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## GISD spotlights May 2 bond election

Gladewater ISD has released information regarding voter eligibility, registration and voting dates for the May 2, 2026, bond election.

If voters approve Proposition A, the district will be authorized to generate \$8.1 million by issuing 15-year bonds to fund safety measures, building improvements and the purchase of school buses. This can be done without increasing the current tax rate for homeowners, landowners, or businesses.

Gladewater ISD does not set or control property values. As a result, the total amount of taxes paid each year may still change depending on whether property values increase or decrease.

Under current state law, this bond election will not result in a tax increase for residents 65 years of age or older who have filed for a homestead exemption, unless significant improvements are made to the homestead property. The tax rate and dollar amount paid are frozen when taxpayers turn 65 years of age.

Current residents, including homeowners and renters of Gladewater ISD who are registered to vote by April 2 are eligible to vote in the district's bond election. Gladewater ISD serves a broader area than the City of Gladewater, including residents within district boundaries in Gregg, Upshur, and Smith counties.

Young residents who will be 18 years of age on or before Election Day, May 2, can register to vote and vote in this election as long as they submit their voter registration application by April 2. The registration deadline is always 30 days prior to any election day.

Texas does not have online voter registration. Voter registration forms may be downloaded at [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov). These forms can be completed electronically online, but then must be printed and mailed no later than April 2, 2026. Residents of Gladewater ISD may also verify that they are currently regis-

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## Word, Flanagan win chamber's top award

For 250 years, America has been steadily building and expanding and investing in its foundation. Gladewater Chamber of Commerce did the same last week.

Celebrating 95 years, the chamber and its patriotic theme highlighted some of the best and brightest of the community, youths and men and women and businesses who are part of the bedrock here and who are helping move the community forward.

Meanwhile, the chamber welcomed Gregg County Judge Bill Stout, celebrating his decades in office and giving the membership banquet's attendees a chance to hear what's happening and what's ahead.

"As you continue to grow as a county, you have to be investing in what you're doing, especially the infrastructure," Stout said last week, walking the audience through a variety of recent, ongoing and upcoming projects, some of which are going to build even more momentum here.

His remarks were bookended by the chamber's annual honors, including recognition of the Man and Woman of the Year, local contributor Leon Word and Mayor Brandy Flanagan, respectively.

Likewise, the chamber highlighted its Volunteers of the Year,

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**Gladewater youngsters dash for eggs Saturday at Lake Gladewater**

Break out the bunny basket, and lace up the kids' running shoes. Everyone's invited to this weekend's Gladewater Egg-Stravaganza at Lake Gladewater. The free fun's set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, on the shores of the city's watering hole with age-specific egg hunts kicking off at noon. Hosted by Gladewater Thrive & Connect for 2026, the community celebration begins with egg hunters 3-years-old and younger at 12 p.m. followed by ages 4-7 at 12:45 and 8-and-older at 1:30 p.m. There will be a live DJ along with a variety of local vendors, food trucks, games and more. Naturally, the Easter Bunny will make an appearance for photos. "Bring your baskets, invite your friends and come make sweet memories with us at Gladewater Lake," Thrive & Connect announced in their communitywide invitation. "This is one event you won't want to miss!" For more information, contact [gladewaterthriveandconnect@gmail.com](mailto:gladewaterthriveandconnect@gmail.com).



Chamber President Darren Richardson presented the 2025 Man of the Year award to Leon Word and 2025 Woman of the Year to Brandy Flanagan



## Locals indicted on drug charges and evading arrest

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 36 indictments, seven of them sealed, said District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace.

Defendants, charges and bond information in the open indictments, returned March 19 in Gilmer, were as follows, Wallace's office said last week:

Cederick Lamar Ervin, 59, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Dec. 8, 2025. He was released on \$15,000 bond

Diane Michele Adams-Walke, 61, of Gladewater, possession

of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Sept. 2. She was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Evan Gage Thomas King, 18, of Gladewater, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on Nov. 29, 2025. He posted \$25,000 bond, but was released to Gregg County authorities.

Shannon Olive Smith, 54, of Gilmer, aggravated robbery last Dec. 16. She remained in the Upshur County Jail in Gilmer under \$150,000 bond.

Andrew Martin Williams, 30, of Longview, burglary of habitation last Nov. 11. He remained in county jail under \$20,000 bond.

Autaum Leanne Teal, a Gilmerite who turns 23 Monday, burglary of habitation last Nov. 11. She was freed on \$20,000 bond.

Kayla Sage Cleary, 28, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (psilocin) last July 15. She was released on \$40,000 bond.

Amber Antonnet Pyle, a Gilmerite who turned 39 March 26, assault of public servant on Feb. 10, 2024. She was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Jason Daniel Anderson, 40, of Winnsboro, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last April 26. He was

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## MIND MATTERS

### WO students show scholarly skill in White Oak competition

Students from across the area collected accolades at this week's academic showdown at White Oak ISD.

In addition to the host district, participating schools included Gladewater, Sabine, Arp, West Rusk, and Tatum.

White Oak ISD's competitors brought the school to 2nd place Sweepstakes overall.

Accounting

- Nathan Stringer 1st
- Kylie Caraway 2nd
- Elliott Lattin 3rd
- Bayla Weston 4th

• 1st place team

Calculator Applications

- Stephanie Wilson 5th
- Samantha Crum 6th
- 2nd place team - Wilson, Crum, Shawn Richardson, Logan Langewisch
- Copy Editing
- Cooper Tucker 3rd
- Peyton Yosten 5th
- Kyndal Jones 6th

Current Issues and Events

- Cooper Tucker 1st
- Kaleb Glenn 3rd
- 1st Place Team - Tucker, Glenn, Ian Owen, Connor

Talley

Editorial Writing

- Cooper Tucker 1st
- Peyton Yosten 4th
- Macey Woolley 6th

Feature Writing

- Evelyn Lattin 3rd
- Madi Baker 4th
- Kyndal Jones 6th

Headline Writing

- Kyndal Jones 3rd
- Paxtyn Stith 4th
- Teagan Holder 5th

Informative Speaking

- Kaleb Glenn 1st
- Brody Miller 2nd
- Austy Noll 5th

Lincoln Douglas Debate

- Tate Long and Brody Miller Co-Champions
- Sophie Fisher 3rd

Literary Criticism

- Audrianna Johnson 4th
- Alexis Floyd 6th
- 2nd Place Team - Johnson, Floyd, Miranda Frazier

Math

- Stephanie Wilson 5th
- Owen Hughes 6th

• 2nd Place Team - Wilson, Hughes, Samantha Crum, Chase Berwick

News Writing

- Peyton Yosten 1st
- Evelyn Lattin 4th
- Paxtyn Stith 5th

Number Sense

- Reid Theriot 5th
- 2nd Place Team - Theriot, Berwick, Owen Gee, Gavin Burch

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Easter frame of mind...

I need an Easter frame of mind. Maybe a little more reverence, a little more quiet and a lot more hope, with just a dash of joy. The world is a rough place where we are surrounded by stories of devastation, loss and pain. It is also a world of routine and mundane exhaustion. It can be a world of critical mass anger and frustration. And, of course selfishness and self-absorption.

That is the nature of the world we live in, a by-product of human nature. But here we are on the edge of Easter and I know that some of you need hope today. Probably a lot more than I do.

I know that some of you are dealing with burdens seemingly too great to carry. That is when the rest of us need to reach out with grace.

Hope is there if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. It is in the bird's nest filled with three bright blue eggs. It is in the burnished colors of our East Texas sunrises and sunsets each day. It is that one word spoken that overpowers all the other harsh words that swirl around us.

Hope is in the outpouring of effort to help those who have been blasted by nature's unsparing winds. Hope is in the donations of food, blood and money to meet needs we can not begin to fathom. We receive the gift of hope by giving it to others.

And gifts should never be squandered.

So, on this Holy Week of Easter I wish for you the beauty of sunrise as you begin your busy, and for some, heartbreaking days. I wish for you the bold splash of spring blooms that remind us that winter passes. It may take awhile, but spring will return.

The thing is, we have to embrace it or we remain trapped in the

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



cold cell of our personal winter. What can we do to extend warmth and grace, and maybe most importantly of all, hope?

Maybe grace moments could include letting someone into your lane by slowing just a little to see the stressed out beside us. Perhaps we could buy the meal of the person behind us in the fast food line just to make their day a little brighter. Maybe a generous tip to a hardworking server who is trying to make a living, pay their way through college, or take care of their grandchildren.

Maybe you have your own gentle gift list of hope occurring to you right now.

For those of you who have sent cards, messages and emails to comfort us after losing our much loved newshound Jack, please know that your gifts of grace meant a great deal to us. Small kindnesses make a world of difference. A lesson to remember when we are rushed, exhausted and on our very, last nerve.

So, dear friends and neighbors, let us commit to gifts of grace this week and every week. And when we need them from others, help us to remember to give them first, and then we will find that grace and hope will flow back to us.

I wish each of you, our readers, a most blessed Easter filled with beauty, grace, hope and the promise of the Joy to come.

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## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Paxton calls for Hancock's removal

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton called for Gov. Greg Abbott to remove acting state comptroller Kelly Hancock, calling him an "incompetent loser." The Dallas Morning News reported. Paxton said the governor should replace him with Don Huffines, who defeated Hancock in the GOP primary race for the post earlier this month.

"Kelly Hancock was rejected by Texans because he failed to do his job. He failed to take me down during impeachment, and his career is over," Paxton wrote on X. "It's time for him to be fired."

Before his appointment as acting comptroller, Hancock served in the Texas Senate and was one of two Republican state senators who voted to convict Paxton in his impeachment trial. Paxton was acquitted.

The latest dispute comes after Hancock sent a letter to Paxton and to federal officials, calling for stripping the Houston Quran Academy of its charter because of alleged ties to CAIR, the nation's largest Muslim civil rights advocacy organization. Abbott has designated that group a foreign terrorist organization. The academy is suing to overturn the designation.

### Texas to lead nation in data centers

Texas is poised to lead the nation by 2030 in the number of data centers, the Austin American-Statesman reported, surpassing Virginia. The state currently has 6.5 gigawatts of data center capacity under construction, accounting for 20% of the capacity added to the U.S. pipeline last year. One gigawatt can power about 750,000 homes on average.

Data centers provide the infrastructure to support both crypto currency facilities and the growth of artificial intelligence. The centers require huge amounts of power and water to operate. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates most of the state's power grid, said the continuing growth in data centers will increase Texas energy demand by 71% in the next five years.

Central Texas has become the top data center market in the country. The American-Statesman identified at least 55 completed or planned projects between Temple and San Antonio in 2025.

### \$116M in FIFA safety grants announced

The city of Houston and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, areas that are both hosting FIFA World Cup events, will receive \$116 million in grants to provide for safety personnel, equipment and other public safety needs, the governor's office has announced.

"The FIFA World Cup coming to Texas gives our state a premier opportunity to showcase all it has to offer," Abbott said in a news release. "These public safety grants will help ensure that travelers visiting and traveling throughout Texas can enjoy our great state safely, will bolster Texas' efforts to combat crime, and help prevent potential acts of violence."

The money is coming from the federal government under the omnibus budget bill passed last year. The budget provides \$625 million in federal funding to host cities across America. The funds are allocated for recipients to provide extensive security to protect venues, players, staff and attendees against potential terrorist attacks.

### License seekers will have to prove they're in country legally

Anyone seeking a professional license in Texas, from barbers to dog breeders, will have to prove they are in the country legally after May 1, The Texas Tribune reported. The state's Commission on Licensing and Regulation last week adopted a new rule that could affect thousands of workers.

A long line of speakers at a hearing urged the commission not to adopt the rule, arguing it will hamper the state's economy and push people to work without a license. The commission oversees the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

"TDLR has long been evaluating verification of license eligibility in line with federal law. With the transfer of the Texas Lottery to TDLR, the recent launch of our licensing system modernization project, and increased focus on combatting human trafficking, the department is moving forward with lawful presence verification," Caroline M. Espinosa, a TDLR spokesperson, said.

## Hopping mad about gas prices...



## Housing

We are finally seeing some balance returning to the Texas housing market, although notable issues remain (particularly affordability and supply). Prices are flattening and even dropping in some areas, and houses are staying on the market considerably longer than a few years ago. However, the current situation is more a reflection of slowing economic growth than a massive correction, and some buyers are benefiting.

The housing market was dramatically affected by the pandemic, with a surge in demand for housing as people upsized to deal with work and school from home or to have more space during the disruption. Simultaneously, mortgage interest rates were historically low. Inventories fell, the market shifted dramatically toward sellers, and almost half of houses sold above list price in Texas and during summer months of 2021 and 2022 (with some far above due to bidding wars).

Recent statistics indicate that Texas is ahead of the nation in normalization of the housing cycle. Buyers who locked in rates below 3% during the pandemic have been somewhat stuck because mortgage interest now generally exceeds 6%, notably decreasing affordability. However, these effects have moderated to some extent. Listings are rising, and only about 11% of homes sold above list price last month.

Even with some calming, statewide median sale prices are only down 1% over the past year, though they have dropped significantly more in specific areas. That decline pales in comparison to the rapid escalation that occurred previously. In greater Austin, the pandemic boom was extreme, and the market has now moved into a correction phase, with sharply rising inventories and notable price declines. The Dallas-Fort

## Dr. Ray Perryman



THE ECONOMIST

Worth area market is cooling, but more stable than Austin, and the Houston and San Antonio areas are relatively normal.

Most houses are selling at some discount to list price after the negotiation process. That's good news for buyers facing higher costs for insurance, taxes, and interest. Texas has long been known for housing affordability, but that is no longer universally true (although the situation in the state remains better than many competitive areas). About one-third of Texas households are paying in excess of 30% of income on housing; the situation is particularly difficult for renters (with over half spending at least 30%).

The housing market is essentially resetting after a historic bubble. In addition, current uncertainties such as the weakening economy and geopolitical conflict are putting a damper on purchase decisions. The higher cost of materials subject to tariffs and construction labor shortages from immigration policies have also slowed the pace of affordable inventory development. As long as the slide doesn't become excessive and lengthy, it's part of a necessary and normal adjustment after the frenzy of the past.

Stay safe!

## BE ZEALOUS FOR THE FEAR OF THE LORD

In Proverbs 23:17 we read: "Do not envy sinners but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord." This verse is not hard to understand. We can all appreciate how people might be tempted to envy sinners who live what is sometimes called "the good life." They have no interest in attaining the spiritual goals set by God. They have little or no regard for His divine standards, nor do they have respect for God's people. But it cannot be denied that some sinful people do now seem to, as we sometimes say, "have it all!" They are enjoying the "pleasures of sin for a season" but such pleasures are fleeting. (Heb. 11: 25). Psalms 37: 1 says, "Don't worry or fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious of the works of iniquity." The same thing is stated in Proverbs 24: 19-20.

But the next verse, Proverbs 23: 18 reminds us why we shouldn't envy their lives. It says: "There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." What is that saying? It is saying people who live godly lives will surely have God's future blessings---and it is also reminding us that a time is coming when all the hopes and dreams of people living sinful and wicked lives will be "cut off!" In summation then, the prosperity of the wicked is superficial and temporary and those who trust in God may be certain that, finally, they will be the ones who will be blessed.

You may be sure that the righteous life is the highest quality of life to live. The wicked sinful life hurts the one who lives it and others as well. It will eventually self-destruct, but the righteous life is a blessing in this world, it is a blessing to those nearby, and it will be rewarded in the world to come. So, what are we to do? Focus on God and on doing good! Busy yourself with God's work on earth. Do what you can to prevent evil but commit your ways to God. Trust in Him for He will judge evil and wickedness in His own time.

My friend don't let the glitter of sin blind you to the fact that there is a hereafter, and the choices we make in this life determine our salvation or condemnation in the life to come. Therefore, "exercise yourself toward godliness...which is "profitable...having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4: 8). Think on these things.

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3/26/2026	KIMBRELL, DESTINY MARLO	1006 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT- LOCAL
3/25/2026	BROWNING, JAMES DAVID	1006 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT - OTHER AGENCY (FELONY)

# City of Gladewater crafts plans for repairs to dam

By James Draper

There have been improvements at the Lake Gladewater dam through regular monitoring and ongoing maintenance the past several years, but there's far more to do.

With everyone getting on the same page (and initial funding inbound) the next big task is to formulate a plan. It's a priority for city officials and practical steps are ahead.

The most recent dam inspection wrapped up in November, and it showed one key aspect hasn't changed since the last engineer's examination in March '24.

"In both of those inspections, it was classified as a 'Poor' condition dam," Schaumburg & Polk's Andrew Wright reminded council members March 19.

Such structures fall into one of three categories for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Good, Fair or Poor.

"Poor means there's major deficiencies that if not addressed would lead to a failure," Wright said.

Constructed in 1951-1952, the dam creates approximately 6,900 acre-feet of water, serving as the city's sole source.

"It's a 'High Hazard' structure, meaning the probability of the loss of life in the event of failure is more than seven people and it impacts economic activities."

That's not new information, and the label opens key avenues for public funding assistances. City officials, local officeholders and their counterparts at the regional, state and national level are generally in sync – the dam's aging, it's deteriorating, it needs work and it's not going to be cheap.

"This particular structure has five or six major issues that are noted in the report," Wright said. "Any one of those has led to a failure in the past on other structures."

"The major area of concern to me is the service spillway."

Learn more from the latest report online at [GladewaterMirror.com](http://GladewaterMirror.com)

With Gladewater Fire Chief Tim Basham newly-installed, city officials are once again updating the dam's Emergency Action Plan. Other projects are in the works, Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith said, and maintenance is ongoing.

"I think we're just going to continue forward with the way we're doing things and making sure it doesn't bog down and stop."

There will be follow-through, Mayor Brandy Flanagan added.

"This is a thing that affects us all as a community," she said, opening the floor to questions from the audience at the council's monthly meeting.

Local John Osteen visited City Hall that day to sit down with the 90-page report from SPI.

"Once I saw this thing advertised in the paper, it fascinated me to see what people were saying about the dam and the spillway. I've been around it a lot in my life," he told the council and crowd. In addition to engineering assessment, the report includes 160 annotated photos of the dam: "I started going through it page-by-page. The one thing I couldn't find is what the city has planned to do about it."

"If you see all those pictures in that documentation, it is absolutely a criminal act that it has gotten down that bad. There are cracks everywhere you turn. What has the city got planned to do about those things that can be done now instead of waiting for a disaster?"

Working at the federal level, Mayor Brandy Flanagan said, \$1.5 million has been earmarked for the dam and more efforts are underway. (The funds have not yet been released.)

"The dam and the funding for it is discussed pretty regularly here," she said, pointing the public to the city's website for more documentation on the dam. "All the communities are struggling with this. It's something that as a community we should all be passionate about"

"I just want to assure you this team is on top of it, and we're doing everything possible."

The fire chief inspects the dam every month, councilman Kevin Clark added, and TCEQ inspects it quarterly.

"This didn't happen overnight," council member William Blackmon said. "It's not going to be fixed overnight. You can beat a dead horse, but we are taking action on this."

"We want to make sure this is done right and right for another 75 years."

## Former Gilmer ISD custodian arrested for improper recording

By Phillip Williams

A former Gilmer ISD custodian was arrested last Thursday on a felony charge of invasive visual recording after a concealed cell phone which seemed to be video recording was found in a bathroom at Gilmer Intermediate School, said Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb.

Shamon Natavion Patton, 27, of Ore City, remained in county jail at Gilmer on Monday under \$20,000 bond set by Upshur County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter, said authorities.

Gilmer ISD Superintendent Rick Albritton said Monday that Patton was fired March 20 after being placed on administrative leave for a time.

Webb gave these details of the case in a news release:

The school administration notified his office March 18 "of a suspicious incident that was uncovered the previous afternoon (March 17). A faculty member at the intermediate campus found a cell phone that had been concealed in a trash bucket in one of the boys' bathrooms, and it appeared to be video recording. This

occurred after students had been dismissed for the day.

"The phone was immediately taken to the campus principal (Jasmine McDowell) so that it could be examined to determine an owner. It was learned that the phone belonged to a custodian at the campus."

The school district removed the custodian from the campus, the phone was turned over to the sheriff's office, and sheriff's office investigators later questioned the custodian. An arrest warrant for Patton was "subsequently" issued, and he was arrested at the sheriff's office, according to Webb and the county jail's chief deputy, James Grunden.

"No known images of any child or student were located during the preliminary review of the contents of the phone," Webb said in his news release. He added, however, that "the phone has been submitted for forensic analysis" and "will be examined in entirety as part of the ongoing criminal investigation in the coming days and weeks."

While Webb's news release said the school notified the sheriff's office of the matter March 18, Albritton said GISD actually reported it to School Resource Officer Tim Scott, who works for the sheriff's office, about 5 p.m. March 17. Albritton explained that GISD notified Webb himself the following day.

Commenting on the nine-day delay between the time the phone was found and Patton was arrested, Albritton said authorities "had to do a search of the phone" before making an arrest. It was unclear what date investigators questioned the suspect before he was jailed.

## WO students show scholarly skill in White Oak competition

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Persuasive Speaking  
 • Brody Greenwood 1st Place  
 • Sophie Fisher 2nd Place  
 • Cooper Tucker 3rd Place

Poetry Interpretation  
 • Kaydence Love 3rd  
 • Kelsie Shelton 4th  
 • Claira Burkett 5th

Prose Interpretation  
 • Connor Hidalgo 3rd  
 • Madison Pendleton 5th  
 • Laia Lynchard 6th

Ready Writing  
 • Brooklyn Bowen 5th  
 • Lexi Morris 6th

Science  
 • Beau Tinchler 2nd

• Caleb Anderson 3rd  
 • 2nd Place Team - Tinchler, Anderson, Marie Gay, Eli Fritsche  
 • Top Biology Score - Caleb Anderson

Social Studies  
 • Brookly Bowen 1st  
 • JJ McLane 4th  
 • Caleb Watson 5th  
 • 2nd Place Team - Bowen, McLane, Watson, Jasper Reynolds

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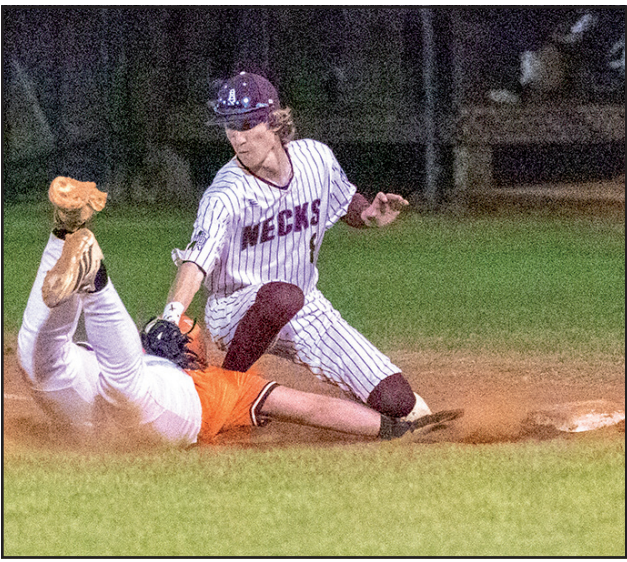
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# Sports roundup

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears baseball team continued their fight for a top 4 district seed and a playoff spot as they played two with cross town rival White Oak and in game one in Gladewater it was pitchers duel where the Roughnecks held on to win it 3-1. White Oak put up single runs in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> innings. Gladwater got their lone run in 3<sup>rd</sup> inning on a Aubry Floyd rbi single. In the return game in White Oak, the Roughnecks jumped out early and never looked back as they cruised to a 11-1 victory. White Oak pushed through two runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> and three runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning to have a 5-0 lead after two innings.

Then they put it away with a 4 spot in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. Nico Soto drove in 3 for White Oak and Jordy Robertson drove in two. The losses drop Gladewater to 9-10 and 1-6 in district play. They will next be in action with a home and home with Sabine.

White Oak improves to 10-7-1 and 4-2 in district play and will next be on the field with a pair of games with West Rusk.

The Gladewater Lady Bears softball team continued their fight for a playoff spot as they took on rival White Oak for two games that began in Gladewater when after a close game early, the Ladynecks blew it open and cruised to a 14-5 win. The game was even after one inning but added two in the second, two in the third and five in the fourth to make it a runaway. In the return game in White Oak, it was a pitches duel through 1 inning as it was a scoreless game.

But the Ladynecks blew it open with three in the second, three in the third, two in the fourth and four in the fifth to put it away. With the losses, the Lady Bears to 9-19 and 2-6 in district play. White Oak improves to 24-2 and 7-0 in district play.

Gladewater will next be in action with a home and home with Sabine, White Oak will have a home and home with West Rusk.

The Union Grove Lions baseball team had two important district games with the Carlisle Indians starting with the game in Carlisle where the Indians jumped out to a 2-0 lead and held it till the 6<sup>th</sup> where the Lions put up 4 and followed that up with 4 in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning to win it 8-2.

That was followed up by the return game in Union Grove where it was a back and forth contest all night but in the end the Lions won it on a Wrigley Roberts walked it off with a rbi single in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning.

he wins improve Union Grove to 9-6-1 and 3-3 in district play. They will next be in action with a pair of games with Harleton.

The Union Grove Lady Lions softball team continued their climb up the district standings as they played a pair with the Carlisle Lady Indians where in game one in Carlisle, it was a absolute beatdown as Union Grove won 23-0 in a run rule 3 inning game.

The Lady Lions put up 9 runs in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The return game in Union Grove, it happened again as the Lady Lions romped to another 23-0 win in three innings. The wins improve Union Grove to 9-9 and 6-2 in district play.

They will next be in action with a pair of games with Harleton.



# Organizers line up 2026 fishing outing for special needs kids

For the third year in a row, local children and adults with special needs will get to 'Catch A Special Thrill' at the end of May at Lake Gladewater.

It's called C.A.S.T. for Kids, but the fun's definitely open to all ages, says co-organizer Joey Walker. The goal's always to give children, teens and adults with special needs a great experience on the water courtesy of area anglers.

"The registration's open already," he said, "looking for kids and boaters."

The 2026 event runs 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the local lake. No-cost registration ensures each participant will receive a shirt, hat, rod and reel, tackle, plaque, a medal and lunch, too.

Everybody wins, Walker says, whether they're participating on the water, welcoming guests on the shore or just pitching in funds to give someone a fun outdoor excursion. The organizers are casting a wide net to draw special needs

individuals from across the area.

"I don't care how old they are, either," Walker emphasized. "No age limit."

"It's for the kids to be able to get out and experience fishing. Considering medical and practical limitations, that's not something they're able to do all the time."

"It gives these children opportunities to get out and get involved," and it's truly rewarding to see the smiles: "It's nice to see the happiness of children getting to do something different," Walker said. "If anyone wants to be a sponsor and donate money to it, let us know."

Boats and boaters are definitely needed, he repeated. For more information, call Walker at 903-241-3882 or reach Patty Walker at 903-635-2899.

Learn more about the event, register a participant or volunteer a boat by logging on to [castforkids.org/event/lakegladewater/](http://castforkids.org/event/lakegladewater/)



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- 17 TXism: "paddle your \_\_\_ canoe"
- 18 TXism: "gentle \_\_\_ a merry-go-round"
- 21 this Stone directed Texas-based "JFK" film (init.)
- 22 cart-pulling cows
- 23 TXism: "the bigger they \_\_\_, \_\_\_ harder they fall"
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- 30 Army trained WWII pilots at \_\_\_ Army Field near Victoria
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- 32 ex-Cowboy head coach Parcells has a good one
- 34 Rising \_\_\_, TX
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- 36 unincorporated town in Armstrong County

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- 38 Triple Crown winner "Assault" was Texas-\_\_\_
- 39 old time Texas music party
- 41 TXism: "don't \_\_\_ dead horse" (wasted effort)
- 42 flightless bird

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- 3 this Leigh was "Scarlett O'Hara" in 1939 blockbuster
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- 9 ex-Cowboy punter, Mike (1985-92)
- 10 six tennis game wins is this (2 wds.)
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- 12 TX Holly's "\_\_\_ Boy"
- 13 fuzzy Australian marsupials at the San Antonio Zoo
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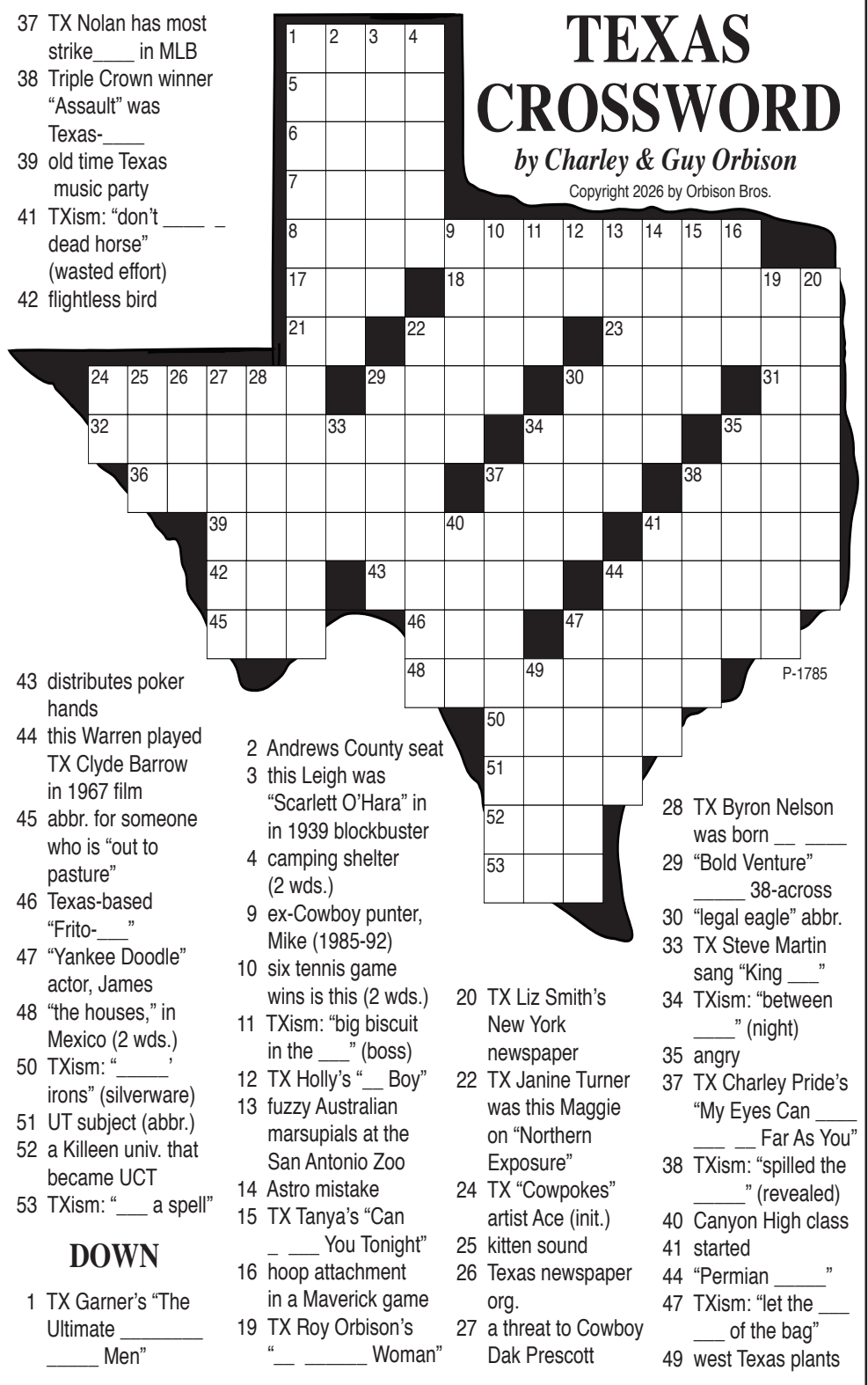
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# Locals indicted on drug charges and evading arrest

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released on \$45,000 bond.

Michael James Ageton, a Gilmerite who turned 39 March 25, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Sept. 22. He was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Johnathan James Willis, 28, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Dec. 28. He remained in county jail under \$35,000 bond.

Steven H. Mabry, 52, of Ben Wheeler, was separately indicted on charges of (possessing) prohibited substance/item in correctional facility and failure to register as sex offender.

He is charged with committing the registration offense last Dec. 19 and the other offense last Dec. 30. He was freed on \$20,000 bond (\$10,000 per charge).

Demond Antwain Ward, 36, of Longview, unlawful possession of firearm by felon last Dec. 30. He remained in county jail under \$35,000 bond.

Dillion Michael Miller, 28, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) on May 16, 2024. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

Jan Cherice Myers, 50, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Dec. 31, 2024. She was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Patty Jo Brown, 46, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last May 5. She was released on \$10,000 bond.

Daniel Levi Armstrong, 36, of Whitehouse, possession of controlled substance (heroin) last July 16. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Shane Caleb Bridges, 44, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Aug. 10. He was released on \$5,000 bond.

Ronald Caleb Alexander, 36, of Diana, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Aug. 18. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Kindell Danielle Jones, 37, of Gilmer, driving while intoxicated with child passenger on Sept. 25, 2024. She was released on \$5,000 bond.

Dennis W. Williamson Jr., 38, of Longview, driving while intoxicated with child passenger last Dec. 31. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Matthew Jason Beckwith, 50, of Big Sandy, driving while intoxicated with child passenger last July 25. He also was released on \$5,000 bond.

Jose Romaldo Rodriguez Martinez, 31, of West Palm Beach, Fla., fraudulent use/possession (of) identifying information items on Sept. 20, 2023. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Charles Wayne Kuykendall, 47, of Gilmer, assault on public servant on Feb. 15. He remained jailed under \$75,000 bond.

Asher Felix Gabriel Arispe, 20, of Gilmer, assault/family violence-occlusion on Jan. 15. He also remained jailed under \$75,000 bond.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a Public Meeting on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, TX 75601. The MPO will present a draft Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (FY 27-30 TIP). The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has also scheduled a Transportation Policy Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, TX 75601. The Transportation Policy Board will consider approval and adoption of the FY 27-30 TIP.

The meetings will be live-streamed on the City of Longview's Facebook Live, CityView Municipal TV LongviewTexas.gov/CityView, and Longview Cable TV: Channel 10.1 or 215. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. A 13-day public comment and review period for the TIP will be held from March 27, 2026, to April 8, 2026. Comments and questions regarding the Longview MPO's FY 27-30 TIP may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606, or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. The TIP will be available for review online after the meeting, at LongviewTexas.gov/MPO, and the Longview MPO office located at 933 Mobile Dr., Longview, TX 75604. This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's Program of the Project requirements. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact the Longview MPO at 903-237-1062. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Marisela Linthicum en 903-237-1300.

**Advertisement and Invitation for Bids**

The City of White Oak will receive sealed bids for HMGP Project# DR-4485-0156, Generator for Big Sandy Creek, HMGP Project# DR-4485-0161 Generator for the Public Works Building & HMGP Project# DR-4485-0155 Locker Plant Road Booster Pump Station until 11am on Tuesday April 14, 2026, please address all bids to **Attn: City Secretary, Kristine Toon**, City of White Oak, 906 S. White Oak Road, White Oak, TX 75693. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11am on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the City of White Oak, 906 S. White Oak Road, White Oak, TX 75693.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: HMGP Project# DR-4485-0156, Generator for Big Sandy Creek, HMGP Project# DR-4485-0161 Generator for the Public Works Building & HMGP Project# DR-4485-0155 Locker Plant Road Booster Pump Station. Work Includes 200kw diesel generator, 100kw diesel generator and 50kw diesel generator, electrical modifications, concrete pad work and minor chain link fencing.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at SPI, 320 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, TX 75702, and City of White Oak, 906 S. White Oak Road, White Oak, TX 75693.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained for a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. Plans can also be found online at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com).

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of White Oak or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

This project to be constructed pursuant to this contract will be financed with assistance of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

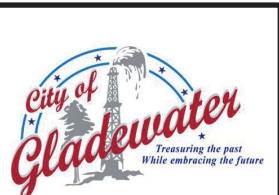
The City of White Oak reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of White Oak for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Adv. Dates: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

City of White Oak  
City Contact: Jimmy Purcell  
Title: City Manager



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Gladewater City Council adopted the following ordinance March 19, 2026:

Ordinance O-26-04 Amending §15.03.020 Building Regulations Schedule of Permit Fees, §17.09

Building/Inspections Fee Schedule, and §17.17 Water Department Fee Schedule of the City of Gladewater Code of Ordinances This ordinance shall become effective 30 days following publication as required by law.

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The City of White Oak will receive sealed bids for State Highway 42 TxDOT Utility Relocations. Bids will be received until 2pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at City of White Oak, 906 S. White Oak Road, White Oak, TX 75693. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2pm on Tuesday May 5, 2026, please address all bids to **Attn: City Secretary, Kristine Toon** at City of White Oak, 906 S. White Oak Road, White Oak, TX 75693. Bids received after 2pm will be returned, unopened.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., 320 S Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, TX 75702, and at City of White Oak, 906 S. White Oak Road, White Oak, TX 75693.

PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS may be examined without charge at White Oak City Hall. Bid forms and plans may be examined or obtained at the office of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., 320 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, Texas 75702. One copy of each set of documents may be obtained from Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., upon payment of \$60.00. No refunds will be made. Plans can also be found online at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com).

A Bidder's Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check in an amount not less than (5%) of the total bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into contract with the City of White Oak, Texas.

This project will include approximately 14,381 of 8" C-900 PVC Waterline, 4,122 LF of 14" C-900 PVC Waterline, 2,100 LF of 6" D2241 PR 160 SDR 26 PVC Sewer Line and other miscellaneous items of construction.

The project is to be substantially complete within 300 calendar days from the notice to proceed, and shall be fully complete within 330 calendar days from the notice to proceed. Liquidated damages of \$300.00 per day shall be assessed for any days in which contract time is exceeded.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The City of White Oak reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Adv. Dates: April 2, 2026  
April 9, 2026

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## "A-B" Honor Roll

Ann'Mae Allis, Tinsley Allen, Anessa Arellano, Jaxson Baker, Kendyl Beadles, Osa Brady, Hank Cannon, Zoey Ceballos, Clara Crawford, Sebastian Dangel, Cole Ellis, Robert Fagan, Mason Fiallos, Daniel Flores Gonzales, Everlee Garland, Tinslee Gunn, Oliver Herrera Monreal, Dakota Hess, Adaleigh Hooks, Daxton Ince, Izayah Jackson, Rylee Jones Lillyana Kinsey, Gemma Lamborn, Tristan Magliolo, Nola McCarty, Malorie Mendez, Amere Minter, Natalie Mora Hernandez, Ashton Parker, Ariel Petrie, Nelson Pineda Molina, Margo Pouliasis, Jaxson Shoup, Carlos Soto Santos, Sylar Stinnett, Easton Torres, Kaia Wilburn Tutor, Issac Yanez Jimenez

## 3rd Grade

### "A" Honor Roll

Rizzo Burks, Dylan Carrillo-Soto, Scarlett Churchill, Britain Daniels, Edward Diaz Hernandez, Cameron Dickinson, Michael Garcia, Alizabeth Henson, Emmi Hogan, Avery Lee, Halle Louvier, Amelia Marshall, Ada Martinez, Hollie Pettiette, Emely Pineda Molina, Orson Reynolds, Bailyn Simmons, Adalynn Sipes, Brantlee Woods

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## 4th Grade

### "A" Honor Roll

Ava Aldredge, Victoria Dominguez, Alexis Ferrero, Cayden Fletcher, Kenneth Leerstang, Isaiah Menefee, Dylan Reynolds, Milo Vickers, Rebeca Wright

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Genevieve Allen, Correy Armstrong, Abigail Beaver, Lillian Bell, Natalie Brady, Rhenley Capps, Laykn Cates, Evelyn Chavarria, Aurora Coronado, Daryl Cravey, Ryan Crews, Rayelynn Gibson, Harper Gladden, Chelsea Hale, Charlee Jackson, Story Jenkins, Koleson Keg-earise, Harleigh King, Anastasia Lacy, Maleigha Lewis, Ava Lumpkins, Camila Maya, Evelyn Meals, Zy Rialle Miller, Kimberly Nunez Santibanez, Jayden Petrie, Knox Reed, Annaleigha Rivera, Vivienne Robinson, Sarah Schlaefer, Natalee Smith, Nikolas Snow, Amara Tate, Jason Taylor, Talon Teel, Evalynn Valle, Tamara Washington

## 5th Grade

### "A" Honor Roll

Cayson Armstrong, Brilynn Bell, Paxton Bell, LilyAnn Budro, Juddson Cook, Ashley Dorantes Garcia, Miguel Hernandez, Aleighsia Jackson, Robert Louvier, Colton McCollon, Katelyn Mireles, Raquelita Roque, Brenden Townsend

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Weston Acton, Bailey Babbitt, Brylen Bailey, Lillian Bamburg, Walker Barnhill, Kinsley Beadles, Addison Bigler, Hunter Bohanon, Reagan Bradshaw, Christina Bray, Elizabeth Brown, Maria Calderon Cardenas, Natalia Chavarria, Cotton Chisnall, D'Aysia Crawford,



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## GLADEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 6th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Landen Anderson, Abisai Avila Sandoval, Leland Bamburg, Lila Brown, LaShiya Burton, Elijah Childress, Carter Ellis, Emmaleigh Harris, Saul Herrera, Milana McDowell, James Meals, Bayleigh Wady, Parker Webber, Justice Webster, Brandon Wheeler.

#### A/B Honor Roll

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### 7th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Caleb Bellanger, John Brown, InaSue Budro, Giselle Ceballos, Chandler Cloud, Damien Cox, Alejandro Diaz, Amberae Duvall, Victor Espinoza, Korbin Evans, John Jackson, Kinsley Nielsen, Victoria Parker, Carmen Pineda Molina, Isabella Polanco, Jayden Rojas, Sadie Shackelford, Chevelle Sisson, Aliyah Thomas, Deion Thomas, Devon Wade, Emily Youngblood.

#### A/B Honor Roll

Kira Anderson, Ayden Bauman, Princeton Bell, Zahon Brown, William Carney, William Cerda, Emily Cheatwood, Brooklynn Dangel, Terrell Daniels, Garrett Davis, Litzzy Delgado, Kar'Dae Ford, Maverick Hamby, Kaydense Huerta, Nickolas Hunter, Zae'Chamerial Jackson, Glenn Lucus, Riley Maness, Alijah Mendoza, Keylin Mills, Noah Mullican, Lincoln Robinson, Ashly Rodriguez, Gracie Schlaefer, Braxton Sinclair, Clayton Sisk, Ethan Slater, Rachel Small, Harrison Smith, Nathaniel Timmons, Kali Tolliver, Landry Townsend.

### 8th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Brady Aldredge, Brandon Burdine, Michael Collins, Fernanda Coronado, Kyndall Evans, June Macklin, Elizabeth Morrison, Cullen Reynolds.

#### A/B Honor Roll

Kolbi Alverson, Peyton Bell, Connor Brack, Kayleigh Cannon, Lydia Crane, Adalayah Cuba, Kelsi Cushatt, Jayden Dandoy, Dexter Dickinson, Cera Dykes Miller, Rylee Farley, Kendon Gage, Aleeyah Gallardo, Drake Gilstrap, Trevor Gothard, Alonna Gregory, Kindyl Harper, Emma Harroff, Kaylynn Hawley, Kanai Hicks, Kaia-Ann Hill, Brighton Ku, Ava LaForest, Aniyah Lee,

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## GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL

### 9th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

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### 10th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Mariah Barksdale, Vivian Bray, Bailey Childress, Noah Clay, Samuel Corona, McKensey Cuellar-Martinez, Emily Dickinson, Noah Jenkins, Titus Macklin, Jade Mireles, Madden Ramirez, Lainey Reynolds, Ariel Robinson, Jayde Royle, Lilia Sanchez, Alexander Villalpando, Kaeden Willeby, Jayden Wright,

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### 11th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Coby Bellenger, Emmie Benson, Abigail Carney, Kylie Faye, Lesly Hernandez, Nobellee Humphrey, Aryana Jones, Mason Knoll, Silver Little, Olivia Miller, Grace Mooney, Thalia Renfro, Teagan Watkins-Brack, Couri Willeby, Kendal Yount

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# What's Happening?

## 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.

## Local DAV offer free pancakes

Gilmer branches of two national veterans' organizations plan events in the next two weeks.

Disabled American Veterans Post No. 204 will hold a free pancake breakfast for veterans and their families Saturday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the post headquarters, across from Walmart on U.S. 271.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6715 plans a garage sale at its headquarters on the outskirts of Gilmer April 10-11, said post Commander Oscar Martinez. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1484 VFW Road. Items available will include clothing, bedding, beds and numerous miscellaneous items, Martinez said. For more information on the breakfast or sale, call Martinez at 480-202-2511.

## Gladewater Community Reunion sets food, fun in park May 16

The Gladewater Community Reunion is set for all-day May 16 at Bumble Bee Park.

Hosted by the Gladewater MLK/Juneteenth Committee, the event's open to everyone from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. that Saturday.

"Come out and join us for a Community Reunion as we celebrate one another in the spirit of family, unity, and togetherness," the committee announced. "Just like a family reunion, there will be great food, music, laughter, and fellowship as neighbors and friends gather to reconnect and enjoy a day of fun.

With free hots for kids, food trucks will be on-hand selling everything from tacos and fish to chicken wings.

"Bring your lawn chairs, bring your appetite, and bring the whole family — everyone is welcome!"

Find event updates online via [tinyurl.com/GladewaterCommunityReunion](http://tinyurl.com/GladewaterCommunityReunion)

## Vendors needed for Farmers Market

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](http://tinyurl.com/WhiteOakFFAMarket).

## Word, Flanagan win chamber's top award

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Rocky Hawkins and Rose Owens, as well as Small Business of the Year, Michelle Stewart's Three Roots Boutique, and Large Business of the Year, City National Bank of Gladewater, represented by Jon Keller, VP and Regional President.

Educator of the Year is Gladewater Middle School's Leah Bickerdike alongside Youth of the Year Susy Perez and Gladewater Chamber of Commerce Yamboree Duchess Ella Williams.

Gladewater Chamber President Lois Reed (recently recognized as the City of Gladewater's Volunteer of the Year) praised outgoing Chamber Board President Darren Richardson for his service. Richardson, in turn, presented City of Gladewater Secretary Judy Van Houten with the Bradley Award alongside TICO's Arron Watson, who also operates the Lake Store.

"Everybody's got to work together and everybody's got to be looking at a regionalism-type approach where everybody benefits when something takes place," Stoudt said. "Something that benefits Longview is going to benefit Gladewater," and vice versa.

Something like the substantial, multi-phase road construction projects that are already underway in and around the community.

From the widening of 271 north and south of the city to the enhancement of Loop 485, more than \$200 million is being spent on construction here, and Gladewater will reap the benefits.

Along with the development of the Sabine River Paddling Trail, "You're going to start seeing retail happen, you're going to start seeing more traffic happen, you're going to start seeing the growth," he said, "and having good infrastructure in place, what it does for growth.

"The great thing about all this, all this money is in place, and Gladewater's not paying for it, and Gregg County's not paying for it" as Texas Department of Transportation invests here. "It's part of the infrastructure you have to invest in. You have to find ways to upgrade it, update it and make it better."

With a bird's-eye view of the still-new \$24 million courthouse parking facility as well as two new precinct buildings, Stoudt noted a major upgrade for Gregg County Sheriff's Department vehicles as well as the \$4 million upgrade of the county's 40-year-old financial system.

It's been a massive undertaking, he joked, but after two years in transition, the conversation project went live April 1.

Meanwhile, "We just spent close to \$22 million on airport improvements that are federally funded. We put up 10 percent, they paid for the rest," covering a long list of improvements including runway overlays as was terminal renovations at Gregg County Regional Airport. "To be a growing region of the state you've got to have an active airport. You've got to be able to have commercial airlines, and you've got to be able to take big airlines.

"We can do all that at Gregg County."

A new facility at the UT Tyler Longview University Center will be home to a physician's assistant program.

"That will be a great asset for the community and region as we go forward," he said. "You'll hear me talk a lot about 'region.'

Independent cities and counties that want to stay in their own little silo is not going to be very productive moving forward.

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tered at [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov).

Early voting and voting on Election Day will take place at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Ave. This location will serve as the polling location for all Gladewater ISD voters in Upshur, Smith, and Gregg counties.

Early voting by personal appearance is scheduled as follows:

- Monday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21 — Closed for state holiday
- Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, April 27, through Tuesday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Day will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at Gladewater City Hall.

If you have questions or need more information, please visit [www.gladewaterisd.com](http://www.gladewaterisd.com) (<http://www.gladewaterisd.com/>), or email <mailto:bond@gladewaterisd.com>



## Help us find our fellow Bears!

In 1976, our nation celebrated it's bicentennial.

This year will mark 50 years since the Gladewater High School Bicentennial Bears walked the field at the old Bear Stadium. The 1976 Class will host this year's All School Reunion on September 26, 2026 with a luncheon and program beginning at noon at the Gladewater Former Student's Association, 2509 Hendricks Street.

We are looking for lost classmates. If you are reading this and have a friend or loved one who graduated in '76, please share this with them.

Also, we don't care if you didn't make it all the way to the end. If you are someone who were a part of our high school class at some point, we'd love to see you!

You may contact us by email at [ghsreunion2026@gmail.com](mailto:ghsreunion2026@gmail.com).

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# 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.

