## **Deputies make** drug-related arrests at Lake Gladewater

The Special Investigations Unit of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office arrested six suspects on various charges in September, including three persons in the Lake Gladewater area, Sheriff Larry Webb announced Monday.

The unit also played a role in Harrison County authorities' arrest in Upshur County of a man wanted on a Harrison County charge, said Webb.

With the exception of that case, all suspects were taken to Upshur County Jail in Gilmer, the sheriff said. The three in the Lake Gladewater area were individually arrested on three separate dates as the result of the unit performing drug interdiction in that vicinity, Webb added.

Beginning with the three lake area cases, details of the arrests were as follows, the sheriff reported:

Performing drug interdiction there Sept. 2 as result of several complaints from area residents, the unit stopped a vehicle and arrested driver Diane Michele Adams, 60, of Gladewater, on two drug-related charges.

She is accused of felony possession of controlled substance--1-4 grams of suspected methamphetamine--and misdemeanor possession of controlled substance (illegally possessing a prescription drug.)

A male, whose age and city of residence weren't listed on the SIU report, was arrested Sept. 4 for bond forfeiture on a misdemeanor criminal mischief charge.

The unit had gone to a location in the area where it knew the male, who had an outstanding arrest warrant, was present.

Faythe Corrinn Holland, 27, of Longview, was arrested Sept. 15 on a felony charge of possession of controlled substance--1-4 grams of suspected fentanyl, and a misdemeanor charge of failure to identify (herself) for initially lying about her identity.

After seeing a vehicle leave a residence, the unit made a traffic stop, located the suspected drug in the vehicle, and arrested Holland, who was a passenger.

In another case, the SIU went to an Ore City location Sept. 2 and served an arrest warrant on a 25-year-old Ore City man for misdemeanor violation of a protective order.

Bart Myers, 46, of Gilmer, was arrested Sept, 3 on both a felony charge of assault/family violence and on a warrant to revoke his probation for felony driving while intoxicated.

The SIU had responded to a disturbance at the Raintree Lakes subdivision in rural western Upshur County and located the victim of an assault. The unit and sheriff's patrol deputies located the assailant, and identified him as Myers.

## Planned subdivision at former LCC outside White Oak stuck in the rough

## **By James Draper**

As far as White Oak City Hall is aware, development has stalled on a planned subdivision on Hwy. 42 at the site of the former Longview Country Club.

Earlier in Fall 2025, council members tabled supplying utilities to the site. They also unanimously denied a variance requested by the developers to build homes smaller than 1,800 square feet and with a one-car garage.

That was one requirement set by the new property owner ahead of annexation of the 150 planned residences and 150 RV spots.

For now, that's off the table, too.

The property is located about 3,000 feet from the White Oak City Limits. It previously sat within Longview's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Notably, though, on June 26 the City of Longview received a petition to release the site from its ETJ. The request was granted automatically 45 days after receipt.

According to Kristine Toons, White Oak city secretary and finance director, following the council's last discussion on the topic, city coordinator Jimmy Purcell reached out to the project's engineers, Longview-based Johnson & Pace.

Per that message, "The city will provide services if they build 1,800 square-foot minimum houses with two-car garages at their costs," Toons confirmed. "They did not reply."



Emergency responders work desperately to resuscitate two individuals pulled from an SUV struck by a tanker about 11:45 am Monday on Hwy. 271 in Union Grove. "Critical injuries," Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons confirmed as two Christus ambulances departed with the injured occupants. The rig's driver was relatively unharmed as was the driver of a large pickup truck also involved in the collision **Photo by James Draper** 



## White Oak Education Foundation Awards Teachers with Over \$19,000 in Grants for Classroom

## **By Teagan Holder WOHS Journalism**

Education foundation members stride down the hallways with maroon and white balloons and oversized checks payable to each lucky teacher. The door opens, and cheers of excitement and congratulations fill the halls. The teachers' faces light up with a smile as they realize their wish for new and improved teaching elements has come true.

The White Oak Education Foundation awarded a total of \$19,627.44 this year in teacher and site grants. This is an annual tradition of giving back to the hard work of teachers. This money is used to fund new classroom supplies and larger, more expensive items that aren't covered by the school budget.

"I just love that the education foundation gives us the opportunity to do things like this to help our kiddos," primary technology teacher Kym Vanbrocklin said. "I love how they are so willing to help our teachers and our students, so they get to do fun things in all the classrooms,

especially the technology lab. I've had the same robots since I started, so it's time to upgrade and get some new ones."

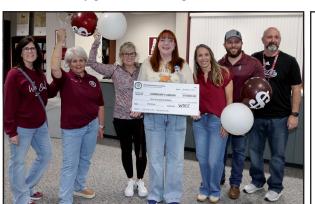
In addition to the technology, the elementary music department uses the funds provided to ensure every student has their own instrument to take home over breaks and summer. The parents will love to hear what their child has been learning in Mrs. Brittany Fuller's music class.

"I feel so excited about receiving this grant," Fuller said. "I would like every kid to have their own instrument to take home. I love the community support and the support from the White Oak Education Foundation."

Not only did the elementary campus benefit from these grants, but middle school teachers also received monetary gifts for their classroom aspirations.

"I wanted to get some class sets of books so that the students had some more modern novels to read for our full class readings," 8th-grade advanced reading and writing teacher Lindsay Brazell said. "I'm so excited and so

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A trio of visitors from Shreveport - Vicki Chance, Kirita Windham and Sandra Hayes - pose for a selfie outside Decorate Ornate during Small Business Saturday shopping Nov. 29 in Gladewater. "We're coming back!" they agreed. **Photo by James Draper** 

## County refuses to address appraiser's firing **By Phillip Williams**

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday declined to vote on a resolution approving or disapproving the Upshur County Appraisal District's recent 3-2 vote to fire Chief Appraiser Amanda Thibodeaux.

County Judge Todd Tefteller, who is an attorney, said taxing entities served by the district had the authority to overturn the board of directors' decision by majority vote. Before mentioning that, though, he said, "I don't think we have to take any action" on the firing, which he noted was "done," and "my advice would be just leave it alone.

meeting in Gilmer, which was held two days earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving

Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley said he agreed with the decision to pass on voting. Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle, who has criticized the district, had had the matter placed on the agenda. When Tefteller said, though, he didn't want a vote on it, Dolle didn't object, saying he didn't want to get into any argument.

When a reporter then asked if a majority of the entities could reverse the dismissal by passing resolutions, Tefteller replied that indeed "would undo this" (the firing), but that the matter was something the commissioners court "should not meddle in."

In effect, "That would leave the action to stand," Tefteller added at the court's Dec. 26



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## ...fill your cup with JOY

There is so much to be thankful for in this great big wonderful world. I am not naive. I am not untouched by tragedy, or injustice, or heartbreak, or loss. But I learned a very important truth on the long and winding road of my life and it goes like this: "it doesn't matter if my glass is half full or half empty—the point is, it is refillable."

Friday we celebrated Thanksgiving with our son Josh and our daughter-in-heart Jennifer. They had just returned from Nairobi, Kenya from a 'fire mission' trip. They, along with 18 other fire and medical experts from across the nation trained city firefighters, park rangers and wildland firefighters in tactics and medical response. They also brought them used equipment to help expand their meager resources.

Josh brought me to tears with his stories of the Kenyans' efforts to do so much with so little. His life-changing experience rested on the spirit and attitude of these dedicated people. Their cups must certainly seem less than half empty, but it sounds as if their hearts are full.

On Sunday, the first day of Advent I thought about what it takes to be truly joy-filled. Joy is not the same as happiness which depends on circumstances. Joy comes from a deep place within. As I began to count my endless blessings I embraced the fullness and comfort of my life. My home is spacious compared to the tiny one-room hut with a dirt floor that Josh visited. My home is cool in the summer and warm in the winter. I have an endless supply of food available. I have clean water to drink and hot water to bathe in daily. I have available, quality medical care. I truly know comfort. All those things alone should live in...and rare for much of the world.

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## **The Best of** Suzanne Bardwe

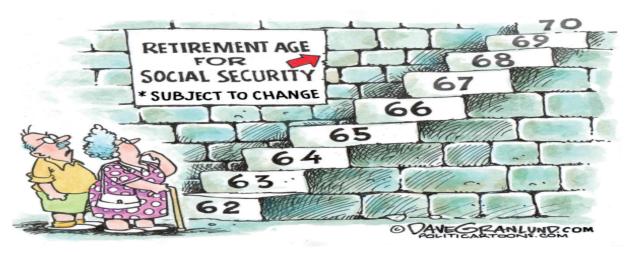


abundance. It comes from writing, music, reading, art, prayer, shared laughter and shared tears.

There is much more of my life behind me than in front of me. Yet there are those moments when Jimmy and I revisit our youth. As we watched Peter Jackson's 3-part documentary "Get Back" on the Beatles we kept grinning at each other as the much loved music of our childhood, teen years and young adulthood was celebrated. There was also a bit of an allegory that spoke to me. Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr were at the end of their partnership. They were exhausted, drained and on each other's nerves. Yet, when they began playing with each other the joy was evident. Joy in their Individual gifts and in the music they made together that would write itself on the hearts of generations.

As I ended the first Sunday of Advent I realized that I want my joy to be as evident. Life is too short and we are too blessed not to throw back our heads in abandon and open our hearts to each other and share the joy of living. If your glass needs filling, please remember equate to happiness. Those are wonderful, blessed circumstances to it is refillable and YOU are the one who has the power to fill it. It seems appropriate that we remember our blessings in the weeks ahead The joy in my life comes from my faith and the love that I have leading to Christmas and that we remember that indeed..."our cup

## SOCIAL SECURITY AGE CHANGE



## Trillion Dollar Holiday

The National Retail Federation (NRF) is projecting that holiday retail sales will top \$1 trillion this year for the first time. Sales are forecast to be 3.7–4.2% higher than last year, which is comparable to 2024's gain of 4.3%. Other projections also call for significantly higher sales totals, though somewhat lower than the pace of increases that were typical prior to the pandemic.

NRF surveys indicate that consumers plan to spend \$890.49 per person on average this year on holiday gifts, food, decorations and other seasonal items. Although part of the increase is the result of inflation, it's still notable that the total is the second highest in the 23 years the survey has been conducted.

While consumers are still spending, they are somewhat concerned over the continuing uncertainty. They expect higher sales prices, and many anticipate that the economy will weaken next year. The federal government shutdown has also played a role, with delays in federal spending also reducing overall demand.

As a result of consumer anxiety, there is a greater emphasis on specials, less pricey brands, and other mechanisms to save. Retailers are facing a customer base that is grappling with cost escalation in other products and many are financially stretched, cautious, and very price conscious. Younger generations have been particularly affected and are expected to spend less than somewhat older consumers.

Shopping patterns continue to evolve as well. E-commerce is growing, but the pace is not a rapid as it was a few years ago. People are returning to physical retail stores in larger numbers, drawn by the experience, ability for hands-on

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selection, and return policies.

Hybrid shopping is also gaining ground, with research and reviews online, but buying (or at least picking up) in a store. Shoppers (particularly younger ones) are using more social media, influencers, and AI tools in the decision process. Simultaneously, retailers are using AI in evaluating and determining pricing patterns.

Although hiring forecasts by the NRF project 265,000-365,000 roles for the season (which is well below the 442,000 that occurred last year), 2025 appears relatively healthy overall. Retailers that offer both high value and the ability to accommodate the flexibility consumers demand are likely to outperform others.

The holiday season is undoubtedly crucial to the retail industry, typically comprising almost 20% of annual sales. This year has been particularly challenging, as retailers have been navigating tariffs, inflation, and lagging consumer

Shoppers are understandably cautious, dragged down by inflation, tariff fears, and lingering uncertainty. A major escalation in any of these patterns could disrupt overall spending. While there are very real risks, resilience appears to be sufficiently strong to support a solid, if not spectacular, holiday shopping season. Stay safe!

## **Gary Borders Capital Highlights**



## Older Texans face steep ACA price hikes

About 1 million Texans over the age of 45 who receive health insurance coverage through the federal Affordable Care Act will likely face monthly premiums of more than \$1,000, the Austin American-Statesman reported. That accounts for one-fourth of the state's 4 million ACA enrollees.

The Republican-led Congress has thus far refused to extend pandemic-era subsidies that reduced ACA premiums, a factor in the recent government shutdown. Part of the deal to reopen the government includes a promise to hold a vote on the issue in December, but it appears unlikely to pass.

Texas insurers have raised ACA premiums by an average of 35%, but the hikes have been even higher for older enrollees.

"So price impacts tend to hit older folks the hardest," said Laura Dague, who is the James M. Griffin professor of health policy at Texas A&M University. That is because insurance companies consider them higher risk, she added.

## Abbott demands action on Mexico's violation of water treaty

Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have demanded Mexico address its failure to meet the minimum requirements to deliver water to the United States under a 1944 water treaty.

"Mexico must be held accountable for (its) continued breaches of our long-standing water agreement," Abbott said. "Because of their pattern of neglect, Texas farmers are enduring preventable hardship and an erosion of the agricultural viability of the Rio Grande Valley."

Abbott said Mexico has failed to supply more than two years' worth of water — almost 2 million acre-feet. He said that has had a severe negative impact on the state's agricultural industry.

"Economic losses from delayed water deliveries cannot be recovered," said TCEQ Commissioner Tonya Miller. "Texas communities across the lower Rio Grande Valley will continue to suffer unless Mexico starts meeting their treaty obligations."

Under the treaty, the United States has consistently met its delivery obligations on the Colorado River, while Mexico has significantly breached its commitments on the Rio Grande River, Abbott said.

## **LETTER TO** THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The holidays are about looking out for one another — and in Gladewater, the Postal Service is proud to help. Alongside recent transformation efforts to strengthen day-to-day delivery, we invite neighbors to visit USPS Operation Santa at USPSOperationSanta.com and adopt real letters to Santa from individuals and families.

This year, please consider choosing family letters — a meaningful way to help an entire household at once. You can explore Santa's Gift Shoppe, our expanded online catalog, to find thoughtful items families have requested and fulfill them easily from the comfort of home.

If you're mailing gifts to you family and friends, please plan ahead: check recommended ship-by dates at usps.com/ holidayshippingdates, confirm addresses using our ZIP Code Lookup tool at usps.com/zip-code-lookup, and pick the service that fits your timing — USPS Ground

Advantage, Priority Mail or Priority Mail Express. You can also print labels and schedule free carrier pickup at usps.com.

Thank you, Gladewater, for supporting your neighbors and trusting the Postal Service this holiday season.

David Knowles

Postmaster, Gladewater Post Office

## **PROVE ALL THINGS**

1 Thessalonians 5; 21 says; "Test (prove) all things; hold fast what is good." It is sad but true that many religious people do not see the need to "prove all things" as the Scriptures teaches in 1 Thess. 5: 21. I don't know why such is the case, but whatever the reason, to fail to do so is to fail to follow the Bible that plainly says "prove or test all things."

Of course, no one who holds a religious faith should be afraid to examine that faith in the light of God's Word. It is also true that any religious faith that does not stand up under the light of or to the scrutiny of God's Word really isn't worth having, because our beliefs must be based upon God's truth.

In John 8: 32 Jesus Himself said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Free from what? Sin, of course. But the truth that makes us free is God's Word which Jesus also spoke of again in Jn. 17: 17 when He said to God, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Thy Word is truth." Therefore, we really do need to "Prove all things," which certainly includes our religious beliefs.

In this respect the people in the ancient city of Berea are good examples for all of us to follow. When they heard religious teaching, they had not heard before, God's Word says in Acts 17: 11 that "These were more noble (fair-minded) than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness (eagerness) and searched (examined) the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." The Bereans had a healthy skepticism and did not take Paul and Silas' words without checking for themselves. There is a difference between having an honest heart and being gullible! Thus, when looking at religious teaching we must be receptive, diligent, and cautious, and above all, we must be loyal to God and to His Word. The Bereans recognized the Scriptures as the final authority in religion.

Friends, the Bereans were diligent in their pursuit of God's truth and so must we be. We all have a responsibility to evaluate what we hear or read what a preacher says considering God's Word. If it is truth, accept it; if it is error reject it! So, lets resolve to "Prove (test) all things and hold fast what is *good.*" Think on these things.

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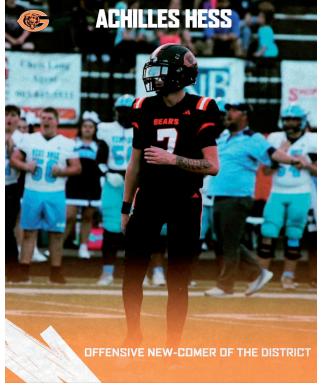
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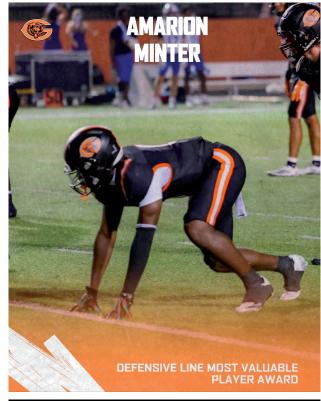
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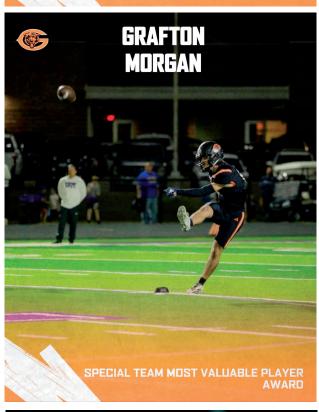
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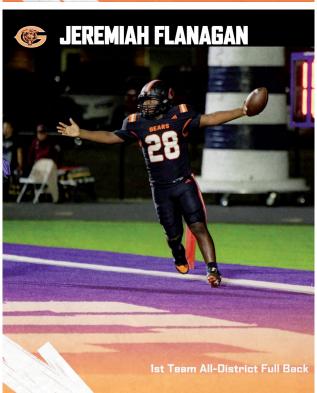


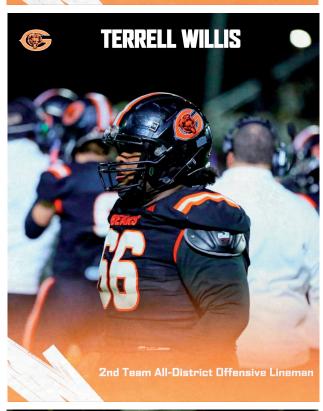


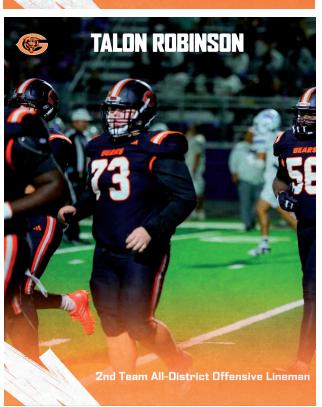


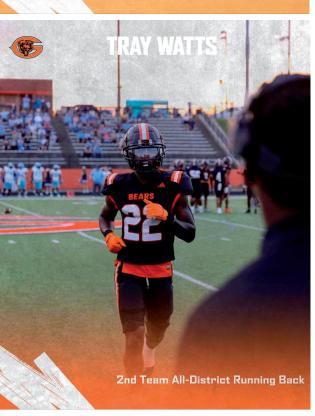


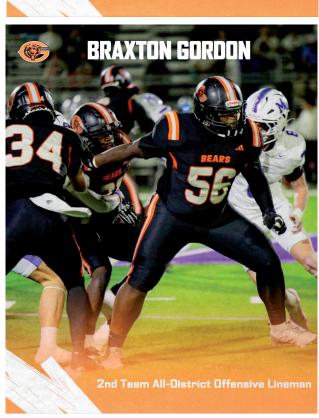


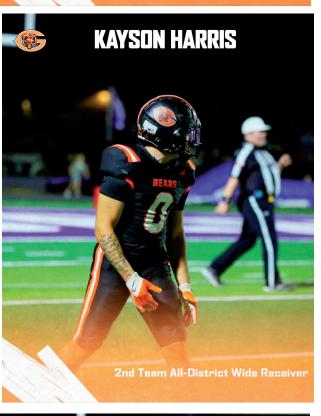


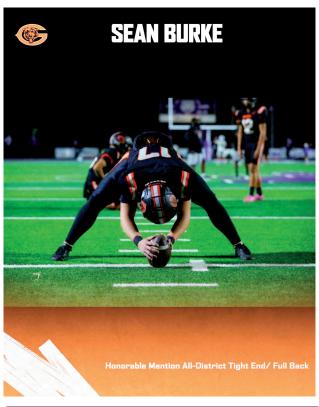


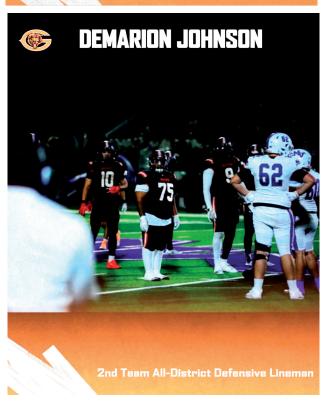


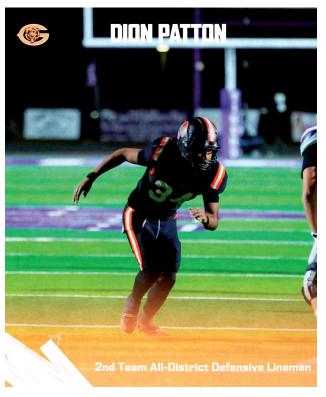


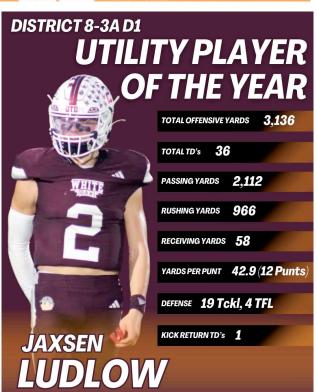


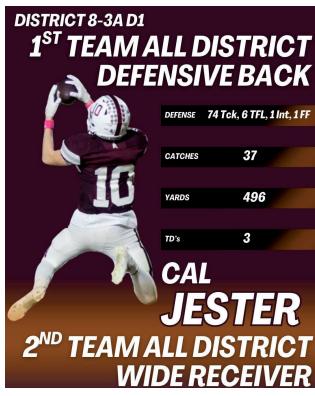




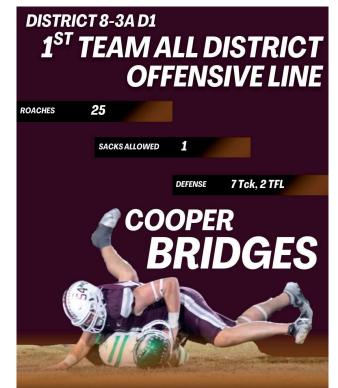




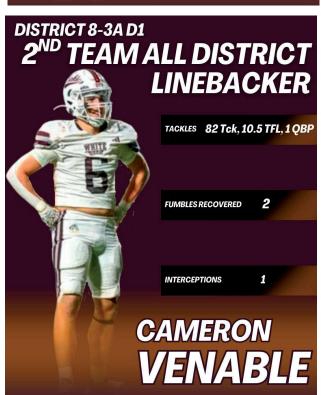


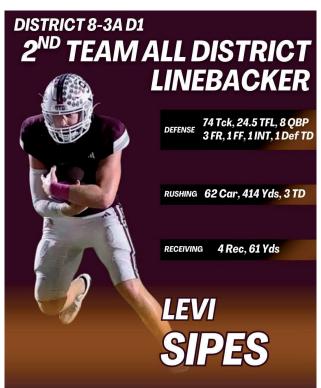
















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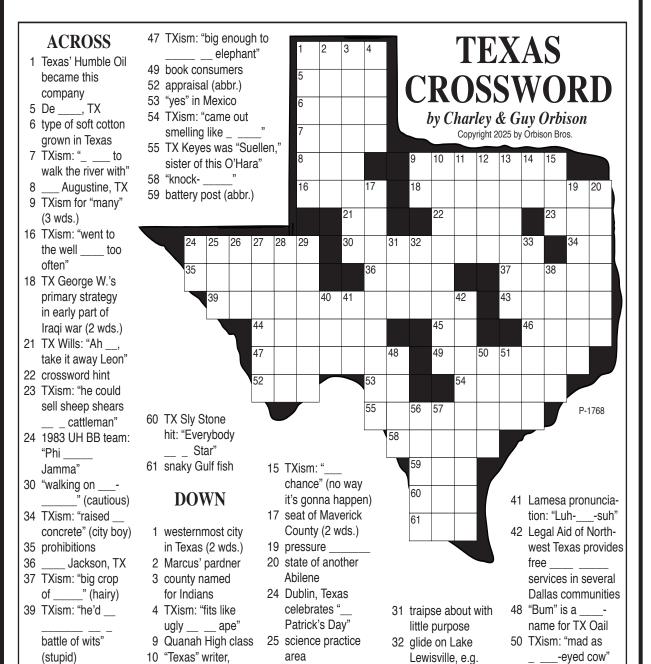
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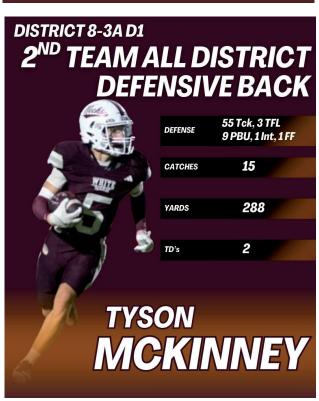
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## **GPD Arrest Report**

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
11/25/25	11/25/25	14:23	PEARSON, COURTNEY CLARK	W	М	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	900 E SHEPHERD DR
11/26/25	11/26/25	16:11	WATKINS, BRADLEY KEITH	W	М	WARRANT (LOCAL)	2355 SILK TREE RD
	11/26/25	22:57	HOLLIS, MAUREIL JOA-ANN	В	F	WARRANT (LOCAL)	DEAN
11/29/25	11/29/25	21:20	HILL, DANIEL BRASWELL	W	М	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1300 E BROADWAY AVE

## **WHITE OAK POLICE** ACTIVITY REPORT

For the reporting period of November 24th through November 30th, 2025, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 191 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Burglar Alarms, Advice Calls, Suspicious Vehicles, Disturbances, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

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

White Oak Officers made three arrests during this reporting period:

Alvin Allen, 51, of Gladewater, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Andrew Jones, 24, of Longview, for two White Oak City

Walter Stanley, 48, of White Oak, for three White Oak City warrants.

One separate and unrelated case was presented to the Gregg County District Attorney during this reporting period. -Theft of Property>=\$100<\$750



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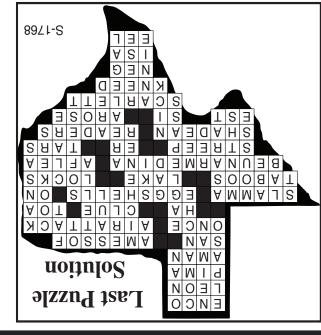
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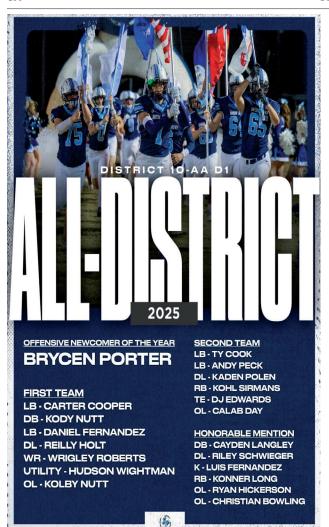
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## **Sports roundup**

## **By Tyler Sutton**

This 2025 football was one for the ages for Gladewater football as they went 10-2 and a undefeated 6-0 record in district in route to a district championship and a playoff game win. I spoke with coach Jermaine Lewis about this great season. "Our Gladewater athletes embodied excellence this season. Finishing 10-2, capturing a district championship and a bi district playoff win. Their dedication, resilience and pride in representing their community set a standard that will inspire the future Bears for years to come. I couldn't be more proud of our coaches, players and supporters who made this season truly special." This is truly just the beginning of what feels to be a long run of success for Gladewater Bears football.

The White Oak Ladynecks basketball team had a pair of games pre turkey day as they travled first to Beckville and came home with a 36-28 victory. Landrie Dennard and Scarlett Johnson scored seven points apiece in the loss for Beckville. Adyson Davis and Kaitlyn Mauritzen finished with five apiece, and Kinley Akin and Alayna Gollsby chipped in with two apiece. Dennard added six rebounds, Akin three steals and Dennard and Davis a block apiece. That was followed by a home game against Spring Hill where they fell 55-13. White Oak is now 9-5 on the season and will next be in action with a home game against Harmony then head to Longview to take part in the Pine Tree tournament. The White Oak boy's basketball team continued the early part of their season as they traveled to Tyler to take on Tyler HEAT and fell 50-41. Tysen McClain had 11 points and Mac Smith added 10 in the loss for the Roughnecks. Andrew Rector added four points and eight rebounds, Cal Jester nine points, four rebounds and four assists, Campbell Sutton two points, Scout Solis two points and Domikick Jackson three points. That was followed up by a home game vs Spring Hill where they fell 35-24. White Oak is now 0-3 and will next be in action as they travel to Gilmer then head to Edgewood for a tournament.

The Union Grove Lady Lions basketball team had a pre Thanksgiving games as well as they hosted Beckville and pulled away late for a 47-26 victory. Chloe Hector led the way with 12 points, Danica Vestal joined her in double figures with 10 points Shaniya Roland added eight points for Union Grove, which pulled away with a 17-2 run in the third quarter. Mallorie Cannon, Rachel Potter and Aubree Coulter all added five points, and Emma Dabreu chipped in with two for the Lady Lions. Union Grove continued their hot start as they improve to 7-1 and will next be in action when they head to Garrison then head to Christian Heritage in Longview for a tournament. The Union Grove boy's basketball team continued their early portion of their schedule as they hosted Sabine and fell 64-43. The Cardinals lead 26-16 after the 1st quarter, it was 33-18 Sabine at the half. The Cardinals pulled away in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter as they lead 49-31 after 3 quarters. Sabine also out scored the Lions 16-12 in the 4th. Union Grove falls to 0-5 on the season and will next host Miller Grove then head to Overton for a tournament.



## **Notice to Creditors**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MICHAEL LYNN HINSON, Deceased, were issued on November 13, 2025, under Docket No. 2025-0298-E, pending in the County Court in Gregg County, Texas, to CANDACE HINSON.

Claims may be presented as follows:

Candace Hinson, Estate of Michael Lynn Hinson, Deceased Courtney Anne Harris, Attorney Law P.O. Box 4373, Longview, TX 75606

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

**DATED November 25, 2025** 

By: /s/ Courtney Anne Harris, Attorney for Applicant

## **Notice to Creditors**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HERMAN ADAMS, JR., Deceased, were issued on October 30, 2025, under Docket No. 2025-0328-E, pending in the County Court in Gregg County, Texas, to RE-NITA DŪNN.

Claims may be presented as follows:

Renita Dunn, Estate of Herman Adams, Jr., Dec/o Courtney Anne Harris, Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 4373, Longview, TX 75606

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

**DATED November 25, 2025** 

By: /s/ Courtney Anne Harris, Attorney for Applicant

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: The Unknown Heirs of REGINALD DENEAL ALEX

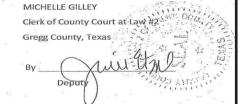
You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #2 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by LATRECE R. WASHINGTON in said court on the 26th day of November, 2025, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled In the Estate of REGINALD DENEAL ALEX the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2024-0273-E, the nature of such application being for

Application to Determine Heirship

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #2 of Gregg County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 26th day of





## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a Transportation Policy Board meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, TX 75601 to consider approval of reprioritizing funds from the Spur 63 widening project to the SH 149 overpass project. The public is invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook Live, on CityView Municipal TV at LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and on Longview Cable TV, Channel 10.1 or 215. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. Comments and questions may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 or emailed to MPO@ LongviewTexas.gov. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact the Longview MPO at 903-237-1062. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Marisela Linthicum en 903-237-1300.

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Pleasanton — Merry on Main, Dec. 5 & 6, Pleasanton River Park. Santa Claus, lighted parade, kids zone, live performances, winter wonderland, fireworks. Sat. night line up: Payton Howie, Luke Prater.

Palacios — Seaside Holiday, Dec. 5-6. Music, shopping, vendors, cook-off, kids crafts, Jingle Jog 5KRun, lighted parade, photos with Santa, Palacios, TX.

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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:

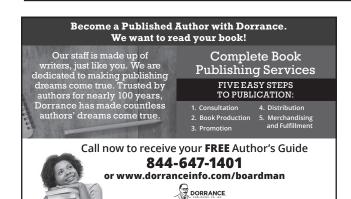
Major Rate Class	Base	Revenue Change	Base Percent Increase	Total % Change @ Proposed	
Residential	\$	65,986,839	41.26%	12.90%	
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General Service		7,941,672	29.84%	4.33%	
Light & Power	\$	42,089,946	29.84%	7.39%	
Cotton Gin	\$	175,099	83.33%	17.46%	
Total 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.







## 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."

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.

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.

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Be it a truck-and-trailer, a clatch of classic cars, a bunch of bicycles or a welter of walkers, they'll be decked out for a bit of "Fa la la la la" to send season's greetings to everyone lining the route next weekend.

The fun kicks-off at 5 p.m. that Saturday afternoon, and participants can sign up as late as Monday, Dec. 8, to get a spot in the lineup. Applications are available from @ gladewatercoc on Facebook or by download from GladewaterMirror.com.

The rules are simple: To be considered for judging, an entry must reflect the parade theme. All vehicle drivers must be licensed and insured. Importantly, candy may not be thrown from vehicles in Gladewater's parade, but it can be handed out by walkers.

Notably, "There is only one adult Santa, and he arrives on



November's Gladewater Lions Club Students of the Month for Gladewater High School were **Amarion Minter and Olivia Miller.** 

the Gladewater fire truck," the chamber emphasized. Also, "Horses will be placed at the end of the parade. There must be someone designated with the group of horses to collect and dispose of any animal waste.

"Don't miss out on this holiday tradition! Bring your bells, wear vour brightest Christmas sweater, and let's enjoy the 'Sounds of Christmas' together!"

## White Oak rolls into Christmas with annual parade set Dec. 8

Christmas parades will soon be rolling throughout East Texas communities, and White Oak's festivities are set early next week.

The annual event gets moving at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening, Dec. 8, but the fun starts a bit earlier as Santa Claus visits City Hall for pictures and cookies (for the kids, too!) from 5 p.m. to 5:45.

There's still time to sign up for a spot in the parade lineup – applications are available from the City of White Oak at 906 S. White Oak Rd. and online under 'Miscellaneous Forms' at cityofwhiteoak.com. It's also ready for download at GladewaterMirror.com.

Participants will begin lining up for the parade begins 6 p.m. on W. Old Hwy. 80 before everyone rolls out on S. White Oak Rd. The route will stretch from City Hall to White Oak ISD, and White Oak permits candy to be thrown from parade entries.

Anyone with questions should contact Maureen Carrigan at 903-759-3936 or email mcarrigan@cityofwhiteoak.com.

## **Upshur Book sale scheduled**

The Upshur County Library's semi-annual book sale is underway in Gilmer daily through Saturday, the day it will also hold its semi-annual craft fair.

The facility will close part of Thursday, Dec. 4, however (10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.), for a county staff awards luncheon

being held at the Yamboree Event Center in Gilmer.

Saturday's craft fair opens at 9 a.m. The book sale was to begin Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Besides the sale and fair, another library-related activity scheduled soon is the 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, meeting of its book club for adults.

The facility, located at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154), will be closed each Monday this month.

For more information on the aforementioned and other upcoming events, call the library at 903-843-5001. .

## Food distribution set for Dec. 16

East Texas Food Bank's monthly food distribution is set for 10 a.m. to 11:30 Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Round-up Rodeo Arena. There are no eligibility requirements, and no paperwork or identification is required.

## **WOISD** trustees discuss school bus seatbelts in early session Dec. 8

The White Oak ISD School Board will meet an hour earlier Monday to make space for the community Christmas parade.

The district is currently in search of a new Athletic Director / Head Coach following Michael Ludlow's departure

There's no specific agenda item devoted to the vacancy -WOISD is seeking applicants through Dec. 19. (Find more information in the listing at woisd.schoolspring.com)

Beginning at 5 p.m. Dec. 8, the agenda for the monthly session includes the regular report from Supt. Jack Parker along with 'seatbelt proposal information' for 2025-2026. White Oak, along with Gladewater, Union Grove and school districts statewide, is facing a state-mandated seatbelt overhaul on all fleet buses.

Trustees will also consider a list of library books to be purchased for WOISD, and they'll vote on various policies handed down from the state.

As usual, the meeting includes updates on financial matters (the district's cash and investment report, budget comparisons and tax collection reports) and other routine items.

The trustees will also discuss personnel matters including the retirement of Registrar / Attendance official Debby Pickard



Boni and Brett Beckwith visit with Jackson Foltvn at his Cozy Old Soul Cigar & Bourbon Lounge Nov. 29. The new downtown hangout is currently open Thursday through Saturday at 102 W. Pacific Ave. Learn more at JacksonsTheatre.com.

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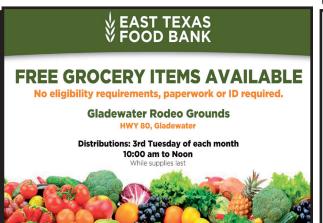
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## White Oak Education Foundation Awards Teachers with Over \$19,000 in Grants for Classroom Development

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grateful."

After receiving not one, but two grants, middle school Principal Dale Hoskins shared why the funding is important.

"I wanted to get our school some stuff that we don't really purchase through our campus funds," Hoskins said. "I feel really excited for my campus that we get to put some well-needed things around here to make it a better place.

The high school wasn't left out of the celebration. With four teacher grants and three site grants, administrators say that the funding will make a noticeable difference.

"I wanted to apply for this grant in order to have more resources for students," principles of agriculture and animal science teacher Autumn Lippy said. "We do a lot of lab-based learning. "I feel incredibly excited. We are very fortunate to have an awesome education foundation here at White Oak, and how much they take care of all our teachers and students here."

The momentum continued in the science wing, where a \$7,529 site grant will help expand resources for students.

"So this grant is a science department grant, so all of the kids in the building will be able to use it," science teacher Desiree Hutchins-Boyett said. "It will allow us to use some real-time data and more real-world application-type activities. "I'm very excited because we did get the full amount, and I wasn't expecting the full amount. We will be able to get all of the equipment."















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