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## Help protect vulnerable road users

1 in 5 traffic fatalities involved a pedestrian or bicyclist

AUSTIN – Spring brings out walkers, cyclists and drivers to enjoy the beauty across the state. No matter how you explore Texas, we can help each other stay safe on the road.

Texans take care of their neighbors, but far too often people forget to do that when they are behind the wheel. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is urging everyone to always follow the law and drive like a Texan: kind, courteous and safe.

"We continue to see an increase in the number of crashes involving pedestrians or cyclists each year," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "All of us share a responsibility to watch out for each other, but people on foot or riding a bike are most at risk for serious injury or worse in a crash with a car, which means drivers must be extra vigilant."

### The data

In 2024, 852 cyclists and pedestrians were killed in crashes on Texas roads, accounting for more than 20% of all traffic fatalities. There were 6,095 crashes involving pedestrians and 2,761 crashes involving bicyclists.

In early 2025, there were 1,372 traffic crashes involving pedestrians in Texas and 527 traffic crashes involving bicyclists. In these crashes, 186 people were killed.

TxDOT's Drive like a Texan traffic safety initiative will remind Texans to Be Safe. Drive Smart. by providing safety tips to protect vulnerable road users.

### If you're driving

Stop and yield for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks.

Give bikes space and pass at a safe distance. Yield when turning and always look twice for pedestrians and cyclists. Follow the posted speed limit and adjust your speed to conditions.

### If you're walking

Cross the street only at crosswalks and intersections.

Stick to sidewalks, but if none exists, walk facing traffic on the left side unless it is obstructed or unsafe.

### If you're biking

Stop at red lights and stop signs. Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or ride as near as possible to the right-hand curb. Use hand signals for turns or stops.



It took all of 36 seconds for local youngsters to scoop up their eggs at Lake Gladewater Sunday afternoon. A rainy Easter weekend forced volunteer organizers from Gladewater Thrive & Connect to reschedule Egg-stravaganza to Sunday afternoon, and they drew a healthy crowd, culminating in a final heat of "8 years-old and older" to close the celebration.

Photos by James Draper



## Simultaneous cleanups Saturday will spruce streets, closets for Spring

Gladewater's Spring Citywide Cleanup Saturday will once again include a tribute to a longtime local driver.

Spearheaded by Gladewater City Hall, the community trash collection downtown runs 8 a.m. to noon on East Commerce Avenue. Personnel will be standing by April 11 to help locals unload their trash haul since Fall.

Simultaneously, volunteers with Gladewater Chamber of Commerce will be on patrol through the center of town, snagging all the roaming bits of refuse.

Chamber dynamo Lois Reed is recruiting helpers to lend a hand with the annual pickup of Main Street in memory of the late Marsha Valdetero, Reed's predecessor as president of the chamber.

Reed never knows how much assistance she'll have until

the morning-of, but she's eager as ever to be surprised by the turnout.

"We always coincide with city cleanup, in October and in April."

The chamber's group will gather at the southern intersection of Hwy. 271 and Loop 485 at 8:30 a.m. Saturday (in the parking lot of Penny's Food & Fuel) before setting out north.

"We come straight up Main Street," Reed said, picking up litter through downtown, crossing over Hwy. 80 and continuing to the northern intersection of the loop and 271.

The chamber will provide TxDOT-approved high-visibility vests and trash bags.

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## Downtown fit to burst with packed Gusher Days vendors and fun April 17-18

Lois Reed and Michelle Stone were putting their heads together Monday afternoon, working on the complicated calculus of placing vendors at Gusher Days.

With scores on the roster this year, it was no easy task, but the pair of planners got it done with time to spare before the 41st annual Gusher Days celebration Friday and Saturday next, April 17-18.

Streets shut down and activity picks up Friday as an array of artists and artists, crafters and creators set up their wares to welcome visitors from across the region.

"We have had an overwhelming response of vendors wanting to have a booth," Reed said. "We have almost 120 vendors. We're excited about that, tremendously."

With a growing waiting list, "We have a wide variety of new vendors coming in that we think the people will really enjoy shopping."

They'll be fill Pacific Street along with a newly-available area under the derrick providing 40-plus additional spots.

It means more foot traffic, more shoppers, according to Stone, a former business owner downtown. Gusher Days injects a lot of activity each April.

Friday night's free, live entertainment will see the return of the Darrin Morris Band, performing 7 p.m. to 10 – bring your lawn chair, says Reed.

Saturday morning dawns with the Gladewater Lions Club's annual Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the Gusher Days Car Show beginning at 8 a.m. Entry for vehicle showcase is just \$20 and more awards will be in the mix in '26.

"I have contacted car clubs. I hope we have a lot of cars that haven't been viewed in quite a while," Reed noted. "The judges have a new set of categories they're going to be judging in, so it should be a fun time."

Dale "The C" Cummings will once again feature at 10 a.m. and DJ Randy will take the event's stage from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

"He will be entertaining the crowd," Reed said. "We'll have

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Gladewater Fire Department personnel respond to the scene of a barn fire in the 1200 block of Pine Hills Lane Monday afternoon, working alongside firefighters from Big Sandy Volunteer Fire Department. It was too early to pinpoint a cause April 6, but an unattended burn pile nearby appeared to be a likely culprit for the total loss of the structure. Emergency responders, assisted by Christus EMS and others, were dispatched shortly after noon.

Photo by James Draper

## Public forums set April 15-16 for Kilgore College presidential finalists

Public forums for Kilgore College presidential finalists Dr. Staci Martin and Dr. Tracee Watts will be held April 15 and April 16 in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore campus.

Each finalist will participate in two forums, including morning and afternoon sessions, providing opportunities to hear directly from each candidate.

The forums are open to the public and will also be available via Zoom.

Zoom links, additional details and information on submitting questions prior to the forums will be available at [www.kilgore.edu/presidential-search](http://www.kilgore.edu/presidential-search).

Attendees will be able to provide feedback on each candidate through a survey, with a link distributed following each forum.

"The board of trustees encourages faculty, staff, students and community members to attend these public forums and share their input as we work to select the next president of Kilgore College," said Josh Edmonson, president of the KC Board of Trustees. "Engagement from our campus and community stakeholders is an important part of this process, and we value the perspectives they will provide."

Full bios of the finalists are available at [www.kilgore.edu/presidential-search](http://www.kilgore.edu/presidential-search).



# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Bubbles of joy...

My chubby little legs swung back and forth as I sat in the pew with the corded gold cushion. I was mesmerized by the play of light on my white patent leather Mary Jane shoes. My sweet lace-trimmed socks were turned down just so and matched my lacy short gloves. My Easter bonnet was a cute little confection that could have passed for an Easter basket if turned upside down.

Remember those new white patent leather shoes? How they smelled? How they scuffed? Our sweet southern Mamas always laid down the LAW...no white until Easter and never, ever after Labor Day. I fully expected social shunning if this rule was broken. Now we demonstrate our raising and good taste by refusing to wear our pajamas to shop at Wal-Mart.

As a small child I remember the gloves, hats and heels Mom wore to church every Sunday. I still have two pair of my stylish Mom's three-quarter length kid leather gloves that are as soft as butter. Still.

In my long ago childhood nearly every Easter began with a sunrise service, followed by the Big Church service and then a dinner that could feed the Multitude of 5,000. Truly biblical proportions of food were generated in my Mama's kitchen.

Egg hunts followed dinner and as the kids grew we were bribed with brightly colored eggs with change instead of candy. I am ashamed to say that bills eventually had to be added for our mercenary, selfish pre-teen selves to participate. My little brother was five years younger than my cousins and me. And yes, the money worked. For a long, long, time.

Some of the best Easters in my memory include my son and the second set of cousins. We repeated the Easter traditions but this time without the gloves, hats or even the heels. Our culture had become a tad less formal.

The sunrise service had disappeared and so had patent leather Mary Jane shoes. But Big Church was still followed by a feast fit to welcome home the prodigal children of our extended family.

Hubby's contribution to the Easter Tradition Remix was kites for everybody young and old who wanted one. They were themed and carefully selected with super heroes, ninja turtles and Star Wars characters. My playful adult contribution was bubbles with the huge wands which pleased kids of all ages. Even the ones with canes and walkers.

Throw in a bit of softball, badminton or croquet, a huge yard, and the continuing feasts following Easter services with songs like "He is Risen!" sung loudly, if off key, and the perfect holiday memories were created.

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



I will desperately miss my Mom's and Aunt Gwen's specialty foods this Sunday. I will miss my childhood church that no longer exists. I will fervently wish for a chance to share kites and bubbles with the children of our family. But what I will do for sure is remember.

My brothers and cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles, my son and his cousins, a family that lasts beyond distance, time and even life. These memories are where a great deal of my joy resides.

I wish abundant blessings of Joy to each of your homes this Easter. May you make memories that last through generations and may Easter's message of hope, of new beginnings and of LOVE beyond comprehension be yours.

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## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Border wall through Big Bend apparently on hold

After public outcry, a physical border wall through Big Bend National Park appears to be on hold, The Texas Tribune reported.

In February, the Trump administration waived more than two dozen environmental laws in order to clear the way for a 150-mile-long wall through West Texas, including Big Bend and the adjoining state park. Opposition quickly arose from people and politicians from both parties.

The sheriffs of Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Presidio and Terrell counties — a mix of Democrats and Republicans — wrote an open letter that said: "Based on decades of combined experience working with this terrain, we believe that construction of a continuous physical border wall in the Big Bend region would not represent the most practical or strategic approach to border security in this area."

Now, a map on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website no longer indicates plans to construct a physical wall in the Big Bend region. It is unclear if those plans are final, since the map has been changed several times in the past few weeks.

The rugged area historically has been the least-busy of the nine Border Patrol sectors, accounting for just 1.3% of the 237,538 apprehensions recorded along the entire U.S.-Mexico border during the last fiscal year.

### State on trial for un-airconditioned prisons

The state of Texas is now on trial in an Austin federal court to determine whether it must provide air-conditioning in state prisons, kut.org reported. Inmates and their attorneys have argued for decades that summer conditions — where temperatures can reach 110 degrees — constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

"The Constitution requires living conditions that are not exposing individuals to high heat levels, and the evidence has consistently shown that what TDCJ has done as an alternative has just not been effective," attorney Brandon Duke said. "It's not a solution."

The state counters that it is bringing more AC online at its prisons. Plaintiff attorneys say at least five inmates have died in Texas from heat-related illness since 2023.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice says it would cost \$1.5 billion to install air-conditioning systems at all its prisons, and that state lawmakers must approve the funding.

U.S. District Judge Robert Pittman is expected to rule from the bench after the trial concludes.

### Camp Mystic files application to reopen this summer

Camp Mystic has filed an application with the state to reopen this summer, the Houston Chronicle reported. More than two dozen children and two camp counselors were killed in the July 4 flash floods that swept the camp. The Texas Department of State Health Services, which oversees camp licensing, said it has received complaints about the camp and that it will be "investigated for violations of the laws and rules governing youth camps."

DSHS has been sued by the parents of nine victims who contend the camp was wrongfully licensed just two days before the disaster last summer, even though it lacked an evacuation plan. In a separate case, a Travis County judge has ordered Camp Mystic to preserve for future examination the cabins and grounds damaged in the floods.

### Texas school teacher pay drops

A new report from the University of Houston Education Research Center indicates average pay for Texas public school teachers has dropped about \$5,000 over the past decade, the Chronicle reported. The decrease comes even as the cost of living has increased during that time span.

"When we look at those regional differences, there are some increases across the state, but really what we're seeing is that average teacher salaries haven't kept up with inflation," said Toni Templeton, the Education Research Center's senior research scientist. Average base pay for the state's most experienced teachers, those with 11 or more years of experience, has declined from about \$73,000 to about \$66,000 in 2024-25, according to the report.

## \$100 Oil

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has sent oil prices surging, with West Texas Intermediate Crude prices up from below \$60 a few months ago to above \$100 on several recent days. In addition to disrupting Middle East production capacity, the conflict has brought the *de facto* closure of the Strait of Hormuz at times. With about 20% of the world's oil navigating the Strait, supplies have dropped and prices have risen. The current level isn't unheard of (prices were significantly higher for much of 2022, for example), but effects are nonetheless notable.

As by far the largest producer in the US, Texas is in a unique situation when prices jump. We're a long way from decades ago when oil was the key determinant of economic health, but it remains important. Producers obviously benefit in terms of near-term revenue, but there are also drawbacks. Let's examine some of the pros and cons.

Industry participants see an immediate increase in profits with higher prices, as production costs don't rise as rapidly. However, companies won't ramp up drilling unless they anticipate a lasting shift in the market and a more certain environment is generally preferable. A spike due to geopolitical conditions

## Dr. Ray Perryman



THE ECONOMIST

which could quickly reverse doesn't justify major investments. Whether the "new normal" following the conflict is sufficient to significantly accelerate drilling initiatives remains to be seen.

Higher prices also have a notable effect on revenues to the State and local taxing entities. Production taxes are a major source of funding for public schools and universities, roads, and the economic stabilization (Rainy Day) fund. We recently estimated that aggregate taxes to Texas and local governments associated with various aspects of oil and gas activity in the Permian Basin alone totaled \$24.4 billion in 2025, with about \$5.4 billion of it from production taxes. Higher prices bring higher tax receipts.

Clearly, there's also a downside to higher fuel prices. They directly affect household budgets, leaving less money for other things such as services, retail, and restaurants. Fuel is also an input to most industries, and high costs are particularly damaging to transportation and agriculture (due to both fuel and fertilizer expenses). Higher transit costs work their way through the economy, leading to higher prices. Although the focus is inevitably on the gasoline prices that we see incessantly, petroleum is the basis for plastics, cosmetics, paints, adhesives, many chemical products and pharmaceuticals, and myriad other products.

Higher oil prices clearly bring certain benefits to Texas, but they are somewhat concentrated by industry and geography (though the vast supplier network stretches across the state). The ultimate net effect will only be determined once the immediate and still volatile crisis has passed. Stay safe!

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— Margaret Sullivan, "Ghosting The News"

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## THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT

In Proverbs 16: 25 God says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." This verse is repeated word for word in Proverbs 14: 12, which means it is especially noteworthy.

When we examine this proverb, it doesn't mean that whatever seems right must be wrong. But it does mean that it is possible for something to seem right when it actually is wrong. It is possible for people to think something is good when it is really bad! It is possible for something to seem true when it is false. Indeed, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

We desperately need that warning in our generation. So many people today imagine that whatever they think is right must be right and cannot be wrong. We even see religious people who think they can't be doctrinally wrong if they feel right! But in Proverbs 16: 25 God is warning us against that mistaken assumption. He wants us to know that "there is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death"—He wants us to know that, so we will listen to what He tells us is right in His Word.

What lessons can we learn from this proverb? **People can be sincerely wrong.** The man under consideration went a way that "seemed" best to him. Nothing in the verse indicates that we should question his sincerity. He did what he thought was right. Most people believe their choices are right and for their betterment, but the verse says this man's choice in the end "leads to death." God didn't spare him simply because he was sincere in his convictions. Today, many people are sincere in their religious convictions—that the paths they pursue have merit. In Matt. 7: 22-23, many people will stand before Jesus, convinced, they have faithfully served Him. To them Jesus says, "Depart from Me!" Jesus doesn't say, "You did not do what I wanted, but you were sincere. Therefore, I will save you anyway." They were told to depart because they practiced "lawlessness." Sincerity is not good enough! We must ensure that we are living according to God's Word!

**We need to pay attention to God's directions.** The Bible is our spiritual roadmap or guide for life (Psa. 119: 105). Whether or not we follow it is our choice! **Wisdom demands that we consider the path we are on.** "Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths" (Prov. 3: 6). That is the only way to keep safe on our way and "keep our feet from stumbling" (Prov. 3: 23).

My friends, the only way to really know what is right is not by merely following what "seems" right, but by following what God says is right in His Word! Think on these things.

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## Downtown fit to burst with packed Gusher Days vendors and fun April 17-18

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our annual Brownie Bowl Licking Contest exactly at 2 o'clock," and she'll be on the lookout for winning whiskers, hoping to fill a lineup in the annual long beard contest, a tip of the hat to roughnecks of years past. "We're celebrating our rich oilfield history, so we want to do somethings people might have been doing back then."

That includes the event's alcohol vendor, Dirty Neck Jessie's. Dating back to the oilboom, "It's not just a made-up term," Reed said. "There was a real place for the guys to go."

Other events on Saturday include the annual 42 Tournament beginning at 8 a.m. in the Rodeo Annex – in addition to the top scoring players, the tourney will once again spotlight those who drive furthest for the event and those who have been competing longest at the domino game.

"Don't forget the CASA-sanctioned Chili Cook-off, that'll be Saturday morning," Reed added.

There's still a possibility of carnival rides returning this year (stay tuned for updates) and new this year will be a pitching booth to see how hard and fast visitors can throw.

"They're going to have a leaderboard with the name of who has thrown it the hardest. I can just see... you know how boys are... they'll try to throw it harder than the last one."

The Tuxedo Cats will shut the event down beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday night, April 18. Another free, bring-your-lawn-chair event, visitors can plan for dinner on-site, Reed added, with seven food trucks on tap for Gusher Days.

Beyond the main events, Gusher Days will continue one more day with the Big Bass Classic set for the next weekend, running Saturday, April 25. Contact the chamber for details.

In addition to bringing a slew of visitors and customer traffic to downtown Gladewater, Gusher Days raises funds for scholarships for local students, charging them to make a TikTok-style video in the midst of the event and submit it for competition.

Event proceeds also fund community needs and wants, Reed added. In the past, revenues funded a new speaker system for Weldon Elementary, part of a new tunnel for Gladewater Bears football players and more.

"Each year we have contributed to make sure more of our veterans can have a wreath during Wreaths Across America," Reed said. "Gusher Days is under the chamber of commerce. We raise funds and where our city needs it, we are certainly going to help out."

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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**ACROSS**

- TX Bob Wills line: "\_\_\_", take it away Leon
- reptile not abundant in Texas (abbr.)
- day of the week (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ broke I couldn't change my mind"
- oil additive
- TXism: "a winner never quits and a \_\_\_ never wins"
- Kick \_\_\_ indians
- TXism: "make hay while the \_\_\_"
- TX Garner book: "How Are \_\_\_ Noddles?"
- get more queso on the chip?
- the latest (3 wds.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ in the bag" (certain)
- civilian aircraft manufacturer
- put the steak back on the grill?
- really not fresh? (2 wds.)
- TX Hagman's role on "Dallas"
- TXism: "he's gettin' \_\_\_ his britches"
- Wynonna Judd sang "\_\_\_ the Light"
- TX Buddy Holly sang "Peggy \_\_\_"
- TXism "dark as a \_\_\_ black cats"
- those "agin" it
- abrupt evolutionary changes
- Texas-born Gene Autry's "That Silver-Haired Daddy of \_\_\_"
- TXism: "all vine, \_\_\_ watermelon" (no quality)
- TXism: "he's a \_\_\_ in my side"
- TX George H.W. worked with this world org. on war in Iraq (abbr.)
- TXism: "turn about \_\_\_ fair play"
- 1977 film for TX Shelley Duvall and Sissy Spacek (2 wds.)
- cowboy bolos
- TXism: "tie up the loose \_\_\_"
- Mav's Dirk had to be careful not to \_\_\_ his ankle toward the end of his career
- panhandle city
- gliders on Texas lakes: "jet \_\_\_"
- extra tires
- TXism: "blister \_\_\_" (handle)
- boxing up, enclosing
- TXism: "gave \_\_\_ dose of his own medicine"
- anger
- \_\_\_ Rio, TX
- "right fast" jet abbr.
- TXism: "play possum"
- Texas billionaire Hughes (init.)
- largest Texas city
- San Antonio has been referred to as "The \_\_\_ Southwest"
- drove fast
- survey forms
- TXism: "he couldn't \_\_\_ elected Fiddler General of Texas"
- TX bumper snicker: "\_\_\_ Wurth, I Luv Yew"
- LBJ's last words: "\_\_\_ Mike immediately!"
- TX Roy Orbison could \_\_\_ with a 4-octave range
- charged atom
- ornamental flowers
- melt or fuse ores
- state where TX Buddy Holly died

**DOWN**

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# Sports roundup

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Bears needed a sweep of Sabine to keep their playoffs alive and that's exactly what happened as the Bears won both. Starting with game one in Sabine where the Bears jumped out early and cruised to a 11-4 win. Luke Brown was dominant on the mound going 5 innings with 4 strikeouts and giving up just 2 runs. Landen King had a pair of hits and 2 rbi's. In the return game in Gladewater, it was pitchers duel but the Bears got just enough as they held on to win 5-2. The wins improve Gladewater to 11-10 and 3-6 in district play.

They will next be in action when they have a home and home series with Arp.

The Gladewater Lady Bears softball team has playoff dreams as well and they kept them alive with a much needed sweep of Sabine where in game one in Sabine, it was a absolute slugfest that Gladewater won 17-9. The Lady Bears scored at least one run in every inning but the fifth. Plating 2 in the 1st, 5 in the 2nd and 5 in the 3rd. Katelyn Pugliese drove in 5 runs with 5 hits. Tinsley Aldredge drove in 2 and Bailey Childress drove in 2. In the return game in Gladewater, the Lady Bears jumped out to a 10-0 lead after 1 inning and lead 16-7 after two innings and coasted from there. Pugliese had another huge game driving in 4 more runs with 4 hits and Aldredge drove in 4 more runs with 3 hits. Caydence Martin also drove in two.

With the 2 wins, Gladewater is now 10-16 and 4-6 in district play and will wrap up their regular season with a huge home and home series with Arp.

The White Oak Roughnecks baseball team continued their district title push as they played a pair with West Rusk where in game one in White Oak where the Roughnecks got out early and cruised to a 11-4 victory. It was 2-1 White Oak after one inning but the Roughnecks put it away with a 4 run fourth inning and 4 run seventh inning. Will Thomas was 3-4 driving in four runs and Nic Soto going 2-5 driving in 2 runs. In the return game in West Rusk, it was more of a pitchers duel as the Roughnecks walked it off to win it 5-4. White Oak led 2-1 after 1 inning, it was a 4-4 game heading to the bottom of the 7th where Thomas walked it off with a RBI single.

The Roughnecks are now 12-7-1 and 6-2 in district play and will next be in action with pair of games with Troup.

The White Oak Ladynecks inched even close to an undefeated district championship as they played a pair with the West Rusk Lady Raiders where in game one in White Oak, the offense got hot early and cruised to a 12-5 win. The return game was moved up a day to avoid predicted bad weather and the Ladynecks traveled to West Rusk and came away with a 13-9 slugfest win. White Oak is now 27-2 and 9-0 in district play.

They will next have a huge series with a pair of games with 2nd place Troup.

The Union Grove Lions baseball team their hope of a playoff spot as they played two with the district leading Harleton Wildcats where in game one in Union Grove, the Wildcats jumped out early and never looked back in a 14-4 victory. Game two back in Harleton was much closer as the Lions lost a heartbreaker 7-6 on a walkoff hit.

The losses drop Union Grove to 9-8-1 and 3-5 in district play. Next up will be a pair with a pair with Overton.

The Union Grove Lady Lions softball team continue to be red hot as they played a pair with Harleton and in game on in Union Grove, the Lady Lions picked up a huge 8-5 victory. Union Grove had a four run 2nd inning and a two run 6th inning that won it for them. Oliva D'Abreu drove in 2 runs. In the return game in Harleton the next day, the Lady Wildcats bounced back with a 8-4 victory.

With the split, Union Grove is now 10-10 and 7-3 in district play. They will next have a pair with Overton.

## Angler reels in two legacy class sharelunkers at J.B. Thomas, becoming first angler to catch three lunkers in one season

ATHENS – J.B. Thomas Reservoir in West Texas got back on the board March 24 with not one but two Legacy Class ShareLunkers, boosting J.B. Thomas' total to four during the 2026 Toyota ShareLunker program collection season. These Legacy Class fish also increased the overall season total to 17 and established a tie between O.H. Ivie and J.B. Thomas for the top spot in the waterbody standings at four entries each.

Lawrence Lee of Tolar reeled in two Legacy Class fish Tuesday, bringing his lifetime total to four, with three of those catches recorded during the 2026 collection season. It's the first time in program history that an angler has caught three 13-pound or heavier Legacy Class fish in a single season.

"Lawrence Lee had a day on the water that every angler dreams of," said Natalie Goldstrohm, TPWD coordinator for the Toyota ShareLunker program. "Many public waterbodies in Texas offer the chance to catch multiple double-digit bass in a single trip, but landing two fish over 13 pounds is truly extraordinary. Catches like these highlight the incredible potential of Texas fisheries and the anglers who help us continue improving them through the Toyota ShareLunker program."

On March 24, Lee kicked off a day of fishing by catching 13.10-pound ShareLunker 699 in the morning followed by 13.57-pound ShareLunker 700 Tuesday evening.

Previously, Lee caught 13.12-pound ShareLunker 696 at J.B. Thomas on March 8 and recorded his and J.B. Thomas' first ever Legacy Class entry on Jan. 17, 2024, with 13.79-pound ShareLunker 651. ShareLunker 651 is the current lake record holder.

for largemouth bass at J.B. Thomas. Lee is now only one catch behind Josh Jones of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, for the most Legacy Class ShareLunkers submitted to the program. Jones landed his fifth Legacy Class largemouth bass at O.H. Ivie on Feb. 21 of this year with 13.51-pound ShareLunker 692.

Lee began his fishing trip bright and early at J.B. Thomas on Tuesday, and it wasn't long before his Legacy Class ShareLunker made its way into the boat by way of a brand-new lure he had just bought.

"I went to the Bassmaster Classic last week and picked up a new lure made by KGB Swimbaits; a small six-inch crappie," said Lee. "Out here at J.B. Thomas, they ate crappie really well and just as the sun was peeking up, I saw this fish swimming out on the scope. There wasn't much to it and didn't think she was very big, maybe 10 to 11 pounds, but the first cast over there, she looked right up at it and inhaled it right after a couple of glides. It was a pretty uneventful fight and went straight into the net."

Lee took an initial weight with his scale on the boat, and when it registered more than 13 pounds, he headed to the dock and made the call to the Toyota ShareLunker program.

Little did Lee know that he would be making a second call to the program later that day, but another massive largemouth bass made it into his boat that evening. As the sun was about



to set, Lee checked one other spot where he knew fish would probably be staging.

"I chased three or four fish that I'm pretty confident were over 12 pounds, and all of them rejected everything," said Lee. "As I was following the other fish, I saw this one pop into my screen, so I casted my DC swimbait over there. On the first cast she ate it, I set the hook and she immediately bolted to the surface and jumped probably 20 feet from the boat. From there she dived straight under the boat."

The battle was on at that point with the fish making multiple dives and maneuvers before Lee was able to get her in the net.

"It was pretty crazy flurry of emotions of 'I'm going to lose her, I got her, I'm going to lose her, I got her,'" said Lee. "Luckily, she stayed hooked, and when she went into the net the hook more or less fell out of her mouth. This catch was one of those emotional roller coasters. I knew the first time she jumped and the second she hit the deck that fish was going to be a 13-pounder."

Once the fish was secured on the boat, Lee made that second call of the day to the Toyota ShareLunker program. TPWD biologists met Lee at J.B. Thomas where they took measurements and genetic samples. Lee then returned both fish to the lake.

"It's pretty unreal, and I'm speechless that I caught two Legacy Class fish in a single day with the collection season coming to an end," added Lee. "The goal is always to catch more, but I don't have any expectations of catching another one. I'm just going out and then targets I do see on the scope I attempt to cast at and if I find one, I find one. I typically go out fishing with low expectations and high hopes. When I'm guiding, I tell every single client all you need is 30 seconds, one cast can change everything, and you have a giant like this in the boat."

# 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.

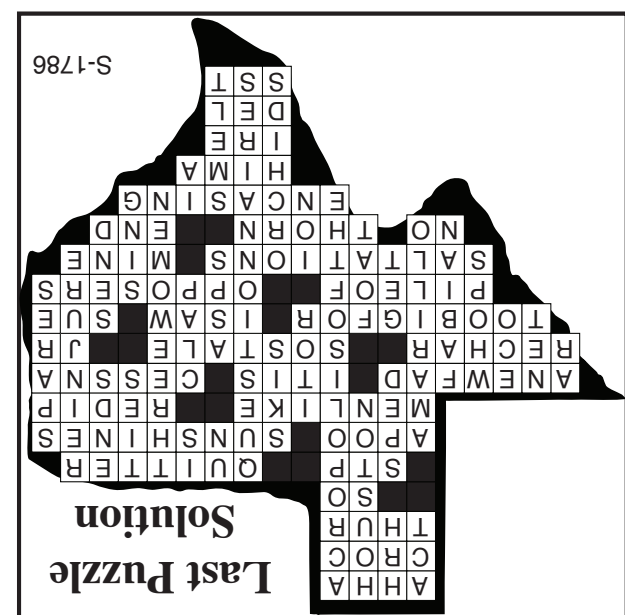
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To schedule this complimentary service please call: Gladewater Public Works - 903-845-2196 no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 10th.

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.

### April 6, 2026 Texas Girls Coaches Association State Softball Poll

Class 1A/2A	Class 3A
1. Ganado 22-2-1	1. Orangefield 29-1
2. Frankston 25-3-1	2. Childress 21-1-1
3. Shiner 19-4	3. Vanderbilt Industrial 16-1-1
4. Mumford 16-1	4. Boyd 24-2
5. Three Rivers 23-3	5. Grandview 21-2-1
6. Beckville 22-3-1	6. Holiday 21-3
7. Muenster 16-1-2	7. Anderson-Shiro 21-4
8. Woodsboro 25-5	8. Wall 23-4
9. Bremond 13-2	9. Clyde 20-1
10. Floydada 24-2	10. White Oak 25-4
11. Tom Bean 17-3-2	11. Coahoma 16-2
12. Christoval 15-4-1	12. West Oso 20-2-1
13. Celeste 16-4-1	13. Santa Gertrudis 16-3
14. Sundown 17-3	14. Early 18-4
15. Como-Pickton 22-5	15. Brownfield 14-4



# Upshur court approves two proclamations

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court last week proclaimed April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” and the week of April 6-12 as “National Public Health Week” in the county.

Sarah Gunn of Court Appointed Special Advocates, a group whose trained volunteers represent children in the child welfare system in court cases, presented the proclamation about child abuse. Patty Brady of Community HealthCORE, which has offices in Gilmer and other cities to offer mental health services and other assistance, presented the health proclamation.

In other business at its March 31 meeting in Gilmer, the court heard a discussion on what to do about the flagpole involved in the ongoing \$15 million historic renovation of the county courthouse, which County Judge Todd Tefteller said is still scheduled for completion in late July, or Aug. 2 at latest.

Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur, who is overseeing the project since the courthouse in his county underwent such a renovation, said those involved with the Upshur project are considering whether to replace or instead restore the building’s flagpole.

While LaFleur said the pole is old and some of its parts are rusted, Tefteller said, “I’m real inclined to just fix the one we have.”

LaFleur then said a new pole would probably cost around \$9,000 or \$10,000, but County Auditor Connie Williams said repairing the current one would only last a few years. She indicated she thought purchasing a new one might be better.

The court took no action on the matter.

In other business, the court approved letting Precinct 1 Constable Tim Barnett consult with Gilmer Computer Tech and “work out a deal” to upgrade his computer.

Barnett had requested authorizing purchase of a Windows 11 laptop computer to replace the aged desktop computer in his office. He wanted to buy the computer from Amazon for a maximum of \$999.99 with payment to be made from the county’s Information Technology Department budget.

He told the court a laptop computer was a “lot more functional” than a desktop one, and that the desktop he had was more than 10 years old.

Williams, however, said Gilmer Computer Tech, which handles the county’s information technology, had some “concerns” as a laptop would cost more than a desktop when someone already has a pad.

She also said the county couldn’t get administrative rights for Barnett on a laptop, but that it was up to the court to choose what to do.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley asked the price difference between a laptop and desktop, and Williams said the computer firm told her it was \$200. She said she approved buying the laptop if the firm bought it and assigned the administrative rights.

Tefteller said that was satisfactory to the computer firm “if we let them do it,” and Williams replied, “I think they’ll work with you.”

The court’s vote on the matter stipulated that any increased cost for upgrading come from Barnett’s budget.

In other action, commissioners accepted, for recording, numerous documents, including certificates of appointment to the Big Sandy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for its current members.

Big Sandy Mayor Linda Baggett, who along with the city council appoints the board, said Monday the city learned law required it file the certificates with the county.

She said board members include Carla Lucas, chairman; Brent Hooser, vice-chairman; Christopher Hubacek and Anthony Fail. The board has one vacancy, said Baggett.



The 1100 block of East Broadway Ave. caught another set of drivers Monday afternoon. There were no apparent injuries after the rear-end collision, which involved multiple vehicles between McDonald’s and Chicken Express on Hwy. 80. Photo by James Draper

## New WEDCO projects fill two key buildings with developments

White Oak has a two-for-one special coming up: Jucy’s Hamburgers aims to get cooking soon, simultaneously filling an empty property at 106 Hwy. 80 and bringing a growing local operation to town.

It’s one of the biggest items to come out of recent votes by White Oak Economic Development Corporation, and final consideration by city council members is set for Tuesday.

“WEDCO’s already approved to help them out with a \$50,000 grant,” according to White Oak City Coordinator Jimmy Purcell. “That’s been in the works for probably a few months.”

Not far away, the former Wood Chiropractic Clinic is also being brought out of dormancy at 202 E. US Hwy. 80 with Rick’s Signs planning major renovations that will be offset by a \$195,000 WEDCO grant.

“That’s for improvements. They’re gutting it, basically,” Purcell said. “They’re spending over \$1 million to renovate.”

Pending council approval, the agreements reinvest local dollars in local properties, Purcell confirmed, keeping the cash within the community.

At the long vacant clinic, “They’re going to have two or three things going on in this



building with what they do,” Purcell added. “It’s good for White Oak.”

“Right now it’s an expansion, but it could be a relocation.”

As for Jucy’s, the developer’s options came down to a much larger East Texas city and White Oak. Needless to say, Purcell’s excited White Oak netted the project, bound for the former River Camp Eats restaurant.

“They gave me a call and told me they wanted to come to White Oak and felt it would be a best fit for them. Of course, we all agreed,” he said.

“That’s kind of what needed

to be in there, a business that was able to come in and use it like it is.

“It worked out just perfect. As we all know, Jucy’s Hamburgers and Jucy’s Tacos, wherever they’re at, they’re there for the long haul. That’s a big chain. That should last in that spot for here on out.”

Other WEDCO projects headed for council consideration Tuesday include a \$25,000 assist for remodeling at Lubrication Services LLC as well as a grant of up to \$10,000 for remodeling at Emerald Leopard.

## Simultaneous cleanups Sat. will spruce streets, closets for Spring

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“If they want gloves, they need to bring their own,” Reed added.

The clean-up comes just ahead of annual Gusher Days activities, set this year on Friday and Saturday, April 17-18.

“We’re expecting lots of visitors, and we want our downtown to be clean.”

For the municipal collection, roll-off trash containers from Republic Services will be ready for drive-up and drop-up for any and all Gladewater citizens who show proof of residence in the city limits.

Notably, “We do not have the tire trailer this year. We did not get the grant for that,” per Gladewater City Secretary Judy Van Houten.

It means tires will be prohibited for this event, along with:

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

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Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.354, provides that each electric utility in an area where implementation of full customer choice is not available or the Commission has delayed the implementation of full customer choice in accordance with PURA § 39.103 shall discount charges for electric service provided to a military base. PURA § 36.354(b) establishes the discount to be provided to military installations as a 20 percent reduction of the base commercial rate that the electric utility would otherwise charge the military installation.

PURA § 36.354(c) provides that the electric utility may assess a surcharge to all its retail customers to recover the difference in revenue between the revenues from the discounted rate for military bases and the base commercial rate. SWEPCO's Tariff Sheet No. IV-16 provides the Military Base Adjustment Factor per billing kWh for its retail customers in Texas as reflected below:

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Outdoor Lighting	\$0.0001486

SWEPCO has requested that the tariff become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2026. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding must notify the Commission within 21 days of SWEPCO's filing of the Petition. A request to intervene or for further information should reference Tariff Control No. 59587 and be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (800) 735-2988. The Company can be contacted at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, or by calling (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours.

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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).

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Adv. Dates: April 2, 2026  
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## What's Happening?

### LeTourneau Spring Masterworks show returns later this month

LeTourneau University will host its annual Spring Masterworks Concert later this month at Trinity Episcopal Church in Longview.

The free performance is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

According to Dr. Jim Taylor, professor of music and director of Fine Arts for the school, the mixed choral and orchestral production celebrates some of the finest music works the world has ever heard.

“G.F. Handel, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Johann Strauss, Jr., my new setting of the Nicene Creed – what could be a more wonderful way to celebrate life and beauty,” Taylor announced. “I hope you will join us, and please spread the word.”

Visitors should arrive early for a good seat, Taylor added, and older children are welcome along with adults.

“The concert is being presented with free admission so that everyone can attend regardless of financial ability,” he noted. “Children under the age of six should probably not attend unless they are unusually well-behaved in such situations; otherwise, this would be a great opportunity to introduce children to great classical music.”

### Registration open for KC new sonography program

Kilgore College is launching its new Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program and is now accepting applications for its inaugural class, set to begin in fall 2026.

The program will prepare students for careers in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, physician offices, public health facilities and laboratories. Students will receive training in performing sonographic examinations of the abdomen, small parts, vascular system and obstetrics and gynecology, as well as assisting physicians with invasive procedures.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Sonography certification examination.

## City Hall works to land grants for Gladewater's airport amid multiple developing projects

By James Draper

There's been a steady buildup in activity out at Gladewater Municipal Airport, and City Manager Charlie Smith's keen to keep the momentum going.

Plenty of federal grant money is available to stoke the furnace, he said. Smith has been conferring with the City of Wills Point to glean their insights from progress at Van Zandt County Airport, work that's gone hand-in-hand with funding injections from the federal government.

“Every year, they put money into this pot. That money just compiles for years and then every five years it starts falling off. We've got \$1.2 million right now that I want to get moving on that.”

Currently, the city's grant team is pursuing funds to overlay taxiways at the airport. There are more projects on the drawing board, and some good leads on the vision board as well.

“What we would really like to do is lengthen the runway,”

Eligibility for the ARRT exam allows graduates to pursue national certification, which is required or strongly preferred by most employers in the field and helps position students for immediate entry into the workforce.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. May 21, 2026, and must be submitted online by visiting [www.kilgore.edu/sono](http://www.kilgore.edu/sono).

### Storytime at Upshur library

A book will be read to young children at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly “Storytime” sessions in Gilmer Thursday, April 9.

“Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story” by Will Hillenbrand will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events.

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

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

### TxDOT project updates

TYLER – TxDOT is planning to conduct the following construction and maintenance work in the district during the week of April 6, 2026.

Gregg County

#### FM 2275

Limits: FM 3272 (White Oak Rd) to FM 1845 (Pine Tree Rd)  
Contractor: Longview Bridge and Road, Cost: \$22.8 million  
Anticipated Completion Date: May 2027

The project consists of widening from two lanes to four lanes. This will include a new bridge structure, pavement, metal beam guard fence, and striping. Crews are scheduled to install concrete barriers, excavating roadway to new grade, and building the new bridge.

#### SL 485 Widening

Limits: US 271 to US 80, east of Gladewater  
Contractor: Highway 19 Construction LLC, Cost: \$34.1 million, Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2028

This project consists of grading, base work, asphalt surface replacement, storm drain work, bridge and culvert structures, signage, and signals. Crews are scheduled to continue clearing the right of way. (This project is in Gregg County but is managed by the Mineola Area Office.)

Smith said. It's currently about 3,200 feet. “If we had a 4,000 foot runway, bigger plans would land out there.”

It would go hand-in-hand with private projects under development.

During the Gladewater City Council's March meeting, council member Stoney Stone introduced the planned construction of five new hangars at the facility, finished with plumbing.

“We don't have sewer out there, so it'll have to be an aerobic system,” Stone noted; one will be sufficient for all five buildings. “He's going to keep one and lease the other four, or sell.”

With major roadway improvements in the works through Texas Department of Transportation, the various projects check a lot of development boxes and put new options on the table for the future. Importantly, Mayor Brandy Flanagan said, it all coincides with the city's strategic plan.

More's in store, Smith added.

“That airport gets a lot of traffic out there.”



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