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There's No Place Like Tome

Independent, Texas authors' books fill new niche in Gladewater



There are now more than 1,000 volumes in the new Texas, Local and Independent Authors section at Lee-Bardwell Public Library. (Below) Texas Independent author Kristi Copeland visits with a guest Saturday during the library's Meet the Authors Event and ribbon cutting.

Lee-Bardwell Library welcomes crowd of readers alongside featured authors

Gladewater's on the map for a new reason following Saturday's official unveiling of the Texas, Local and Independent Authors Section at Lee-Bardwell Public Library. More than 130 people visited the facility from 2-6 p.m. March 14, taking advantage of the opportunity to interact with 13 local and visiting independent Texas writers through the library's Meet the Authors event.

By James Draper

"I really appreciate that you took a chance to come up here

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Good News! Tomorrow's the First Day of Spring



Friday is the Vernal Equinox and official start of the new season. Kudos to Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden for setting the stage and for the beautiful photo of heirloom daffodils.

Fire chief, fees, on-street parking among council's issues Thursday

Gladewater City Council members are poised to take action on the community's next fire chief Thursday evening.

The group will also hear a presentation on the latest engineering inspection of the Lake Gladewater Dam along with quarterly updates from nine City Hall department heads. The monthly meeting begins at 6 p.m. March 19 at City Hall at 519 E. Broadway.

Outgoing Gladewater Fire Chief Mike Simmons has been holding the reins while city leaders vetted candidates to succeed him in the role when he moves on to a key position with Sabine Fire Department / ESD No. 2. Per Thursday's agenda, the council is set to take "any action necessary regarding Fire Chief" following a closed door discussion at the end of the meeting.

As usual, the monthly session will open with an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, comments from the council and Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith's regular report. Discussion of the 2025 Lake Gladewater Dam Inspection Report (see separate story, below) will follow Citizens Comments and consideration of the Consent Agenda (items typically approved with a single vote and no discussion).

The council's set to officially cancel the May 2 general election for the city - Mayor Brandy Flanagan and Place 3 incumbent Stoney Stone were unchallenged in their re-election bids, and council newcomer André Clay had no opponent on the ticket for Place 2 when filing closed Feb. 13. Polling will still take place for one contested race for Gladewater ISD School Board along with the district's bond election.

Other items up for discussion and consideration (i.e. a council vote) Thursday night include a 'Street Zipper,' a proposed housing development on Loop 485, water line repair on Rodeo, an interim rate adjustment by Center-Point, more amendments to Gladewater's fees, hangar construction at Gladewater Municipal Airport and a retail recruitment investment for Gladewater Economic Development Corporation.

One more key item on the night's agenda: at the end of Gladewater City Council's February meeting, councilman Milton Anderson requested council consideration of on-street parking in certain residential areas. Per the agenda, action is possible, but no specifics were included in almost 150 pages of council materials.

Find the March 19 council packet in two sections online at GladewaterMirror.com - the agenda and 51 pages of materials and, separately, the 90-page dam inspection report.

White Oak library will remove 7th book after challenge

By James Draper

Group votes 3-1 to remove "Queerfully & Wonderfully Made" from school and community stacks after 3rd unidentified complaint

A third 'Library Materials Challenge' saw another book banned from the White Oak School & Community Library Monday.

Four committees members voted 3-1 Monday to remove "Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens." The majority cited concerns about "inappropriate," "irresponsible" and "unsafe" guidance in editor Leigh Finke's 2020 work.

On the other side of the debate, White Oak High School & Community Librarian Lori Davis said the book's content didn't meet the standards for a ban, which removes everyone's access to the book when existing systems limit student access if parents so choose.

It was the second challenge meeting this month and the third this semester. The 8 a.m. session Monday drew fewer public attendees and no student

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LAKE GLADEWATER DAM

Engineers' new inspection shows the good, the bad, the unchanged

By James Draper

There's been measurable progress at the Lake Gladewater Dam, but the aging structure's deficiencies are progressing, too.

Much of the latest Dam Inspection Report is virtually the same as its predecessor. Key data points have evolved in a three-year span, however. The document's also three times as large, including scores more annotated photos tracking changes at the dam, for better or worse.

"The City of Gladewater has

taken noticeable steps to correct most of the operational and maintenance issues that have been identified in previous inspections," according to engineer Andrew P. Wright of Schaumburg & Polk, "but the condition of the spillway, downstream slope and inoperable low flow discharge structures continue to maintain an overall poor rating for this structure."

The 2025 report was included in the council packet for the group's regular meeting March 19, set for 'Presentation, Discussion and Acceptance' early in the monthly

session. Community members may comment as well, before or during the relevant agenda item.

Find the latest dam report along with 2023's online at GladewaterMirror.com

The dam's classification as a 'high hazard' structure is a key point for city officials as they pursue millions of dollars in grant funds to tackle the dam's long- and short-term needs.

"The overall condition of the dam is poor condition with sig-

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Photo No. 71 from the 2025 Lake Gladewater Dam Inspection Report highlights vegetation growing through spillway slab joints alongside cracks and deep pitting in the concrete slabs. Separation of the slabs leads to voids behind the sections.

Photo by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc.

LAKE GLADEWATER DAM



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Sunshine, sousaphones & spring break memories...

The sun is shining on Main Street. Smiles are in abundance and friendly drivers are honking as they pass two young men playing their sousaphones (a kind of marching tuba) while walking down Main Street. If you have never heard a sousaphone duet, trust me, you are missing out.

Monday at the Mirror is deadline day. Usually our heads are down and our fingers are flying over our computer keyboards. Often we are behind schedule, just a hair tense and occasionally grumpy. Suddenly we heard music, very unusual music, which was floating down the street. Naturally I ran outside to accost the musicians with my camera.

Gladewater sophomores Kade Johnston and Jacob Robertson then serenaded me with their "Earthquake" duet. It was so good I had them play it again to post on our Gladewater Mirror Facebook so all our dear readers can see and hear two teenage boys who are not glued to a screen playing video games on their spring break...and who are darned good musicians.

I am still smiling from their impromptu mobile concert. I have always had a soft spot for the 'tuba' players. First those kids get one heck of a work out carrying their instruments. Also, you don't realize how much depth those musicians add to the band until you hear a piece without their power playing. Second, I have yet to meet a sousaphone/tuba player that didn't have a great sense of humor. This was true of Kade and Jacob for sure.

Kudos boys on a great spring break memory. It reminded me of one of my favorite memories from my now, far distant past.

I can remember walking on shiny spring and summer days, with my two best friends, the length of the very small town where we went to school. I can remember that warm sunshine, the silly giggles and harmless pranks of that long ago (now) golden youth.

I was reminded of those fun times walking Dawson's Main Street after meeting Kade and Jacob.

My friends and our spring break prank was a little, okay, a lot, more ridiculous than strolling 'tuba' duets.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



At 15 we piled into Joyce's car, after liberating a stuffed antlered deer mount from her Dad's man cave den. We put 'John Deer' behind the wheel of the car. One of us was on the floorboard working the gas and brake and one of us was eye level with the dash driving. And, one of us was in the backseat... probably praying for our safety while all of us laughed hysterically.

We slapped some of those giant sun glasses from our FHA trip to the State Fair on John Deer creating quite the dashing driver cruising Main Street Dawson. After surviving that stunt we took John Deer to Navarro Mills Lake where we all sun bathed. Of course we had brought our Deer John his own beach towel. So there we were side by side...Joyce, John Deer, Sara and Suzie.

We thought we were hilarious.

I still do! My musicians today reminded me of how much fun can be had on a sunny day with friends with a little imagination making memories that can last a lifetime.

Carpe Diem boys!

You made the day a little sunnier and life lighter, and for that I thank you.

Never forget your day in the sun. It will bring laughter and joy to you long years from now.

Although friendships of our youth may grow distant with the miles they never have to become distant in our hearts or our memories.

Cherish those times and those friends. Memories really do last a lifetime. And boy, can those memories come in handy on a nose to the grindstone Monday when an infusion of joy can turn a gray day into a sunny one.

EDITORIAL

Transparency shouldn't be dammed up

We're glad the City of Gladewater released the 2025 engineer's inspection report on the Lake Gladewater Dam.

It was the right thing to do, legally and ethically, for the citizens of this community. The document contains essential facts and insight into one of City Hall's core duties: maintaining the aging structure that creates Gladewater's sole water source.

It's an important public record and should have been released three weeks earlier.

The Gladewater Mirror asked for a copy Feb. 19. That kick-started a 10-business-day countdown for officials to furnish the document or to request a ruling from the Texas Attorney General if there existed a compelling, legal reason to withhold the information.

On March 5, Day 10, the city asked the AG's Open Records Division to weigh in. City Attorney Ronald Stutes wrote that the report was "Confidential Information" on critical infrastructure that elected officials may discuss behind closed doors: "It would be absurd to allow the Council to go into closed session to review a document that has been made public by its release under the Public Information Act."

Not only is the inspection of significant public interest, elected officials routinely discuss public records in closed session when an exception to the Open Meetings Act applies. Also, the city already published the full 2023 Dam Inspection Report online alongside the mayor's assurance they'd do the same for the 2025 update.

Delaying the release was unnecessary, and it's a poor use of taxpayer dollars.

It will be weeks or months before the AG's Office weighs in. In the meantime, the unredacted inspection report was published Friday in the packet for tonight's council meeting. It's up for discussion by our elected officials and anyone else who wants to weigh in.

Ironically, the report's belated release March 13 fell days before the beginning of Sunshine Week, March 15-21, an annual spotlight on the importance of public records and open government. We applaud everyone at City Hall who advocated for the report's timely release. Transparency is essential, and it's what the public wants and needs.

Let's keep the light on.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



State ban on smokable cannabis takes effect on March 31

Smokable cannabis products must be gone from Texas store shelves by March 31, the Texas Standard reported. The new rules were formulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services after the Texas Legislature couldn't agree on whether to regulate THC products or ban them entirely.

Middleton, Roy go on offense ahead of AG runoff

State Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston, and U.S. Rep. Chip Roy, R-Austin, are taking the gloves off as they also head to a runoff in the GOP primary for Texas attorney general, The Dallas Morning News reported. Middleton finished first in the March 3 primary but fell short of a majority. Paxton didn't seek reelection to the state attorney general post, opting instead to run against Cornyn.

"Chip Roy is on the ropes," Middleton said. "We've got all the momentum."

Roy, a four-term congressman, criticized what he called Middleton's lack of legal experience.

"I wouldn't hire Mayes Middleton into the office of the attorney general, except at a very basic level, because he has no discernible legal skills," Roy said. Both are framing themselves as Trump allies. On the Democratic side, state Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, faces former Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski in a runoff. Johnson received 48.1% of the vote to 26.4% for Jaworski in the March 3 primary.

Trump taps Texas oil reserves

The Trump administration pledged 172 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve last week, with the oil coming from sites along the Gulf Coast, the Houston Chronicle reported. Prices for West Texas Intermediate crude oil have been hovering just below \$100 per barrel since the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran. Iranian officials have responded by essentially shutting down oil transported through the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran controls.

"The market is seriously unbalanced, and that will continue until the Strait is reopened and upstream and downstream operations return to normal," said Jim Burkhard, Vice President and the S&P Global Energy Crude Oil Markets. "It will not happen quickly." The national oil reserves are held in dozens of man-made underground salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana.

Independence

An independent US monetary authority is imperative for economic growth, prosperity, stability, and -- indeed -- sustainability! Period!

About 50 years ago, my dissertation developed an early model of the monetary system and measured the effects of Federal Reserve policy. In the process, I read minutes of every Fed meeting since the early 1950s, a practice that I continue. Thus, I have absorbed the minutia of 70-plus years of monetary policy (no comments regarding my social life). Independence is essential!

For perspective, the Second Bank of the United States, which stabilized the economy following the War of 1812, was abolished by President Andrew Jackson in 1836. The country was without a central bank for almost 80 years, resulting in multiple financial meltdowns with no safety net. After the Panic of 1907, Congress created the Federal Reserve in 1913, formally added the Federal Open Market Committee in 1936, and instituted the "dual mandate" supporting full employment and stable prices in the Full Employment Act of 1946 (which was strengthened in 1978).

It is no coincidence that the mandate began at the dawn of the post-War era of global US economic dominance and the emergence of the dollar as the linchpin of international commerce. The Fed has since responded to major wars, explosive conflicts, pandemics, droughts, currency crises, terrorist attacks, and the bursting of numerous bubbles. The capacity to rapidly make informed, research-based decisions largely insulated from politics is frequently invaluable.

In the early 1980s, Federal Reserve policies broke the cycle of double-digit inflation. The necessary short-term cost was significant and could not have happened without independence. As markets reopened after 9/11, the Fed implemented critical stabilization initiatives. As the Great Recession unfolded, quick and decisive action literally prevented a global collapse. Dur-

Dr. Ray Perryman THE ECONOMIST



ing the pandemic, the Fed infused massive liquidity, avoiding incalculable human suffering. This response is (predictably) partially responsible for subsequent inflation, but the choice was a terrible option (inflation) or a catastrophic one. Independence allowed the Fed to pick the terrible one.

The Federal Reserve has consistently seen competent leadership supported by excellent research yield decisions to support its dual mandate. It has not been perfect but has been excellent and consistently credible.

Going forward, independence is even more vital. Decades of spiraling deficits have created the need to continuously borrow extensive funds, which requires that the world view US debt as the very definition of a politically risk-free asset. There are warning signs of late. Last April 9, during the apex of the tariff fiasco, investors started looking elsewhere (which brought shockwaves and precipitated an immediate 90-day moratorium). We are now seeing greater movement to alternative assets and spiking gold prices, both definitive signs of faltering confidence in US debt. Threats to monetary independence significantly heighten these concerns.

Every President wants the economy juiced with lower interest rates as elections approach, irrespective of long-term consequences. That decision must occur in a dispassionate and analytical manner devoid of politics, which is only possible with a strong and independent monetary authority.

Stay safe!

ARE YOU PREPARED?

*"Now evil prospers, falsehood reigns
And darkness dims the light;
But we rejoice to know that Christ
Will one day set things right."*

It is true that we are living in a time when evil seems to prosper, and falsehood seems to prevail. Criminals seem to get away with so much today. Even when they are apprehended, they often seem to escape justice from our justice system and courts. We are no longer surprised when evil and wicked people commit crimes, and even admit that they committed them, to see, by some clever legal defenses, they are released to commit new crimes. We are fast becoming a lawless society, reaching a point where instead of having the criminals locked up behind bars, law-abiding people are prisoners in their own homes behind locked doors. Even in religion, God's law is twisted and perverted, and outright ignored by some.

Will things get better? I surely hope so, but I don't see any convincing evidence that things are going to change much in the foreseeable future. But I know this: there is a great Day coming when ungodly and lawless people will stand before the Judge that cannot be deceived, bribed, or overruled. On that day our great God will pass sentence upon all who have thumbed their noses at Him. There will be no clever defense, and there will be no appeal. *"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption" (Gal 6: 7-8).* On that Day the righteous Judge will *"declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me; you who practice lawlessness" (Matt. 7: 23).* Yes, the day is coming when Jesus will set things right! That last great Day when *"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5: 10).* The chorus of a hymn we sing is appropriate here:

*"Careless soul, O heed the warning,
For your life will soon be gone;
O heed to face the judgment,
Unprepared to meet thy God."*

Friend, are you prepared for that Day? Have you obeyed the saving gospel of Christ? (Rom. 1: 16). I implore you to please think on these things.

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What's Happening?



The Gladewater Band lived their best Walt Disney World lives last week hitting rides, exploring Star Wars land, and running on pure teenage energy. Meanwhile the chaperones survived on caffeine, comfortable shoes, and sheer determination.

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 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.

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.

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.

GW Chamber weaves America's birthday into plans for banquet

This year the United States Semiquincentennial – it



Billy takes an easy ride downtown Quitman Ave. March 5 as Spring steadily crowds out Winter. The official first day of Spring is March 20.

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.

OBITUARY

KATLIN GRICE

Katlin Grice, age 23, died on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.



She was born on May 28, 2002, in Longview, Texas, to Michael and Stephani Crosby Grice. Katlin graduated high school from Gladewater, Texas. She enjoyed watching trains and looked forward each month to getting her nails painted with glow-in-the-dark polish. Katlin enjoyed any glow-in-the-dark item, making jewelry, and adored her cat, Smores. Katlin was much loved and will be

missed.

She is survived by her parents, Michael Grice of Gladewater, Texas, Stephani Crosby of Liberal, Kansas, Sister, Ashely Grice of Utah, Aunt and uncle, Jeni and Sam Dean of Chandler, Arizona, Cousins, Sadie Dean, and Erich Dean of Chandler, Arizona, Grandpa Calvin Crosby of Liberal, Kansas, Granddad, Roger Grice of Forgan, Oklahoma, Grandma, Carolyn Gastineau of Forgan, Oklahoma, and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Preston Grice, Sister, Debbie Grice, Grandmother, Diane Crosby, Great grandma, Nanny Alpha Grice, Uncles, Bobby Grice, Rodney "Uncle Hot Rod" Grice, and Great grandpa, Calvin Crosby.

Memorial contributions are suggested to help cover final expenses in care of Hornung Family Funeral Home, 1212 W 2nd Street, Liberal, Kansas.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hornungfuneralhome.com

APRIL 11th, 2026
8AM-NOON

Spring Gladewater

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

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.

TRADES AT THE MUSEUM

Come join us
March 21, 2026
10AM to 4PM

Please come support The Gladewater Museums 4th Annual Event.

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WHITE OAK POLICE

For the reporting period of March 9th through March 15th, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 110 calls for service and assistance.

Some of the most common calls were: Suspicious Activity, Burglar Alarms, Loud Noise Complaints, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

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

White Oak Officers made two arrests during this reporting period:

Dakota Goza, 30, of Gladewater, for Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Alcohol Container.

Michael Ware, 23, of White Oak, for 1 White Oak Capias Warrant.

No cases were presented to the Gregg County District Attorney during this reporting period.

Burn ban lifted in Upshur County

Following recent rains which relieved dry conditions, Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller last week lifted the county commissioners court's ban on rural outdoor burning.

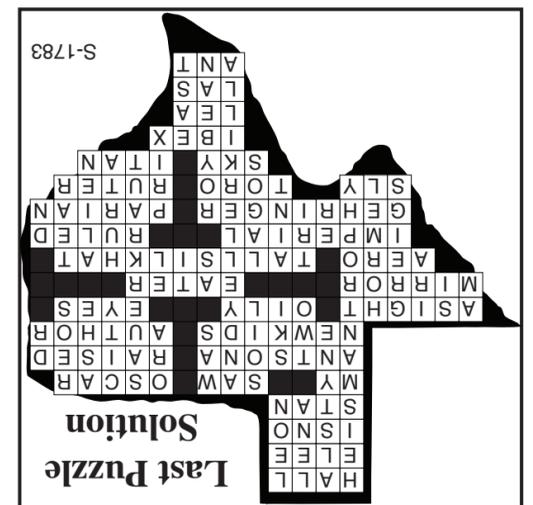
During the county's ban, the Gilmer Fire Department had temporarily ceased issuing burn permits for inside city limits, but a department spokesman said Friday permits will be issued on days which are "not windy."

In his March 11 order terminating the county ban (which didn't apply to incorporated cities), Tefteller wrote that "circumstances in all of the unincorporated areas of Upshur County have changed due to recent rainfall."

"This order is not to be construed as granting any right or rights to burn prohibited materials," Tefteller added.

The commissioners court on Feb. 27 had approved extending the ban, which Tefteller had issued several days earlier.

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- 1 Roger Staubach is NFL ___ of Famer
- 5 Gen. Robert ___
- 6 Houston on death of Austin: "The father of Texas ___ more"
- 7 Laurel of "Way Out West" with Texas-born Sharon Lynn
- 8 TXism: "got misery up to ___ armpits"
- 9 TXism: "___ bones" (doctor)
- 12 TX Ginger won one for "Kitty Foyle"
- 17 TXism: "numerous as ___ dead worm"
- 20 TXism: "___ cane" (celebrated)
- 22 "___ on the Block" (Mass. group)
- 23 TX Larry McMurry
- 24 TXism: "___ for sore eyes"
- 29 slimy
- 30 they're "upon you" in Texas
- 31 TXism: "has to sneak up on a ___ to fix her hair" (homely)
- 32 chili consumer
- 36 Houston has big ___ space industry
- 37 Texas gunfighter Ben Thompson's trademark (3 wds.)
- 43 in Pecos County on FM 11
- 45 final pass of Roger in 1-across was ___ incomplete
- 47 "Evening Shade" actress, TX Linda

- 49 San Antonio's "El ___ Business Center"
- 50 Texas singer, Stone
- 51 bullfight bull
- 52 early Texas Methodist missionary, Martin
- 53 TXism: "___ pilot" (preacher)
- 54 "gave ___ honest effort"

- 55 wild goat in Africa
- 57 Houston's last wife, Margaret
- 58 ___ Colinas, TX
- 59 Texas painful pest: fire ___

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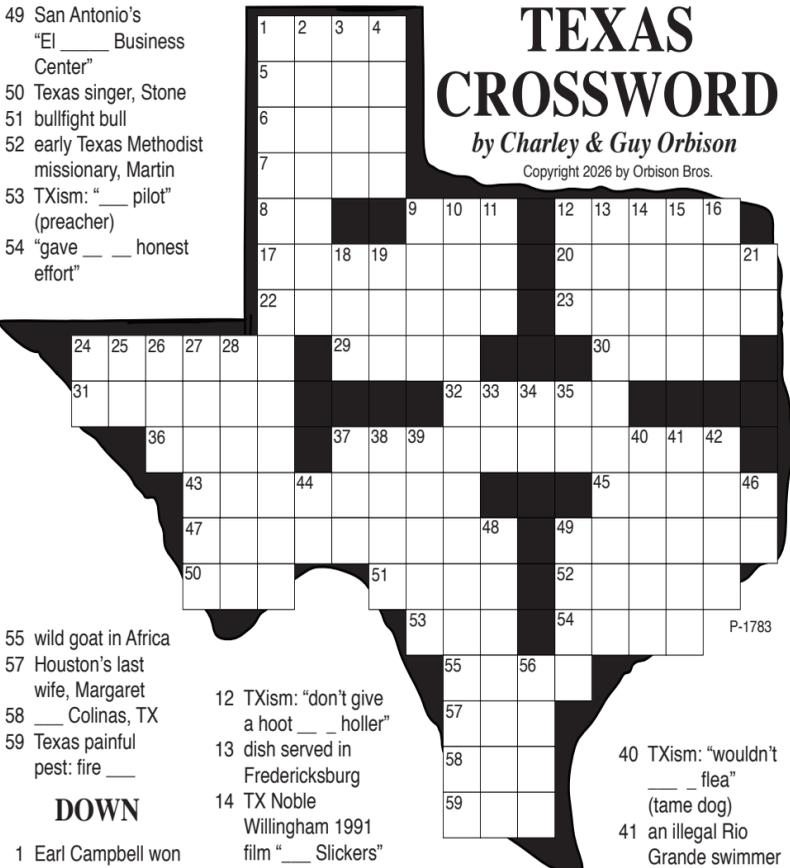
- 1 Earl Campbell won this while at UT (2 wds.)
- 2 Van ____, TX
- 3 ex-railroad commissioner, Guerrero
- 4 Centerville is seat of this County
- 9 TXism: "tumble weed territory" (poor ___)
- 10 coral snake saying: "red ___ ___ feller"
- 11 TXism: "the fur ___ flying" (serious argument)

- 12 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 13 dish served in Fredericksburg
- 14 TX Noble Willingham 1991 film "___ Slickers"
- 15 this Arthur won 1965 Davis Cup in Dallas
- 16 antique autos
- 18 TXism: "happy as a pup with ___ tails"
- 19 in Texas, you can't often do it on snow
- 21 TXism: "medicine man" (abbr.)
- 24 morning abbr.
- 25 "yes," south of the border
- 26 father of TX Willie
- 27 UT grad diver Browning, et al.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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3/15/2026	LANPHEAR, JOHN ALBERT	1621 N MAIN STREET	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Sports roundup

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears baseball team hosted the Troup Tigers as they continued district schedule and Troup jumped out early with 3 runs in the first inning and cruised to a 7-1 victory. Luke Brown went 4 innings and gave up 4 runs with 4 strikeouts. In the return game in Troup, the Tigers jumped out early and never looked back in a 10-3 Troup win. The losses drop the Bears to 9-6 and 1-2 in district play and will next be in action with a home and home series with Tatum.

The Gladewater Lady Bears softball team had a pair of games with the Troup Lady Tigers and game one in Gladewater was absolute slugfest where the Lady Tigers prevailed 13-8. Alayah Gordon got the start and went 5 innings with 4 strikeouts. Ma'khya Boone had 2 hits and drove in 2. In the return game in Troup, it was another close one that was a back and forth battle that went the way of the Lady Tigers 7-5. The Lady Bears jumped out to a 1-0 lead after two innings. But Troup took the lead back 4-3 after four innings. Gladewater took a 6-4 lead after 5 innings but Troup jumped back in front with a 3 run bottom of the 6th to win it. Tinsley Aldredge got the start for Gladewater and went 5 innings giving up 4 runs with 3 strikeouts. The Lady Bears drop to 8-16 and 1-3 in district play and will next be in action with a home and home with Tatum.

The White Oak Roughnecks baseball team began district play with a home and home series with Sabine where in game one in White Oak in a back and forth game the Roughnecks fell 4-3. Jordy Robertson doubled,

single and drove in two runs for White Oak. Jaxsen Ludlow had two hits, and Will Thomas drove in a run. Carson Armstrong struck out five with one walk and four earned runs allowed in seven innings. In the return game in Sabine where they fell 7-4. rdy Robertson tripled and doubled and Tyson McKinney added a double and two RBI in the loss for White Oak. Jaxsen Ludlow singled twice, and Levi Sipes and Will Thomas drove in runs for the Roughnecks. Logan Langewisch, Ludlow and Tyson McClain all pitched for the White Oak. The Roughnecks are now 6-7-1 and 0-2 in district play and will next be in action with a home and home series against Arp.

The White Oak Ladynecks softball team continued their red hot start to the season as they played a home and home series against the Sabine Lady Cardinals where in game 1 White Oak came out on fire and blasted Sabine 19-3. Makayla Fobb doubled twice, singled and drove in four runs.. Emma White and Madi Baker also doubled for White Oak, with White adding a single and an RBI and Baker driving in one run. Kylie Caraway had two hits and an RBI, Emma Fisher two hits and two RBI, Kinnadie Rayson two hits, Maddie Hart two hits and two RBI, Andee Bridges three hits and two RBI and Jaaliyah Collins a single and two RBI. Addy Young struck out four and walked three in four innings for the pitching win. In the return game in Sabine, it was nail bitter but the Ladynecks held on for a 10-8 victory. Madi Baker lead the way on offense going 2-4 with a 3 run homer. White Oak is now 21-2 and 3-0 in district play and will next be in action with a home and home series

with Arp.

The Union Grove baseball team continued the early portion of their district schedule where mother nature played havoc with game one against Beckville forcing the game to be moved to Panola college's baseball field where in a back and forth battle Beckville held on to win it 5-4. Then in the return game in Union Grove, both teams offense's were hot but Beckville's was a little hotter as they won a slugfest 14-7. Brycen Porter doubled once and singled twice in the loss for Union Grove. Braden Carey had two hits and two RBI, Carter Cooper two hits and Ryder Martindale and Tate Salter an RBI apiece. Salter struck out four and walked three in 4.2 innings. Clayton Vaughn struck out two and allowed no earned runs in 1.2 innings – taking the loss. Bryce Rice also pitched for the Lions. The Lions are now 5-5-1 and 0-2 in district play and will next be in action with a home and home series with Elysian Fields.

The Union Grove Lady Lions softball team continued their district schedule as they took on a very good Beckville team and in game one of their series, the Lady Bearcats jumped out early and cruised to a 12-2 victory. Union Grove took a 1-0 lead after one inning but a 4 run 2nd inning and 6 run 4th inning put it away. In the return game in Union Grove, the Bearcats pitching was almost unhit-table as they held the Lady Lions to just 3 hits in a 7-0 shutout victory. Union Grove falls to 4-9 and 2-2 in district play.

They will next be in action with a home and home series with Elysian Fields.



White Oak Baseball Association saw a healthy turnout for the 2026 Denim & Diamonds BINGO fundraiser Feb. 28 at the Gladewater Former Students Association Building.

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(From left) Lee-Bardwell Public Library's Joshah Fielding guides guests to the stacks of the new Texas, Local & Independent Authors section, funded in large part by a grant from the J. Frank Dobie Library Trust. Saturday's Meet the Author event included 13 local and visiting Texas independent authors and drew more than 130 patrons downtown. Lee-Bardwell's Dotti McCoy visits with local author Rocky Hawkins. (Photos by James Draper)



The hard work of Lee-Bardwell Library Executive Director Brandy Winn and her staff – including Dotti McCoy, Joshah Fielding and volunteers – paid off Saturday as a steady flow of avid readers and writers visited the facility for its first Meet the Authors event along with the official unveiling of the Texas, Local & Independent Authors section.

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and bring your books," library director Brandy Winn told the gathered novelists lining the walls of the facility's meeting room.

The opening of the new collection landed just shy of a year after Winn announced a \$7,800 award from the J. Frank Dobie Library Trust would fund the endeavor. She, library staffers Dotti McCoy and Joshah Fielding along with volunteers have been at work on the section for the past nine months.

That so many locals turned out for the opening was gratifying, says McCoy: "We were really proud of it."

Some elements of the col-

lection are still temporary. It's still growing, after all.

In addition to incorporating new books, "We pulled from the other stacks," Winn said. "When we migrated, we had to expand even bigger than we expected. We still haven't finished... Of course, I'm expanding."

It's not just independently-published books. The dedicated section also includes major Texas authors like Gladewater native Joe Lansdale along with Sandra Brown, James Lee Burke, Catherine Coulter and more. Naturally, John R. Erickson and the "Hank the Cowdog" series gets a spotlight, too.

Right now, the section encompasses about 1,025

books across all genres, representing some 750 authors.

"There are some from Texas we didn't even know about."

Winn says she'll be applying for more Dobie Library Trust funds next year, and she's looking forward to swelling the stacks through upcoming book conferences in 2026.

"I'm also in touch with Lone Star Literary Life," Winn said. "They help promote independent and Texas authors as well. They're going to start advertising any event we have."

Considering Saturday's turnout, between authors and audience, "I plan on having another of these in November, and I'm looking for a bigger venue."

White Oak library will remove 7th book

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audience members as classes resumed March 16 following Spring Break.

Davis is the only static member among five; the others change with each challenge. A second spot goes to instructional staff, and the three remaining seats are parent, student or community volunteers appointed by WOHS Principal Skyler Stagner, who runs the meetings.

In January, an earlier set of committee members voted 4-1 to ban the five-volume graphic novels series "Heartstopper" by Alice Oseman. The last vote March 2 was 4-1 to 'restrict' the book "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky, a decision that's now in limbo considering the library is shared by the community and school.

Moving forward, "We essentially have two options," Stagner said, "to retain the book and keep it in White Oak ISD libraries or to remove the book from White Oak ISD libraries."

Stagner once again outlined the district's rubric to consider challenges – in short, does the material's dominant theme, taken as a whole, appeal to the prurient interest of a minor, is it patently offensive to prevailing community standards, is it without redeeming value for minors, pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable?

Kicking off the discussion regarding 'harmful material,' "No, it's a guidance resource about identity, faith, family, friends and church," Davis said.

For parent Amanda Trim, the utilization of the word "queer" throughout was uncomfortable.

"That word has always been derogatory or a slur in the way I've heard it said or utilized," she said. "That was used

throughout the book, almost in a positive light. I would still think that's a vulgar term."

Trim also challenged the book's perspective on Christianity, saying its theology is out of step with churches in the community.

Committee member Melanie McMahon was absent. Fellow parent volunteer Leah Clift said she was concerned about minors being exposed to the frank content of the guide.

"The high school level Sex Ed is focused around reproduction and anatomy, that's how I remember it," Clift said. As for Monday's book, "It moves beyond the natural educational framework. I just feel like it's better left to families and shouldn't be at school."

Samantha Molina, the WOISD instructional staff member on Monday's committee, was particularly concerned about portions of the book encouraging readers to view pornography, visit sex shops and engage with other members of the LGBTQ+ community online, particularly older individuals.

"I do feel like this book specifically felt irresponsible to me at times, encouraging teenagers to do age-inappropriate activities that could lead to safety issues," Molina said. "There was an overall theme of disparaging parents and churches and on influencing a child's belief systems... If relocate is not an option at all, then I would vote 'remove.'"

Not every family will agree with the book, but not every family is going to disagree with it, Davis countered. Not every teen is safe and secure in their family environment.

"I think the community doesn't serve its young people by teaching that difficult matters don't exist," she said. "I think that a book that's written in a mindful way is safer than social media or the Internet."

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nificant voids behind several of the spillway's concrete panels, settling of concrete panels and water seeping through the panel gaps in some places," Wright wrote in his opening summary to 2025 inspection report. "Some of the deficiencies noted in this report are maintenance related. Other deficiencies, such as the hydraulic inadequacy, will require more detailed analysis and design conducted by a Texas Licensed Professional Engineer."

The more extensive photographic record takes the document from 26 pages in 2023 to 90 in 2025, including 160 photographs of the dam, its major sections, positive developments as well as its deficiencies.

Portions of the inspection report are identical to the last, which was the first major examination in years. Overall, Wright confirmed, the crest of the dam is in fair condition as is the upstream slope. The downstream slope is in poor condition as is the service spillway. The intake structure and walkway of the 'Outlet Works' are in good



condition. The function of the dam's low flow outlet could not be verified.

"The condition of this outlet is classified as poor as it was not operable at the time of the inspection."

The emergency spillway and plunge pool are also in good condition.

Review the reports online now, and find more coverage in next week's edition of the Mirror.

From the conclusion for 2025 (and 2023), "The owner of this dam may be liable for downstream damage in the

event of a breach. It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the dam in a safe condition in order to prevent loss of life and limit the potential for property damage," Wright noted. "In addition, regular maintenance may reduce future rehabilitation and repair costs."

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