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Slack moves back under the lights

By James Draper

Slack's back for a Tuesday night spotlight when the 89th annual Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo returns next week.

"We used to do it years ago that way," says Kyle Moore, one of the rodeo's volunteer directors. "I've been trying to change it back to the way it used to be, in the evening instead of in the morning," all the better to celebrate the sport and give up-and-coming competitors a time to shine.

Many names on the rodeo's ever-growing roster make a great showing but can't secure one of the coveted berths in the nightly "perf" under the lights of the Round-Up Rodeo arena at 2502 W. Upshur Ave. June 10-13. The rodeo's key events Wednesday through Saturday typically only have 10 slots for athletes (the humans, that is) but Gladewater draws plenty more from throughout the state and across the country.

"We have slack days and nights to facilitate getting these cowboys and cowgirls in," Moore explained, and setting slack as a full, free Tuesday night pre-event ensures no

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Gladewater High School Senior Aleigha McGuyer snaps a selfie a moment after graduates shifted the tassels on their caps after accepting their diplomas Friday evening. (Top) The GHS Class of 2026 clasps hands to sing the school song May 29 at the culmination of commencement exercises at Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium. (Right) Fireworks blast over the crowd at graduation. Photos by James Draper



East Texas Speed Owner & Operator Jerry Rice poses with one of his earliest treasures, a Limited Edition 1972 AMX now on display alongside the collector's other vintage vehicles like his pristine Edsel in 222 South Main Street.

Family's revitalized art deco building showcases classic cars, vintage stock

By James Draper

Each car's a page in Jerry's Rice's life, hundreds of them over a lifetime. Each one's a story, and he's excited to share the tale with Gladewater through East Texas Speed.

By day, it's hard to miss at 222 S. Main St. with its recently refreshed art deco façade, towering picture windows and gleaming rows of pristine automobiles. By night, it's stunning, impossible to miss when the red floodlights blaze to life and beckon passersby to get a glimpse of the past.

"Someone else said



'museum' and that sort of caught on," Rice says with quiet pride.

The Santa Rosa, California, native is owner and operator of the showcase storefront downtown, working alongside sons Jeremiah

and Bayley.

In fact, the bulk of the business is online, Rice added, connecting collectors across the world with vintage memorabilia. From eBay to Etsy to Amazon and beyond, the local brick-and-mortar is

a carefully curated display case for the enterprise, with plenty of breathing room between vehicles, clocks of all kinds, models, hot rod toys, authentic and antique garage décor

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89th annual Gladewater Round-Up runs June 10-13

Breakaway roping. Calf roping. Team roping. Steer wrestling. Barrel racing. Bull riding.

It's all on tap once again this June, and in 2026 the fun stretches across not four but five evenings of the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo next week.

Tuesday night 'Slack' opens this year's activities before the main events June 10-13.

Gates open at 6 p.m. with each evening's Mutton Bustin' challenge beginning at 7:45 p.m. and the night's event starting at 8:15 – on Wednesday its the Xtreme Bulls Kick-off followed by the PRCA Rodeo action Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday will also be the John Quintana Memorial Bull Riding – "He was a heck of a cowboy," says Round-Up Rodeo President Kyle Moore – before half-price ticket night Thursday for veterans, military and first responders. This year's Handicapable Rodeo is set for 9 a.m. to 11 the morning of June 13th, a free event for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Any names that stand out on this year's roster?

"All of 'em," Moore said. "All of these cowboys and cowgirls have great



stories. They're traveling the country, they're doing what they love to do.

"It's an American sport that ought to be followed like football. It is, to a certain degree, by folks like me that have rodeo'd all their life."

It certainly packs the stands at the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo arena.

"We've done pretty good the last few years with our folks coming," Moore said. Just so, considering the legacy of the local event: "It's one of the best rodeos around. We're 89 years old. Next year's our 90th birthday. We've been doing it a long time.

"When you think about how many rodeos are going to be 90 years-old, there's a heck of a lot that many are to us."

The Round-Up's decades-long story is digitized at GladewaterRodeo.com, Moore said, but the place to really dig in is Gladewater Museum.

"That's a great place to go and learn the history of our rodeo, pointing rodeo history buffs and new fans alike to 116 W. Pacific Ave. "That's an interesting story, how it came to be back in the oil boom." Meanwhile, "We'll see you at rodeo time..."



OPINION/COMMENTARY

Yep, my heroes have always been cowboys...

My heroes really have always been cowboys.

The best cowboy I ever knew raised me. Before ranch accidents and crippling arthritis he rode like the wind. He and a horse in motion were something to see.

When the Round Up Rodeo rolls around every year I get a little homesick for a way of life that is mostly just precious memories for me.

Later in life my Dad was more likely to rope cattle while riding the hood of a beat-up pickup truck driven by Mom than from a horse. I am still amazed he didn't get run over. I don't know if that speaks to his athleticism or Mom's driving skills.

I have also seen Dad try to separate two full grown, fighting bulls while his border collie bit the neck of one and shook until that Brangus beast moved away from Dad a few cracked ribs too late.

Daddy taught me to corral cattle on foot or by truck, vaccinate, brand and more. Don't ask about the 'more'. Jim Bardwell can too, because my Daddy said that 'cowboying' came with marrying me. But that is an entirely different column.

When I was a kid the ranch across from ours had a private rodeo arena, the 4G-O and all I had to do was walk across FM 709 to get a taste of cowboy competition. Soon our fifth generation Working B Ranch and the old 4G-O may be claimed by eminent domain and Japanese High Speed Rail. I want to cry every time I think about it. But memories can not be taken, even by eminent domain. And those memories are nearly all good ones.

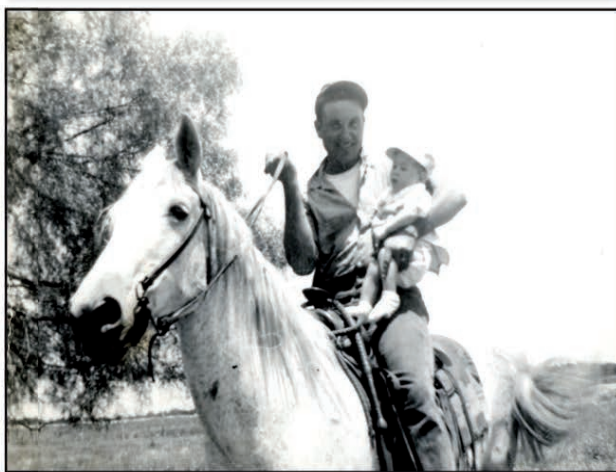
We will make a few memories of our own this week right here in Gladewater.

When the 81st Round Up Rodeo swings out of the chute Wednesday it will be a full course banquet of Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association world class competition. We have a lot to love about Round Up. If you haven't attended in awhile, or ever, you are missing one of, if not the best, entertainment offered anywhere. From little kid Mutton Bustin' and calf scrambles down in the dirt to barrel racing, steer wrestling, bull and bronc riding to bull fighting this is a show you won't want to miss.

The sport of rodeo is one of the most dangerous in America. It requires a level of skill that no other sport does. Barrel racing and team calf roping are precision events. And check out the bull fighters, they may be dressed like clowns, but there is nothing funny about the fact that their very dangerous job is to make sure the cowboys get out of the arena in one piece while they distract 2-ton raging bulls.

Now those bull and bronc riders, those tough old boys are a different breed altogether. I always try to visit just a minute with the young cowboys while they get ready for their events.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



They are wrapping ribs, knees and elbows. They usually limp, share tape and jokes. They are passionate about their sport, their way of life and supportive of each other despite their seriously competitive spirit.

What a parable for the rest of us. Passion, commitment, friendship and encouragement. Sounds like a recipe for living life well. Something we should all strive to imitate and share with others.

We all need to thank the folks who make up the rodeo association who work all year long to bring a world class event to Gladewater, Texas. This dedicated team not only puts Gladewater on the national rodeo radar every year, their event brings nationally ranked cowboys and cowgirls, as well as thousands of dollars to Gladewater in visitor money. To top it all off, all the proceeds from the rodeo go to college scholarships for area students. Scholarships that give kids a hand up and puts them on the road to success. That is pretty dog gone impressive.

Yep, like I said, my heroes have always been cowboys and that is never going to change.

Well done Round Up Rodeo directors, wranglers and sponsors, you give a great gift to this community and continue a legacy that spans over eight decades.

Gladewater is a part of our national rodeo history and it is still making history. Come and share that history this week. You won't be sorry. I promise.

And cowboys, thanks for the memories.

Past and present.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Paxton hopes to unify Republicans after runoff

Attorney General Ken Paxton and his allies began working to repair fissures among GOP voters after he routed incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the March 26 runoff, The Dallas Morning News reported. Both Paxton and his general election opponent, Democratic nominee James Talarico, swiftly went on the attack in what promises to be the most expensive Senate general election race in history.

"The future of Texas and the future of America is on the line, and I intend to do everything I can to expand our movement," Paxton told supporters in Plano.

Talarico is seeking to appeal to Republicans and independents who balked at supporting Paxton during the primary campaign. The attorney general has been enveloped in several scandals since being elected in 2014. Talarico called his opponent "morally unfit" for office.

"This November, working Texans — Democrats, independents and Republicans alike — are going to come together to defeat the most corrupt politician in America and the broken political system that he represents," Talarico said.

Abbott again orders colleges to keep tuition rates flat

Gov. Greg Abbott ordered all public universities and colleges to keep tuition flat for the upcoming academic year, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Abbott first mandated the tuition freeze in 2023. His order also applies to public health institutions and community colleges.

"Higher education must be attainable for Texas students and families," Abbott wrote. "Access to affordable, high-quality higher education is essential to ensure Texans learn the skills needed to secure family-sustaining jobs and meet the demands of a growing workforce."

Most Texas public universities charge between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for annual in-state tuition, according to Robert Kelchen, a higher education professor at the University of Tennessee specializing in finance.

"Overall, Texas is in a pretty enviable position for higher education funding," Kelchen said, nothing "the state funds higher ed pretty well, tuition is fairly modest, and then all the money coming from the oil fund."

Hill Country ranch to become second-largest state park

Nearly 54,000 acres of a former Hill Country ranch will soon become the second-largest park in Texas, The Texas Tribune reported. The former Silver Lake Ranch features steep canyons and rolling hills about 150 miles west of San Antonio, between Rocksprings and Uvalde in Kinney and Edwards counties.

It is the first land purchase made under a \$1 billion Centennial Parks Conservation Fund established by the Legislature and approved by voters in 2023. Previously, the ranch was partially owned by the Moody Foundation, which donated its 88% share. Texas Parks and Wildlife purchased the remainder of the property for \$11.85 million.

"Silver Lake Ranch represents the natural beauty, history and spirit of our state, and we are honored to make this gift to Texas Parks and Wildlife to ensure it remains protected and enjoyed by all Texans for years ahead," foundation trustee Ross Moody said.

The future park, to be named Silver Lake State Park, features a 30-acre spring-fed lake and miles of frontage along the West Nueces River.

An opening date has not been set.

FAA grounds SpaceX Starship

The massive rocket Starship has been grounded again after the lower stage of the rocket plunged into the Gulf of Mexico a few minutes after liftoff, the Statesman reported. The Federal Aviation Administration has ordered an investigation into what went wrong.

The May 22 mishap forced six aircraft to delay their departures and forced another five into holding patterns, the FAA said. No injuries or damage were reported. This is the seventh grounding in 12 flights for Starship rockets.

AG affirms release of Lake Gladewater dam assessment

The City of Gladewater stalled the release of its 2025 dam assessment earlier this Spring, but ultimately did not justify withholding the engineer's report in whole or in part.

In response to a *Gladewater Mirror* documents request in mid-February, the city paid its legal counsel to challenge whether the document was a public record. While that request for a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office proceeded through the system, City Hall released the document in its entirety March 13, a delay of about three weeks.

The state's Open Records Division issued its ruling on the request May 18. In response to Gladewater City Attorney Ronald Stutes, Ashtyn Gillie (an assistant attorney general) pushed back on one of the city's arguments and indicated the city did not identify any "particular vulnerabilities of the city's critical infrastructure" to withhold from the public.

"To the extent the city does not make such a determination, the information at issue is not confidential" and may not be withheld," Gillie wrote. "The city must release the remaining information."

The Office of the Attorney General noted the city may not withhold the report as "information considered to be confidential by law" in conjunction with 'executive session' provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

On April 16, the City of Gladewater paid \$607.50 in "general representation legal fees," the first invoice since Feb. 10. Another request for ruling was submitted during the same period (see separate story in this issue).

The dam assessment was included in the council packet for the city's March 19 council meeting. It has not yet been uploaded to the online resource library at cityofgladewater.com/dam

OAG ratifies cities reticence to release draft rental rules

Proposed short-term rental rules in the City of Gladewater may be withheld from disclosure per a recent ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

The *Gladewater Mirror* requested the draft ordinance for new guidelines (particular regarding Lake Gladewater properties) on Feb. 23 following council members' monthly meeting the week before.

During their Feb. 19 session, the group met with Gladewater City Attorney Ronald Stutes in closed session and returned to their open meeting with papers in-hand. They made a variety of revisions to the proposal and asked staffers to return with the recommended changes for consideration.

Texas codes do permit cities to withhold working papers

used in the preparation of legislation. Draft ordinances are public documents.

In response to Stutes request, "Based on your representations and our review, we agree the submitted information constitutes advice, opinion, analysis, and recommendations regarding a proposed ordinance," Assistant Attorney General Michelle Garza wrote in the OAG's ruling. "Therefore, the city may withhold the submitted information under section 552.106 of the Government Code."

The proposed rules for short-term rentals (i.e. AirBNBs and VRBO) have not yet returned for council discussion.

Last month, the city paid \$607.50 for legal fees accrued in preceding weeks.



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THE COUNSEL OF GOD

Benjamin Franklin said: "He who won't be counselled can't be helped." He is right, depending of course, on the counsel one gets. It is vitally important to listen to good advice, and the person who stubbornly ignores wise counsel and valid rebuke will suffer because of it.

Listen to the Bible: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkens unto counsel is wise." (Prov. 12: 15). "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that you may be wise in the latter end." (Prov. 19: 20). Abraham Lincoln used to say: "Undertake not to instruct a man in that which he considers himself to be an expert." We are all familiar with "smart-alecky" people who cannot be instructed, because, however ignorant, they seem to think they know everything. "He is in the way of life that keeps instruction: but he that refuses reproof errs." (Prov. 10: 17). "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hates reproof is brutish (stupid)." (Prov. 12: 1). He whose ear heeds wholesome admonition will abide among the wise: He who ignores instruction despises himself, but he who heeds admonition gains understanding." (Prov. 15: 31-32). Good and wise examples from the Bible, don't you think, telling us how important it is to listen to wise counsel and not to ignore correction when it is needed.

Remember, the best counsel of all is the counsel God gives. The apostle Paul said, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (Acts 20: 27). We have God's counsel in the Scriptures. "Your testimonies are my delight and my counsellors." (Ps. 119: 24). If we are to find comfort in the Scripture, we must submit ourselves to its counsel and guidance.

Yes, Ben Franklin was right when he said: "He who won't be counselled can't be helped." That's always been true. It is especially true of people who will not listen to the counsel of God in the Scriptures. Friend, I challenge you to make a fresh commitment to listen to what God is telling you in the Bible. Think on these things

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Always be prepared for potential severe thunderstorms

Residents should always be ready for potential severe thunderstorms. River flooding is a primary concern for both homeowners and livestock owners.

Farm equipment and livestock should be moved to higher ground prior to severe weather onslaught. Livestock owners should be mindful of several concerns related to cattle that have been exposed to flooded pastures or low-lying areas. These include:

- * Contaminated food and water, standing or stagnant water.
- * Sick, diseased or displaced animals.
- * Damaged gates, fences.

* Eroded or unstable creek beds.

Following a flood event, it's important to inventory and identify any missing animals, remove potentially dangerous objects from pastures and quickly repair any damaged fences or gates.

Removing objects from pastures protects more than livestock. Livestock owners should check on the condition of their animals exposed to high water.

"It is best to move them out of flooded areas and into dry or covered areas, if possible, then check them for injury and render any necessary first aid as able until a veterinarian can be found," said Bryan Davis, DAR South region chief, Seguin.

If an animal is injured, clean the wound and dress it with an antibiotic before covering the wound with a bandage.

"Then contact your vet and provide a full description of the injury, so your vet can prioritize the treatment of your animal," he said. Davis said animals that have not been able to eat for one or more days should be given a little feed over the first few days, then gradually increase the ration over a week's time. He also recommends providing access to hay until pastures can be inspected for hazards and forage has time to recover.

Also check for signs of illnesses, including respiratory disorders like pneumonia.

GLADEWATER POLICE/FIRE ACTIVITY REPORT

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WOPD Police Report

For the reporting period of May 25th through May 31st, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 150 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Suspicious Activity, Burglar Alarms, Disturbances, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated during this reporting period. Minor injuries were reported.

Four arrests were made during this reporting period.

Jessica Green, 41, of White Oak, for Assault Class C.

Tony Sedberry, 37, of Longview, for 4 White Oak City Warrants and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Dekori Lawson, 36, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Tyrone McFarland, 58, of White Oak, for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.

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

GPD Arrest Report

Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
5/28/2026	Murphy, Jakyier Dejuandra	214 E EDDY AVENUE A GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	PUBLIC INTOXICATION
5/28/2026	WOLFORD, KASSI WAIN	1812 OLD LONGVIEW HIGHWAY A GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	POSS CS PG 2 + = 4G < 400G POSS MARIJ < 20Z
5/31/2026	AREVALO, LAKIAY MONIQUE	302 N COTTON STREET GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	EVADING ARREST DETENTION
			RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANS - SIMPLE ASSAULT
			WARRANT - OTHER AGENCY (MISD)

Gladewater man found drowned

A search effort involving multiple emergency response agencies ended tragically Saturday afternoon after the body of a 70-year-old Gladewater man, missing on Lake Cherokee, was recovered from the water.

According to the Rusk County Sheriff's Office, authorities received a missing person report at approximately 3:45 p.m. May 30. The search began near the south side of Lake Cherokee, where responders gathered information indicating the missing individual may have entered the water.

Divers with the Longview Fire Department Water Rescue Team conducted underwater search operations and recovered the body of Kenton Brandon, 70, of Gladewater.

Multiple agencies responded to the scene, including the Lake Cherokee Patrol, Rusk County Sheriff's Office deputies, Criminal Investigation Division personnel, Elderville Volunteer Fire Department, the Longview Fire Department Dive Team, and Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens.

Slack moves back under the lights

Continued from Page 1

one's getting baked by the summer sun: "It's going to be easier on us and the animals.

One of the cornerstones of the local rodeo is Rafter G, Moore added. The livestock contractor keeps a deft eye on animal welfare throughout the event, and moving slack into the evening hours eases some of the stress on animals.

"We'll start at 5:30 pm and go 'til after dark."

Everybody's welcome, no ticket necessary for the June 9 Slack. "It'll be a little bit different setup from the regular rodeo," Moore said. In addition to free admission, "We're going to have a taco truck so you can buy tacos that night and soft drinks. If adults want to buy an adult beverage, they can buy an adult beverage.

"We won't have the super fanfare, the bells and whistles and specialty acts and all that."

Slack typically draws the die-hard rodeo fans, Moore added, people who follow rodeo closely, but it's also a great opportunity for newcomers. Maybe they can't make the rodeo Wednesday through Saturday; maybe they want a better understanding of the challenges before the big show begins.

Everybody'll have fun Tuesday and throughout the official events the rest of the week, Moore said.

"It's just going to be another great rodeo, better than last year."

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "bat an eye ____" (blink)
- 5 TX George W. is ____-abortion
- 6 TXism: "the ____ end" (last)
- 7 TXism: "____ warm your gullet" (pleasing)
- 8 TX Johnny Nash sang "I Can See Clearly ____"
- 9 TXism: "____ wit" (not bright)
- 12 TXism: "got a heart ____ as Texas"
- 17 TXism: "he's ____ in his own mind"
- 19 TXism: "call ____" (quit)
- 21 TX Martha Hyer's character in 1960 crime film "Desire in the Dust"
- 22 many Texans have one for chili
- 23 TXism: "he ____ a bill of goods"
- 28 TXism: "he'd be ____ to his own funeral"
- 29 "____ out a living"
- 30 TXism: "they took everything but ____ in my lungs" (was robbed)
- 31 it's blue on the Texas state flower
- 35 TX Collin Raye's "____ Can Be"
- 36 TXism for the coin, "quarter" (2 wds.)
- 42 said of Gov. Ann: "A woman's ____ the dome"
- 44 Waxahachie's county

- 46 TXism: "costs ____ _ leg" (expensive)
- 48 this actress Merry is Belle Starr in 1960 film "Young Jesse James"
- 49 night Cowboys or Texans appear on ABC/ESPN (abbr.)
- 50 ____ gallon hat

- 51 hound's clue?
- 52 Lone Star Park is a class ____ track
- 53 TXism: "gave ____ dose of her own medicine"
- 54 TXism: "many ____" (often)
- 56 TXism: "in a coon's ____"
- 57 TX Kenny's "____ Believes in Me"
- 58 Texas-sized communications co.

DOWN

- 1 describing several Texas Rangers players (2 wds.)
- 2 Dallas' hotel: Hilton ____
- 3 Port Arthur founder
- 4 Cedar ____, TX
- 9 TXism: "didn't even make a ____ in it"

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- 10 TXism: "____ _ dog on ice"
- 11 neuromuscular diseases org.
- 12 Abilene's Dyess ____ Force Base
- 13 it separates Texas and Mexico (2 wds.)
- 14 TXism: "put it on the ____ burner" (low priority)
- 15 song: "Texas When ____"
- 16 mountain passes
- 18 Scala of "Ride a Crooked Trail" with TX Audie
- 20 Boerne's historic "____ Kendall Inn"
- 23 Dublin celebrates ____ Patrick's Day
- 24 TX Roy Orbison's "____ Pretty Woman"
- 25 Texas-born Steve Martin 1992 film "____ of Faith"
- 26 Dalhart is the seat of this county
- 27 in Milam County on U.S. 79
- 32 this TX Ernie was "Mr. Cub" (1953 - 1971) (init.)
- 33 TXism: "up ____ snuff" (satisfactory)
- 34 tree chopper
- 36 ____ Hogg County
- 37 San Antonio mil. insurance giant
- 38 TXism: "____ _ rattler" (wicked)
- 39 late black Texas golfer, Lee
- 40 TX Buddy's wife, Maria ____ Holly
- 41 TXism: "____ cheap"
- 43 "let '____ rip!"
- 45 A-Rod's old position with Rangers (abbr.)
- 47 TXism: "he's wound tighter than ____ -day clock"
- 48 tennis great, Arthur
- 55 be introduced to

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Sports roundup

Pineywoods Timberhogs open season

By Tyler Sutton

The Pineywoods Timberhogs hit the road for the first time in the 2026 season as part one of their three city road trip began in Bryan against the Bryan Yard Dogs and it was a successful first road game as White Oak shut out Bryan 4-0.

The Hogs wasted no time getting on the board in the top of the 1st as Cedric Rose walked and the ball got passed the catcher to allow a run to score on a passed ball. A second run came home on a double steal as Judge Boudreaux stole second and Kenta Maybe stole home to make it 2-0 Pineywoods after one inning. The starting pitchers then took over until the 5th when Rose smashed a solo homer to make it 3-0 Hogs after five.

Pineywoods would add on one more insurance run in the 6th on a Malik Berrien RBI ground out to make it 4-0. Starting pitcher David Stich was lights out as he tossed a complete game, one hit shutout with 12 strikeouts.

The win improves Pineywoods record to 1-4. In game two of the three game set, it was a pitchers duel as it was scoreless game until the bottom of the 7th when Bryan put up a four spot to take a 4-0 lead. But the Timberhogs answered right back with a 6 run top of the 8th to take a 6-4 lead. Nick Rodriguez scored on a wild pitch, Stapleton ripped a two run single, then two runs were walked in.

But the Yard Dogs had an answer as they two runs in the bottom of the 9th to tie it at 6 and send it to extra innings. After White Oak failed to bring home the auto runner from 2nd in the top of the 10th, Bryan won it with a sac fly. Caden Bugarske had a wonderful game on the mound as he went six shutout innings with 11 strikeouts.

The loss drops the Timberhogs to 1-5. In the final game of the series, it was all Hogs as they jumped out early and never looked back in a 14-4 win in 8 innings. Catcher Boone Branson got it started in the bottom of the 2nd with a RBI single to make it 1-0. A run was then walked in to make it 2-0.

That was followed by a run scoring on a pass ball, left fielder Terry McClain Jr hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, then two more runs scoring on passed balls and it was 6-0 White Oak after an inning and a half. A Branson RBI single in the 3rd made it 7-1. After yet another hit by pitch with the bases loaded, Branson drove in another run to make it 9-1.

Malik Barren drove in a run with a RBI single to make it 10-1. Boudreaux drove in two with a 2 run double and it was 13-2 Hogs headed to the bottom of the 6th. After Bryan scored a run in the bottom of the 7th to keep the game going, a Rose sac fly ended it in the top of the 8th as Bryan could not get a run home in the bottom of the 8th. Nick Rodriguez got the win for White Oak as he went 4 innings giving up two runs with two strikeouts.

The Timberhogs improve to 2-5 and head to Beaumont for their first ever series with the Beaumont Oil Barons.

The Timberhogs made the trip up to Beaumont for the first

time to take on the Beaumont Oil Barons where in game one it did not go well as the Oil Barons jumped out to a big lead and never looked back in a 11-4 win.

White Oak actually led 1-0 after half a inning when Cedric Rose ripped a RBI double. But Beaumont answered back with two runs in the bottom of the 1st to take a 2-1 lead. The Oil Barons then blew it open with a 6 run bottom of the 2nd to take a commanding 8-1 lead. White Oak began to chip away with a run in the 3rd with a Brance Farrell RBI single to make it a 8-2 game. Then in the 4th Berrien had a RBI single to make it 8-3. But a three run 6th inning was the difference as Beaumont went up 11-3. The Hogs got one more run in the 8th when Farrell smashed a RBI double. Nate Hawkins took the loss for Pineywoods going 3 and a third innings giving up 8 runs (all earned) with three strikeouts.

The loss drops the Hogs to 2-6. In game two of the series, it was White Oak turning the tables and getting out big and holding on for a 10-8 victory.

The Hogs got on the board with a Stapleton sac fly in the top of the 2nd to make it 1-0. But Beaumont answered back with a 3 run bottom off the 2nd to take a 3-1 lead. But the Timberhogs were quick to respond when Branson ripped a RBI double to make it a 3-2 game the Aramis Cruz scored on a wild pitch to tie it at 3. That was followed by Boudreaux laced a RBI single to give Pineywoods a 4-3 lead. But Beaumont tied it back up in the bottom of the 4th at 4-4. Rose answered with a RBI single to put the Hogs back up 5-4 in the top of the 5th. He then came up in the top of the 6th and crushed a 3 run double to clear the bases and make it 8-4 Pineywoods. Stapleton then put it away in the top of the 7th with a towering 2 run home run to make it 10-4 Timberhogs. The Oil Barons would claw back within 10-8 but the Pineywoods bullpen closed it out.

Andrew Guinn of Carthage got the win in relief going 3 and two thirds innings giving one run with five strikeouts. The win improves the Timberhogs to 3-6 on the season.

In the final game of the series in Beaumont, the Oil Barons got out to a 4-1 lead after 2 innings and never looked back in a 13-3 run rule 7 inning victory. Mayabe got the Hogs on the board in the top of the second to cut the Beaumont lead in half at 2-1 with a RBI single. But the Oil Barons added right back to their lead with two runs and lead 4-1.

Pineywoods answered again when 1st baseman Jonas Kerzner smacked a RBI single to make it 4-2. Beaumont would add on to take a 6-2 lead after 3 innings. Rose drove in the final run of the night for White Oak in the top of the 5th with a RBI single. Felix Melendez took the loss for the Hogs going 4 and two thirds innings giving up five runs (only two earned) with two strikeouts.

The loss drops the Timberhogs to 3-7. Next up is two in Meridian against the Meridian Blues then a return home for a 10 game homestand starting with four games with the Fort Scott Dragons.

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My address is:
c/o The Law Offices of Andrea Winters
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Independent Executor of the Estate of Gary Lynn Jones, Deceased
Cause No. 2026-0135-E

Published Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that letters of guardianship for the person and estate of KAYDEE ODOM, an incapacitated person, were issued on April 10, 2026, in Docket No. 2025-0071-E, pending in the County Court At Law No. 2 of Gregg County, Texas, to PATSY ANN EASON, Guardian, as guardian of the person and estate.

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SIGNED on MAY 26, 2026.

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2. LT 17 BLK 2 RED BIRD; more commonly known as 416 Roden Ln.
3. LTS 4A & 5 NCB 64 GLADEWATER (S 1/2 LT 4) & PT ALLEY; more commonly known as 208 S Stuart St.

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LT 14 BLK 1 EVERETT HILAND; more commonly known as 711 Martha Dr.

Bidders may contact the Code Enforcement Department for details at 903-845-2011.

Bids should be submitted to: Wesley Moyers, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Ave., Gladewater, Texas 75647 on or before Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. At that time the bid will be awarded. Insurance or bond required.

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BISHOP, FAITH L.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	WATSON, JACOB L.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	MCCOY, KIANA M.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	WRIGHT, ADDILYN B.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL
BOWEN, BROOKLYNN N.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	WILLIAMS, BRYCE A.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	MODISSETTE, MADDIE	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	ZIVNEY, COLTON D.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL
BRANTLEY, GAVIN K.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	WOOD, BRANTON M.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	ODOM, ALIXIS S.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	BEAMER, BROOKLIN E.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
BRIDGES, ANDEE K.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	WOOLLEY, MACEY M.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	ORMS, BAILEE N.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	BEAMER, LONDON A.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
BRONDUM, MEGAN L.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	WRIGHT, GRACELYNN M.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	OWEN, SAMUEL T.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	BRAND, SIMONN M.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
CALLENS, BRADEN D.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	YANEZ, ISABELLA J.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	PALMER, JAYDEN C.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	BROWN, KYLEE L.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
CALLENS, BRODY D.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	YOSTEN, PEYTON A.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	PAUL, MADDOX D.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	CLAYTOR, KAILYNN M.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
CARTER, SOPHIE G.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	YOUNG, ADDYSON E.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	RAMOS, ADALYN G.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	CLINNARD, BROOKS G.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
COLLINS, JAALYAH R.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	ZIVNEY, ADELYN L.	JUNIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	REYNOLDS, JASPER T.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	EVERETT, CAYDEN L.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
CRUM, SAMANTHA C.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	BUENO, LUKE A.	JUNIOR	HONOR ROLL	RICHARDSON, SHAY N.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	GARCIA, JULIAN	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
CUTLER, LILLY A.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	CHANDLER, KALEN B.	JUNIOR	HONOR ROLL	SHARP, KIMBERLY M.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	HEIM, HALLIE H.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
DARK, TAYLOR R.	SENIOR	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	DOLLISON, HARLIE C.	JUNIOR	HONOR ROLL	SHELTON, BRYNTON S.	FRESHMAN	SCHOLASTIC ROLL	HOLDER, WADE W.	FRESHMAN	HONOR ROLL
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Family's revitalized art deco building showcases classic cars, vintage stock

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and more.

In the mix are family memories, first cars (and first tickets), road trips and restorations as well as the gleaming chrome of a young man's first and lasting love.

The 1938 property had seen better days before the Rice family put blood, sweat, tears and motor oil into 222 S. Main. "It's a beautiful art deco building," Rice said, happy to do the site justice.

After moving to Gladewater from California in 2023 with the purchase of Walker Manor, Rice initially operated out of a 30-by-70 shop on that spot. It worked, for a while – the cars, collectibles and commerce demanded more.

"We ended up seeing this building over a year ago," Rice said. "We decided to purchase it and bring it back to life."

It's quickly become a new anchor for traffic and energy on the southern tip of downtown. It's spacious enough – for the time being – to give Rice what he needs most.

"It's a better place to warehouse the cars."

Especially with more incoming.

That's been the theme for decades: Rice has bought and sold, collected, cultivated and carefully cleaned up several hundred vehicles in his lifetime.

Some stay for years. Some come and go. Since moving to East Texas, he's sold five or six and bought a couple more.

And, of course, there are the ones he'll never sell.

"They all have a little bit of a story," he said. "The cars look good in here. Now I've got room to buy more."

Among the collection is a mid-century Austin Healey. It's one of three Rice bought for a grand total of \$700 when he was 13 years-old.

"That was supposed to be my first car," he says with a laugh, but the plan changed after a first ride-along with dad. "We took it for a ride, and he thought it was too fast for me," he said.

To this day, the car has only about 3,200 miles on it. A hammer Rice handmade decades ago is still in the trunk. A few feet away is another DIY treasure, a dune buggy he crafted in the early '60s.

A few years later brought a 1972 AMX, a limited-edition model that now sits on the opposite side of 222. Rice's father built one for his mother just like it, he said, except hers was blue.

It has a key distinction. A couple, in fact.

"That's what I drove for my license test," Rice said, "and got my first ticket in."

The citation for 'Exhibitionist Speed' didn't slow him down for long. The AMX also holds a precious memory – Rice behind the wheel, racing with a best buddy in the passenger seat and mom in the back.

The stories are still being written, of course. Take the 1959 Ford convertible, for example: purchased in Fort Worth, Rice drove it to California and, eventually, to East Texas and its new home.

East Texas Speed specializes in vintage collectibles, with a simple rule: "Everything's for sale – except for the cars."

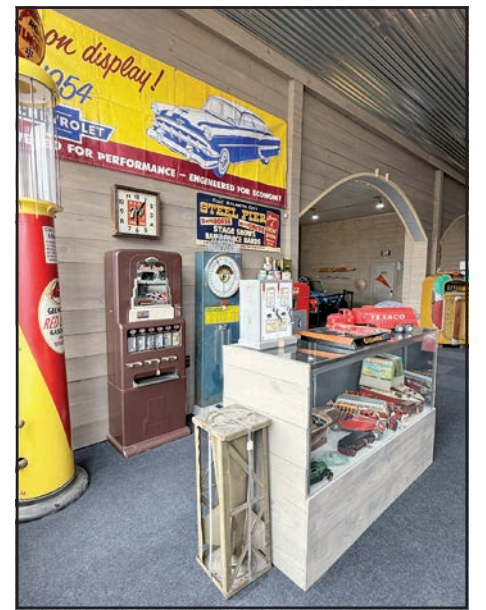
There are the jukeboxes, full-size and miniature, plus vintage signs and even some anachronisms (i.e. the impressive examples of taxidermy, hanging high). There's a 1948 Whizzer motorbike as well as a Wurlitzer closing in on a century.

Focused on the classic, Rice aims to keep the business evolving. T-shirts, hats and other modern memorabilia are joining the vintage stock. A Gladewater-dedicated line is in the works, tying the family even more into their chosen community.

The Rice men have already added warehouse space to the back of the property, and more expansion is planned.

"We're going to add another eventually," he said, "for more car storage."

Naturally.



What's Happening?

Barr Legion commander

Thadd Barr was recently re-elected commander of American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 in Gilmer.

All other current officers were also elected at the post's May 21 meeting to continue serving.

They include Mike Mellenthine, first vice-commander; Jim Lacaze, second vice-commander; Walter Clark, chaplain; Shirley Parnell, who holds the offices of adjutant/finance officer and hubmaster/historian; Pat Taylor, service officer; and Oscar Martinez, state judge advocate.

They will be installed June 18.

In other business, Barr urged the Legionnaires to contact federal legislators to support Senate Bill 4487, which he said

The cost of restoring the cannon, which has been removed from the lawn during the courthouse project, is not expected to exceed \$7,000.

Barr, referring to numerous delays in the projected completion date for the courthouse project, quipped he had no update on work on the cannon, "which is no problem because the courthouse may not ever be finished."

The post also heard a presentation by insurance agent Kevin Zervakos.

Storytime on Thursday

The book "If You Gave a Donut" by Laura Numeroff will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events, which are for children up to age 11 on Thursday, May 28.

"Music and movement" will follow each reading of the book, said Amy Allred, children's coordinator for the library. She said clapping and stretching to music "help with brain development."

Each session also will feature a doughnut-related craft.

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

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

Upshur voters back Paxton

Three of the four winning candidates in Republican statewide races, and one of the two victorious candidates in statewide Democratic contests, carried Upshur County in the parties' respective May 26 runoffs.

All winners will be on the ballot in the November general election.

In the GOP race for the U.S. Senate, state Attorney General Ken Paxton carried Upshur County by an even larger percentage than he won statewide in a landslide victory over longtime incumbent John Cornyn.

Paxton received 2,371 votes in Upshur to Cornyn's 952 in complete returns.

Upshur also followed the state trend in the GOP attorney general race, as Mayes Middleton received 1,789 to U.S. Rep. Chip Roy's 1,522, and the contest for Place 3 justice on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals as Thomas Smith had 1,995 to Alison Fox's 1,079.

Jim Wright, who lost statewide to Bo French in their race for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, carried Upshur County, 1,831-1,375.

Total turnout for the GOP primary in Upshur was 3,338 voters, which was 10.8% of the total number of registered voters in the county, said county GOP Chairman Carl Byers. All returns listed were official, he said.

In the Democratic runoff, statewide winner Vikki Goodwin carried Upshur County, 247-46, over Marcos Isaias Velez to win the nomination for lieutenant governor.

However, Nathan Johnson, who won the statewide race for the nomination for attorney general, lost in Upshur County to Joe Jaworski, 156-135.

Some 295 Upshur Democrats voted in the runoff, said county Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson. She said the Democratic totals were complete, but unofficial, Monday pending the canvassing of votes by the county Democratic executive committee.



CAST for Kids organizers and volunteers welcome youngsters with special needs to Lake Gladewater May 31. The third annual outdoor excursion drew a steady stream of participants to the local lake Saturday morning. Gifting guests with a "snack box," rod and reel, tackle, hat, shirt and more for their outing, the event was spearheaded here by Joey and Patricia Walker and supported by national and local contributors and sponsors with help from a small fleet of area boaters and anglers.



Monday would prohibit the Veterans Administration from reducing veterans' compensation.

At the meeting, Barr also said the post is seeking donations to restore the cannon which was on the Upshur County Courthouse's south lawn before the current ongoing renovation of the building.

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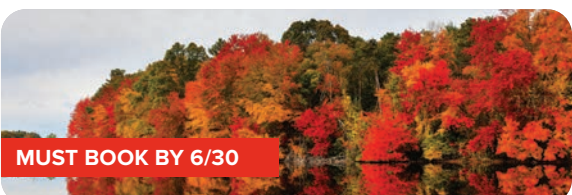
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