, he was inducted into BMI's prestigious, "MIL-LION AIR" CLUB, certifying that his song, LAST THING I NEEDED, FIRST THING THIS MORNING, had surpassed the 'million radio play" mark, a milestone attained by few songwriters. He was invited to perform at the GRAND OLE OPRY and played to a packed house of Texans who traveled to see him there.

Author of his autobiography, AT HOME WITH THE ARMADILLO, he tells the story of his life and documents the beginnings of the Texas music scene and the integral role he played. Gary P. Nunn has been instrumental in giving young songwriters the break they needed to get started and you can find many of their names among the top singer-songwriters of the Texas music industry.



Bears Bi-District Champs

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears amazing season continued as they made the trip to Don Meredith Stadium in Mount Vernon to take on the Mount Vernon Tigers and after a little bit of a slow start, the Bears offense took off and cruised to a 56-22 victory to win their Bi-district playoff game and move on to round 2.

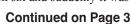
The Bears improve to 10-1 and will take on the Grandview Zebras in the second round at Kaufman ISD's stadium on Friday, Nov. 21st at 7 p.m..

Gladewater won the toss and deferred to the 2nd half so the Tigers got the ball to begin the game and turned it over on downs. The Bears got the ball and their offense went to work with a 14 play opening drive that was capped off when Carson Cooper punched it in from 7 yards out to give the Bears a 7-0 lead.

Mount Vernon was then able to answer back to open the 2nd quarter when quarterback Case George found Braden Baker for a 11 yard touchdown and the two point conversion was good and the Tigers lead 8-7. But Gladewater quickly punched back when Achillies Hess dropped in a perfect pass to Maddox Vasquez for a 28 yard TD and the Bears went back in front 14-8.

But the Tigers again countered back when Dawson Witherspoon took it in with a 13 yard TD run to put the Tigers back in front 15-14. But the Gladewater offense again went to work as Jeremiah Flannagan broke free for a 28 yard TD run to vault back about ahead 21-15.

The Bears defense then stepped up when Anthony Vasquez stepped in front of a George pass and took it back 68 yards for a pick six and suddenly it was 28-15 Gladewa-





Anthony Sanchez leaps in front of a Mt Vernon pass and returns it 65 yards for a Bear touchdown in Gladewater's 56-22 bi-district win.

Photos by Mike Peery

Janes Suring

WO goes with the flow on various water projects

The final phase of the City of White Oak's community-wide water meter upgrade is underway.

Contractors are done to the last 1,000 smart registers, City Coordinator Jimmy Purcell confirmed Friday.

"We're finally getting the rest of our water meter registers put in," he said. "Once they're through with that it'll be brand new registers throughout the city."

A leak last week at the community's Big Sandy Creek lift station was resolved quickly Nov. 10, he noted.

"Just an average leak. No big deal."

More pressing, White Oak Public Works personnel have been dealing with drainage issues at one of the city's water tanks ahead of major maintenance.

"It's overdue to be refurbished," Purcell said. "They have to go in and drain it, replace a valve, then repair any leaks that there might be."

Right now, City Hall as planning for \$700,000 for the refurbishment, but that number might change if the final project scope encompasses both tanks.

"One of them is a million gallon, the other is 700,000. They're going to do one at a time – when one is taken down, we'll still have plenty of water; it's not going to affect the city," Purcell explained. "We're looking at one tank for sure, and they're trying to decide whether to do the other or wait until another time."

A Second Boom:

The Stories Behind Gladewater's Antique Charm

By Adrienne Brown Special to the Mirror

While every antique tells a tale, the antique shops in Gladewater tell a deeper story – one intertwined with the town's own history and marked by resilience in a time of economic hardship.

Gladewater boomed in 1931 when oil was struck, drawing thousands to the area. While the rest of the nation felt the sting of the Great Depression, many in Gladewater prospered thanks to the oil industry.

By 1980, however, another economic downturn swept through the country. Gladewater couldn't escape it this time as store after store shuttered, leaving empty storefronts throughout downtown. Businesses like JCPenney, Western Auto, Job Drug Store, Hightower Jewelers, Keouns Music, and The Vogue clothing store slowly disappeared.

However, one East Texan wasn't ready to let Gladewater completely close down, though she needed a little help. Margaret Larkins, owner of the Antique Mall, credits Beth Bishop (who operated an auction in Longview) with the idea of rebranding the downtown as an antique shopping destination. Bishop moved her auction to Gladewater and encouraged her network of antique dealers to follow.

Thanks to Bishop's inspiration, antique stores opened up shop in the once-vacant buildings downtown, sparking a second boom that would soon breathe life back into the streets of Gladewater.

Norma Thornbrugh, owner of Unique Furniture and Antiques, noted it was Bishop who coined the slogan 'Antique Capital of East Texas.' "She was an excellent promoter for the antique shops," Thornbrugh recalled

Per Larkins, "It seemed like it happened overnight, but it probably took about two years for all the buildings to fill up."



Larkins bought the Antique Mall in 1980 after several years of selling antiques out of her home and in Canton. Originally from Longview, she became one of the first to follow Bishop's lead and move to Gladewater, "And it just went from there," Larkins said. "We were busy right from the start."

With nine dealers in her store today, Larkins focuses on Victorian-era, midcentury, and primitive antiques – the latter being her personal favorite. As she's often quoted, "A primitive is anything Momma needed so Daddy built. Some people call it farm or country stuff. It's nothing fancy."

Diane Turner, owner of Antiques II, joined the Gladewater antique scene about 25 years ago. Though she purchased her shop in 2001, Antiques II has its roots



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...table of my heart

What do incessant meetings, cattle brands, taxes, poinsettias, Pepcid, Kenya, broken medical appointments and broken hips have in common? Oh, and bad hair? Well that would be me, of course. I don't have a broken hip, but my poor mother-in-law does, and I am staying with her in the hospital because that is what I do.

She says I am a cross between a Border Collie and a pit bull. I herd, I nurture, I protect and I fight for my pack when it is needed. I just know from years of experience with my family that things just go better when someone is watching out for you, asking questions, finding tissues, ice water and pain meds...and making sure that everything goes as well as it possibly can under really bad circumstances.

I have a turkey breast in the freezer, a ham in the fridge and my Mom's dressing recipe which I have finally mastered ready for...Christmas I hope. Between family illness and our adventurous son and daughter- in-heart flying back from Nairobi, Kenya the day before Thanksgiving, which is theoretical considering overbooked, understaffed airlines... along with three newspapers to get to press early, my mind is boggled and my marbles are rolling chaotically around my under slept, overworked mind.

This Border Collie tries to juggle taking care of my family's ranch business from a distance of oh, about 150 miles. I made a second flying trip to Navarro County to try and register renewal of our cattle brand last week. It took a probated will, a notarized statement from my Mom, a call to the Texas Southwestern Cattleman's Association's legal department, my durable power of attorney, AND the gift of my whimsical Minnie Mouse purse to the clerk who helped me to get the deed done. I actually walked out of the courthouse with the contents of my former purse in a Wal-Mart bag...and I was glad to do it.

I spent more time on that brand than I did my Mom's complicated ranch taxes. If you count my son, niece and nephew, the Working B Ranch is fifth generation. I ain't givin' up that brand no way, no how, to nobody... after all, my son has a small East Texas ag operation going that he named the Working B Ranch, Too. Makes this country Momma proud.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



I have a great deal to be proud of in my son and daughterin-heart. By the time you read this they will hopefully be safely back in the Piney Woods.

They, along with 18 other fire experts from across the nation spent over two weeks in Kenya training firefighters and taking donations of firefighting suits and equipment to under equipped, poorly trained, often physically attacked, dedicated Kenyan firefighters. Our brave son is the wildland firefighting expert and our compassionate nurse practitioner daughter-in-heart is the medical officer for the group, as well as trainer in basic emergency care. Those two adventurous souls make a difference wherever they go.

Thursday after fighting the livestock brand wars, meeting with Mom's CPA, her banker and checking on the ranch, I spent about an hour at the family cemetery putting Christmas flowers out on the graves of most of the people who made me who I am. The wind blows down across the Blackland Prairie and that cemetery. It is beautiful, and quiet, and sacred.

There is a concrete bench by my Daddy's and brother's graves which was for my Mom to sit, rest and meditate. Now it is for me. As I put flowers out there, and on the graves of my grandparents, great-grandparents, aunt and great aunt I gave thanks for all the love I have known and all the love I was taught to hold in my heart. I gave thanks for the people who taught me to herd, to nurture and to fight through the hard times and heartbreaks. Without a doubt I am one of the most blessed of people walking this earth. Between the love of my life, and the love in my life, the joys of living always outweigh the challenges.

Whether the turkey and dressing end up on the table at Thanksgiving or Christmas it really doesn't matter because the table of my heart will always be filled with the people who taught me to love.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



TEA releases financial accountability ratings

More than four-fifths of Texas public schools received an 'A' rating for their financial practices, according to the Texas Education Agency, which released the final financial accountability ratings for the latest school year last week.

A total of 969 school districts and charter schools, or 81%, received the top rating for their financial management practices.

"By maintaining strong financial practices, these school systems are building brighter futures for the students and communities they serve," a news release stated.

Ten percent of school districts got 'B' ratings, while 6% received 'C' ratings. Failing grades were given to 18 school districts and eight charter schools.

All Texas public school systems are required to share their financial accountability ratings with parents and taxpayers at public meetings. Individual results for a school district can be found at txschools.gov.

Federal ban on THC products signed into law

A spending deal signed into law last week to end the federal government shutdown includes a ban on nearly all THC products that could devastate the Texas hemp industry, the Houston Chronicle reported. The restrictions will not take effect for another year.

The legislation caps the amount of THC, the psychoactive ingredient found in both marijuana and hemp products, at 0.4 milligrams per package. That would force the removal of nearly all currently available hemp products found in stores across the state, including edibles, beverages and smokable versions of hemp.

An earlier attempt at the state level to ban hemp products was vetoed by Gov. Greg Abbott. After state legislators failed in two special sessions to produce ways to regulate hemp, Abbott issued an executive order banning its purchase by anyone under 21 years of age.

The hemp industry plans to fight the law, saying it jeopardizes U.S. farmers and threatens more than 300,000 jobs nationwide.

"The next year will be critical in determining the future of hemp," Art Massolo, U.S. Hemp Roundtable President, said in a statement. "As a significant American industry, we are committed to sharing with Congress the real story about hemp."

Approximately 8,000 retailers in Texas sell products derived from hemp, though a ban on electronic vapes that went into effect Sept. 1 wiped out an estimated 30% of their income.

Trump backs Abbott in reelection bid; Bell enters race

President Donald Trump endorsed Abbott's unprecedented bid for a fourth term, praising his efforts to redraw congressional maps last summer, The Texas Tribune reported. Abbott responded to the early endorsement, saying he would work with Trump to "build a stronger, safer, more prosperous Texas and America."

As the governor enters the race with almost \$90 million in his campaign war chest, former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell of Houston has entered the race on the Democratic side. Bell ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2006, finishing second in a crowded race to then-Gov. Rick Perry.

Also running in the Democratic primary to date are state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, businessman Andrew White, and rancher Bobby Cole.

Abbott proposes wiping out local school property taxes

Abbott is proposing a state constitutional amendment to eliminate local school property taxes, which provides most of public school funding in Texas, the Chronicle reported.

"It's time that we drive a stake through the heart of the ability of local property tax hikes in the future," he said.

In the current biennial state budget, legislators allocated \$51 billion for property tax relief, representing a fourth of the state's total spending. Texas gets about one-third of its revenue from sales tax. The comptroller's office last year concluded that to replace the \$81 billion of property taxes collected in 2023, the state would have to increase the sales tax rate to 22%.

The state has had historic budget surpluses for the past several years, but some experts are warning that this could come to an end.

"The big carryover balances that we've had the last couple sessions are very, very, unusual," said Shannon Halbrook, the director of Invest Texas at Every Texan. "If we have an economic downturn, how do we keep paying for the tax cuts that we've committed to?"

TxDOT says more public transit needed

A draft report from the Texas Department of Transportation says the state needs to boost public transportation in rural and smaller urban areas and add rail between the state's major urban areas if Texas is going to continue to grow, the Texas Standard reported.

"We have almost 32 million Texans, millions of (jobs), thousands of companies locating to Texas in droves, head-quarters, etc.," said Caroline Mays, TxDOT's director of planning and modal programs. "The fundamental need is, how do we address mobility needs for this growing Texas?"

While the state plans to spend \$146 billion over the next decade to maintain and expand the state's highway system, public transit funding has largely languished. The state spends nothing on public transit in major urban areas, reserving its limited funding for rural and smaller urban transit agencies.

"What I would tell you is that it's foolish, shortsighted and moronic not to start making comprehensive plans when you know unquestionably that the population growth is going to double in the next 25 years," state Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburgh, said.

NO EXCUSES NOT TO GO



IS A PERSON REALLY SAVED BY FAITH ONLY?

I want to address the question that the title of this article asks. Most modern denominations accept as a foregone conclusion the idea that people are saved by "faith alone." For example, the Discipline of one prevalent denomination says: "Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort." But friends, is that really what the Scriptures teach? Let's see!

First, people certainly are saved by faith. For example, in Romans 5: 1 the apostle Paul wrote: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." So, the Bible definitely teaches that people are saved by faith. But what about the idea that people are saved by faith "only"?

Well, I ask you to consider this: The New Testament tells us about people who only believed and yet were obviously unsaved! For example, the apostle John says: "...even among the rulers many believed in Him (Jesus), but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue" (John 12: 42). So, the Bible tells us about people who believed in Jesus but did not confess Him and certainly were not saved. Why? For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (v. 43). These had only an Intellectual faith whose conviction found no expression in their life. See John 9: 22, 34). Thus, it in insufficient to believe in Jesus without making s public commitment to that belief or faith through obedience.

Furthermore, in James 2: 24 God says: "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." My friend, this is the only place in the New Testament where you can find the words "faith only." And isn't it interesting that while many preachers teach that man is justified by faith only, James very clearly says man is NOT justified by faith only. So, the question is, what will you believe? Will you believe what the Bible says when it says people are NOT justified by faith only, or will you believe the false doctrine of salvation by "faith only"? Think on these things.

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Opportunities for kinship foster families boosted

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has eliminated 195 rules viewed as obstacles to Texas families fostering family members, the agency announced last week. A total of 75% of all administrative requirements have been eliminated, making it easier for relatives to become foster parents.

"By removing unnecessary barriers, we're helping Texans open their homes to relatives in need," said HHS Executive Commissioner Cecile Erwin Young. "These changes will give more children in foster care the opportunity to grow up in a familiar, loving environment."

Regulation changes include:

- Streamline housing inspections to focus on the health and environmental safety of kinship foster homes.
- Eliminate unnecessary training requirements for kinship foster parents.

Sports roundup

Bears Bi-District Champs, Lions fall

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The 2nd half was dominated by the Bears but it started out shaky as they fumbled and it was recovered by Mount Vernon. But the Tigers could do nothing with it and punted and the Gladewater offense went back to work as Hess found a wide open Jakobe Crosby for a 12 yard TD and the lead swelled to twenty at 35-15. The Gladewater defense then struck again as Landon King intercepted a George pass and got the ball right back to end the 3rd quarter. The Tigers were still hanging around as Witherspoon found the endzone to cut the lead to 35-22. But the Bears then proceeded to put the game on ice as Hess faked out the defense with a RPO and dashed

46 yards for a TD to make it a 42-22 Gladewater lead. The Gladewater defense then struck again with their second pick six of the night, this time a 71 yarder from Destin Sherridan and that made it a 49-22 game. The Bears would tack on one more score as Tra Watts got in on the fun with a 24 yard TD run and that made it 56-

"We said this week it's 1 week at a time, 1 game at a time in the playoffs.

"Only worry about being 1-0 this week and we absolutely did that. I feel we prepared all week and played one of our best games all season.

"So proud of these kids and how they played tonight,

" said coach Jermaine Lewis.

Lions playoff run ends

The Union Grove Lions knew they had a tough road ahead as they opened their playoff run against the Honey Grove Warriors and sadly it got away from the Lions quickly as Honey Grove cruised to a 41-10 victory. The Lions kept it close in the first half as they trailed only 21-10 at the half. But it was all Warriors in the second half as they outscored Union Grove 20-0. Brycen Porter finished 8-17 for 86 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He also had 59 yards on 6 carries. Hudson Wightman had 28 yards on 5 carries. Through the air, Wightman had 2 catches for 25 yards and a touchdown. The Lions finish their season with a 7-4 record.



The Gladewater Lady Bears basketball team continued their early portion of their season as they traveled to Spring Hill to take on the Spring Hill Lady Panthers at Panthers gym and in a back and forth game, fell 42-38. The game was tied at 24 at the half. Peytin Thompson had another big game as she had 15 points and 7 rebounds. Gladewater falls to 1-1 and will next be in action with a home game against Bishop Gorman then head to Tyler to take part in the Bishop Gorman tourna-

The White Oak Ladynecks had a very busy time with multiple games. Starting with a 44-30 loss to Christian Heritage on the road. That was followed by making the trip to Hearts Bluff to take part in the Hearts Bluff tournament where they were successful going 4-1 and finishing 2nd with wins over Ore City (43-10), Bloomburg (58-12), Winnsboro's JV (54-52) and Redwater (59-25). White Oak is now 4-3 on the season and will next be at home to host New Diana and then head to Union Grove to take part in the Union Grove tournament.

The Union Grove Lady Lions continued the early part of their non district schedule as they hosted the East Texas Homeschool's and easily came away with 67-27 victory. Emma Dabreu had 14 points and 4 rebounds. Rachel Potter had 10 points and 5 assists. The Lady Lions improved to 2-0 and will next head to Kilgore then return home to host their own tournament.

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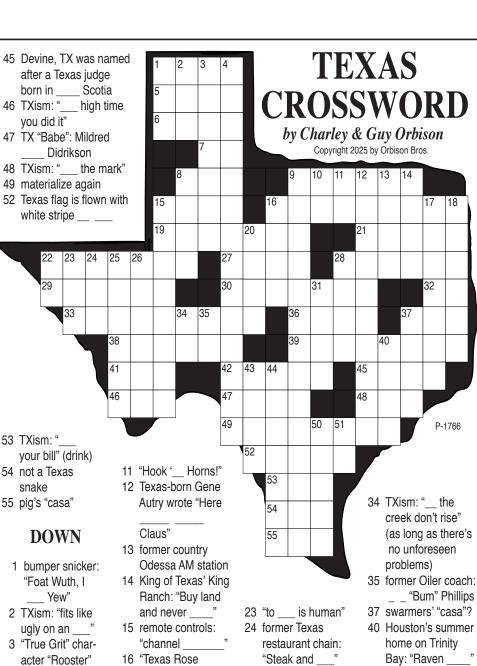
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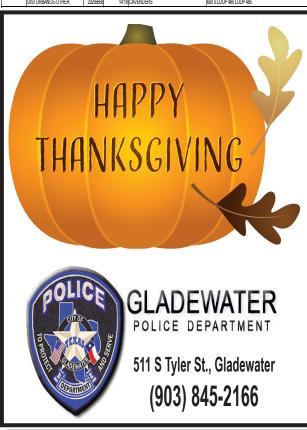
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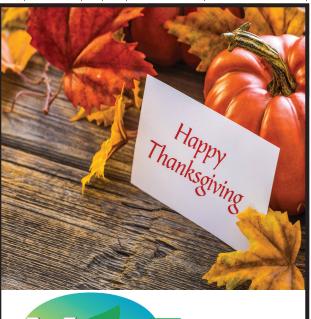
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	ALARM/OTHER	20255661	15:55		1515 WESTLAKE WESTLAKE DR
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	20255662	17:18		507 W QUITMAN QUITMAN AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255664	19:13	SEYMORES WILCO	1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255665	20:43	BROOKSHIRE GROCERY	1300 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ABANDONED 911	20255666	20:50	ANTIQUE CAPITAL RV PARK	500 S LOOP 485 LOOP 485
	FIRE DEPT	20255667	21:23		407 JOHNSON JOHNSON ST
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255669	23:51	LAKE GLADEWATER	LAKESHORE AREA LAKESHORE AREA
11/14/25	MISCELLANEOUS	20255671	0:50		
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255672	2:29		212 N CENTER CENTER ST
	ABANDONED VEHICLE	20255673	2:51		1420 N MAIN MAIN ST
	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	20255674	8:26	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	EMS	20255675	9:44	GREENWAY VILLAGE	19 GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
	ASSIST	20255676	10:00	GARDENS OF GLADEWATER	108 N LEE LEE ST
	SUICIDE	20255677	10:56		1801 PHILLIPS SPRINGS PHILLIPS SPRINGS
	CREDIT/DEBIT ABUSE	20255679	12:20	REGENCY INN AND SUITE	1009 E BROADWAY BROADWAY
	EMS	20255680	16:27	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	10-50 MINOR	20255681	18:36		MARSHALL MARSHALL
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255682	19:17	FREDS	601 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	HARASSMENT	20255684	19:52		510 AMES AMES ST
	FIRE DEPT	20255685	20:18	BODACIOUS BBQ	1105 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	10-50 MINOR	20255701	9:56		RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE
	EMS	20255702	10:09	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	SEXUAL ASSAULT	20255703	11:23	ACE HARDWARE	1620 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ESCORT	20255704	11:32	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	314 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	EMS	20255705	15:00	TRUMAN SMITH CHILDRENS CENTER	2200 W UPSHUR UPSHUR
	CRIM TRESPASS	20255706	15:05	SEYMORES WILCO	1298 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	20255707	15:37	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	ALARMIOTHER	20255708	17:15	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255709	17:59	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	ASSIST	20255710	18:11	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255712	18:47	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	20255713	18:42		405 N TITUS TITUS ST
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20255714	19:31		1668 FM 2685 FM 2685
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	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	20255718	21:45	LEE BUILDING	800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
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White Oak Police Activity Report

For the reporting period of November 10th through November 16th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 180 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Disturbances, Suspicious Activity, 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 two arrests during this reporting period:

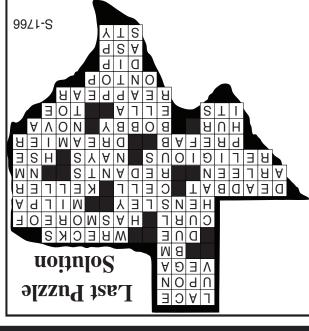
Gabriela Soliz, 36, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Dylan Jones, 23, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated.

One separate and unrelated case was presented to the Gregg County District Attorney during this reporting period.

GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
11/6/25	11/6/25	17:39	DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD-SHANE	W	М	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 EAST LAKE DR
	11/6/25	17:39	DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD-SHANE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 EAST LAKE DR
	11/6/25	17:39	DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD-SHANE	W	М	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 EAST LAKE DR
	11/6/25	17:39	DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD-SHANE	W	М	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 EAST LAKE DR
	11/6/25	17:39	DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD-SHANE	W	M	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 EAST LAKE DR
	11/6/25	17:39	DEBORDE, MICHAEL LLOYD-SHANE	W	М	WARRANT (LOCAL)	900 EAST LAKE DR
11/7/25	11/7/25	11:29	RICHARD, KEONTE DAJUAN	В	М	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1409 E BROADWAY ST





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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. 20).

To be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. readings are "10 Turkeys in the Road" by Brenda Reeves Sturgis, and "Turkey Trouble" by Wendi Silvano.

For more information, contact the library at 903-843-5001. Amy Allred is its children's director.

Annual quilt show set for Saturday

The pews of First United Methodist Church will be covered in color Saturday as local quilters put their best on display.

The annual Patchwork in the Pews Quilt Show runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 in the sanctuary at 217 W. Quitman Ave. Presented by local Gladewater quilters, the event is free and open to all comers.

"The Methodist church will also be selling fried turkeys," says quilter and co-organizer Elaine Roddy. The adjacent Godfrey House will host its Creative Christian crafters and their wares for seasonal shoppers.

"When we put the quilts on the pews, we can fill that church up. It is gorgeous because of the stained glass windows. It's amazing."

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



What a difference one person can make. Sheila Faggans decided to host the Lake Gladewater 5K one more year and last week she donated \$1,030 to Texas Oncology in Longview. Thank you Sheila and everyone who participated on November 1.

members graves at Gladewater Memorial Park come Dec. 13. It's a simultaneous commemoration nationwide, set for 11

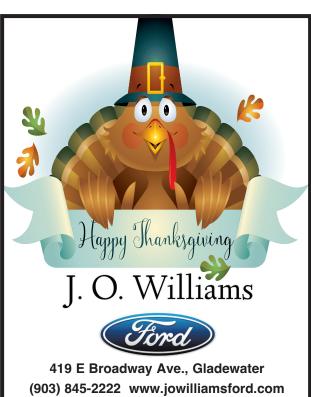
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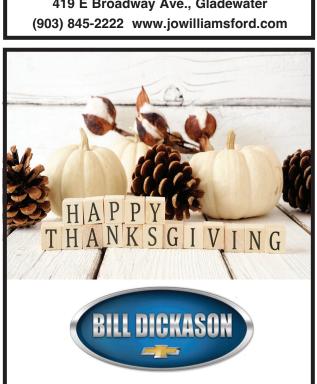
a.m. that Saturday morning.

tor 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."

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 wreathsacrossamerica.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.





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A Second Boom:

The Stories Behind Gladewater's Antique Charm

Continued from Page 1

in the 1980s boom.

The shop's name has an interesting history itself. As Antiques II opened in the mid-80s, all of the paperwork was done over the phone. Originally meant to be called Antiques, Too, a misprint led to Antiques II on all the paperwork – a name the original owners decided to keep. "I don't know if this story is true or not, but that's what I am told. And there is no Antiques I," Turner said with a smile.

Born in Tennessee and raised in Ohio, Turner moved to Gladewater in the mid-80s and witnessed the town's transformation firsthand.

With no prior experience in the antique business, Turner has developed her expertise and discovered her favorites over time. "I love quilts," she said, "I have a hard time passing up a pretty quilt." She also stocks California Poppytrail pottery - known for its bold, colorful rooster design - and Coca-Cola collectibles.

Turner oversees 11 dealers at Antiques II, each specializing in different periods and styles, as well as collectibles.

Norma Thornbrugh and her late husband opened Unique Furniture and Antiques in 1988 – initially offering only new furniture. As lifelong Gladewater residents, they remembered a downtown filled with diverse shops.

As the antique boom drew crowds, however, it became

clear that visitors weren't just shopping; they came for an experience. "Some people would walk in and then look disappointed and say, 'It's just a furniture store," Thornbrugh recalled. "People were coming to Gladewater for the antiques."

After a few years, she began searching for antique pieces at estate sales to add to her store. "I love it all," she said. "The craftsmanship, the construction, the styles. You don't even see these types of wood, like mahogany and maple, anymore." Thornbrugh looks for well-maintained pieces dating before the 1950s and sometimes as far back as the

"I've been so blessed because I enjoy meeting people and getting to know them," Thornbrugh expressed.

Even today, as new businesses pop up around Gladewater, the antique shops still shape the heart of downtown. While new furniture can be ordered with a click of a button, it's the hunt that continues to draw people to the Antique Capital of East Texas.

The quality and character of an antique make people feel like they've discovered a treasure, each with a unique story. Buying antiques lets new owners add to the story.

Turner put it best by saying, "I want people to love antiques. They were made to last, and that's why they're still here."



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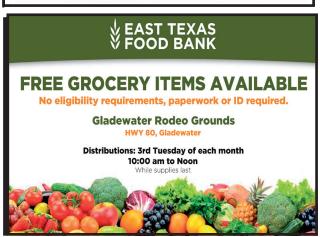
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All of the following properties being located in Gregg County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page (V_{-}/P_{-}) or document number (Doc #) or instrument number (Inst #) of the 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), Acet #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

Tract 3: 8.388 Acres, more or less, S. L. Davis Survey, Abstract 61 (9820209) Acct #000015023

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.

DATED the 31st day of October, 2025, at Longview, Texas

MAXEY CERLIANO Sheriff,

By: SHAWN MCFADDEN, Deputy Sheriff

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (903) 757-5757.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF MARK LEE LAMBORN

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Mark Lee Lamborn, Deceased, were issued on August 11, 2025, in Cause No. 2025-0052-E, pending in the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to: CLARISSA HILL

The residence of the Independent Administrator is: CLARISSA HILL at 1505 W. Grande Blvd., Apt. 802, Tyler, Texas 75703.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Administrator's attorney at the following address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law:

c/o: Matthew Gilpin

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Re: Adoption of Kevin Barry Tripp McCormic and Levi Colton McCormic

Docket No. 659176, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court

To Whom It May Concern:

"To Kevin McCormic, Jr. - A hearing has been set on 12/15/25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, 1835 Spring Street, Shreveport, LA, for the purpose of determining whether The proposed adoption of Kevin Barry Tripp McCormic and Levi Colton McCormic should be approved by a judge - these publications serve as notice to you of your right to appear on the aforesaid date and at the aforesaid location to contest this proposed adoption."





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:

Major Rate Class	Base	Revenue Change	Base Percent Increase	Total % Change @ Proposed
Residential	\$	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%
Total Commercial	\$	50,206,717	29.91%	6.96%
Industrial	\$	41,899,554	78.73%	30.66%
Total Commercial & Industrial	\$	92,106,271	41.66%	13.72%
Municipal	\$	2,421,140	62.58%	20.06%
Municipal Lighting	\$	1,689,786	62.29%	25.52%
Total Municipal	\$	4,110,926	62.46%	21.95%
Lighting	\$	1,691,431	29.45%	7.30%

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.



Did you know?

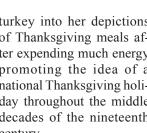
Though modern Americans might find the notion of a turkey-free Thanksgiving hard to fathom, the idea of eating the now popular fowl did not become synonymous with the holiday until the mid-nineteenth century.

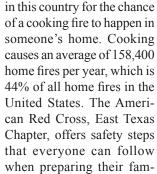
According to History. com, President George Washington declared a day of national thanksgiving in 1789, but decades passed before turkey came to be presented as a staple of Thanksgiving celebrations.

History.com notes that novelist Sarah Joseph Hale offered a lengthy description of Thanksgiving celebrations in New England in her 1827 novel, Northwood. Hale eventually drew on the writings of William Bradford, who served as Governor of the Plymouth Colony from 1621 to 1657.

Bradford's history of the colony noted the abundance of turkeys around the time of the first Thanksgiving meal, and Hale ultimately drew on Bradford's recollection and incorporated

turkey into her depictions of Thanksgiving meals after expending much energy promoting the idea of a national Thanksgiving holiday throughout the middle decades of the nineteenth





Thanksgiving and the day

before are the top two days

ily's Thanksgiving feast. "With so many families preparing meals this season, we just want everyone to stay safe," said Karen Holt, executive director of the American Red Cross East

Texas Chapter. "The simplest step, like staying in the kitchen while you're cooking, can prevent a tragedy and protect the people you love."

Follow these safety tips and visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including a fire escape plan to practice with your family.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the
- Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
- Avoid wearing loose your kitchen.

clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.

Thanksgiving is a peak day for

home cooking fires in the U.S.

- Keep kids and pets at least three feet away from cooking areas.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire — potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains — away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance that generates heat.
- Clean cooking surfaces regularly to prevent grease buildup.
- Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in

 Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving home to make sure all stoves, ovens and small appliances are turned off.

Since October 2014, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, working with community partners, has saved at least 2,196 lives by educating families about fire safety, helping them create escape plans and installing free smoke alarms in high-risk areas across the country. To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved or make your home safer, visit redcross. org/homefires.

A recipe to make sweet potatoes even sweeter

Sweet potatoes are available at grocery stores yearround, but they tend to garner more attention come Thanksgiving.

Indeed, a 2024 Economist/YouGov poll found that 39 percent of Thanksgiving celebrants intended to eat sweet potatoes on Turkey

Sweet potatoes pack a powerful and nutritious punch and they're also able to be prepared in myriad ways.

Those who want to make their sweet potatoes a little more sweet this holiday season can try this recipe for "Sweet Potato Marshmallow Gratin" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Sweet Potato Marshmallow Gratin

Makes 4 servings

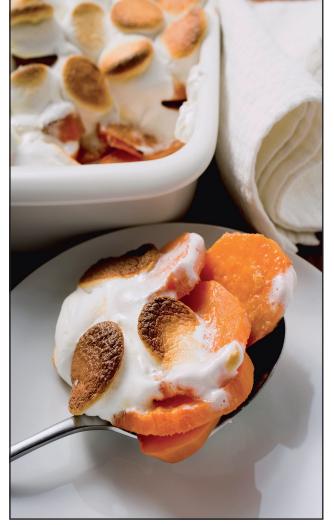
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- teaspoon nutmeg tablespoon vanilla
- cup orange juice
- sweet potatoes peeled and cut into 1/8-inchthick slices
- Russet potatoes, 2 peeled and cut into 1/8-inchthick slices

11/2 cups mini marshmallows, divided

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Cooking spray

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla extract, and orange juice in a small bowl. In a

Pour orange juice mixture over the potatoes; toss to coat well.

2. Spritz an 8" x 8" baking dish with cooking spray. Place potatoes, a handful at a time, in the dish and spread them so that the orange and white slices are evenly distributed.

Sprinkle 10 to 12 minimarshmallows on top of this layer.

Repeat process, creating five layers, until you almost reach the top of the baking dish.

- 3. Cover dish with aluminum foil and seal tightly to hold in moisture; bake for 1 hour.
- 4. Top with remaining marshmallows and brown
- 5. Re-cover with foil and bake 30 more minutes.

Let stand at least 15 minutes before serving.



Did you know?

A 2024 Economist/You-Gov poll found that turkey continues to reign supreme on the Thanksgiving dinner

When asked what they'll be eating at Thanksgiving dinner, 67 percent of poll participants indicated they plan to eat turkey, making it the most popular food to find its way onto the dinner table for this popular holiday.

Additional staples also remain wildly popular among Thanksgiving celebrants, suggesting that food is among the more sacred Turkey Day traditions.

When asked what they plan to eat at Thanksgiving dinner this year, participants noted some easily recognizable favorites:

- Mashed potatoes: 56
- Bread or rolls: 55 percent
- Stuffing: 51 percent • Gravy: 51 percent
- Green beans: 40 percent • Sweet potatoes: 39 per-
- Cranberry sauce: 38 percent
 - Corn: 33 percent









Setting Thanksgiving history straight

Thanksgiving is celebrated each fall and often serves as the entry point to the holiday season. Tradition plays a large role in Thanksgiving celebrations, as families incorporate many customs into their celebrations that some believe were once tied to the earliest Thanksgiving meals. But the truth about thosea customs is a lot murkier than celebrants may realize.

According to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the "First Thanksgiving" features a romanticized depiction of a friendly harvest celebration between "Pilgrims" and "Indians." This altered account of what took place in the seventeenth century served as a foundational story that's

been reinforced through the years. However, American Indians attest that the story is more complex than the prevailing narrative suggests. Here's a look at some of the inaccuracies that have been revealed regarding the "First Thanksgiving."

MYTH: The First Thanksgiving was the first time that settlers and Native nations interacted.

TRUTH: The Wampanoag and neighboring nations had been interacting with European explorers, traders and others for nearly 100 years prior to the English setters' arrival at the Wampanoag village of Patuxet in 1620.

MYTH: The American

Indians' decision to assist the English settlers was based on friendship.

TRUTH: In reality, the Wampanoags' decision to help the English was more about forming political alliances than making friends. The Wampanoag were hoping to fend off attacks from rivals.

MYTH: The First Thanksgiving was repeated each year.

TRUTH: This initial meeting of peoples did not spark an annual tradition. There is no record of Pilgrims inviting the Wampanoag people to the harvest meal. The Wampanoag men likely came because they heard gunfire from a hunt and investigated. And the feast wasn't repeated. His-

torians note the relationship between the Wampanoag and Pilgrims ultimately deteriorated, culminating in King Philip's War.

MYTH: The 1621 gathering was the first American Thanksgiving.

FACT: Thanksgivings actually were religious events that took place before the 1621 gathering. History News Network says that Texans claim the first Thanksgiving in America actually occurred in a community near El Paso in 1598. Spanish explorer Juan de Onate was said to have held a Thanksgiving festival after leading hundreds of settlers on a 350-mile excursion across the Mexican desert.

MYTH: Turkey was on the menu for the harvest meal shared.

FACT: The meal likely consisted of venison, wild fowl and other locally available foods, like cranberries.

MYTH: Pilgrims dressed in black with buckles and black steeple hats.

FACT: Historian James W. Baker explains that these Pilgrim depictions were formed in the nineteenth century when black and buckles helped create an emblem of quaintness. In fact, the early Pilgrims did not dress in such garb, and wore colorful clothing throughout much of the week, reserving black for Sunday services.

Inaccuracies abound regarding the first Thanksgiving.

Prevailing accounts present a romanticized view of relations between Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people that has persisted through the years.

Shedding light on myths can spur new discussions about this beloved holiday.



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Thanksgiving weekend travel tips

Thanksgiving is consistently one of the busiest travel holidays of the year. In fact, AAA indicates that, in the United States, it may be the most traveled of all the holidays, with record numbers of both drivers and air travelers. In 2024, nearly 80 million Americans were expected to travel over Thanksgiving weekend. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a particularly busy day on the roads, but high volumes continue throughout the weekend.

A high demand for travel during this time of year means individuals wanting to see friends or family for Thanksgiving should plan accordingly. These tips, courtesy of AAA and the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA), can make Thanksgiving travel go more smoothly.

• Book flights early. If you are able, secure flights early in the day and use personal time off from work to fly in to a destination at the beginning of the week. The propensity for flights to be delayed or canceled increases as the day and week goes on. An early departure may increase the chances of a flight leaving on time. Also, the TSA reports that the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, as well as the Sunday after, are the busiest days for Thanksgiving air travel. Choosing an alternative day to fly may mean smaller crowds and less stress.

• Consider TSA Pre-Check®. TSA PreCheck is a paid program that enables you to get through security lines faster. Interested parties must verify their identities through a thirdparty service that handles PreCheck applications, and await confirmation of approval. A TSA PreCheck membership lasts for five years. This membership offers consistent time savings at the airport with dedicated PreCheck lanes, and the benefit of keeping items like laptops and liquids in your bag.

• Consider traveling by train. If Amtrak services your destination, taking the train may be the least stressful way to travel over Thanksgiving. In addition to not having to navigate roadways or sit in traffic, you won't face security screening like you will at the airport. Once on the train, there is Wi-Fi, nice views and efficient travel. Trips booked in advance are more affordable than booking closer to the holiday.

• Pack light. Avoiding the baggage carousel can shave much time off of travel. Plus, there's no risk of luggage getting diverted or not making it to your final destination. A carry-on bag is the way to go for ease, particularly if you must get on a different flight if the original one is delayed or canceled.

• Service your car. If road travel is planned for Thanksgiving, make sure your car is in good condition.



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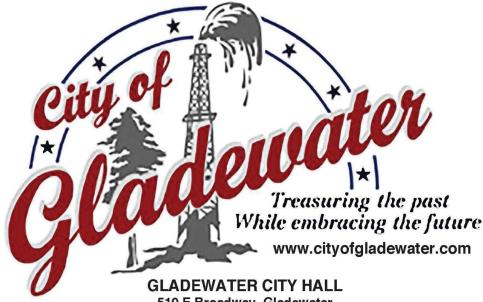
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White Oak puts pickleball in play

By James Draper

White Oak's tennis-to-pickleball revamp is ready for

With \$29,000 in funding from White Oak Economic Development Corporation, the community's two tennis courts were recrafted into eight pickleball courts this fall. Tennis fans can still get their games in on White Oak ISD's courts when they're not in use by student athletes.

Meanwhile, council members last week discussed funding White Oak Volunteer Fire Department's purchase of a tanker truck and a slip-in skid unit ahead of reimbursement from grant funds.

"They're going to look into the city paying for it because the fire department does not have that amount in their funds," White Oak City Coordinator Jimmy Purcell said. "It's only going to cost \$26,000 because the (two) grants were about \$345,000, so we just have to make up the difference."

The slip-in unit is a water tank attached to a brush truck, he noted, and the tanker truck will have a 2,000 gallon capacity. "That's like a fire hydrant coming to the scene."

In other business last week, the council members made their standard denial of SWEPCO's proposed rate increase.

"That will be a few months down the road," Purcell said. White Oak's elected officials also signed off on a requested zoning change for 2209 and 2211 E. Old Hwy. 80, from local retail to single-family 8.

"That spot on Old 80 and Whatley Road, which is almost outside our city, back years and years ago there was a business there on that corner," Purcell noted. There are no other businesses nearby. The property is for sale, but "The people who want to buy it were having trouble getting loans because it's classified as business."

Plans for managing the pickleball courts are still in the works, Purcell said, especially when it comes to revenues and expenses. Tournaments may provide an opportunity to cover the costs for the facility.

"That's still in discussion," he added. "The WEDCO paid for it and people who want to come in and do pickleball tournaments, they're charging \$20 or more per head, and they're getting revenue. The only way we see it is people coming into our city and eating and getting gas and stuff.

"That's something we still have to talk about. They wanted to make sure there are lights so they can play; the city pays the light bill. So we're going to be talking.'

OBITUARIES

VICKIE LYNN BUTH STONE

June 29, 1946 - November 9, 2025

Vickie Lynn Buth Stone, 79 of Starrville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, November 9, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.



Vickie was born on June 29, 1946, in Spanaway, Washington.

Loving wife to William Lloyd Stone, Jr., the couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Vickie grew up on one of the largest cattle and horse farms in Washington State at the base of Mt. Rainier. Here, she developed her lifelong passion for horses and cattle by showing horses and competing as a barrel

racer. Vickie was deeply involved in her community. She served as a leader in the Gregg County 4-H where she mentored young people with their show animals.

Vickie loved history and political science, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas-Tyler in History and Education. A retired schoolteacher, she taught history and government in numerous East Texas school systems. She also contributed as a poll worker in Smith County, Texas, recognizing the vital importance of community and democracy.

She attended Sit'Em Down Cowboy Church in Big Sandy. Vickie enjoyed playing board games and especially dominos and chicken foot with Lloyd, her grandchildren, and friends. Vickie was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Verna Buth, and sister, Linda. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Dee Ann Stone of Nashville, TN; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda Stone and Harold Riley of Gladewater, TX; grandchildren, Emily Stone, Jackson Stone, Garret Williamson; and numerous nieces and nephews who she cherished deeply.

Vickie's Celebration of Life Service were held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Sit'Em Down Cowboy Church.

Her family received friends at prior to the service. A private family graveside service will take place at Starrville Cemetery after the Celebration of Life.

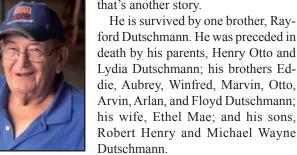
In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Sit'Em Down Cowboy Church, Big Sandy, Texas or the

Robert Henry Dutschmann

May 5, 1934 – November 13, 2025

Robert Henry Dutschmann was born on May 5, 1934, into a family of nine brothers. Yep — there were ten boys! My poor Grannie, Lydia Dutschmann. She was tough as a boot

too — and no wonder why, huh? But that's another story.



Daddy always told you he had never been "whooped." I'm betting his nine brothers would tell a different story! His brothers all called him "Rotty." They said he earned that nickname as a young kid because he was so rotten. Even when he could hardly get out of bed, he would still tell you how tough he was — and with a grin on his face, say, "I've never been whooped." To the very end, he insisted he was going to get better and drive his truck and tractor again.

Bob — also known as "The Barrel Man" — never met a stranger. If you saw him in town or stopped by his yard to buy a barrel, you could count on having a conversation about the Gladewater Bears, Jonny Louvier, his Grand kids or Great Grand kids, Donald Trump, the Democrats, or maybe a story about someone who'd "stolen something from him."

He was a survivor, to say the least. He lost both his boys in their twenties under tragic circumstances. I still remember those two phone calls like it was yesterday. They were my brothers — but they were his kids, his boys. It's just not natural to bury your children, but somehow, Daddy kept on living.

He was so proud of Bobby and Mike, just as he was proud of Jonny, Jaci, Joseph, Meg, Hunter, Haley, Joe, and Donna. He would light up and grin from ear to ear when his great-grandkids — Chandler, Ashton, Henry, Halle, and Hollyn — came to see him. When they were around, he was all smiles and joy.

A retired truck driver from Central Freight Lines, after retirement he kept busy buying and selling trucks, mowers, tractors, and barrels. He always described all his trucks and tractors as "immaculate." Now, we all know they were far from immaculate — but in his mind, all they needed was a "hot battery" to get them running.

And about those trucks — he never owned one that could be outrun. If you pulled up next to him at a red light in another truck, you could bet he was about to gun that engine and try to race you. From the time he first started driving until he couldn't drive anymore, he was always ready for a good race. Even in his last days, he said he was going to get better and go drive that tractor and truck.

He tried living with Joe and I during his last year of illness. After three days, he said he wanted to go home to his house—"no woman was going to tell him what to do." (That would be me, his daughter!) I won't go into all the details, but he was an ornery patient for sure. There was one woman, though, who could tell him exactly what she thought — and he'd listen. That was Ethel Mae, his wife of 49 years. Her nickname was "Sarge," given to her by my brother Mike when we were teenagers.

Daddy wasn't one to say "I love you" out loud, but we always knew he loved us. In his last months, when leaving I'd always say, "We love you." He'd grin, wave his little hand, and sometimes whisper softly, "I love y'all too."

We love you, Daddy — our Paw, our Pee Paw. You've run the race and finished it well. Go in peace and be with your precious boys, Mike and Bobby. Give Sarge a hug from me, and tell them all how much I miss them. I know all your crazy brothers, Granny, Grandpa, Sarge, Little Robert, and Mike are celebrating with you now.

The surviving family — daughter Donna and husband Joe; granddaughter Jaci Cloud and husband Hunter; grandsons Jonathan Louvier and wife Meghann, and Joseph Louvier and wife Haley; and great-grandchildren Chandler and Ashton Cloud, Henry, Halle, and Hollyn Louvier — would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Gail Tolbert and Julia Guevara for their unending help and care over the past several months. Also, Ralph Hardeman representing Trinity Lutheran Church, for his monthly visits for several years providing communion while Dad was unable to commute to the church.

As a family grounded in our Lutheran and Christian faith, we rest in the promises of Scripture — that we are all sinners who rely completely on the Gospel and the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Romans 14:7-9

So, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Ephesians 2:8–9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

And as Jesus taught us to pray: **Matthew 6:9–13**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Memorial/Celebration of Life services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. 3718 South FM 2869, Hawkins, TX 75765

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Robert Dutschmann can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawkins, Texas or to the Longview Animal Shelter in Longview, Texas.



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White Oak's FFA program brought home the 2025 Leadership Development Event Sweepstakes District Championship Nov. 12. With 52 students competing on 14 teams, 11 crews progressed to area with 10 teams named Overall 1st Place Champions in their respective contests and one team named **Reserve Champions.** Courtesy photo

Darren Richardson Chamber President 215 N Main St, Gladewater (903) 845-5501 gladewaterchamber.org

Commissioners have to cover insurance claims

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday authorized transferring up to \$300,000 from the county's general fund to the insurance fund, if required to cover insurance and prescription claims under the court's health insurance plan for county personnel.

The court approved letting County Auditor Connie Williams' office take the action after she told commissioners she was "fairly concerned" that the county had already spent \$625,000 on claims in the first one and a half months of the current 2025-26 fiscal year.

She said the insurance situation was going badly now after the county "had a bad year" the last two years on that matter, and she expressed hope officials will "see a decrease in claims for the rest of the year.

"Our prescription costs are going up," though the county took "steps to try to reduce the costs," Williams explained, adding that "even though the (insurance) budget was increased" from last fiscal year's total,"costs are increasing faster.'

In other business at Friday's meeting in Gilmer, the court authorized Williams and Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur to approve future change orders on the ongoing \$15 million needed to ensure that all

renovation of the 88-year-old county courthouse in Gilmer.

The court hired LaFleur more than a year ago to oversee the project since his own county's aged courthouse had undergone such a renovation.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson said he favored letting Williams and LaFleur handle the change orders, rather than waiting on the court to approve them at its twice-monthly regular meetings, because many of the orders were "small," and "we don't need to hold up the process" of finishing the project.

Completion, once anticipated by February's end, is now expected in mid-April. "Everything's moving along," LaFleur told the court, presenting it with a nearly \$35,900 change order which will save the county money.

In other action, the court changed its drug and alcohol policy for county workers who have commercial driver's licenses.

Gene Dolle complained the existing policy was "vague" and needed amending to "cover us for liability." The change adds a procedure for drug/alcohol testing of drivers under certain conditions, he said.

four of the county's precinct foremen were certified to "pinpoint" if a driver was using drugs or alcohol.

In other business Friday,

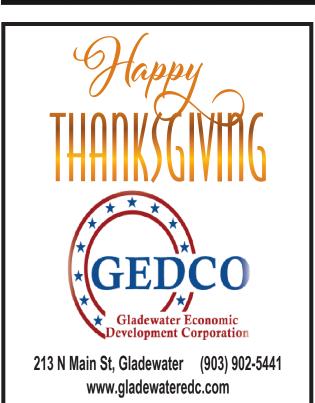
- cast 1,177 votes for Joyce Brod for the Upshur County Appraisal District's board of directors and 100 apiece for the other five candidates for the board.
- Bridge Department receiving the revenue from selling salvage material so it can buy road equipment.

approved the Road and

- approved selling four Dodge Chargers utilized by the sheriff's office.
- approved transferring a \$12,000 stipend, which the court had authorized for former District Attorney Billy Byrd while he was in office, to newly-appointed District Attorney Barry Wallace, retroactive to Nov. 1. (After the original stipend approval, Byrd resigned effective Oct. 31 to run for judge of the 115th District Court in the 2026 Republican primary.)
- canvassed the county's Precinct 1 Commissioner returns from the Nov. 4 election on 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, which all passed in both Upshur County and statewide.
- accepted roads in the Stonebrook subdivision into the county road inventory for Nicholson said the court maintenance by the county government.

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New fire engine, long-term plans among items on lengthy council agenda Thursday

Gladewater City Council members have implementation strategies. an extensive agenda ahead Nov. 20, touching on everything from sewer improvements to Gladewater ISD traffic issues and leases at Lake Gladewater.

In addition to weighing the funding and purchase of a new fire engine, the council's scheduled to discuss-and-consider (i.e. vote on) the city's acquisition of railroad property west of Ferry Street and south of the railroad tracks.

November's regular session begins at 6 p.m. Thursday evening at City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Ave. Residents have the opportunity to address the elected officials during the 'Citizens Comments' portion of the meeting and to weigh in on individual agenda items, albeit with standard time constraits.

Alongside items tied to coordination with Texas Department of Public Transportation on ongoing projects (i.e. the widening of Hwy. 271), the city's Street & Infrastructure Master

The official discussion of 'traffic control measures' Thursday is tied to requests by GISD, including on N. Gay Avenu and N. Martha Dr.

The still-new Parks & Recreation Board's Master Plan and implementation priorities are up for consideration along with proposed revisions to the bylaws for Gladewater Economic Development Corporation. GEDCO's board of directors met last week, and the organization's contract with Gladewater Chamber of Commerce for Business Retention and Development is poised for council action as well.

Among routine items, the council will likely deny SWEPCO's proposed increase in rates (standard practice, one White Oak City Council members took last week) and weigh in on the boards of directors for appraisal districts in both Gregg and Upshur County.

View the full 23-item agenda and attached

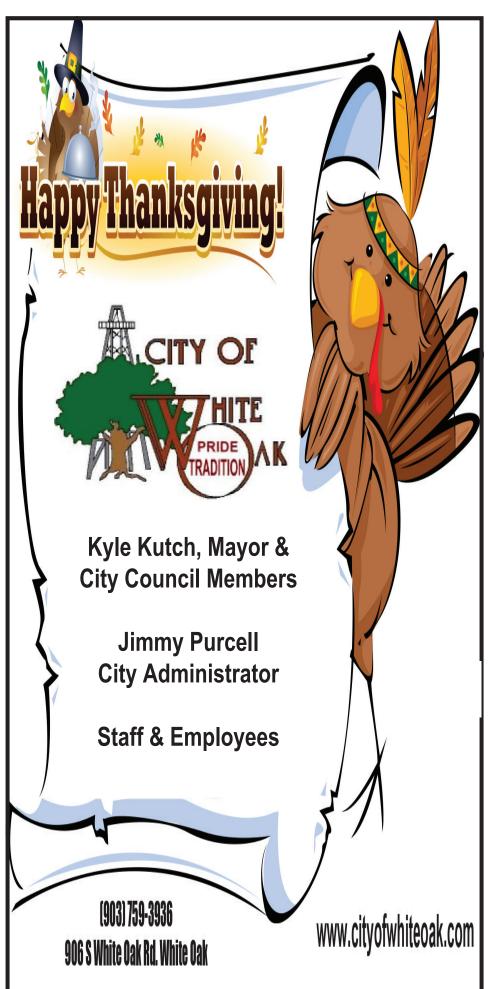






Gladewater Former Students Association honored local service members with their annual Veterans Day luncheon Nov. 11, welcoming former U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert to address the gathered vets, spouses and well-**Photo by James Draper**









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Standing Left to Right: Karen Henderson 20 years, Yanika Valentine 25 years, Christy Lancaster 20 years, Rachelle Carter 25 years, Lynn Ford 35 years, Sheri Parish 25 years, Brenda Dumas 45 years, Susan Williams 25 years, Milinda Pinson 25 years, Keith Purvis 20 years, Lois Collins 20 years

Seated Left to Right: Angie Humphries 25 years, Holly Greer 30 years, Joyce Rusk 30 years, Andrea Owens 25 years

Not pictured: Chris Hendricks 25 years

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