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The New Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden, a nonprofit drive through garden, is officially open! As of Monday morning the blooms are reportedly roughly 30-percent. This year is going to be different with all of the newfound sunshine. They still have daffodils just breaking through the ground so expect new waves of wonderful blooms in coming days - at 21600 CR 3103, Gladewater.

Candidates welcome early success, some contests remain after filing deadline

By James Draper

There will be no contested races for the City of Gladewater this election season, but there will be a new face on the council dais at City Hall come May.

In a late development ahead of Friday's 5 p.m. filing deadline, André Clay filed for outgoing councilman Michael Webber's Place 2 seat. Former council member Teddy Sorrells previously filed for the same spot but opted last week to stand down his election bid and be the first to welcome Clay to the commission.

"André is a respected guy in our community and will make a great city councilman," Sorrells said Friday afternoon. "I didn't want to run against him because I'd vote for him."

(Learn more about Clay elsewhere in today's edition.)

There will still be polling in Gladewater, centered on the school district.

In addition to Gladewater ISD's \$8.1 million no-tax-increase bond election (find more details at GladewaterMirror.com) there's a contested trustee race May 2. Board President Chris Thompson is unopposed in his re-election bid; incumbent Cori Arevalo faces a challenge from newcomer Emily Anderson.

As of the close of filing Feb. 13, the City of White Oak will be canceling its election activities after council incumbents John Frazier, Kevin Hood and Mayor Kyle Kutch saw no opponents file for their seats. White Oak ISD voters will be asked to turn out at the polls, however.

For WOISD trustee, incumbent board president Lance Noll and vice president Stephanie McKinney are unopposed in their election bids to Places 5 and 3, respectively, while Place 4 incumbent David Trest drew a challenge from new candidate Mason Stone.

This year, the last day to register to vote is Thursday, April 2. Early voting by personal appearance runs April 20-28 before Election Day May 2.

Per Gladewater City Secretary Judy Van Houten, with Sorrells opting not to run, "We have an unopposed three seats, and no election." Council members are set to cancel the city's role in the Spring 2026 contest soon.

Mayor Brandy Flanagan will begin her second term in the central seat in mid-May as Place 3 incumbent Stoney Stone begins his second term.

"I don't have any problems with not running," Sorrells said, "especially if we can save money and not have an election."

"Clay's gonna do a great job. He's a good dude and there's no reason for us to split that vote in any sort of way."

Gladewater native gets ready to put in the work on city council

By James Draper

André Clay isn't taking a seat at the Gladewater City Council dais with any particular agenda in mind.

"I'm just going to get in there and do what I need to do."

The Gladewater native's place is secure this week after previous contender Teddy Sorrells opted not to pursue his bid for outgoing councilman Michael Webber's Place 2 spot. With no contested races on the ballot, the council will soon cancel their part in Spring 2026 polling.

It means Clay will join the city's elected officials in mid-May alongside returning Mayor Brandy Flanagan and councilman Stoney Stone, who begins his second term in Place 3.

"I hope to be a good asset they have," Clay said Monday.

Born and raised here, he graduated Gladewater High School in the early '90s and continued his education at Iowa Wesleyan University. He moved to Houston upon graduation and spent 23 years there.

"I moved back here nine years ago," Clay said, along with his wife of 30 years, Jill. The pair have three sons, six grandkids. "By trade, I'm an insurance adjuster."

Clay says he's had an interest in local office in the past, but there were too many other things going on – in addition to his involvement with Little League Football, Clay is an active member of the Omega Sigma Omicron chapter out of Tyler.

"A lot of my civic duties and services is geared to that," he said. "We raise money for scholarships for youth and other things of that nature. A lot of services projects – we clean up roads in Tyler. I'd like to see more of that come to Gladewater."

As Clay sees it, he's joining an active team already at work here, and he's ready to get up to speed from a front-row seat.

"I did a lot of looking behind the scenes," Clay said, monitoring council meetings through livestreams. He's familiar with current officeholders, but Clay admits he's not 100 percent on current issues.

That's the task ahead. "I'm very excited to get more insight and learn more of the civic responsibility that goes along with the city," he said. "I'm not going to tell you I'm well-versed with a lot of things going on right now, but I'm a quick learner."

"The only philosophical point I have is that service to others is what we pay for our time here on Earth. You've got to put in the work. That's just what it is."

Clay's eager to put in the work, doing what he can to help a small town and its small businesses.

"There's a lot of things that drive small business. You have to touch people's hearts to get them to get on board with you and get effort. Once you get effort, you get support," he said. "We don't get that many votes when we have elections; that's one thing I would like to see, that everyone has a better understanding of the civic process. That's a part of getting out there and touching people."

"I believe in being serious, but I believe in fun and getting it done."



GISD puts photo plans on hold amid Lifetouch Epstein uproar

Gladewater ISD has joined numerous schools across the area, state and country in putting a hard pause on photography services from Lifetouch following recent allegations related to the Epstein files.

From reporting by the Associated Press, "The disruption to school picture plans in Texas and elsewhere began after online posts linked Lifetouch, which photographs millions of students each year, to the investment fund manager Apollo Global Management. Apollo's former CEO is billionaire investor Leon Black, who met regularly with (Jeffrey) Epstein and was advised by Epstein on financial matters."

A growing number of school officials are taking pains to reassure their parents and community members in the wake of widespread coverage, and Gladewater Primary School Principal Kamisha Floyd addressed the issue Monday morning.

"Gladewater ISD is aware of the recent allegations involving Lifetouch. Please know that we take all concerns seriously," she wrote in a Facebook post Monday.

GISD Supt. Rae Ann is currently reviewing the district's affiliation with Lifetouch, Floyd confirmed.

"While this review is taking place, all upcoming photography services involving Lifetouch have been postponed. This includes Spring Pictures, Kindergarten Graduation Pictures, and Class Group Pictures," she noted. "We will provide an update as soon as more information becomes available."

"Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the safety and best interests of our students."

Lifetouch CEO Ken Murphy pushed back on the allegations and underscored the company's privacy protections in recent public releases.

According to a Feb. 13 statement, "No Lifetouch executives have ever had any relationship or contact with Epstein and we have never shared student images with any third party, including Apollo... Apollo and its funds also have no role in Lifetouch's daily operations and have no access to student images."

The company has emphatically rebuked links to Epstein, the disgraced financier, predator and convicted sex offender who died in custody in August 2019.

"Lifetouch images are

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Locals indicted for drug, alcohol offenses

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 13 indictments, two of them sealed, said District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments, returned Feb. 6 in Gilmer and included in a news release last Thursday, were as follows, his office said:

Brian Scott Greenhill, 49, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Aug. 28. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Gladewater resident Joshua Lynn Watson, who turned 30 Feb. 7, driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense last Aug. 4. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

Dameon Treshaud Warren, 22, of Jefferson, possession of controlled substance (psilocin) last Nov. 10. He was freed on \$35,000 bond.

Psilocin is found in so-called "magic mushrooms" and is responsible for their hallucinogenic effects, according to the Internet site Google.

Timothy Scott Thompson, 64, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last March 21. Although he posted \$25,000 bond, he remained in the county jail at Gilmer on other charges.

Amber Nicole Cook, 38, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Aug. 14. She was released on \$25,000 bond.

David Eugene Bryant, 45, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Nov. 13. He remained in county jail under \$20,000 bond.

Richard Alan Williams, 38, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Nov. 21. He remained jailed under \$25,000 bond.

Christine Marie Jordan, 37, of Jefferson, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information last Aug. 11. She was freed on \$5,000 bond.

Neel Allen Johnston, 28, of Diana, assault/family violence with previous conviction last Sept. 13. He remained jailed under \$4,000 bond.

Bradly Todd Green, 34, of Gilmer, assault/family violence with previous conviction last Nov. 16. He was released on \$4,000 bond.

Kareif Lakyle Williams-Fields, 32, of Longview, assault/family violence--occlusion last Dec. 5. He remained jailed on other charges.

Identity of anyone charged in the sealed indictments wasn't disclosed since no arrest had been made in those cases, said Wallace. They included one each for illegal dumping and evading arrest/detention with vehicle, his office said.



OPINION/COMMENTARY

It's in our DNA ...

Skip, slide or swing into spring, it is coming whether we are ready or not. Our pale winter skin and Valentine treat pudge will not stop the rainy, we hope, warm days of spring from rolling in. We have had the first real winter in a long, long time. I am ready to tip my face to the sun and let it warm my soul.

I have jumped the gun and bought 160 caladium bulbs with the hope that they will make it past July's typically searing heat. They will be gorgeous for two months. That will feed my ambition to purchase more next year.

I have also spent an hour reading the handy, dandy shady plant perennial bulb box at Wal-Mart and questioned my ability to get those suckers in the ground or for those pale plants to grow in my completely shaded south bed which has had nothing but weeds and gangly untended growth for years.

I have spent money and time planning plantings that I have no time to manage. They will get planted and occasionally I will spray some water on them, throw a green grow prayer along with some Miracle Gro over them and hope for the best.

I love plants. I love flowers. I love gardening. And I have no time for that stress busting hobby.

Right now, my porch and deck plants surround my tub and fill our office just waiting for the warm days of spring. And my Mom's voice echos throughout my life with the admonishment "don't plant until after Easter". Regardless of what she said

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



she succumbed to plant fever every single year as well. Only her lush yard showed off her gift. Her sun porch and backyard paradise were a gardener's delight.

I am a 'wannabe'.

Next Monday the Gladewater Garden Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the Gardens of Gladewater to hear Joey Dziema discuss the perennial favorite (pun intended), Day Lilly. Everyone's invited.

My Day Lillies, Lillies? are generational. When my Mam'maw passed away I took my sharpshooter to Navarro County and brought a passel of those plants to East Texas and bringing a piece of something she loved to the Piney Woods. Every year when they bloom I smile. I think she does too.

Maybe we all need to slow down, turn our face to the sun, put our hands in the dirt and remember that we were created to tend the soil. There are few things more satisfying than nurturing beauty with nature as a partner.

After all, the original Master Gardener planted us in a garden. It's in our DNA.

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Paxton, Crockett leading in polls

Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton and Democratic U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett are leading their respective primary campaigns for U.S. Senate, according to a poll released last week by the University of Houston's Hobby School of Public Affairs, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Early voting began Feb. 17 and runs through Feb. 27.

Among Republicans, Paxton led incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn 38% to 31%. U.S. Rep. Wesley Hunt polled at 17%, making it likely that race will go to a runoff in May if these margins hold. Among Democrats, Crockett led with 47% while state Rep. James Talarico was favored by 39% of respondents.

The margin of error for both parties was plus or minus 4 percentage points. The election is on March 3.

Roy leading in polls in AG's race

In the race to succeed Paxton as attorney general, U.S. Rep. Chip Roy, with 33% in the latest poll leads a crowded GOP field by 10 percentage points, with state Sen. Mayes Middleton in second at 23%. The Texas Tribune reported state Sen. Joan Huffman polled at 13%, and Aaron Reitz, a former federal assistant attorney general, trailed at 6%.

However, 25% of those polled remain undecided in that race.

On the Democratic side, state Sen. Nathan Johnson led with 25% of the 550 people polled, followed by former Galveston mayor Joe Jaworski at 22%. Attorney and former FBI agent Tony Box held 13%. A majority of those polled said they didn't know enough about any of the candidates to express a preference.

That poll was also conducted by the Hobby School of Public Affairs.

Abbott breaks with Trump over nationalizing elections

The governor has broken with Trump over the president's call to nationalize elections in some parts of the country, kut.org reported. He was asked about Trump's suggestion at a recent campaign event.

"Listen, my understanding of the United States Constitution, and that is elections for state positions are to be conducted by states, and I don't think we should deviate from that," Abbott said.

Legal experts and some Trump allies highlight that the Constitution grants states the primary authority over elections, making any effort to nationalize the process both legally complicated and logistically challenging.

Feds predict job growth in 2026 in Texas

A new employment forecast by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas predicts the state will add jobs in 2026, after a flat 2025, The Dallas Morning News reported. The bank's forecast predicts Texas employment will grow by 1.1%, or about 155,000 jobs. That is about half of job growth the state has experienced in recent years.

"We've run our models. We're going with the 1.1% growth, so that is a significant increase from zero, certainly," said Pia Orrenius, a senior economist at the Dallas Fed.

The slower-than-normal employment growth is partly attributable to the Trump administration's restrictive immigration policies and enforcement operations, according to some economists. In a report published by the Fed in October, the authors said the immigration policies were negatively affecting one in five Texas businesses.

"The stepped-up visibility and intensity of enforcement have produced a chilling effect," the authors wrote. "As fear spreads in immigrant communities, foreign-born individuals are more likely to miss work or school and less likely to venture out to shops and restaurants."

Venezuela

Despite a wealth of natural resources, Venezuela has been facing prolonged upheaval, punctuated by hyperinflation, corruption, and a resultant humanitarian crisis. Recent developments, including the US removal of Nicolas Maduro, offer hope for meaningful improvement, though the situation is still evolving. Given the country's vast oil reserves, the changing dynamics have also naturally raised questions related to the implications for global energy markets.

With more resources than any other country—some 300 billion barrels—Venezuela represents an important potential source of future oil and gas. There are various ways to measure reserves, and Venezuela tops them all.

However, significant challenges must be confronted before production can meaningfully increase, and it will take years to overcome a variety of issues. One problem is that the necessary infrastructure is insufficient, outdated, and extensively damaged. Substantial capital investments would be required, and energy-related infrastructure is but one of many aspects of the economy and society requiring immediate attention.

The government also remains somewhat unstable, with various factions attempting to gain power. In addition, critical structural aspects of the economy are currently problematic, particularly currency and the banking system. This substantial uncertainty will deter major long-term private investments for any type of meaningful infrastructure.

Drilling and production outlays (including by US oil companies) will also take time to implement due to difficulties with property rights and the legal environment. Major energy firms have extensive and adverse prior experiences in Venezuela,

Dr. Ray Perryman THE ECONOMIST



including the loss of billions in private assets as fields and production were nationalized. Until confidence rises that the commitments will be protected, such activity remains unlikely. The risk-adjusted shareholder returns are not yet sufficient to attract resources as compared to other deployment alternatives.

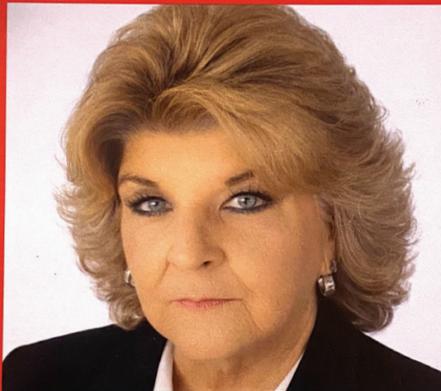
The situation is evolving, and it is unclear whether it will be possible to substantially enhance oil and gas activity in the immediate horizon. Over time, it is possible that obstacles can be resolved and resources can be tapped, but given the measured pace of increase, major market reactions appear unlikely. Particularly relevant to the Texas energy sector, the crude in Venezuela is largely of the "heavy" variety, which is not a viable substitute for the oil produced in the Permian Basin and most other areas in the state. It could be beneficial to refineries in Texas, however, as many of them are designed to use this type of oil as one part of their mix.

There are pressing needs in Venezuela to address shortages of basic necessities, and developing oil and gas reserves can provide much-needed capital inflows. However, it will be a long and likely bumpy process to ramp up production, and major effects on oil markets will tend to be muted in the near future. Stay safe!!

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GODLY SORROW AND REPENTANCE

In Luke 13: 3, 5, Jesus said, "I tell you, no: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." Acts 17: 30 says God, "Now commands all men everywhere to repent." 2 Peter 3: 9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise...but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." We understand that man who is a free moral agent may or may not repent. But whether he repents is his decision, God's desire is that all repent! So, while God is always willing to save man, man is not always willing to be saved! Understanding the importance of repentance, let us look at Godly sorrow and repentance.

Did you know there's a difference between merely being sorry over sin and actually repenting of sin? That's right. Although sorrow over sin is an important part in coming to repentance, real repentance is a commitment to stop sinning! Second Corinthians 7: 10 shows the difference between being sorry over sin and the repentance that the right kind of sorrow leads to. The verse says, "For godly sorrow produces (worketh) repentance to salvation..."

So, you see, sorrow over sin is good, but repentance is the decision to actually quit sinning. Repentance is not just saying "I'm sorry," it is also saying "I'm through" i.e., "I'm through committing that sin!" Repentance not only means being heartbroken FOR sin, but having one's heart broken from or because of the sin.

So, please remember, grieving over sin is one thing, repenting from sin is another. Many people feel sad when they think about the sins they have committed, but they don't let that sadness cause them to decide to STOP committing those sins!

Thus, it is important to realize that mere sorrow for one's actions, or even deep remorse over one's actions, does not constitute genuine repentance unless it is accompanied by a sincere decision to forsake sin that is being committed against God.

Repentance then, is that inward change of mind, affections, convictions, and commitment rooted in the fear of God and sorrow for offenses committed against Him. Which, when accompanied by faith in Jesus Christ, results in an outward turning from sin to God and His service in all of one's life.

My friend, have you really decided to quit sinning, or do you just feel sorry or bad about the sins you are willfully living in? Think seriously on these things.

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Judge walks out of meeting after getting frustrated with commissioners

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller walked out of a meeting of the county commissioners court in Gilmer on Friday during a discussion of whether to continue a certain medical benefit for county employees.

After the court discussed the matter, partly in public session and then in closed session, Tefteller began summarizing what the court might do. When Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle then began wording a motion, Tefteller told him to go ahead.

Shortly thereafter, the judge stood up, instructed that the record reflect he had “surrendered” presiding over the meeting, and added “That burns me up when I can’t make” a statement

before “three discussions” start.

He then exited the west side door of the court’s meeting room at the temporary county courthouse, and Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson presided over the remainder of the meeting. Nobody commented on Tefteller’s departure before the meeting adjourned.

On Monday, Tefteller told *The Mirror*, “I’m not mad at anybody,” but “I stand by what I said because I couldn’t make a record with everybody going at once.” The judge also said that “the question that was before the court sorta animated. ...a whole bunch of people at one time, and I was not feeling well Friday at all.

“I felt like before I lost my temper, I turned the meeting over to the other commissioners,” Tefteller said. “I was just kind of frustrated with the whole situation.”

The court had discussed the PULSE Direct Care program, under which the county has paid \$100 monthly per participating employee to a Gilmer physician, osteopath Dr. Jason Moulton, allowing them full access to him at no expense to them.

County Auditor Connie Williams said the court had planned to discontinue the program because some workers who signed up for it weren’t using it. It is separate from the medical insurance program county workers have, and Nicholson said “Our insurance premiums have gone through the roof.”

However, the county jail’s chief deputy, Vanessa Ferguson, and two jailers appeared before the court to defend the PULSE benefit. After Tefteller left, the court voted 4-0 to do a new contract for the program, but require employees who sign up for it pay a monthly amount which Nicholson said was lower than the co-pay for a doctor visit.

The amount varies from \$11.12 for the employee only to \$28 for a worker and his/her full family.

Tefteller said he would have voted for the measure as “I think that’s the only decent maneuver that we had.” During the meeting, Williams said employees who sign up for the program now will receive the “same care that’s always been provided,” the only difference being they must now bear some of its expense.

County workers had received a letter saying the program would be terminated April 1. Ferguson told the court there was a waiting list for employees to return to the doctors they had before switching to Moulton, so ending the program would be “not fair.”

She also said “we’re not gonna find another doctor” for jail inmates. Jailer Trisha Kramer said Moulton “answers calls in the middle of the night,” and “taking that away from us” would be “hurtful.”

Jailer Justin Harris, meanwhile, said that since Moulton is an osteopath, “he does everything” and takes care of people “on the spot” instead of someone sitting home sick for a week.

If a jailer is off work, it affects the other jailers, said Harris, who said he could earn \$2-3 hourly more in a different county. He said the “biggest thing” in the PULSE program was the “telehealth” benefit. In other business Friday, the court heard Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur say the expected completion date for the \$15 million historic restoration of the 89-year-old county courthouse has been delayed until April due to an issue with plaster.



Congratulations to the 2026-2027 GHS Homeybear Officer Line: Captain- Kailey Kistler, 1st Lieutenant- Kylie Faye, Lieutenant - Giselle Perez, Lieutenant- Abby Carney, Lieutenant- Brynlee Underwood and Line Sergeant- Beatrice Nosados

WOISD trustees decline new policies on student prayer

White Oak ISD, too, won’t be changing its approach to religious freedom in light of Senate Bill 11.

Adopted by the 89th Texas Legislature last year, the law requires Texas school districts, as well as open-enrollment charter schools, to take action on SB 11 by March 1.

Like Gladewater ISD, the Roughnecks’ Board of Trustees last week opted to stick with the status quo for students. The youngsters can continue to observe and express their religious beliefs as they have for years.

WOISD Supt. Jack Parker said his districts’ elected officials generally echoed the GUSD School Board’s take on the new guidelines from Austin. In general, under SB 11 the school would have to designate a place and time for students’ prayer or reflection, they’d have to obtain parent permission forms and it would be necessary to track students’ activities.

“They voted to not adopt the period,” Parker said simply on President’s Day. “We feel that there are so many regulations and so many things our principals and teachers have to do, putting one more on them to regulate this period was kind of pointless.”

Numerous local districts are opting out as well. With two trustees absent Feb. 9, the White Oak School Board voted unanimously, 5-0, to stick with existing SOP.

“We allow kids to pray or worship so long as it doesn’t interfere with the school day in any way,” Parker said. “We’re not going to interfere with any of their religious beliefs.”

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Woman dies in crash

By Phillip Williams

A Daingerfield woman was killed in a fiery one-vehicle crash on U.S. 259 near Diana community early Sunday, said Upshur County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Rhonda Welch.

Maddison Lea Fincher, 21, died when her northbound Honda CR-V sport utility vehicle crossover overturned, landing on its passenger side and trapping her as the vehicle caught fire after impact, said Welch.

The judge, who said the accident was reported at 1:39 a.m., pronounced Fincher dead at the scene near the intersection with Dent Road between Diana and Ore City. The site is in eastern Upshur County.

Rain had occurred before Fincher, en route home from her job at a Longview nursing home, lost control of the vehicle and ran just slightly off the roadway’s right side, said Welch.

It couldn’t be determined whether the victim, who was alone, was wearing a seat belt, the judge said.



Winnsboro writer Chris Miller spots one of his 20 publications on the shelves at Lee-Bardwell Public Library Feb. 12. He’ll be joining 13 other ‘Texas, Local and Independent Authors’ March 14 for a Meet the Authors event dedicated to their work.

Galveston’s Elissa sailing to New York for 250th celebration

The 1877 “tall ship” Elissa, docked in Galveston Bay, will sail to New York City for the Fourth of July, the Texas Standard reported. The Galveston Historical Foundation purchased the ship in 1979, and it normally serves as a museum. Will Wright, creative director of the foundation, said the ship is one of only two of its kind in the world that can still actively sail.

“Elissa is still traditionally sailed,” Wright said. “We benefit from a lot of the technological advances, but at the end of the day, the ship is a sailing ship.”



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shared only for the purposes of school records and to allow parents or guardians to purchase them. Additionally, as part of our decades long relationship with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Lifetouch prints SmileSafe cards free of charge for each student we photograph that families can use with law enforcement if a child goes missing," the company stated. "Lifetouch is not named in the Epstein files. The documents contain no allegations that Lifetouch itself was involved in, or that student photos were used in, any illicit activities.

"We value the trust you put in us to safeguard your students' images, and we are proud to help families across the country preserve these milestone memories."

Per White Oak ISD Supt. Jack Parker, the school stopped using Lifetouch service four years ago, opting for a local company, Longview-based Croft's Photographic Services.

Parker said he's on a text thread including superintendents at surrounding districts. The news is prompting many internal conversations and cautious steps.

"Some of them may be severing ties," he confirmed, "some of them are postponing pictures or canceling pictures until they can get more information."

ACROSS

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- 17 Edwards Aquifer protector: "___ Springs"
- 19 big track meet: "Texas ___"
- 21 Del Wilber's manager career with Rangers (2 wds.)
- 22 TXism: "restless ___ in church"
- 23 TXism: "she's got ___ her bonnet" (mad)
- 28 Texas-based 1961 film "Two ___ Together"
- 29 TXism: "camps out in the ___ corner" (religious)
- 30 Oak Ridge Boys 1981 hit
- 31 star-shooting wand that you see on July 4th: ___ candle
- 35 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink" (small town)
- 36 one of many in book "On Texas Backroads" (2 wds.)

- 42 by TX Jim Reeves: "Am I ___"
- 44 TXism: "___ barn burner!" (exciting)
- 46 egg burglary? (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "let's skee ___ out of here"
- 49 Texas ___ tree
- 50 Texas-based "Frito-___"

- 51 TX Ty of the "Mighty Ducks" films
- 52 clairvoyance (abbr.)
- 53 pre-cable device: rabbit ___
- 54 TXism: "happy as a dog with two ___"
- 56 cheerleading org. in Dallas (abbr.)
- 57 TXism: "just a ___" (a little)
- 58 Texas "Family Stone" frontman

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "fits like ___"
- 2 Ronnie Dunn's birth town
- 3 TX Richard King: "Buy land ___ sell"
- 4 Bell ___, TX

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- 9 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny ___"
- 10 TXism: "___ on a dead worm"
- 11 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- 12 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 13 San Jacinto loser: Antonio Lopez
- 14 this Jack starred in old sitcom "The Texas Wheelers"
- 15 ___ Tawakoni in northeast Texas
- 16 TX Don Henley co-wrote tune: "___ Eyes"
- 18 some Texans have a big one
- 20 this TX Duncan was "Peter Pan" on Broadway (init.)
- 23 TX Buddy Holly's "That'll ___ the Day"
- 24 ___ Lago, TX
- 25 TXism: "in cahoots with the devil"
- 26 TXism: "he can't ___ stick horse" (dude)
- 27 Texas perennials
- 32 TXism: "good ___ boy"
- 33 Texas doc (abbr.)
- 34 TXism: "ugly ___ sin"
- 36 sound of disgust
- 37 this Louis starred in "Harper Valley PTA"
- 38 TXism: "reading room"
- 39 instruction to a "menu mama"
- 40 TXism: "___ a beet"
- 41 TXism for "all of you"
- 43 Bible part (abbr.)
- 45 French "the"
- 47 normal, ordinary
- 48 TXism: "___ a bull give milk?" (no)
- 55 Claudette Colbert film "Texas ___"

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GPD Arrest Report

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2/9/2026	WIGENTON, MICHAEL GEORGE	1386 W GAY STREET GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT- LOCAL WARRANT- LOCAL WARRANT- LOCAL
2/10/2026	WYLIE, ALYSON TAYLOR	510 PRIMROSE LANE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	CRIMINAL TRESPASS
2/10/2026	BARBER, JAMES FRANKLIN	701 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT- LOCAL
2/13/2026	REED, JUSTIN ANDREW	1601 WEST LAKE DRIVE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT- LOCAL

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Sports roundup

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Lady Bears needed a victory to clinch the final district playoff spot as they hosted the Sabine Lady Cardinals at Bill Waters gym and in a back and forth contest that was very chippy at times, Gladewater fell 34-30.

Sabine lead 7-6 after the 1st quarter. But Gladewater stormed back out scoring Sabine 10-7 in the 2nd quarter capped off with Khera Lincoln hitting a buzzer beating three to put the Lady Bears up 16-14 at the half. Gladewater held a slim 28-27 lead after 3 quarters.

But the Lady Cardinals dominated the 4th quarter 7-2 to pick up the victory. Paytin Thompson has 13 points and 5 rebounds. Lincoln had 7 points

and 2 assists. The loss forced Gladewater into a play in game vs Arp for the final playoff spot in the district. The game was held at a neutral site in Henderson and the Lady Bears got the job done with a 59-46 victory to clinch a playoff spot.

Thompson stared again with 15 points and 7 rebounds. Gladewater finishes with a 10-17 and 7-6 in district play.

The Gladewater Lady Bears began their playoff run as they made the trip to Tyler to TJC's Wagstaff gym to take on the Mineola Lady Jackets. And sadly it didn't go their way as their season came to an end with a 77-37 loss. Mineola lead 22-8 after 1 quarter. It was 43-14 Lady Jackets at the half and 63-26 Mineola after 3 quarters. The Lady Bears

were lead by Paytin Thompson, 11 from Khara Lincoln and 8 from Kamila Turner. The Lady Bears finish their season at 15-16

The Gladewater Bears basketball team finished off one of the most remarkable turn-arounds ever as they went from a winless season one year ago to making the playoffs this season. Finishing up the regular season with a pair of home games starting with hosting Sabine and they got it done with a 67-64 win Destin Sheridan had 19 points and six rebounds, Micah Timmons 14 points, six rebounds and five assists and Gage Morgan 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Bears. That was followed up by a senior night regular season

finale home game against the Arp Tigers and ended the home schedule the right way with a 75-71 victory. Timmons had 18 points and 6 rebounds. Landon King had 10 points. The Bears finish their regular season 14-13 and 7-5 in district play. They will be the 3 seed from district 16 and will learn their playoff opponent at a later date.

The White Oak Roughnecks still had faint playoff hopes as they traveled to West Rusk to take on the Raiders and fell in a close one 56-48.

That was followed by heading to Troup where the Roughnecks fell 52-32. Campbell Sutton scored 15, Tysen McClain six, Jackson Steele five, Caleb Watson four and Andrew Rector two in the loss. White Oak falls to 14-20 on the season and 3-8 in district play.

They will wrap up their season with a senior night home game vs Tatum.

The White Oak Ladynecks wrapped up their season on a positive note as they picked up 43-40 victory on the road at West Rusk. It was a tough season for White Oak but the did show much improvement during the season. The Ladynecks finish at 12-23 and 2-10 in district play.

The Union Grove Lions wrapped up a playoff spot as they went to Ore City and came back with a 63-25 victory. The Lions led 12-4 after one quarter, 24-13 at the half and 43-18 after 3 quarters.

That was followed by a road trip to McLeod for their regular season finale where the Lions fell 41-37. Union Grove finishes the regular season at 14-16 and 8-4 in district play.

The Union Grove Lady Lions finished their final regular season game of a historical season as they traveled to Ore City and

came back with a easy 55-24 victory.

Danica Vestal had 15 points, Rachel Potter had 8. The Lady Lions finish their season at 27-3 and 10-2 in district play. They will open up the playoffs in Tyler as they take on Overton.

All 3 local softball teams opened up their season.

The Gladewater Lady Bears open up their season with a bang as they scored 28 runs in a 28-9 victory over Chapel Hill. Tinsley Aldredge homered, doubled, singled and drove in four runs, Caydence Martin collected two doubles and drove in five runs. Ma'khyia Boone tripled, doubled and drove in a run.

Bailey Childress doubled, singled and drove in three runs. Katelyn Pugliese added a double and four RBI. Janiah Strickland had three hits and two RBI, and Lilia Sanchez chipped in with an RBI. Aldredge worked four innings in the circle for the pitching win, striking out eight, walking eight and giving up four earned runs on four hits. Gordon struck out one and walked three in an inning of work.

The rest of the week was not as kind as they fell to Ore City (15-0) and then made the short trip to Gladewater to take part in the Union Grove tournament and went 0-5 with losses to Alba Golden (13-0), Overton (8-3), Como Pickton (5-3) and Union Grove twice (9-1) and (11-2).

The Lady Bears start off at 1-7 and will next be in action when they travel to Daingerfield then head to Henderson for a tournament.

The White Oak Ladynecks softball team started their season off hot as they hosted Grand Saline and won 10-3. Emma Fisher, Madi Baker and Kinnadie Rayson all drove in two runs for White Oak. Kylie

Caraway tripled and scored three runs. Baker had two doubles. Fisher singled twice. Addy Young and Austyn Noll both singled, and Noll and Neeley Ollis drove in runs. Young got the pitching win, striking out three in three innings. Emma White fanned six in four innings of work.

This was followed by a trip to Carthage to take part in the Carthage tournament where they went undefeated with wins over Beckville (2-1) and Hallsville's JV (6-0) on Day 1. On Day 2 they beat Pleasant Grove (1-0) and East Texas HomeSchool (7-0).

Against PG, Madi Baker, Makayla Fobb and Neeley Ollis all had hits for White Oak, and Jaaliyah Collins drove in the lone run. Emma White struck out three and walked two in 3.2 innings for the win.

Andee Bridges homered, Kylie Caraway and Madi Baker tripled and Emma Fisher doubled in the win over ETHS. Baker finished with three hits and an RBI, Caraway two hits, Fisher, Addy Young and Fobb an RBI apiece and Bridges two RBI. Young went five innings in the circle, striking out seven and walking one while allowing three hits. Finally on Day 3, they defeated Daingerfield (3-0) and host Carthage (5-3).

White Oak starts their season 7-0 and will next be in action when they head to Henderson then return home to host their own tournament.

Union Grove Lady Lions softball opened up their season as they hosted the annual Melinda "Memaw" Smith tournament where they went 4-2 with wins over Alba-Golden (2-0), Sabine (5-4), and Gladewater twice (11-2 and 9-1). With losses to Como-Pickton (8-0) and Overton (10-7). The Lady Lions will next be in action when they head to Hawkins.

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The residence of Guardian is in Gregg County, Texas, and the mailing address is: Guardian of the person and estate of RONNIE ANDERSON, c/o STEPHANIE ANDERSON MENGES, 16 Tallwood Lane, Longview, TX 75605.

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.

SIGNED on February 12, 2026

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The residence of Guardian is in Gregg County, Texas, and the mailing address is: Guardian of the person and estate of BERTHA ANDERSON, c/o STEPHANIE ANDERSON MENGES, 16 Tallwood Lane, Longview, TX 75605.

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

c/o: Hector Francisco Vancini, Jr.
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DATED the 9th day of February 2026.

Respectfully,

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What's Happening?

GW Chamber weaves America's birthday into plans for banquet

This year marks the United States Semiquincentennial – it made things quite a bit easier in picking the theme for the 95th annual Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

“We’re celebrating America’s 250th, obviously,” Lois Reed said on President’s Day.

The event’s set for 6:15 p.m. to 8 on Thursday, March 26, in the Former Students Building at 2509 W. Hendricks.

Plans are still developing, and the chamber dynamo is still hammering out key details, like arranging patriotic entertainment for the event. The night’s keynote is already set.

“I just had confirmation this afternoon that Judge Bill Stoudt’s going to be our speaker,” Reed said. “I think it’ll be great.

“Gladewater has always played an important part in Gregg County. He thinks the same way. He is such a great proponent of all the communities in Gregg County.”

Stoudt will provide an update on county goings-on after guests settle in with the evening’s meal.

“I want the menu to be All-American food,” Reed said, fancier than hot dogs and hamburgers, “but it will include apple pie and cherry pie. You can’t get more American than that.”

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person or \$150 for a table of six.

“If you need a table, let me know. I’ve already sold 10 or 12,” Reed said excitedly.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call 903-845-5501.

Weldon students put key figures of Black history at forefront Feb. 26

Saturday marked a century since Carter G. Woodson’s inaugural celebration of ‘Negro History Week,’ which ultimately became ‘Black History Month.’



Freshman Gladewater High School FFA student brought home a buckle after exhibiting a female champion Brahman at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo last Wednesday. Ty Richey has spent nearly the last two years learning how to properly prep Brahman heifers for competition while winning 17 buckles at Texas stock shows in the process. He proved himself at the San Angelo Stock Show by beating every other competitor in his class, division and exhibiting the best overall female brahman in its age class.

Later in February, Weldon Elementary School will celebrate that legacy with an open-to-the-public performance spotlighting students in front of their families and community members.

The kids will channel prominent people in America’s Black community – ‘Because of Them, We Can.’

The commemoration begins at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Weldon. A door contest is already underway on campus while the students are researching their historical figure.

“We let the kids pick who they would like to tell everybody about in the program,” says Keshia Lewis, Behavioral Specialist

for Weldon, spearheading the event. “They’re doing inventors, musicians, all the genres.”

Gladewater Middle School’s Black History Month program is set for 2:30 p.m. the same day, followed by Gladewater High School’s event Friday.

A hundred years back, Woodson chose his dates to coincide with the birthdays of former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln Feb. 12 as well as abolitionist Frederick Douglass on Feb. 14.

“In the past we’ve had a very good turnout for the Black History Program,” Lewis said. “Weldon is a part of Black history,” Gladewater’s only Black school until integration. “We’ll have the alumni... They always come out in numbers for the Black History Program.”

Parents, too, of course, with the annual third through fifth grade Unity Choir features the diversity of the campus’ students in the course of the 45-minute event.

“For the elementary, when their kids participate, they want to come,” Lewis added. “The grandparents are coming, the family are coming. The Unity Choir is a mix of all races. That brings in everybody.”

Library section to celebrate Texas, independent authors

Last year saw a major overhaul to the stacks at Lee-Bardwell Public Library as director Brandy Wynn and her staffers made room for a new specialty collection tied to the Lone Star State.

Now, the team is turning the spotlight on the new shelves, drawing as many of the contributing authors as possible for a 2-6 p.m. celebration Saturday, March 14, at 312 W. Pacific Ave.

“We will have 10-15 authors at the library who will be selling their books,” Wynn announced this week, “and I’ll be officially opening our Texas Local & Independent Authors section.”

The local library seeded the collection from a \$7,800 grant awarded by the J. Frank Dobie Library Trust. The current goal is to grow the section to about 2,000 volumes.

During the Spring 2026 event, “We are going to honor J. Frank Doby because it was that foundation that gave us the money to get so many independent authored books.”

March 14 is also ‘Pi(e) Day,’ landing on 3/14 (fun fact, it’s also Albert Einstein’s birthday) so the library will be integrating a pie and coffee component to the meet the author shindig.

Follow the Gladewater Mirror and @LeePublicLibrary on Facebook for updates.

Vet benefits fair on tap Feb. 21

The Gilmer posts of three national organizations for military veterans will jointly host a Veterans Benefit Fair at the Gilmer Civic Center on Saturday, Feb. 21, announced local American Legion member Shirley Parnell.

The event, open free of charge to local veterans and their families, is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1218 U.S. Hwy. 271 N.

City celebrates volunteers Feb. 24

It takes a village – literally. Much of Gladewater’s behind-the-curtain progress is thanks to local volunteers supporting city staffers and officials in their efforts here. City Hall wants to say thanks-for-the-assist later this month.

It’s planned as the first of annual appreciation banquets, set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Gladewater Former Students Building at 2509 Hendricks. The theme for the event is ‘Leading with H.E.A.R.T.’

It puts ‘Team Gladewater’ in the spotlight, Mayor Brandy Flanagan says, “an evening dedicated to celebrating your service, leadership, and commitment to our community.”

In addition to dinner from a local caterer, the ‘business casual’ gathering will feature a leadership-oriented presentation and recognition of outstanding volunteers and board members.

“The event is our opportunity to say ‘Thank you’ and to invest in the people who help move Gladewater forward every day.”

The night’s keynote speaker will be Chad Patterson, focusing on H.E.A.R.T. Leadership – Humility, Engagement, Attitude, Results, Today.

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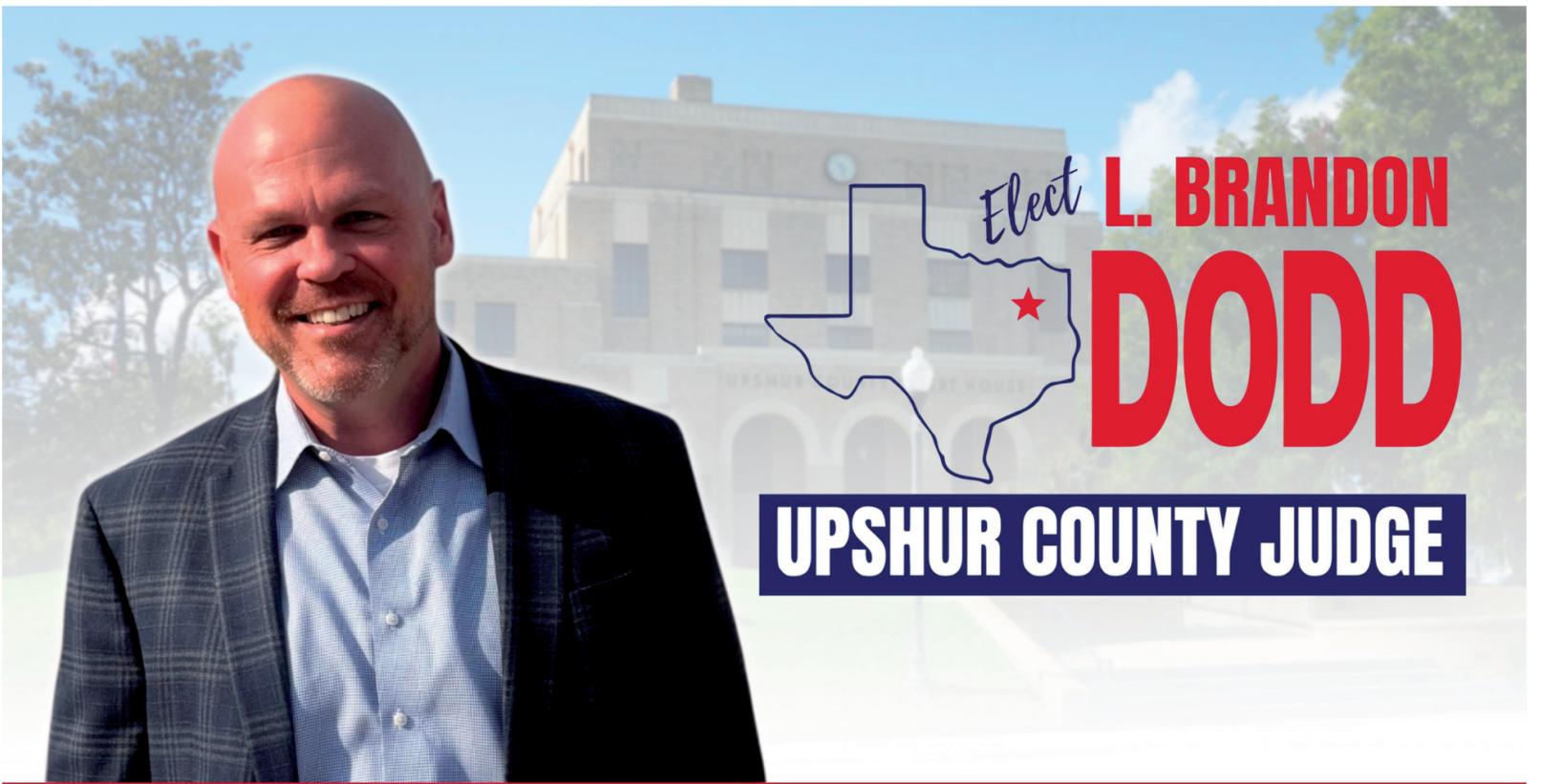


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After working in the trades and oilfield, Brandon returned home to run his family business, later founding Beyond the Meadow Homes. He has led locally and statewide-serving as president of the Gilmer Chamber and Rotary Club, co-founding the Auto Body Association of Texas, and serving on multiple community boards.

Brandon and his wife Mandy have three children, two grandchildren, and a lifelong commitment to digging wells for the next generation.

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To my Upshur County Friends and Neighbors:

I was invited this past October by the Director of the Governor's Appointments Office to come to the State Capitol to interview for the position of Upshur County District Attorney. I accepted the invitation and traveled to Austin to participate in the interview. With a tip of the hat to the memory of my father, I made sure I was on time (meaning one hour early). I had time to walk about the Capitol grounds and to think about everything that led me to that moment before entering the building for my interview.

As I walked toward the entry to the Capitol, I stopped, looking up at the building and thought of my family. I also paused and thought of you – my friends and my neighbors, my greater Upshur County family. The moment was not lost on me. Six days later, Gov. Abbott appointed me as your new District Attorney. I took the oath of office on the first day of November and have carried close to my heart every moment since then that feeling I had before entering the Capitol building for my interview.

I am now seeking to be elected to this office I have been entrusted with. I ask you, my greater Upshur County family, to cast your vote for me in the March primary so I may continue serving you and our county.

WHO is Barry Wallace?

I was raised in Greenville, Texas and graduated from high school there in 1978. After graduating from high school I worked locally for a couple of years for Greenville's daily newspaper, The Herald Banner, before joining the Navy in 1981. I was an east coast sailor, and was an Aerographer's Mate (weatherman) and served as a crewmember on the USS Independence, out of Norfolk, Virginia. After I was honorably discharged, I returned to Texas and attended East Texas State University in Commerce, and graduated in May, 1989. I am the first person in my family to obtain a college degree, something my father wanted very much for both of his sons. I worked full-time for Brookshire Grocery Co. in Greenville while going to college as a full-time student. After graduation, I was admitted to law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. I became a father when my oldest son was born during my first semester of law school, and my oldest daughter was only two weeks old when I walked the stage and received my law degree three years later. Before ever working one day as a lawyer, I was already well acquainted with hard work, long hours, and knowing how to multi-task on an industrial level. All of this experience has provided me a wealth of resilience and motivation that I draw upon daily in my new job as your appointed District Attorney.

In 1993, one year after getting my law degree, I moved my young family to the Upshur County side of Gladewater, and began my private law practice that would continue until 2017. Before the 90s came to a close, the Good Lord blessed us with another son and another daughter. Until I became a Pepaw, Dad was the greatest thing I had ever been. I have four wonderful grandchildren who live much too far from Gladewater for my comfort, but that's another story for another day.

After arriving in Upshur County, I introduced myself to Judge E.L. "Tiny" Garrison, then the presiding judge of the 115th District Court. I volunteered my services for indigent persons in family and criminal matters in Upshur County and he readily put me to work. I continued to provide this service until I was invited by my predecessor, Billy Byrd, to join him as part of his team, beginning October 1, 2017.

WHY should you cast your vote for me?

In operating my private law office, I learned very early on that looking after people and serving their needs meant that you had to frequently meet them on their terms. Over the length of the twenty-five years I operated my private law office, I often met with folks around their kitchen table, at hospitals, nursing homes, after normal work hours, and on weekends. This experience provided me with a good foundation for the office I am now seeking.

I also learned to adapt to the diverse situations I was presented with by my private law practice. As a lawyer serving the varied needs of our community and county, I had to learn how to address the needs of my clients in a timely and meaningful manner. I learned how to LISTEN to the people I was called upon to serve. This, especially, has provided me with a solid foundation for the office I now seek because you cannot serve someone if you cannot LISTEN to them.

We all know relationships matter. Having made Upshur County my home since 1993, I have made many lasting relationships that have grown from the places where we live out our lives: in church, at school, at the grocery store, on the ball fields where our kids play, at the birth of our children, at graduations, at weddings, and when we say good-bye for now to the family and friends we lose along the way of life. Professional relationships forged over these past 32 years in my service to our county are extensive and have also prepared me for the office I now seek because I have been right here, in Upshur County, laboring for the people who live here.

You now know more about me and what I've been doing here these past 32 years and counting as a private lawyer, a prosecutor, and now as your District Attorney. I've done pretty much anything conceivable that can be asked of a lawyer over this time. More importantly, I've done pretty much anything that can be asked of a prosecuting attorney. I have reviewed cases on intake, presented cases to the grand jury, met with witnesses, officers, and prepared for trial, seeing cases through to conclusion. I've also written many successful appellate briefs to both the Sixth Court of Appeals and the Twelfth Court of Appeals defending the convictions obtained in our office.

This is not a 40-hour a week job. My predecessor was always on call and I have done likewise since taking the oath of office. I know how to work hard. I know how to work long hours. I know how to adapt and to hang in there when it counts. I have a rich and varied legal background that I bring to this job and I know this makes me more capable and effective in the job I hope to keep. I wish for each of you to know I am highly motivated to continuing this great work for this most important of reasons: somewhere along the way, you welcomed me into your homes and your lives and you claimed me, my wife, my children, and my grandchildren as your own. Protecting your lives and the lives of those you love cannot be any closer to my heart because of the life we have shared.

In asking for your vote, I am mindful of the message of "Justice for All" I've included in my political signs. We conclude our pledge of allegiance to our flag with those words, so I know it is a phrase we are all familiar with. I am mindful also of the message of Leviticus 19:15 wherein we are commanded to engage in impartial justice, neither favoring the poor or deferring to the great, but to judge with righteousness. That is my commitment to you: all will stand equal before the bar of justice. Anything less would be a perversion of the words we speak in our pledge and the message of Leviticus, both of which I passionately support.

Sincerely,

Barry Wallace

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