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GISD trustees adopt \$26.5 million budget

Cuts to federal food programs are taking a bite out of local revenues – Gladewater ISD’s school nutrition costs increased 16.2 percent in the adopted budget for 2026-2027.

It’s part of a \$26,483,627 overall financial plan for the district. Trustees adopted the measure unanimously 5-0 (with two absences) on Monday, June 22. The balanced budget is heavier than last year’s by 5.95 percent.

Unsurprisingly, the largest year-to-year change in the plan lands in debt service, a 45.7 percent increase – \$1,766,434 climbing to \$2,574,193. It follows voters’ overwhelming approval of the school’s \$8.1 million, 15-year bond in early May.

The bond total was crafted to stay within the district’s credit cap, ensuring approval would have no direct impact on local taxes.

Tied to the passage of Prop A, general operations for the school increased just 2.25 percent this year (from \$22.1 million in 2025-2026 to \$22.6 for ‘26-27).

“We really have just budgeted like we have budgeted in the past,” GISD Superintendent Rae Ann Patty confirmed, “knowing we’re going to be able to get some things done with the bond that our regular budgets don’t allow.”

(Learn more about the bond implementation in this week’s edition.)

GISD still adopts its budget in summer, its tax rate in September – past conversations about shifting the scheduled votes haven’t turned into decisions yet.

“We did look into it and thought about it,” Patty said. “In the interim when the government began announcing property tax changes are coming, we decided to leave it where it is and see what happens in the legislative budget session in 2027.”

For the ‘26-27 budget, the swing in nutrition funding is tied to budget slashing at the federal level that impacted the ‘Fruit & Vegetable Program’ as well as schools’ milk grants nationwide.

“They did away with those this year,” Patty said. “For the first time, we’re having to pay for those things that have been grant funded or, through a different program, subsidized to us.”

The June 22 meeting also included a brief discussion of the past year’s test scores – finalized data is still being collected. Stay tuned for an update in the weeks ahead as district leaders anticipate across the board gains at their various campuses.



Freedom Fest organizers count down to Friday’s big celebration

If you want to pull out all the stops for America’s semiquincentennial, start your fireworks countdown at 8:55 p.m. and 50 seconds Friday night – you’ll hit zero 250 seconds later as the fireworks launch.

And, there’ll be plenty more time before July 4 officially arrives: Gladewater likes to get America’s birthday party started a day early.

It’ll be a big night, says Gladewater Chamber of Commerce’s Lois Reed. The local downtown dynamo and patriotic event planner was already rocking her favorite red, white and blue Monday.

“The weather’s supposed to be great,” she said excitedly, blissfully brushing off a paltry 10 percent for precipitation in the forecast. “That’s nothing. We’re all set to go. It’s gonna be fabulous.

“We’re looking for a good crowd. People with boats, jets, skis, barges – decorate them and come out and join us for the boat parade.”

The July 3 Freedom Fest Fireworks event hosted by the chamber and City of Gladewater officially runs 4 p.m.

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Texans encouraged to celebrate Independence Day safely

As Texans prepare to celebrate Independence Day and the nation’s 250th anniversary, Texas A&M Forest Service encourages residents to prioritize safety when using fireworks and participating in outdoor activities.

Fireworks are a longstanding tradition of Fourth of July celebrations, but they also pose a risk to people, property and natural resources when used improperly. Taking simple precautions can help prevent injuries and reduce the risk of wildfire.

“Recent above-normal rainfall in many parts of Texas has given the state a favorable start to the summer fire season, but that does not mean there is no wildfire risk,” said Ryan Burns, Texas A&M Forest Service fire analyst. “While the summer wildfire activity typically occurs in mid to late August when the warmest and driest conditions historically occur, Texas A&M Forest Service continuously monitors drought conditions and its impact on fire potential across the state.”

If using fireworks, check local restrictions and burn bans that may limit or prohibit their use. Fireworks should only be used outdoors

in open areas away from buildings, vehicles, power lines, trees and other combustible materials. Weather conditions should also be considered, as hot, dry and windy conditions can increase fire danger.

“Wind gusts can carry embers into dry vegetation, potentially starting a wildfire,” said Laura Stevens, program coordinator at Texas A&M Forest Service. “Another option is to attend a professional fireworks display rather than using personal fireworks. It’s a responsible way to celebrate while reducing the risk of accidental wildfire.”

If using fireworks, read and follow all manufacturer instructions, keep a water source nearby, wear eye protection, maintain a safe distance while fireworks are in use and never attempt to relight a malfunctioning firework. Children should always be closely supervised around fireworks and should never handle them.

“A few additional wildfire prevention tips that Texans can use this holiday include never leaving a grill unattended and ensuring it is placed in an open area away from tall or dry grass,” says Stevens.



LIVING MEMORY

Scout’s Eagle refreshes lakeside memorial

By James Draper

There’s a renewed sense of peace around the memorial bench on a rise under the trees at Lake Gladewater: the brush has been cleared away, the ground cleared of debris, litter corralled in a new trash can.

The wood slats of the seat itself are unmarred, unweathered and freshly adorned with a shining plaque in honor of Jacob Aaron Hawkins – “Jake” – March 1, 1980 to April 29, 1984.

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Young musicians learn the fundamentals at Lee-Bardwell Public Library

Aspiring young musicians gathered at Lee-Bardwell Public Library in June for the first session of a three-part Music Fundamentals series designed to introduce children and youth to the building blocks of music.

The classes, taught by The Kirbys of Big Sandy Music Hall and sponsored by the Gladewater Mirror in honor of music and library lover Suzanne Bardwell, are divided by age group, with children ages 3-9 meeting at 1 p.m. and students ages 9 and older attending at 2 p.m. The program offers hands-on instruction in a fun and engaging environment.

The early class focused on core musical concepts including rhythm, tempo, notes, and rests. Students participated in interactive learning games that helped reinforce these fundamentals while also giving



them the opportunity to play a variety of instruments.

The afternoon class focused on guitar instruction, allowing participants to explore the basics of one of the world’s most popular instruments. Like the first session, the guitar class featured interactive activities and hands-on learning opportunities.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Make it sparkle...

Remember the July 4ths of childhood? St. Augustine grass freshly mown and soft as a carpet on tiny bare feet scampering through a sprinkler while shrieking with glee. I thought it couldn't get any better but of course it did.

Daddy came in from the field and four generations filled the front yard of the ranch house that was sheltered by a grove of Post Oak trees whose canopies shaded the huge yard, the picnic table and the smoking barbecue pit.

Pap'paw would be cranking the old wooden ice cream bucket while the kids took turns either sitting on the towel covered top or 'helping' with the cranking. Mam'maw, of course, brought the cooked banana pudding. None of this instant Jello pudding business for her. My stars, no!

My cousins, little brother and I waited impatiently for twilight as the adults sat on the porch swing, or the green and white striped lawn chairs and lazily recalled memories from their own childhood and laughed. Their laughter was the background of my childhood.

At twilight, as soon as we saw the lightning bugs flashing it was time to bring out the sparklers. Daddy would light them for us and we would whirl away ignoring the tiny sparks that hit our arms. As we got older, bottle rockets and Roman candles were just dangerous enough to get us in trouble, but not too much because our parents remembered their own childhood fireworks.

Hopefully our son recalls the July 4 fireworks of his youth. When our neighbors Belle and Mr. Marion would sit in their swing across the road and pray that Josh and his Dad's firework shenanigans wouldn't catch their roof on fire while clapping loudly for the little boy who had the same glee his Momma did when it came to July 4.

Frankly, a sprinkler and sparklers may be more fun than the grandest of fireworks displays. After all, when you add in homemade ice cream and love, it just doesn't get any better than that.

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Happy Independence Day friends and neighbors! May your holiday sparkle with memories.

Texas first state to mandate Bible reading in school

The State Board of Education gave final approval last week to a new required reading list for every grade level and also passed a rewrite of the state's social studies requirements for kindergarten to eighth grade, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Both plans include Biblical concepts, essentially making the state the first in the nation to mandate the teaching of Christianity in public school classrooms.

"We are bringing the Bible back into schools this week for the first time in 60 years," SBOE member Brandon Hall, R-Aledo, said during a prayer session outside the hearing this week.

The new standards will be implemented in phases, starting with elementary schools in the 2030-2031 school year.

Republicans favor the new standards as a win for Judeo-Christian values and say the required lessons on Jesus, Abraham and Moses are intended not to evangelize but help children develop moral compasses. Critics say the board is promoting Christianity at the expense of racial and religious diversity.

"Texas is telling millions of children that one religion deserves the government's seal of approval, while everyone else is an afterthought," said Annie Laurie Gaylor, president of the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

Cornyn: Closed primaries could backfire on Texas GOP

Sen. John Cornyn is warning Texas GOP leaders that closing party primaries would be "paving the way to minority party status," The Texas Tribune reported.

The Texas Republican Party and its top elected leaders are pushing to require voters to register with a party, thereby prohibiting them from crossing over in party primaries. Texas is one of 17 states with open primaries.

Cornyn, who was defeated for reelection in a runoff by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, commented on an op-ed published in The Dallas Morning News, sharing its title — "Closed primaries are a threat to Texas voters." He added, "Exactly," and "Democrats haven't turned Texas blue; Republican's [sic] might."

Paxton has joined the GOP's pending lawsuit to strike down open primaries in court.

Tesla accused of allowing toxin release from refinery

Two Texas property owners have filed a class action suit against Tesla, accusing the company of dumping toxins from its lithium refinery near Corpus Christi onto their property, according to the Houston Chronicle. They claim that Tesla has violated its state-issued wastewater discharge permit by allowing contaminated water to flow onto their property.

The company's permit allows it to discharge up to 231,000 gallons a day of treated industrial water into Baffin Bay, according to state records. A review of the water leaking into a drainage ditch by lab hired by the Nueces County Drainage District revealed two toxic metals — arsenic and the carcinogen hexavalent chromium, as well as elevated levels of other chemicals. Tesla did not respond to a request for comment.

Majority of Texans oppose data centers in their community

A new poll from the University of Texas' Texas Politics Project indicates that a majority of Texans oppose having data centers in their community, according to the Texas Standard. The state has become the nation's top destination for data centers, which provide the infrastructure for artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency mining.

The poll found 43% of Republicans oppose data centers, while 42% support their construction. More than 60% of people who identify as Democrats oppose new data centers.

"I think people are objecting for different reasons," said James Henson, director of the polling center. "On one hand, lots of environmental concerns about water and resource use. But if you're living next to these data centers or in the region... they have a big impact on people's lives."

Both Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick have made regulation of data centers a legislative priority in next year's session.

EDITORIAL

Happy Birthday divided, complex United States of America!

Former Prime Minister of England Margaret Thatcher once profoundly said: "Europe was created by history. America was created by philosophy."

Today might be a good time to reflect on that founding philosophy and pledge more than allegiance but sincere commitment to the ideals this country was built on.

First and foremost must be Thomas Jefferson's words penned in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

We are supposed to value the sanctity of life in this country. We value freedom and we sometimes too enthusiastically and selfishly embrace our individual right to the Pursuit of Happiness.

Yes, we need to go to the writings of our Founding Fathers and remind ourselves that in the original 13 colonies there was a great philosophical divide between federalism and anti- federalism. But the men of the constitutional convention came together and based on commonly held ideals built a bridge to create the greatest nation of HOPE to ever be carved out of world history.

We need to model their example of compromise and civility today. We need to celebrate our convictions, their brilliance, and the sacrifice of so many over the history of this country to ensure freedom.

Let's study carefully what the authors of the Constitution wrote as the introduction to the Constitution. Their statement of principles that our history and culture is built upon is a great lesson in real patriotism.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

It is time to come back together as a nation and work to solve the challenges we face from the local to the national level.

If our Founding Fathers could work together and face down the greatest empire in the world to build a nation based on ideas that became the inspiration to the rest of mankind surely we can work together for a better tomorrow for our posterity.

I know we can. Let's get started. That is the best birthday gift we can give our great nation.

Happy Birthday America!



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FINISHING THE TASK—OR HANGING IN THERE

To hang in there, and finish the course, never giving up in tough times, is a rugged and difficult assignment. Read 2 Cor. 4:8-18. Thoroughness, commitment, determination, and endurance are rare qualities to be found in a world whose favorite byline seems to be *"Just get by."* Think about it. Many a school paper, study course, or a promise, is stamped with the ominous remark (INCOMPLETE!)"

Just ask any personnel manager, and they will tell you the number one problem in the business world today is finding people who will do the job without cutting corners or dodging the details! In other words, it is difficult to find people who will stick to the assignment and see it through until it is finished, i.e., people who will hang in there, finish the task, and never quit! Starters are a dime a dozen! Countless people begin something, and they make great plans, and there is a lot of flag-raising, cheer leading, and enthusiasm. But continuing, following through, persevering, completing... Well, that's a different story, isn't it?

Former President Calvin Coolidge said, *"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination are omnipotent."*

All of God's people have or will face situations that demand determination and perseverance. Always there is temptation to quit, to give in or give up, to just run away as fast as they can. The strong temptation is to slack off and walk out and give up. Face it, has there ever been a time when you just wanted to quit? But please remember this. When you think you have reached a dead-end street, realize it is just a place to turn around. The trouble with some is that during trying times they stop trying! Christians need fortitude because victory comes to those who endure, hold on, and hang in there. When you think, you have come to the end of your rope, as Franklin D. Roosevelt said, *"Just tie a knot and hang on!"*

We read in Heb. 10: 35-39, *"Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul."* Christians need fortitude because victory comes to those who endure, hold on and hang in there. We can't afford to shrink back and even give up."

Our goal is Heaven, and we know that failure is the path of least persistence, and that, *"just over the hill is a beautiful valley, but we must first climb the hill to see it."* Think on these things.

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Young musicians learn the fundamentals at Lee Bardwell Public Library

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Community response to the program has been enthusiastic. Inga Jackson, whose grandchildren attended the class, said the children returned home excited about what they had learned. “They came home excited about the class and ready to come back to the next one next Thursday,” Jackson said.

The Music Fundamentals series, sponsored by the Suzanne Bardwell Foundation, aims to build confidence, creativity, and a lifelong appreciation for music among local youth. By combining education with interactive activities, The Kirbys are helping make music accessible and enjoyable for students of all experience levels.

You can find out more about The Kirbys and classes available by visiting thekirbysmusic.com.

Freedom Fest organizers count down to Friday’s big celebration

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to 9:30 Friday afternoon and evening at Lake Gladewater.

The finalized schedule has food trucks opening to serve at 5 p.m. while DJ Randy spins the night’s music. The sky dive teams annual Stars & Stripes drop-in is set for 6 p.m. and this year features a 7 p.m. Best Dressed Contest.

“Wear your best red, white and blue for a chance to win,” per the organizers.

The annual Boat Parade sponsored by Austin Bank floats out at 8 p.m. before fireworks at 9.

Reed’s excited to celebrate the evening as a prelude to Independence Day come Saturday, commemorating the nation’s 250th.

“It’s the fact that America has continued to grow, to be a world leader, 250 years strong,” she said. “Here we are in historic Gladewater, and we’re celebrating in a big way with our community and any visitors who want to join us.”

For the most part, Friday’s a free event, but attendees should bring some green (or plastic) if they want to enjoy sweet treats or savory selections from the visiting food trucks.

Notably, “Parking is \$5 cash,” Reed said. “The Bucket Brigade will be helping park the cars on the grassy area.

Gladewater Fire Department will also have red 250 shirts for sale as a souvenir for the rare event.

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12 TX Tracy Byrd's "It's _____ Time"

17 TXism: "two _____ pod" (alike)

20 Texas-made Sally Field 1984 film: " _____" in the Heart"

22 Texas president: _____ Johnson

23 TXism: "bright eyed and bushy _____"

24 TXism: "tater"

29 pickup's spare

30 big Texas family

31 TXism: "useless as earrings _____"

32 TXism: " _____ as thieves"

36 TXism: "brave enough to eat in _____ town cafe"

37 wrong directions for horseshoe pits due to sun (3 wds.)

43 TXism: "cut _____ a boarding-house pie" (divided)

45 TXism: "keep your eyeballs peeled"

47 mother of TX Ginger Rogers or John Connally

48 chili is the state _____

50 TX Chesnutt tune: "Old _____ Have New Names"

51 lower stripe color on the Texas flag

52 San Antonio is the _____ of the Alamo

53 TX Willie's 4th wife

54 national org. for gun-totin' Texans

55 cow's chew

56 TXism: "dohicky"

58 Texas' country

59 _____ Ross State University in Alpine resort

13 East Texas hardwood tree (2 wds.)

14 real first name of TX "Bum" Phillips

15 alma mater of Troy Aikman

16 TX Orbison's early band: " _____ Kings"

18 Texas pest: fire _____

19 former missile def. program (abbr.)

21 Texas ABC network journalist, Donaldson (init.)

24 former Texas eatery: _____' Folks

25 TXism: "he's tighter than bark _____" (frugal)

26 honky tonk bill

27 TXism: "fast _____ from a gusher"

40 large, exotic antelope that can be found on game ranches in Texas

41 TX Dan Jenkins 1972 novel: " _____-Tough"

42 pecan is the Texas state _____

44 rasslin' mat, e.g.

46 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the _____" (finalize)

49 "be alert," as on a ball field for example (2 wds.)

50 TXism: "plain as the nose on your _____"

57 high-profile festive celebration

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See Answers on this page.

WOPD Police Report

For the reporting period of June 22nd through June 28th, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 201 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Advice Calls, Burglar Alarms, Theft, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Three traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period. Two were reported with injuries.

One arrest was made during this reporting period.

Aaron Phillips, 36, of Big Sandy, for Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Alcohol Container.

Three separate and unrelated cases were presented to the Gregg County District Attorney during this reporting period.

-Resist Arrest, Search or Transport.

-Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger Under 15.

-Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Family Violence, and Evading Arrest or Detention.

GPD Arrest Activity

Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
6/22/2026	CRISS, JABARIE RAYSHOIDE	1300 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT - ALL OTHER OFFENSES
6/28/2026	HARRIS, DAVONTE MONTRELL	701 E ALLISON AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT- OTHER AGENCY (MISD)
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Sports roundup

White Oak Timberhogs drill Oil Barons, 15-5

By Tyler Sutton

The White Oak Timberhogs finished off a home stand as they welcomed in the Beaumont Oil Barons for 3 games and mother nature again won round one as that game was postponed to a later date by rain.

But finally they were able to play again and the Hogs offense took off as they had no problem with the Oil Barons winning the opener of the series 15-5 in a run rule 7 inning contest. After a scoreless 1st inning, the Timberhogs offense woke up and plated 2 runs as centerfielder Cameron McCoy drew a bases loaded walk and shortstop Trey Clark did as well to make it 2-0. Catcher Brance Farrell then smashed a 2 run homer in the bottom of the 3rd to make it 4-0 Hogs. White Oak added on in the bottom of the 4th with DH Armand Daigre worked a bases loaded walk to make it 5-0. That was followed by Farrell crushing a 2 run double to make it 7-0 and Clark coming home on a bases loaded walk to make it 8-0 Timberhogs after 5 innings.

Beaumont would plate 4 in the top of the 6th to cut the lead in half at 8-4. But the Hogs would put it away with 4 runs in the bottom of the 6th as 1st baseman Aramis Cruz had a RBI single and right fielder Shamarr Stapleton crushed a 3 run homerun to make it 12-4. White Oak would then end it with 3 runs in the bottom of the 7th.

Local product and former Longview Lobo pitcher Cole Ramey made his White Oak debut and went 5 shutout innings giving up just two hits with six strikeouts.

White Oak would then win the final game of the series again in run rule fashion 12-2 before heading to Meridian Mississippi to take on the Meridan Blues were they lost two of three falling in two close affairs (10-7 and 4-2) before their offense exploded

for a season high 21 runs in a 21-7 blowout win.

The Timberhogs are now 9-18 on the season and will next head to Fort Scoot to take on the Dragoons followed by a trip to Beaumont over 4th of July weekend to take on the Oil Barons.

The Texas High School Coaches Association
2025-26 BOYS TRACK & FIELD SUPER ELITE TEAM

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MVP: NOAH STROHMAN, HOLLIDAY HS
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CARTER PAPE, COMFORT HS
JAMES PIERCE, TROUP HS
KINGSTON SHEFFIELD, GLADEWATER HS
RYDER STROHMAN, HOLLIDAY HS
JAYVIDN WHITE, ACADEMY HS

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Z'RYEN BANKS, LIBERTY-EYLAU HS
SAMANTHA FRYER, EAST BERNARD HS
JAYLA HESSLER, YODKUM HS
PEYTON HUNTER, GLADEWATER HS
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PEYTON KELLER, STOCKDALE HS
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CARLEIGH RODENHAK, THPALL HS
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
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RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010433002

APPLICATION. City of Gladewater, 519 East Broadway Avenue, Gladewater, Texas 75647, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010433002 (EPA I.D. No. TX0022438) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 1,400,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 1205 South Roden Lane, in the city of Gladewater, in Gregg County, Texas 75647. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to Sabine River Above Toledo Bend Reservoir. TCEQ received this application on April 1, 2026. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Gladewater City Hall, front office, 519 East Broadway Avenue, Gladewater, in Gregg County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-94.944444,32.520555&level=18>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a

response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gladewater at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Charles Smith, City Manager, at 903-746-0600.

Issuance Date: April 29, 2026

Fireworks frighten animals

Fireworks can be a source of fear for many animals but it doesn't have to be that way. Don't ignore the problem – follow our top tips to make fireworks celebrations less frightening for your pets.

Keeping pets secure

Give your cat or dog somewhere to hide that they have access to at all times, e.g. under furniture or in a quiet corner.

Walk dogs during daylight hours. Keep dogs and cats indoors when fireworks are likely to be set off.

At nightfall close windows and curtains. Put on music to mask the sound of fireworks.

Make sure your pet can't escape if there's a sudden noise. Have them microchipped just in case.

Never punish your pets when they are scared as this will only make things worse in the long run.

It's fine to comfort your pet if it helps them relax, or leave them alone unless you think they will harm themselves.

Just for dogs

Close any windows and black out a 'doggy play area' so that your dog can't see the flashing lights.

Ignore the fireworks yourself. Play with a toy to see if your dog wants to join in, but don't force them.

Before fireworks begin, move your dog to the doggy play area with all their favourite toys.

Ask your vet for advice about pheromone diffusers and being referred to a clinical animal behaviourist for help.

Just for cats

Make sure your cat has somewhere to hide if they want to. For example under some furniture, in a cardboard box or in a quiet corner. Don't try to tempt your cat out as this will cause them to become more stressed.

Don't forget small animals

If your pets live outside, partly cover cages, pens and aviaries with blankets so that one area is well sound-proofed. Make sure that your pets are still able to look out. Provide lots of extra bedding so your pets have something to burrow in.

Remember your horses, ponies and donkeys

Check for any firework displays planned locally and, where possible, ask organisers to site fireworks well away from your horse – aimed in the opposite direction.

It's sensible to keep your horse in a familiar environment, following their normal routine with their usual companions. If your horse is staying in their field, check the

fencing is secure and there are no dangerous objects they could collide with if startled. If stabled, ensure hay nets are secure so your horse can't get caught up.

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Notable events that have taken place on July Fourth

Residents of the United States spend July 4th celebrating the country’s independence. Though July 4 has served as America’s Independence Day for centuries, many other significant and memorable events have taken place on the fourth day of July.

1744: The Treaty of Lancaster is signed in Pennsylvania. The treaty dictates that the Iroquois will cede land between the Allegheny Mountains and the Ohio River to the British colonies.

1776: The United States Declaration of Independence is adopted by the Second Continental Congress. July 4 actually marks the day the final wording of the declaration, which had been submitted on July 2, was approved.

• 1802: The United States Military Academy officially com-

mences operations. Located in West Point, New York, the USMA is the oldest of the five American service academies.

• 1826: On the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Independence, the second and third presidents of the United States, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, respectively, pass away. Both men were instrumental to American success during the American Revolution.

• 1831: Samuel Francis Smith’s “America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)” is performed in public for the first time. The performance took place during a children’s Independence Day celebration in Boston.

• 1845: Naturalist and essayist Henry David Thoreau moves into a cabin on Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. His experiences there would later be detailed in “Walden Pond.”

• 1913: President Woodrow Wilson addresses veterans of the American Civil War at a reunion marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. More than 50,000 veterans of the war, including roughly 9,000 Confederate veterans, attend the reunion.

• 1939: New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig announces his retirement to a crowd at Yankee Stadium, informing them he feels he is “the luckiest man on the face of the earth.” Gehrig had recently been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease that would later be widely referred to as “Lou Gehrig’s disease.”

1983: Twenty-four-year old New York Yankees left-hander Dave Righetti throws a no-hitter against the rival Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. Righetti struck seven of the first nine batters he faced and even overcame a delay in the eighth inning when umpire Steve Palermo suffered a knee injury. Outspoken Yankees owner George Steinbrenner did not attend the game, as he was in Florida celebrating his 53rd birthday with family.

• 2004: The cornerstone of the Freedom Tower is laid on the World Trade Center site in New York City. Now known as One World Trade Center, the building formally opened in November 2014.

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As residents of the United States of America celebrate the nation’s two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, some might be curious where the “America” portion of the country’s name comes from. According to the Library of Congress, America is named after Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci.

The LOC contends that Vespucci was the first to suggest that the lands Christopher Columbus sailed to in 1492 were part of a separate continent. German mapmaker Martin Waldseemüller honored Vespucci’s assertion in 1507, when he created a notable map that was the first to depict the lands as a separate continent, naming the area “America,” which is a Latinized version of “Amerigo.”

That map is now part of the cartographic collections at the LOC, and is sometimes referred to as “America’s Birth Certificate.”



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Double-check the calendar as some of these unique Texas State Park events require registration or take place on a date other than July 4.

For the History Buffs

Want to hike through the history of some of our parks? Join Lake Corpus Christi, Goose Island or Ray Roberts Lake State Park's Johnson Branch Unit to learn about their pasts.

Prefer a different type of "boom" to fireworks? Join Fort Richardson State Park for an artillery demo and military drills.

The ever-present but sometimes hidden dinosaur tracks are WAY older than 250 years. Learn all about them at Dinosaur Valley State Park!

How did the cattle herds play a role in the American Revolution? Find out at Goliad State Park and Historic Site!

For the Hands-on Historian

Get a slice of Americana with Dutch oven cooking at Cooper, Mustang Island, Ray Roberts Lake, or Purtil Creek State Parks.

Learn to throw an Atlatl, an ancient hunting technology, or practice your bow and arrow skills with archery at Inks Lake State Park!

Cooper and Fort Boggy State Parks can teach and show off the skills that shaped the homestead and pioneer way of life, allowing visitors to step back in time!

Test your knowledge on national and state icons at trivia night at Fort Parker or McKinney Falls State Parks.

Learn about and/or make the ink used to sign some of America's most important documents at Bastrop, Cooper, Dinosaur Valley, Fort Parker, Goose Island, Lake Corpus Christi, Mission Tejas, Lockhart, Palo Pinto Mountains and Purtil Creek State Parks, or at Government Canyon and Hill Country State Natural Areas.

For the Nature Nurturer

Celebrate one of America's icons with the bison at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Would you rather celebrate with the stars? Join Palo Pinto Mountains, Mother Neff, Purtil Creek or Pedernales Falls State Parks for some star-spangled skies.

Create your own declaration to nature and use ink rooted in history to sign them at Lake Tawakoni State Park or Fort Leaton State Historic Site!

Trees that may be as old as the U.S. have stories to tell. Learn about them at Lake Tawakoni, Bonham, Lake Brownwood, or Dinosaur Valley State Parks.

Cast a line and see what you reel in at Purtil Creek, Huntsville or Lockhart State Park, taking part in one of the country's oldest outdoor activities — fishing!

Learn about the Texas state reptile, the Texas horned lizard, at Lake Arrowhead State Park.

For Patriotic Parkers

Was there another bird in line to be America's National Bird? Learn about it at Brazos Bend, Dinosaur Valley, Lake Tawakoni, and Lake Casa Blanca International State Park.

Join Lockhart State Park for a red, white and blue scavenger hunt.

Be a part of the Ultimate Picnic Photo Challenge at Galveston Island State Park!

Go on a night hike with Inks Lake State Park, dressed in your most patriotic garb.

Get your art on at Galves-

ton Island State Park with sunset watercolors on the coast.

Try to spot red, white and blue birds on bird walks at Goose Island, Village Creek, Palo Pinto Mountains, Lake Arrowhead, McKinney Falls or Lake Tawakoni State Parks.

Take a scenic bike ride at Estero Llano Grande to look for the tri-colored heron or be a part of a parade at Buescher State Parks.

Celebrate the history of Caddo Lake State Park with their Red, White and Blue-printing event, working with cyanotypes.

Light up the sky with colors by light painting at Cooper State Park!

Enjoy some of America's oldest pastimes at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site, with hand-churned ice cream and games, or visit Sea Rim State Park for a campfire and s'mores.

More information on the parks can be found on Texas State Parks' website, with full America 250 programming listed on the events page.



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Did You Know?

America's Birthday



July 4, 1776, is an important date in American history that is widely considered the birthday of the United States of America. But some people argue that August 2 should actually be America's birthday, since that was when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The National Archives says that the Second Continental Congress adopted the United States Declaration of independence on July 4, 1776, formally severing ties with Britain. The approved Declaration was printed on July 5. On July 19, Congress ordered that the document be engrossed on parchment, which is a process of copying an official document in large hand. It is surmised that the engrosser was Timothy Matlock, an assistant to Charles Thomson, secretary to the Congress. It was nearly a month after the Declaration was adopted before the document began to be signed by delegates. The signing of the Declaration of Independence occurred primarily on August 2, 1776, at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, a building later renamed Independence Hall. John Hancock, who was the President of the Congress, was the first to sign the engrossed copy. Signatures were arranged by states from northernmost to southernmost. Fifty-six delegates eventually signed the document, although not all were present to sign on August 2. Some delegates never managed to sign the Declaration, including Robert R. Livingston of New York, who was a member of the Declaration's drafting committee.



See how many words you can form with these letters.
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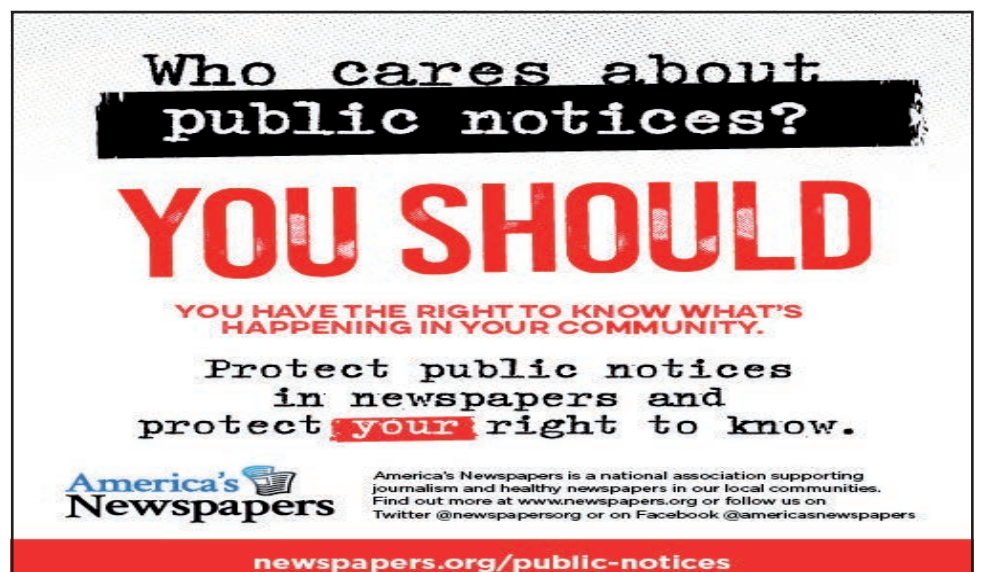
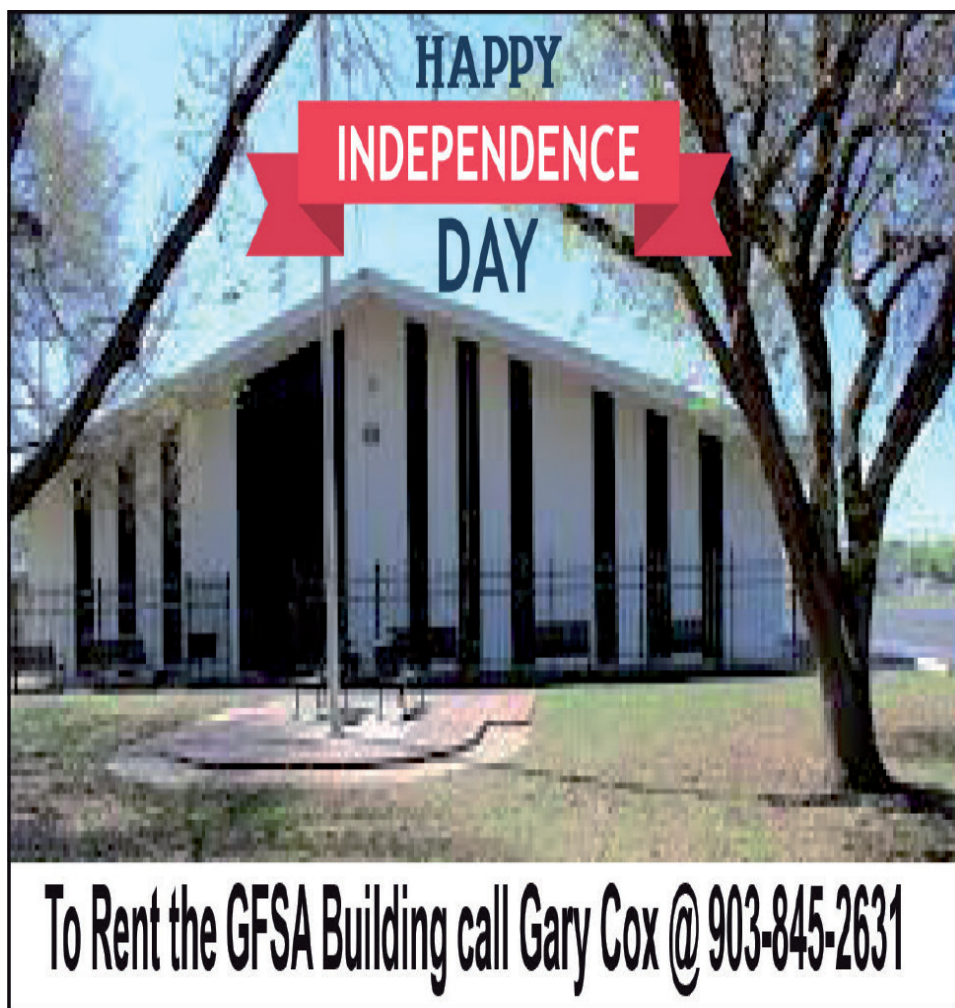
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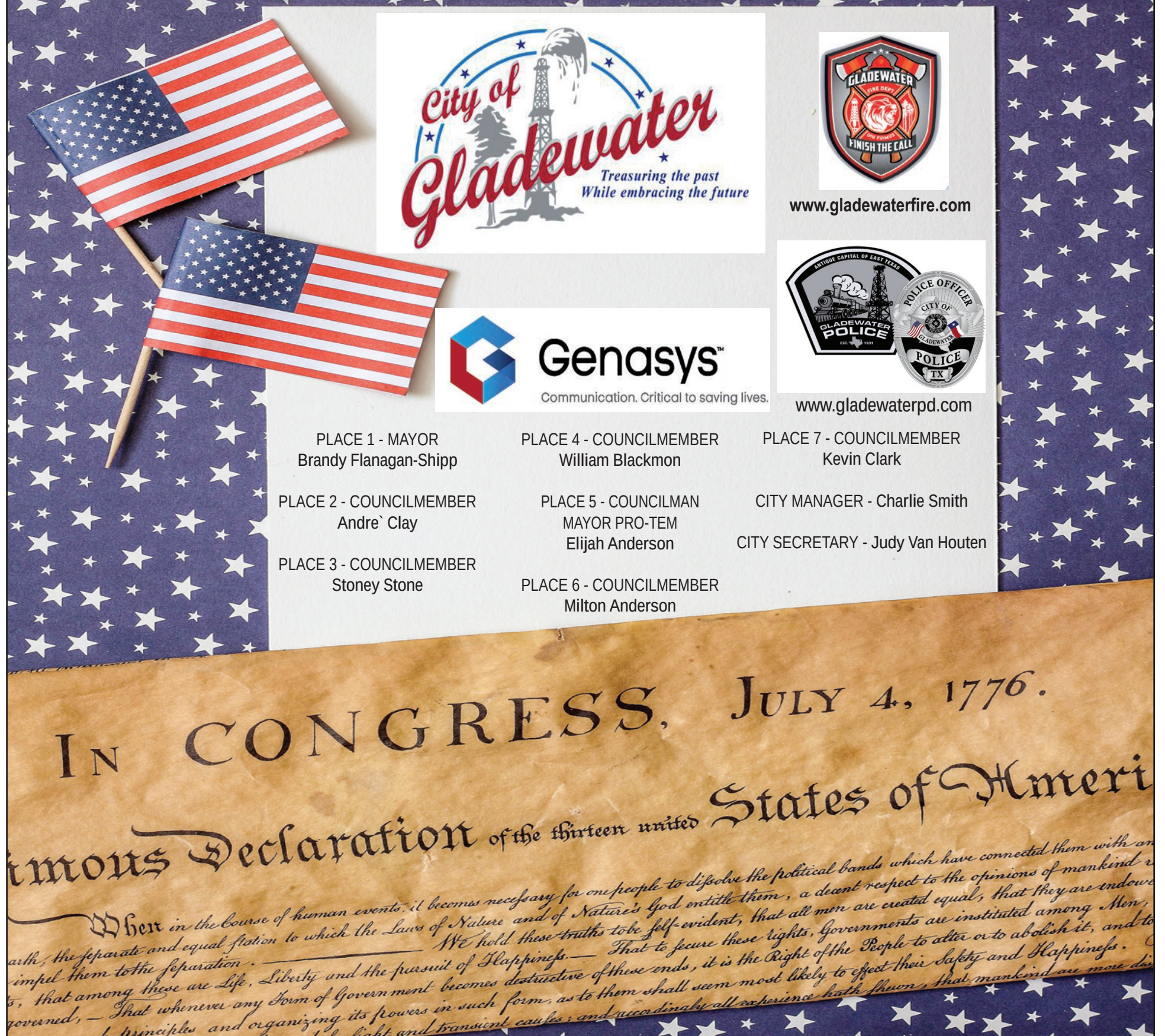
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Wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July



GISD bond projects slated for fall

By James Draper

Early May saw local voters sign-off on Glade-water ISD’s \$8.1 million Proposition A, and mid-July will likely see the district actually sell those bonds before projects get underway this fall.

Just shy of 480 voters weighed in on the no-tax-increase bond package in Spring 2026, and 73 percent gave it the green light between Early Voting and Election Day.

Actual implementation’s been on yellow for the past several weeks.

“We’ve just been waiting and watching the market to make sure all is good,” GISD Superintendent Rae Ann Patty noted. “We don’t want to sell the bonds at the wrong time.

“That’s why you haven’t seen a lot of that movement happening this summer. We’re trying to ensure we sell the bonds at the right time and get the best rates for the money.”

July 9’s the tentative sell-date.

“If the market’s not right that morning, we will postpone that and shoot for another day,” Patty added. “We’re just trying to be very good stewards of (voters’) trust in us with those bonds.”

It will put the funds in the district’s coffers in early August, laying the foundation for projects later next month and in September that won’t be major interruptions to classroom instruction.

“Those things are going to start happening. We will be taking pictures and posting them,” Patty added, “just so the community can see the things that are happening and how much we appreciate their confidence in passing the bond.”

In time, the funds will cover the district’s state-mandated school bus upgrade, a big expenditure for schools across Texas.

Sooner, though, among a list of capital projects in months ahead, “We’re going to be doing a lot

of AC replacement for excessively old units that could go out at any time. We’re going to be upgrading the primary school with new paint and floor covering and doors and windows,” Patty said, along with some new furnishings for the campus. Meanwhile, “At the high school we’ll be getting new furniture and painting the inside of the building. We’re just trying to upgrade that and get it back more into alignment with our school colors and make it nice inside for our kids.”

Career & Technical Education classrooms will see some equipment upgrades to industry-based standards.

“We’ve gotten far behind on some things. With technology, the industries are always changing,” Patty noted. Utilizing the bond funds, “That way, we don’t have to take all of that out of their general budget so they can have some supply money to do other things with other than just buying new equipment each year.

“We hope you see more projects like what’s been in front of the school” as students build firepits, refurbish barbecue smokers and tackle other community commissions in hands-on-learning. “We’ll continue doing those projects as well as some additional projects for sale and different options... just to get the community involved in our CTE programs.”

Safety and security upgrades are major tasks for the bond revenues, as well.

“Our primary school and high school will get keyless entry,” with students and staffers receiving keycards to scan themselves in. “If we should have an emergency situation... every kid has a key to get in any exterior door when they’re locked during school hours.”

Did You KNOW?

Why isn't July 2 the day to celebrate

The Declaration of Independence and July Fourth are indelibly linked.

But you may need to be an American history buff to know that the link is less direct than it may seem. The Continental Congress declared American independence on July 2, even though the final wording of the Declaration of Independence had yet to be approved.

That approval came two days later, which is why American independence is celebrated on July 4. Furthermore, the Declaration of Independence now on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., was not signed on July 4.

The signatures on that document, which have been a source of pride for descendants of the signers for centuries, were written on August 2, a full month after the Congress declared its independence from Great Britain.

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