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Band o' bugs descends on downtown March 19



A bright brigade of beetles and buses will be Spring Breaking in Gladewater next week.

Dozens of classic Volkswagen vehicles are traveling across the Lone Star State March 16-20 during the 2026 Texas European Vacation VW Road-Trip, and they'll be making a lunchtime pit stop here March 19. According to Round Rock's Gary Alexander, organizing the excursion, it's the third annual road trip for the band of VW enthusiasts, "a multi-day caravan visiting Texas cities that share names with cities in Europe."

Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's Lois Reed is gleefully rolling out the

Willkommen mat. She's been talking up the VW visitors for months, shaking the bushes locally to gather more fans of the spritely vehicles.

In 2024, the Volkswagen Beetle and Volkswagen Bus enthusiasts followed US Route 67 across Texas from Texarkana to Presidio. Thirty-plus vintage Volkswagens followed that up in '25 with a trek from Laredo to San Augustine.

It's not limited to just the Volkswagen brand; there are a variety of European models in the mix: "Join us for a classic

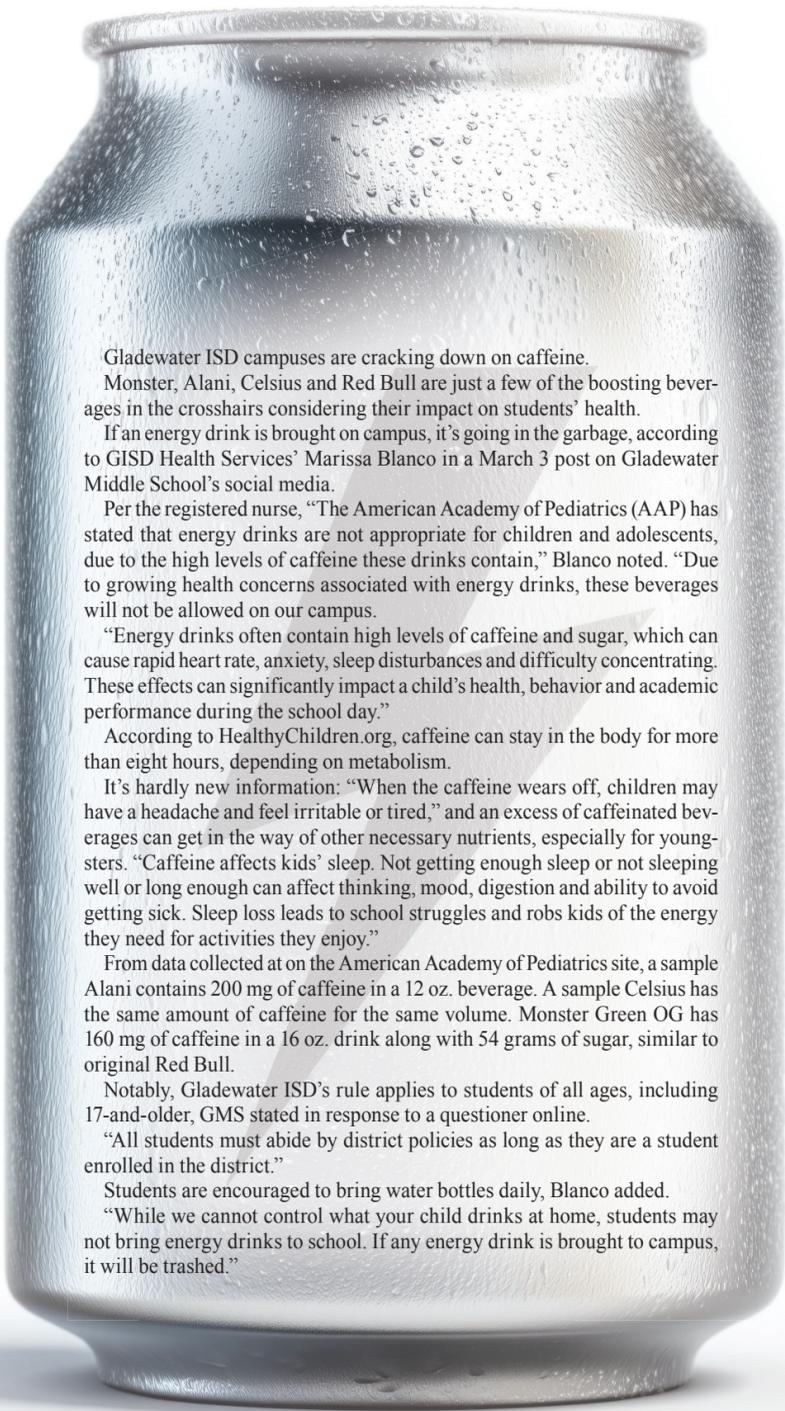
car gathering!"

The caravan aims to roll into downtown Gladewater around 11 a.m. Thursday, March 19. They'll refresh themselves here for about two hours.

For more information or to participate, contact garypalexander@gmail.com.

"Calling all Volkswagen and European car enthusiasts. Cruise into downtown Gladewater for an unforgettable road trip experience. Meet fellow car lovers and enjoy fun conversations while viewing classic cars."

District urges families to ditch buzzing bevs



Gladewater ISD campuses are cracking down on caffeine. Monster, Alani, Celsius and Red Bull are just a few of the boosting beverages in the crosshairs considering their impact on students' health.

If an energy drink is brought on campus, it's going in the garbage, according to GISD Health Services' Marissa Blanco in a March 3 post on Gladewater Middle School's social media.

Per the registered nurse, "The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has stated that energy drinks are not appropriate for children and adolescents, due to the high levels of caffeine these drinks contain," Blanco noted. "Due to growing health concerns associated with energy drinks, these beverages will not be allowed on our campus."

"Energy drinks often contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which can cause rapid heart rate, anxiety, sleep disturbances and difficulty concentrating. These effects can significantly impact a child's health, behavior and academic performance during the school day."

According to HealthyChildren.org, caffeine can stay in the body for more than eight hours, depending on metabolism.

It's hardly new information: "When the caffeine wears off, children may have a headache and feel irritable or tired," and an excess of caffeinated beverages can get in the way of other necessary nutrients, especially for youngsters. "Caffeine affects kids' sleep. Not getting enough sleep or not sleeping well or long enough can affect thinking, mood, digestion and ability to avoid getting sick. Sleep loss leads to school struggles and robs kids of the energy they need for activities they enjoy."

From data collected at on the American Academy of Pediatrics site, a sample Alani contains 200 mg of caffeine in a 12 oz. beverage. A sample Celsius has the same amount of caffeine for the same volume. Monster Green OG has 160 mg of caffeine in a 16 oz. drink along with 54 grams of sugar, similar to original Red Bull.

Notably, Gladewater ISD's rule applies to students of all ages, including 17-and-older, GMS stated in response to a questioner online.

"All students must abide by district policies as long as they are a student enrolled in the district."

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles daily, Blanco added.

"While we cannot control what your child drinks at home, students may not bring energy drinks to school. If any energy drink is brought to campus, it will be trashed."



UGISD showcase spotlights paths for students' in Career & Tech Ed

Come see what's next, Union Grove ISD says.

Community members are invited to visit the school Tuesday, March 17, for a spotlight on the district's growing Career & Technical Education opportunities, priming youngsters for their futures.

"Union Grove is hosting a CTE showcase to display the amazing things students are accomplishing in our programs," said UGISD's Kimber Smith, who teaches Grade 7 English Language Arts as well Journalism.

The upcoming showcase runs 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 in the Lion Center at 11377 Union Grove Rd.

February was Career & Technical Education Month nationally and statewide. Schools across the country are putting more emphasis on equipping students with practical skills they can put to use during and immediately after high school or take with them into their post-secondary education.

Students are introduced to the various concentrations before they enter high school, adopting a pathway with milestone classroom work as well as practicums to ensure they gain not only the necessary training but also the essential credentials to put their skills to use soonest in the workforce, if that's their preference.

Union Grove currently offers eight CTE programs of study to prep youngsters for the roads ahead. Students can choose between Accounting, AG Mech, Engineering, Journalism & Graphic Design, Animal Science, Culinary Arts, Health Science and Marketing & Sales.

According to the school, "Each program offers four or more courses and allow students to obtain a certification."

TxDOT: Driving Crashes Spike in Spring

March had the highest number of drunk driving crashes in Texas last year

AUSTIN— As students and Texans take time off this March, it's imperative that drivers always get a sober ride.

Last year Texas saw a spike in drunk driving crashes in March — more than any other month. As spring break celebrations begin, drivers can keep celebrations fun and avoid death and other tragic consequences of impaired driving by driving like a Texan: kind, courteous and safe, and always choosing a sober ride.

With a focus on reaching college students around spring break, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will support community efforts across the state to stop impaired driving. The message is simple: arrange a sober ride before you start celebrating.

Never drive after consuming any amount of alcohol or other drugs. The consequences of driving impaired — including up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time, losing your license, or ending your own or someone else's life — are simply not worth it. Find a sober ride to ensure that you have a fun and safe spring break.

"Drive Sober. No Regrets" is an important part of TxDOT's Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing



the pride, camaraderie and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at DriveLikeATexas.com.

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What's Happening?

Fourth annual 'Trades' event fuels GW Museum, small businesses

The first day of Spring will bring the 4th annual Trades at the Museum vendor event back downtown.

Set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21, it's a small business-friendly effort that also raises funds for Gladewater Museum.

"Shop from a variety of local vendors and enjoy a great day while giving back," per the organizers, Scrubby Love Gladewater. "Support local small businesses while helping preserve our town's history.

"All vendor fees go directly to support the museum, making this their only fundraising event of the year. Your participation helps keep this important piece of our community alive."

For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact Scrubby Love at 903-917-4326 to reserve a spot.

WOHS seeks vendors for FFA's Farmers Markets

White Oak FFA students kicked off their Spring Farmers Markets March 7, and they're getting ready for the next event April 4.

The markets feature locally-grown produce, plants and honey, and the program is recruiting vendors via a Google For. Log on via tinyurl.com/WhiteOakFFAMarket.

The markets are set at 200 S. White Oak Road behind White Oak High School, running 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to April's event, the final market is set for Saturday, May 9.

Upshur Library events set

A book will be read to young children at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday, March 12.

"Giraffe Problems" by Jory John will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events.

"Music and movement" will follow each reading of the book, said Amy Allred, children's coordinator for the library.

Each session also will feature a giraffe-related craft.

The library is at 702 W. Tyler, which is also Texas 154. The events are free to the public with no advance registration required, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact the library at 903-843-5001.

GW 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.

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.

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

Local entrepreneurs egg-cited to host annual hunt April 4

The community's annual egg hunt is taking shape for the first weekend in April.

Hosted this year by Gladewater Thrive & Connect, the free-for-all 2026 Gladewater Egg-Stravaganza is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Lake Gladewater.

"We want to make sure this is for the community," James



Gladewater High School's Parker Johnston (left), Heaven-Leigh Cannon (center) and Bailee Hosak (center-right) pose with Rotarians Avon Bateman and Darla Ferguson Feb. 26. The teens – Hoops, Hev and Red, respectively – regaled the local civic club's members with stories of their recent excursion to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp, challenging the Rotarians with some of the 'mind games' that are a key part of the experience.

Reese told council members Feb. 19. Speaking for the Thrive & Connect networking group of entrepreneurs, "We want to bring the community out, make sure the families are having a great time.

"We want to make sure it's safe as well. If there's anything that anyone could do to help us, it would be great."

Admission is free for all comers, and there are three age-specific egg hunts planned. The first, at noon, is tailored for children 3-years-old and younger; ages 4-7 will hunt eggs at 12:45 p.m. followed by 8-years-and-older at 1:30 p.m.

"Bring your baskets, invite your friends and come make sweet memories with us at Gladewater Lake," the organizers announced. "This is one event you won't want to miss."

For more information, email GladewaterThriveAndConnect@gmail.com.

Taste of Oil Patch marks 1/4-century

The 25th annual Taste of the Oil Patch Cook-off is simmering, set for Saturday, April 25, at the Gladewater Rodeo Arena.

Everything gets underway at 11 a.m. that Saturday morning, including food, an auction and raffle as well as live music from Darrin Morris and other entertainment for all ages.

Proceeds from the event benefit Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center.

"We will have a variety of food for you to taste and judge," organizers say, with admission set at \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12-and-younger. Each \$25 raffle entry includes chances to win a designer purse, a diamond necklace or a donated firearm.

Master of memory on tab

A free program designed to improve participants' memory function is being offered to Upshur County residents this month.

The Master of Memory program is a series of lessons which will be held on March 24, 26, and 31 in Gilmer. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions to receive a completion certificate.

Studies show that 80 percent of older adults complain about memory problems, but only 15 percent report these problems to their health professionals. People of all ages forget, but older

people tend to worry more about forgetting and memory loss.

Master of Memory encourages participants to recognize that they are able to impact their memory function, evaluate their own memory function, identify factors that may affect their memory function and find ways that may help address some of those factors.

The six-lesson series includes presentations on memory and learning, memory strategies, nutrition, medications, medical conditions, and exercise for the body and mind.

Class size is limited, so sign up before March 15th by either calling Julie York, Upshur County Family & Community Health Extension Agent at 903-680-8128 or emailing her at julie.york@ag.tamu.edu. Feel free to leave a message if she doesn't answer.

Please note that this program focuses on naturally aging memory loss.



Members of the White Oak High School Roughneck Band brought home more accolades recently, including: Brass Quintet of Olivia Applegate, Jadon Dubose, Mykey Feldhauser, Stephanie Wilson and Nathan Watson – 1st Division & Qualified for State Ensemble Contest; Soloist Alexis Floyd and Stephanie Wilson, 1st Division & Qualified for State Solo Contest. (Courtesy photo)

Spring Gladewater CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

APRIL 11th, 2026
8AM-NOON

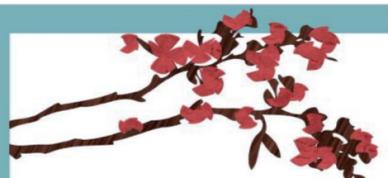
GLADEWATER RESIDENTS may deposit bulky, household garbage and items into dumpsters located along E. Commerce St, downtown Gladewater.

Prohibited items include paint, shingles, batteries, chemicals, refrigeration items and commercial waste. These items will not be accepted.

The City of Gladewater will provide curbside pick-up for any disabled and senior citizens, as available.

To schedule this complimentary service please call:
Gladewater Public Works - 903-845-2196
no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 10th.

Your help is needed to keep our community clean. Volunteers will be meeting at the Ken Bennett Pavilion on E Pacific at 8 AM where they will be dispersed to help in parks and neighborhoods in Gladewater. Trash bags will be provided.



TRASH OFF DAYS

MARCH 19-21, 2026

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Spring's city wide trash collection set April 11

Roll up your sleeves and start the Spring Cleaning now – Gladewater's semi-annual City Wide Clean-up is set for the second Saturday in April.

Each Fall and Spring, City Hall sends workers and volunteers to help residents drop off their accumulated stuff at a downtown collection site on East Commerce Avenue by the railroad tracks, and the Spring 2026 collection is a few weeks away on April 11.

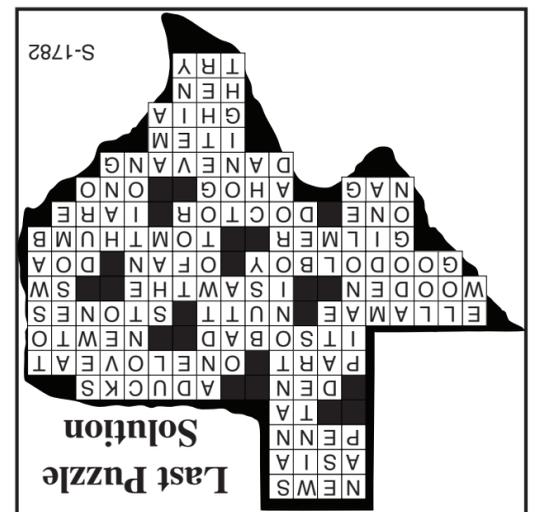
Utilizing roll-off trash containers courtesy of Republic Services, locals are invited to drive up and drop-off so long as they show proof of residence within the city limits and ensure their detritus doesn't check one of the wrong boxes.

Per CityofGladewater.com, the following items are prohibited during the community clean-up:

- Loose garbage
- Dirt, rock, sand
- Glass
- Tires
- Construction materials
- Concrete
- Pallets
- Ceramic
- Tile
- Sheet Rock
- Roofing Materials
- Any materials resulting from contractual work or commercially related activities
- Hazardous Materials
- Paint
- Batteries
- Motor Oil

Items that contain refrigerant are generally a no-go as well, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units and similar items. Only refrigerant units that have been tagged by a certified technician and confirmed to free of CFCs are permitted.

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- 1 newspaper: Azle _____
- 5 half of Texas mohair goes to this continent
- 6 Texas actress Robin Wright's former hubby, Sean
- 7 teacher helper (abbr.)
- 8 rattlesnake casa
- 9 TXism: "it's water off _____ back" (unconcerned)
- 15 TXism: "_____ and parcel of"
- 16 TX Tanya's "_____ A Time"
- 19 TXism: "want _____ I could spit"
- 21 TXism: "_____ these parts" (unknown)
- 22 Texas singer _____ Morse
- 27 Granbury historic "_____ House"
- 28 "sticks and _____ can break my bones . . ."
- 29 Kermit had the last _____ oil derrick in the U.S.
- 30 hymn: "_____ Light"
- 32 dir. to Mineola from Pittsburgh
- 33 TXism for a nice guy (3 wds.)
- 36 TXism: "he's got the morals _____ alley cat"
- 37 TX Dennis Quaid 1988 noir film
- 38 seat of Upshur County

- 39 grocery chain in the Metroplex (2 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "_____horse town"
- 42 TXism: "pill wrangler"
- 45 "6 muncie ago I coodn't evin spel gradjuwat and now _____ one"
- 46 TXism: "two-bit _____"
- 47 TXism: "happy as _____ in slop"

- 48 Yoko _____
- 49 in Wharton County on highway 71
- 52 Texas singer _____
- 53 old VW sports car: "Karmann _____"
- 54 TXism: "active as a fox in a _____ house"
- 55 TXism: "_____ every trick in the book"

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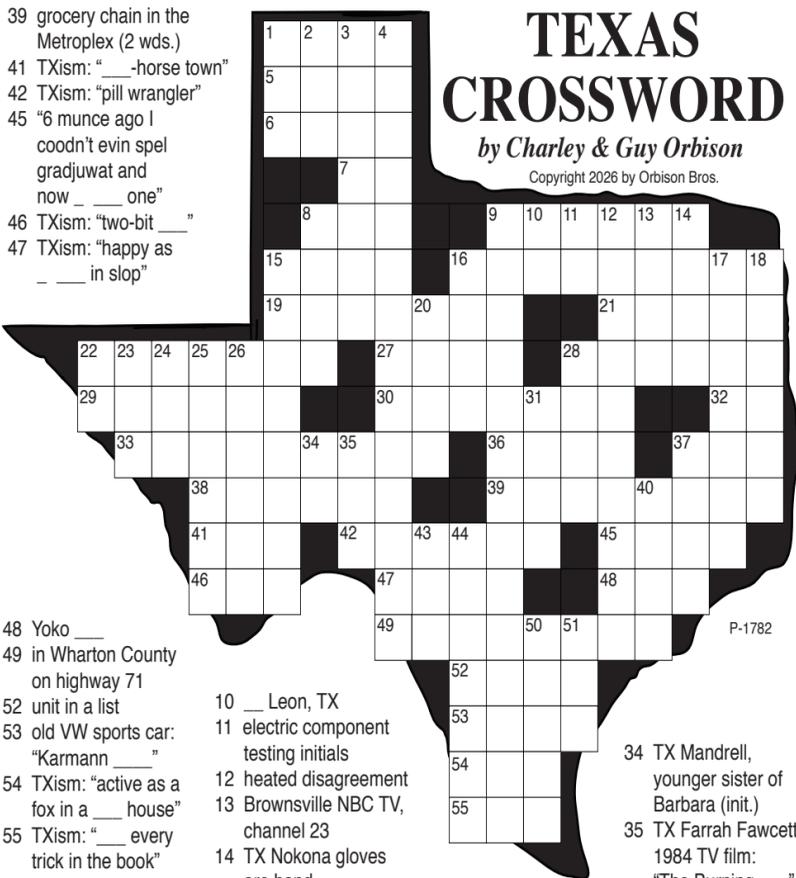
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- 3 in Runnels County on U.S. 83
- 4 early route up from Mexico: "Old _____"
- 8 TX Perot met wife on a blind _____
- 9 TXism: "put two _____" (obvious conclusion)

- 10 _____ Leon, TX
- 11 electric component testing initials
- 12 heated disagreement
- 13 Brownsville NBC TV, channel 23
- 14 TX Nokona gloves are hand-_____
- 15 keyboard support? (2 wds.)
- 16 former Texas Oatmeal Festival race: "_____ -Thon"
- 17 TXism: "_____ gravel" (fell)
- 18 mop a boat deck (2 wds.)
- 20 TXism: "_____ as a bartender on payday"
- 22 LBJ's choice to lead the "Warren Commission" (init.)

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Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
3/2/2026	STEWART, FRENEA SHARIE	101 E UPSHUR AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	MINOR - PUBLIC INTOXICATION
3/3/2026	HAWLEY, DENISELYN JANETTE	2200 W GAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT - LOCAL
3/4/2026	WILLIAMS, STEPHEN TAYLOR	104 N WEST ST GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT - LOCAL
3/4/2026	TOUCHSTONE, KINNITH W	1005 W UPSHUR AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	EVADING ARREST DET W/VEH
3/7/2026	THOMAS, ALLISON MARIE	501 N AMES STREET GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	EVADING ARREST DETENTION WARRANT - OTHER AGENCY (FELONY) BURGLARY OF BUILDING

Thank You, Upshur County



I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the citizens of Upshur County for the trust and confidence you have placed in me by electing me as your next County Judge.

This campaign has been about more than an election—it has been about the future of our county. Over the past months I have had the privilege of visiting with many of you across our communities, listening to your concerns, your hopes for your families, and your vision for the place we all call home.

Together we talked about strengthening our local economy, creating opportunities so our children can stay and build their futures here, improving our roads and infrastructure, supporting our county employees, and working to ease the burden on property taxpayers through responsible economic growth.

Upshur County is a special place. It is a place built on faith, hard work, and neighbors helping neighbors. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve and committed to working with all citizens, community leaders, and local organizations to move our county forward.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers, supporters, and my family who gave their time, encouragement, and belief in this effort.

The real work begins now. With unity, strong leadership, and a shared commitment to the future, I am confident that our best days are ahead.

Thank you again for your support and for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

L. Brandon Dodd
Upshur County Judge-Elect

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Sports roundup

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears baseball team opened district play with a trip to West Rusk to take on the Raiders and returned with a 4-3 hard fought victory. The Bears picked up two runs in the top of the 1st and added on in the 3rd and 4th inning's and the pitching staff held down the fort to win it. That was followed by a trip to Canton to take part in their tournament where they went 2-1 in the weather shortened event with wins over Jacksonville (11-5) and Caddo Mills (5-4) with their lone loss to host Canton (5-4). The Bears are off to a 9-4 start and 1-0 in district play. They will next be in action when they jump back into district play with a home and home series with Troup.

The Gladewater Lady Bears softball team opened district play with a home series with West Rusk as the series began in West Rusk and in a back and forth battle, Gladewater lost a heartbreaker 8-7. West Rusk jumped out to a 2-0 lead but the Lady Bears took a 3-2 lead after three innings. But the Lady Raiders took a 5-4 lead after 5 innings and held on to win. Ma'khya Boone homered and drove in two runs and Alayah Gordon doubled in the loss for Gladewater. Janiah Strickland added two hits, and Katelyn Pugliese drove in a run for the Lady Bears. Gordon struck out four with no walks allowed in six innings pitched. The return game in Gladewater was all Lady Bears as their offense got hot early and never looked back as they won 11-1 in a 5 inning run rule shortened game. Tinsley Aldredge tripled twice, singled, drove in three runs and got the pitching win. Aldredge struck out six and walked four, giving up one earned run in five innings. Alayah Gordon doubled and drove in a run for

the Lady Bears. Caydence Martin doubled and plated two runs. Reagan Capps had a double and two RBI. Janiah Strickland finished with three hits, and Bailey Childress drove in a run. The Lady Bears are now 8-14 on the season and 1-1 in district play and will next be in action with a home and home district series with Troup.

The White Oak Roughnecks baseball team finished up non district play as they headed to Mount Pleasant to take part in their tournament where they went 1-2 with a win over Paris (16-7) and losses to host Mount Pleasant (9-1) and Sulphur Springs (5-0). Against Mount Pleasant, Levi Sipes doubled and Jaxsen Ludlow singled twice and drove in the lone White Oak run. Cason Armstrong and Carson Rhodes pitched for the Roughnecks. Against Paris, Jordy Robertson homered, singled and drove in four runs and Jaxsen Ludlow added a double and three RBI for White Oak. Levi Sipes singled and drove in two runs. Tyson McKinney, Carson Rhodes and Nico Soto all had two hits and an RBI, and Sam Malone drove in two runs. Will Thomas and Tysen McClain pitched for the Roughnecks. McClain struck out three and walked two, giving up one earned run in 3.2 innings. Against Sulphur Springs, Sipes and McKinney had the lone hits for White Oak. Ludlow struck out two and walked four in three innings and Ian Owen fanned one in 2.1 innings of action. The Roughnecks are now 6-5-1 and will next be in action when they open up district play with a home and home series with Sabine.

The White Oak Ladynecks had a undefeated week as they won their final non district game of the season as they headed to Jefferson and came back with

8-6 victory. Emma Fisher tripled, singled and drove in two runs, and Kylie Caraway, Madi Baker and Makayla Fobb all doubled for White Oak. Caraway had three hits and an RBI for White Oak, which trailed 5-3 before scoring five times in the top of the sixth. Baker added two hits and two RBI. Fobb had three hits. Fisher added two hits and two RBI and Kinnadie Rayson two hits and two RBI. White Oak continues their amazing start with a 19-2 record and will next be in action jumping back into district play with a home and home series with Sabine.

The Union Grove Lions baseball team continued their non district schedule as they hosted Linden-Kildare and won easily 16-5 . That was followed by hosting their own Union Grove booster tournament where they were only able to get 1 game in because of mother nature but they did Como-Pickton 3-0. The Lions are now 6-3-1 on the season and will next be in action when they open district play with a home and home series with Beckville.

The Union Grove Lady Lions softball team opened up district play as they played two with Waskom with game one in Union Grove where Jada Spencer tripled and drove in a run for UG. Chyanne Haines and Avery Woodley added two hits apiece. Aubrey Maxwell singled twice and drove in a run, and Maci Barbo chipped in with a single and an RBI. Game two in Waskom was another offensive explosion for the Lady Lions as they lead 11-0 after two innings and cruised to a 23-8 victory. Union Grove improves to 4-7 and 2-0 in district play and will next be in action over spring break with a home and home series with Beckville.

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Thank you for your continued trust.

Respectfully,

RHONDA WELCH

UPSHUR COUNTY PCT. 3
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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Union Grove One Act Play is advancing to Bi-District with a clutch of awards already in-hand including All Star Crew – Bri Bowling, Honorable Mention All Star Cast – Peyton Hancock and Hunter Rogers, All Star Cast – Kenneth Flanagan and Makynlie Young along with Best Performer – Shane Deaton.

Gladewater welcomes \$48K annual Agreement with grant consultant

By James Draper

After demurring on the first proffer of service, Gladewater City Council members are now embracing Lone Star Consulting's Steve Hofmann and crossing their fingers he'll deliver again with mutually-beneficial federal funding.

After a previous 'No' from city leaders, it was Hofmann who led the charge to secure \$1.5 million from the Department of Homeland Security via FEMA funding. Those funds are pointed toward the Lake Gladewater Dam, they're just in a holding pattern during the ongoing partisan tug-of-war in Washington, D.C.

When Hoffman saw that grant window opened, Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan said, "He pretty much pro bono said, 'Hey, let me prove myself.' He hopped on it. We got all the letters in that needed to be in from all the elected officials. He got everything on his end that he needed," she added. "Everybody just went all hands on deck and was really trying to go after this and get it. We were able to secure it.

"It is tied up right now in the only part of the government that is fighting it out at the federal level."

According to widespread reports, last week's ouster of embattled Department of Homeland Security chief Kristi Noem may

ease the DHS funding deadlock in D.C. and pave the way for Gladewater (and other communities) to receive earmarked funding.

In any case, "There's no red flags that it is not going to go through," Flanagan said, and Hofmann's ready for more: "He's coming back now... that he has proven himself.

"We can do another round of this for the dam infrastructure," and other projects are on the table as well, with funding for law enforcement and the fire department possible as well as infrastructure dollars. "One discussion we have quite frequently is we have one water source in our town, and how do we ensure public safety if something were to happen to it?"

Lone Star Consulting is identifying grants that could fund additional water towers as well as tie-ins to other water sources.

"To me, personally, I would definitely want to proceed forward with him. To me, he has more than proved himself."

The LSC retainer to secure Infrastructure Act funding will cost the city \$4,000 monthly. If funding efforts are successful, there will also be a 2.5% 'Community Engagement' fee paid if and when grant funds are dispersed.

"As long as the guy produces just as he just did earlier this year, I've got no problem paying the guy," councilman Milton Anderson said. "He did us pretty solid as well."

THANK YOU

To My Upshur County Friends and Neighbors:

Before settling into the job you have entrusted to me, I want very much to pause to say "thank you" in all sincerity for your trust. "Thank you" for your friendship. "Thank you" for your support. And, most importantly, "thank you" for your prayers.

I am deeply humbled by your support and will dedicate my talents and time serving you to the best of my abilities. I am imperfect and there may be times when we disagree over what the pursuit of justice should look like. I will, however, listen to you and hold close your thoughts as I pursue justice one case at a time for our greater good.

Please know I will continue to lift high in prayer my Upshur County family and friends as I seek to serve you. I ask the same from you for no prayers go unanswered or neglected by our Heavenly Father.

I wish also to congratulate Joey Fenlaw for running a clean and honorable campaign and extend to him every good wish in his future.

Finally, a wise gentleman spoke at one of our campaign events that so inspired me that I visited with him afterward because I recognized the language. He told me his message was taken from President Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address, delivered on March 4, 1861, at a time when seven states had already seceded from the Union. President Lincoln concluded his address with this plea to reconciliation:

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely it will be, by the better angels of our nature."

As this vocation you have entrusted to me unfolds, I will endeavor to protect and promote the bonds of our affection as Americans in this great land. Justice for all requires no less.

Sincerely,
Barry Clark Wallace

March 4, 2026

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