

Mistakes turn deadly at high speeds

1,247 people were killed in speed-related crashes in Texas last year

AUSTIN – In Texas, getting there a few minutes faster isn’t worth a lifetime of consequences. Choosing to slow down is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself—and everyone else on the road.

That’s the message behind Drive Like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe.—TxDOT’s call for drivers to look out for one another and take pride in how we travel our roads.

While Texas is making progress, speeding remains a serious threat. It’s still the leading factor in deadly crashes, accounting for roughly one-third of all traffic fatalities statewide.

To address this, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the state to remind drivers that real Texans don’t rush—they drive with care, respect and responsibility.

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Category	2024 Data	2025 Data	Change (%)
Total Fatalities Statewide	4,143	3,770	-9%
Speed-Related Fatalities	1,472	1,247	-15%

But the danger hasn’t disappeared. Speed continues to play a role in more than 150,000 crashes each year, proving that even small decisions behind the wheel can have serious consequences.

Stephenie Smallwood’s 19-year-old son, Shaundi Kyree Smallwood, was killed in 2022 while riding home with friends after a trip to Six Flags. Their SUV was struck from behind on I-20 in Fort Worth by a driver traveling 157 mph.

“You can change people’s lives just like that,” Smallwood said. “And that driver changed our lives forever.”

Through Drive Like a Texan, TxDOT is asking drivers to pause, think about the people around them and make safer choices.

“Excessive speed makes any crash more dangerous,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Higher speeds mean less time to react and a much greater risk of serious injury or death. We’re asking Texans to slow down and drive with care.”

This message is reinforced during Operation Slowdown, a statewide high-visibility enforcement effort running July 18 through Aug. 2. During this period, TxDOT partners with law enforcement by providing additional funding and resources to increase patrols and stop drivers who are speeding or driving too fast for conditions.

Safe driving goes beyond following the posted speed limit. It means staying alert, adjusting to conditions and respecting everyone on the road.

Drivers are encouraged to:

- Match their speed to traffic, weather and road conditions
- Increase following distance when traffic is heavy or roads are slick
- Watch for changing speed limits, especially in work zones and school zones
- Remember that fines double for speeding in active work zones and school zones



City of Gladewater Public Works employees excavate in the alleyway near Skipper’s Pier Monday morning while a CenterPoint team tends to a gas leak nearby. The crew members took precautions, Gladewater Fire Chief Tim Basham said, but the 1-inch line still sprang a small leak: “They were probing to find it. They were doing all the right things, it’s just one of those deals that happens.”

Photo by James Draper



Volunteers with Arula’s Hope distribute back-to-school backpacks to Gladewater ISD middle school gym Saturday, July 25. Members of the Gladewater Church of the Nazarene congregation also distributed gift cards for new shoes, Gladewater Chamber of Commerce reported: “Such an amazing opportunity for volunteers to help prepare Bears of all ages for Monday, August 3!”

Courtesy Gladewater Chamber of Commerce

Back to school countdown begins

By James Draper

There are just days to go until the 2026-2027 school year with tomorrow’s district-wide activities kick-starting the final countdown.

Gladewater ISD’s annual Meet the Teacher events run simultaneously on all campuses beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31. The concurrent festivities will wrap up at 7 p.m. so community members can make their way to the Gladewater High School Gymnasium for Meet the Bears at 7:30 p.m.

At Gladewater Primary School, not only can youngsters and parents get a face-to-face with their new teachers, they’ll be able to drop-off supplies, participate in a scavenger hunt, grab a picture with the Gladewater High School Honeybears and pick-up car tags while snacking on a Kona Ice.

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Parents can save on back-to-school lists with sales tax break

The Lone Star State’s 2026 Back-to-School sales tax holiday is set for Friday, Aug. 7, through midnight Sunday, Aug. 9.

According to the Texas Comptroller’s office, shoppers will be able to save with tax-free purchases of most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks (those valued at less than \$100) during the annual three-day sales tax-free weekend.

“The Comptroller encourages all taxpayers to support Texas businesses while saving money,” according to the state’s online portal. “Qualifying items can be purchased tax free from a Texas store or from an online or catalog seller doing business in Texas. In most cases, you do not need to give the seller an exemption certificate to buy qualifying items tax free.

Learn more about holiday weekend purchasing options and restrictions via comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-490/

Qualifying Items (valued under \$100)

- Clothing, Footwear and Other Items
- School Supplies
- Face Masks
- Backpacks

Texas A&M Forest Service adds airpower to fight against wildfires with 3 new aircraft

Texas’ ability to detect, track and fight wildfires is growing even stronger with the acquisition of three new multi-mission aircraft for Texas A&M Forest Service.

The purchase marks the agency’s second major aviation acquisition in recent weeks, following the addition of two wildfire suppression helicopters, and represents another significant step toward building Texas’ first dedicated, state-managed wildfire aviation fleet.

“The safety of Texans is our No. 1 priority. Texas has secured a dedicated fleet of multi-mission aircraft to fight wildfires on our own terms,” said Governor Greg Abbott.



“These aircraft deliver early detection and critical intelligence so our firefighters can protect lives and property.”

Multi-mission aircraft

enhance firefighter safety and improve decision-making by detecting wildfires early, tracking fire behavior in near real time, providing crews with

accurate imagery of the entire incident and helping coordinate air and ground resources more effectively.

“Texas is making a historic

investment in protecting our people, property and communities from wildfires,” said Robert Albritton, chairman of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. “These aircraft will give Texas A&M Forest Service the speed, intelligence and flexibility to respond more effectively when lives are on the line. The Board of Regents is proud to help build a dedicated Texas fleet that will be ready when Texans need it.”

Texas A&M Forest Service developed its aviation strategy based on recommendations from a 12-entity Aviation Task Force created to determine the

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Fading the heat ...

No air conditioning.

Imagine a world where there is no “refrigerated” air. If you lived it you probably barely recall the time when cotton shirts were the thinnest of thin and water hoses were entertainment and life savers.

My better half has told me stories from his childhood when eight members of his family piled into a car and drove from Judson to Wyoming in summer heat. Imagine, windows down all the way, everybody literally stuck together. Now that has to be ‘quality’ family time!

We didn’t talk about ‘quality’ time back then because families often worked, and if we were lucky, occasionally played together. We didn’t have to schedule around organized T-ball for toddlers, we were free-range players and sometimes what our Moms called “Wild Little Indians!” (Is that politically incorrect? Ah well, I was a wild little Indian and proud of it.)

I really believe that our kids today need more of that freedom to develop their creativity, individuality and self-reliance. Schedules and routines are fine things until rigidity and stress come built in with them.

One of the ways I ‘cool down’ from stress today is to lean far back on some memories that enrich my life and taught me how to cope with the mundane and the catastrophic, and it was all about day-to-day living.

When I was little our house had a ‘breezeway’, a section that was meant to act as a draw for whatever breeze could be tricked into entering a hot house in the dog days of late July and unbearable August. I loved to escape to my Mam’maw’s house when that heat hit because she had a water fan. Remember those? Heavenly cool and the sound would lull you to sleep on a couch that felt like it was covered with outdoor carpeting, for durability of course.

But back then we could sure fade the heat. My baby brother grew up driving a tractor, cutting and raking hay when his feet would barely hit the pedals and had a cushion to see over the driver’s wheel. You farm kids know that you are up with the roosters and go to bed with the owls when you ranch or farm for a living. It is just a part of life.

And there wasn’t any of this too young to work business either. Little kids started out in the garden and worked their way up. A memory that sticks graphically with me is of my Mom, Mam’maw and me under the mesquite tree out back snapping beans to ‘can’. I can still recall the sound of the snaps while itty bitty me culled the tails.

I guess in case of catastrophic events today I could garden, can, and maybe even remember how to sew. But the one skill I am most thankful for is learning that work is important, productive and gives meaning to our days.

I think that youthful dissatisfaction began to grow in the 1950s, exploded in the ‘60s and ‘70s and has continued to a degree unabated since. So what was different beginning in the 1950s? Well, the idea of ‘teenager’ for one thing. Prior

Housing Hope

In a rare bipartisan effort, both the US House and Senate recently passed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, the most significant federal housing law in decades. The goal of the legislation is to make housing more affordable, primarily by encouraging expansion in supply. It’s a basic economic principle that when demand is higher than supply, there will be upward pressure on prices. Across the nation, the shortage of housing is estimated to be 5.5 million units, with particularly acute issues in some locations (including many parts of Texas). The Act’s provisions remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to streamline housing development and affordability, allowing the use of ready-to-use, pre-approved home designs so builders can obtain permits and build homes more rapidly. Federal and local housing processes are also streamlined, with an emphasis on the capacity to produce more affordable homes in rural and urban areas.

The Act also modernizes HUD programs to speed up homebuilding and expand financing opportunities. Rules for manufactured homes were updated to make these units easier and less expensive to produce and finance. The largest federal block grant program for states to increase the supply of affordable housing was also modernized. Grants and forgivable loans to keep existing properties viable are also available. Small-scale housing developments are now exempt from federal environmental reviews, and there is more flexibility and time to commit funds with fewer constraints.

Financing measures were also included, such as updating banking regulations to expand local lending while maintaining financial responsibility. Red tape was reduced, and the examination processes were streamlined. Community and

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to WWII children went straight to adulthood and in WWII a lot of them went straight from the hayfield to the foreign field. Then they came home and made so many babies that they called us the ‘Baby Boom’.

The post-war economic boom resulted in a time of great prosperity and growing leisure time for Baby Boomers and their ‘boomlet’. Interesting isn’t it that our discontent seems to have grown at the same rate. As someone who spent her entire adult life working with teenagers I will just come out and say it. I think that our kids need to learn the value and satisfaction that comes from hard work. And you know what? That work needs to start with toddlers picking up their own toys and progress to assigned chores that are age appropriate. And, if you have a family business they need to be a part of it and know that their contribution is important, that what they DO has value.

One of my favorite and heart-stopping for a second memories is when I came home one day to discover my hubby and then 3-year old roofing. Josh had a yellow and blue plastic hammer that he was welding as hard and heavy as his dad with his roofing tacks ON TOP OF THE HOUSE. It didn’t stop at our house either. My dad’s idea of spoiling his grandchild was to figure to the split second when our car would turn in the driveway and he would be waiting to grab Josh up and off they would go in the tractor or pickup to parts unknown to check cows, plow or fence. From diapers to Wranglers our son, for the most part, thought work was an adventure.

Fading the heat is more than about temperature, it is about how we live our lives in the midst of chaos and problems from which we often have little control but how we react. Work can help center us when the rest of our world is out of whack.

Contentment is based on what is inside, not outside of us, and how we work can help us get through just about anything. Being productive matters. Most of us will work a lifetime day-in and day-out. We need to teach our kids how to appreciate holding a job and doing it well.

Fading the heat is not native to the species. It is taught. We all need to remember that. Now, grab up those kids and grandkids and start a project together. Be patient if they haven’t grown from the cradle learning the value and satisfaction of work. It is never to late to learn it will just take harder work on your part to get them invested, but when you do you have given them a gift for a lifetime.

I promise.

Dr. Ray Perryman THE ECONOMIST



rural banks often have greater access to stable deposits; thus, they can lend locally and support small businesses, farmers, and households.

Additionally, the Act limits the number of homes large institutional investors can own. Companies that already own more than 350 single-family homes are prohibited from further purchasing, although they may continue developing new build-to-rent housing in many cases.

The strongest “pro” arguments are that the Act focuses on the housing supply shortage, which is a significant contributor to the affordability crisis. It also updates regulations and encourages greater use of lower-cost options. In some areas, major investment firms may have been pricing other buyers out of the market. The major “con” is that, by only focusing on the supply side, any meaningful effects will take time and are unlikely to move the needle in the near future.

The bill attracted welcomed and unusually broad support across the spectrum. It’s a practical response aiming to gradually improve affordability through modernizing the federal process and providing the private sector with tools to make progress. It will take time to work, but the result ultimately should be a healthier housing market. Stay safe!

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Challenge to school funding system

The Midland school district is suing Education Commissioner Mike Morath and other state leaders in another challenge to the state’s public school finance system, known as “Robin Hood,” according to The Texas Tribune.

Three legal challenges over the past three decades have failed, with Texas courts ruling that the recapture system complies with the state constitution. Under recapture, wealthier school districts — such as Midland, with its considerable oil and gas holdings — send money to the state, which then distributes it to school districts with low property values.

In the case of Midland, the district sent \$92 million back to the state in the 2024-2025 school year, sixth highest in the state. Austin ISD sent back the most money that year at \$771 million.

“They’re setting the tax rate. We collect the taxes. We send it to the state,” Guinn, the Midland school board president, said last week. “Then we get blamed as a local district and local board member for taxes being high. It’s just a revolving door.”

School administrators have contended that state leaders have not invested adequately in traditional public-school campuses, opting instead to promote charter schools and to create a voucher program that uses public funding for private or home schooling.

State could overhaul university funding

Texas could roll out a new funding model for four-year colleges that allocates more money to schools with higher graduation and retention rates, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board presented the model to university representatives last week. It will propose the plan to lawmakers during next year’s legislative session.

Under current law, four-year colleges receive funding from the Legislature through formula funding, largely based on the number of courses offered and the number of students enrolled. Since 1999, funding has also come from institutional enhancement funding, which is not formula-based and varies widely, from \$56 to \$5,734 per student. Some lawmakers have criticized enhancements as a “slush fund.”

Sarah Keyton, deputy commissioner of the higher education agency, said the new funding model would make university budgeting more predictable.

The new model, if adopted by lawmakers, rewards universities for progress toward a degree and diplomas awarded. It was created with input from university leaders across the state.

“This formula could really accelerate our progress towards the goals of the state education plan (to) get more students earning credentials of value and entering the workforce and driving our statewide economy forward,” Keyton said.

State to protect residential ratepayers

At Abbott’s direction, the Public Utility Commission and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas have taken action to shield residential ratepayers from the costs of data center expansion sweeping across much of the state. Those actions include:

- Requiring data centers to pay for transmission infrastructure and contribute to “meaningfully reducing” residential electric bills.
- Preventing large data centers from diverting existing power away from the ERCOT grid.
- Changing how data centers pay for the infrastructure needed to serve them.
- Developing stronger standards that data centers must meet before connecting to the grid.

A controversial data center project in Henderson County near Cedar Creek Reservoir has been pulled after the company said it couldn’t comply with Abbott’s standards, The Tribune reported. The site was expected to take 12 years to build out and to consume 5 million gallons of lake water per day by its fifth year. It drew considerable opposition from residents because of the location’s proximity to a developed subdivision.

41 screwworm cases in Texas to date

Forty-one cases of New World screwworm cases have been confirmed in Texas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Standard reported, with one additional case in New Mexico. The latest infestation was confirmed in a baby calf in western Starr County, the first detected case in the Rio Grande Valley.

The screwworm is the larval stage of a parasitic fly that feeds on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals. Without treatment, infestations can be fatal. Federal and state officials are working to contain the outbreak, with several counties in South and West Texas under quarantine that limits movement of livestock.

GLOOM OR CHEERFULNESS-WHICH?

Voltaire, the famous French philosopher, once said: *“I wish I had never been born.”* Jay Gould, the famous American philanthropist, said when he was dying: *“I suppose I am the most miserable man ever to live.”* Benjamin Disraeli, the famous prime minister of Great Britain wrote: *“Youth is a mistake, manhood a struggle, old age a regret.”* Very gloomy words from men who made their mark in the world. But listen to some brighter words from the apostle Paul, another famous man, near the end of his life: *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day”* (2 Tim. 4: 7-8).

What enabled Paul to be cheerful, and rise above the gloom and pessimism many people feel at the end of their lives, and kept him from being a bitter old man? Not wealth, he didn’t have much money. Not popularity, many people hated him. Not a life of comfort, his life was filled with hardships. In fact, he was in prison, awaiting execution, when he wrote those hope-inspiring words. It was his faith in Jesus! Because he was a Christian, his life had real meaning, and the end of his life was not gloomy and fearful. That’s what Paul meant when he said: *“There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me.”* Jesus makes the same promise to you and me, because Paul also said the crown of righteousness was not to him only *“but unto all them that love His appearing.”*

Don’t live the kind of life that leaves you an embittered, pessimistic old man or woman. You can serve God, and at the end of your life, you can look backwards without regrets, and look forward without fear. It is your choice. Think on these things.

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What's Happening?

Lady Bears alumni game set Aug. 8

The Lady Bears annual Alumni Game is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

It's also a pop-up shop event with vendor spots available for \$25 each. All proceeds benefit Gladewater High School's volleyball program.

For more information, contact LaPortia Montgomery at 903-720-1287.

White Oak Library welcomes watercolor artists next month

The White Oak School & Community Library will host a 'Watercolor Collectives' art session from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the learning lab.

Participants should bring their own paint, watercolor paper and favorite brushes to participate in the free-to-attend event.

"Calling all local painters! Looking for a relaxed space to work on your art? Bring your watercolor supplies and current projects to the library for a casual, drop-in Watercolor Meet-Up," the library announced. "Free, low-pressure, and open to all skill levels."

Get more event updates via facebook.com/roughnecklib

Gladewater library marks Harry Potter's 46th B'day with annual bash July 31

Heads-up, Muggles, it's that time of year again.

Lee-Bardwell Public Library's annual Harry Potter party returns this Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the July 31st birthday of "The Boy Who Lived."

From Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans to Butterbeer and more, the local library staffers go all out to mark each magical milestone for J.K. Rowling's iconic character. Potter's canonical birthday is July 31, 1980, so the fictional wizard turns 46 in '26.

According to Lee-Bardwell Library Director Brandy Winn, "We're going all-out again with it."

Attendees are encouraged to dress up for the event and come ready to sample dishes from the books, treats and special beverages while they enjoy Harry potter themed games, trivia and a couple of the film adaptations.

Learn more from [@leebpubliclibrary](https://leebpubliclibrary) on Facebook.

Library's American history lecture series wraps Aug. 6

The final installment of Lee-Bardwell Public Library American history lecture series will include some throwback snacks to the Revolutionary War.

The third part of a trio of talks by Dr. M. Rhys Dotson will focus on 'After the Revolution.'

"We're basically going to conclude the Revolution and talk about the politics, which is not something people often think about – how things came about, how much animosity there was," library director Brandy Winn says. The young republic won the war, the battle began: "It could be considered the fight for freedom.

In other words, she quipped, "Let's have some fun and talk about who hated who and what they did to each other."

Set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, it's the final lesson from Dotson, adapted from his lectures as an associate professor at the University of Texas at Tyler. Previous talks include 'Precursors to the Revolutionary War' and 'The US Revolution War: Independence & Ramifications,' coinciding with this year's semiquincentennial America 250 celebrations.

Blood drive scheduled

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will hold four blood drives in Upshur County in August, announced Donna Russell, a drive recruiter for the agency.

A community blood drive, sponsored by the Upshur County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is set Thursday, Aug. 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 101 E. Cass in Gilmer.

The address is site of the old Gilmer National Bank drive-through facility, now a county-owned building in a county-owned parking lot.

For more information on that drive, email County Extension Agent Julie York at julie.york@ag.tamu.edu.

A Big Sandy High School community and staff drive is scheduled Monday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 401 Wildcat Drive.

For more information, email kfields@bigsandyisd.org.

The same day, a Union Grove High School community and staff drive is set from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 11377 Union Grove Road.

For more information on it, email Mayhanj@ugisd.org

The final drive is set for 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Walmart, 1923 N. Wood (which is also U.S. 271) in Gilmer.

For more information on that drive, email Drussell@carterbloodcare.org.

"Community support is especially important right now, as local hospitals continue to rely on volunteer blood donors to ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients when they need it," Russell said in a news release.

For more information on donating, contact her at 903-574-4998.

Gilmer post earns awards

Gilmer-based American Legion R.E. (Peppy) Blount Post No. 320 recently received three awards from the American Legion Department of Texas at the veterans organization's state convention in Austin.

One was a Certificate of Excellence for having an all-time high in local membership for 16 consecutive years. Shirley Parnell, adjutant of the Gilmer post, said it was the only post in Texas to receive the award for that length of time.

It also received the Membership Award for "achieving or exceeding 100% post membership goal for the 2026 membership year."

The other honor was the "Post Retention Award" certificate for "achieving 90% or higher retention of previous year's members for the 2026 membership year."

Immediate past Commander of the Gilmer post, Pat Taylor, was presented one or more of the honors at the July 11 convention by State Commander Richard Huntley. The Gilmer post's current commander, Thadd Barr, was unable to attend.

TPW community outdoor outreach program grant announces application workshops

The CO-OP Grant team will host a series of Grant Application Workshops to cover all the elements needed for a competitive application.

The CO-OP Grant will begin accepting project proposals August 3, 2026, through October 1, 2026, at 5 pm CST. Grant Awards will be announced March 1, 2027, and programs will take place over 18 months.

Find out more at www.etcog.org/texas-parks-and-wildlife-grant-application-workshops.

Storytime at county library

Two activities for young children are scheduled at the Upshur County Library in Gilmer this week before the Friends of the Upshur County Library organization meets there next week.

A book will be read to youngsters at both of the library's weekly "Storytime" sessions Thursday (July 30).

On Saturday, "LEGOs at the Library" is scheduled for children from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The Friends group meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

"Tiny T. Rex and the First-Day Oopsies" by Jonathan Stutzman will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Storytimes, which are for children up to age 11.

A website says this book, which is about a pint-sized dinosaur's first day of school and "helps kids navigate first-day jitters," is perfect for ages 4-6.

"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 wreath-related craft.

A flyer from the library says the "LEGOs" event involves children free-building a creation to be entered in competition for a chance to win a LEGO set. Every child will additionally be entered in a raffle to win a small LEGO set.

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

White Oak City Hall warns residents from illegal dumping site

The City of White Oak is aware of a social media post circulating that suggests a location is available for public dumping. This information is false.

"The property shown is not a permitted or authorized disposal site and is not open to the public. The location is private property and has no environmental permits or authorization to accept waste of any kind.

"This location has previously been investigated as an illegal dumping site, and the city is continuing to monitor the situation.

Any person who deposits trash, debris, or other waste at this location may be subject to criminal enforcement and any applicable civil penalties under state law.

"The City of White Oak reminds all residents to dispose of waste only at authorized disposal facilities. If you observe illegal dumping or have information regarding unlawful disposal of waste, please report it to the City of White Oak so the matter can be investigated."



Gladewater Rotary Club President Sam Cloud (left) welcomes Caleb Kimbrough (center) as the July 23 luncheon speaker alongside father and Rotarian Luke Kimbrough. The younger Kimbrough recently attended Scouting America's Sea Base, a high adventure experience in the Florida Keys.

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Importantly, students must be fully registered by 3 p.m. today (Thursday, July 30) or they will be unable to start school Aug. 3. Head Start parents, in particular, are reminded to complete GISD online registration ASAP.

Per GPS, "Bring your pre-approval letter from the spring to the school to get fully registered," with questions about a student's registration status best directed to the campus office at 903-845-2254.

Notably, student transportation plans cannot be changed the first week of school: "The first days of school are very busy, and our campus receives hundreds of transportation change requests. Because our students are young, many do not yet know their bus number, home address, parent names, or transportation arrangements. This can create confusion and increase the risk of miscommunication... How they go home the first day is how they will go home the rest of the first week."

Parents may walk students to class only on the first day of school, Monday. For those pupils who start after Aug. 3, a GPS staffer will help them to class.

At Weldon Elementary, Meet the Teacher will feature back-to-school photos taken by the Weldon Parent-Teacher Organization plus snow cones from Charlie's Sno-Ball. Weldon Spirit shirts will also be available for purchase.

Before Friday's Meet the Teacher activities at Gladewater Middle School, schedule pickup runs 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 31, and every GMS student will receive a paper copy of their schedule on Day One during student orientation.

At Gladewater High School, student registration ends today with on-site assistance available for new students from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the high school office at 903-845-5591. Registration takes about one hour and must be completed on a computer (not a smartphone or similar device).



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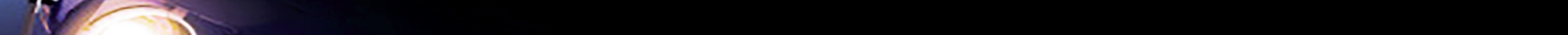
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Sports roundup

Bears, Roughnecks and Lions ready for action

By Tyler Sutton

As summer break gets closer to its end, that means only one thing and that's the high school football season is right around the corner.

And that means using what is left of summer to get ready for the 2026 season. I spoke to all three head coaches from Gladewater, Union Grove and White Oak on how they are preparing for the upcoming season during the summer before school begins.

"We talked about being consistent this summer. Consistency is what seperates good teams from championship teams. This summer, we dont need to be great one day, we need to show up, work and be great every day!"

"Stay consistent and stay hungry!" said Gladewater head coach Jermaine Lewis.

The Bears are coming off

a district championship and a 9-1 season where they went a perfect 6-0 in district and a Bi district championship in the playoffs and will be a favorite to repeat as district champs as they bring back most of their roster.

Over at Union Grove - "The Kids have been working hard this summer in the weight room.

"Most people think the weight room is a place to work on the body, which is true but its also a great place to work the mind. We ask our kids to do tough things and they have done a great job responding

"We are focusing on our returners. Snapping a 8-year playoff drought last season has really shifted our focus from a playoff birth to a district championship," said Union Grove head coach Kyle Adams.

As mentioned, the Lions are coming off ending their playoff drought going 6-4 and 4-4 in district play.

With a veteran roster full of many seniors, the Lions will be a favorite to do just that and win a district championship.

And in White Oak, new White Oak head coach Tanner Thiel said "Obviously we are implementing a new offense and defense with a new staff, but I feel the kids have learned it well so far this summer.

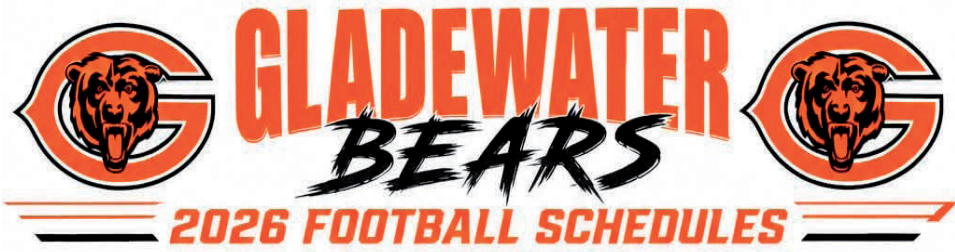
"They have been doing amazing in the weight room all summer which is awesome to see. They have shown up ready to get after it every day. I feel our focus this season will be getting back to the post season and that means doing well in a good and tough district. Which I feel we can compete in.

The Roughnecks are com-

ing off a 5-5 season, but only 1-5 in district play, which kept

them out the post season. With a new coach and quite a few

returning players, the future is bright in White Oak.



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9/4	PITTSBURG	7:00	HOME
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During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$397,331,767 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculated that it had over-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related expenses, and purchased-power costs by \$45,293,744, excluding interest. However, subsequent to the close of the Reconciliation Period, as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 59179, SWEPCO implemented a net interim fuel refund of the over-recovered balance as of October 31, 2025, in the amount of \$42,027,369, plus cumulative interest in the amount of \$436,693 through January 31, 2026, during February through April 2026.

SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and a prior fuel refund proceeding, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions, or who want more information on SWEPCO's application, may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application and related filings are available for inspection at the address listed above or at the following website: <https://www.swepeco.com/company/about/rates/tx>.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 59827 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or wish to express their comments concerning SWEPCO's application should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should refer to Docket No. 59827 and should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its application with the Commission.

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07/19/2026	20:55:33	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	CENTER-QUITMAN
07/19/2026	21:21:43	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE	1516 N MAIN STREET
07/19/2026	21:39:12		AGENCY ASSIST	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 I 20 EAST BOUND
07/19/2026	22:17:51	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	AGENCY ASSIST	103 W ELEANOR STREET APARTMENT 48 GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/19/2026	22:31:00	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	AGENCY ASSIST	513 W GAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/20/2026	11:17:03		MISCELLANEOUS	2200 W UPSHUR AVENUE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/20/2026	12:40:30	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	THEFT	2210 PINECREST DRIVE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/20/2026	13:44:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	510 WOOD STREET GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/20/2026	13:50:14	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	CASH AMERICA PAWN
07/20/2026	14:03:24	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	N MAIN CITY LIMITS
07/20/2026	20:25:22		ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1208 ST HWY 135
07/20/2026	20:55:57	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	W GAY/ POST
07/20/2026	21:07:06	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	S LOOP 485 / MONEY
07/20/2026	21:54:22	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	S TYLER
07/20/2026	23:16:54	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	80/ MILDRED
07/21/2026	00:04:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	1298 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TX 75647

WOPD Activity

For the reporting period of July 20th through July 26th, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 156 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Burglar Alarms, Advice Calls, Suspicious Activity, Traffic Issues (motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

Four traffic collisions were investigated during this reporting period. No injuries were reported.

Two arrests were made during this reporting period:

Kyler Smith, 19, for Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of Tobacco/E-cig Product by a Minor, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, No Seat Belt.

Tyler Gibbs, 25, for Driving While Intoxicated with Child Under 15 y.o.a., Resisting Arrest, Search or Transport.

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

07/21/2026	12:38:57	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	RUNAWAY	1832 PHILLIPS SPRINGS ROAD GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/21/2026	13:27:15	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	309 W GREGG AVENUE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/21/2026	14:23:37	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	BURGLARY	507 W QUITMAN AVENUE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/21/2026	17:54:28	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	3970 e us hwy 80
07/21/2026	18:42:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ALARM	2201 W GAY AVENUE
07/21/2026	19:57:15		PUBLIC SERVICE	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 306 N AMES STREET GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/21/2026	20:01:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	GREGG CO JAIL
07/21/2026	20:31:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	1400 BLOCK W GAY
07/21/2026	20:37:26	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	100 E GAY AVENUE
07/21/2026	20:44:33	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 W GAY / TENERY
07/21/2026	23:12:51	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	410 W GAY AVENUE
07/21/2026	23:32:22	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 GODFREY/ SABINE
07/22/2026	00:05:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	W UPSHUR
07/22/2026	00:33:31	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	DEAN/ S MAIN
07/22/2026	07:36:44		WELFARE CHECK	349 WEST RV PARK
07/22/2026	08:33:11		ANIMAL COMPLAINT	500 AVALON DRIVE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/22/2026	08:40:45		911 HANGUP	921 ADRIAN RD
07/22/2026	09:15:41		AGENCY ASSIST	620 GREEN ST
07/22/2026	09:43:49		ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1301 N RODEO
07/22/2026	09:47:33		ANIMAL COMPLAINT	125 S MAIN PHILLY ROBS
07/22/2026	10:01:04		AGENCY ASSIST	1144 FM 1252 W
07/22/2026	10:17:11		AGENCY ASSIST	2287 W GEORGE RICHEY RD
07/22/2026	12:21:31	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	LYNN AND SHELLCAMP
07/22/2026	13:49:05	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE	CADDO AND NORTH POINT PLEASANT
07/22/2026	13:47:43	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	HIT AND RUN	602 EASTLAKE DRIVE
07/22/2026	13:57:13		MISCELLANEOUS	726 AND HWY 259
07/22/2026	14:41:28		AGENCY ASSIST	1160 VALLEYWOOD TRAIL
07/22/2026	15:16:45		AGENCY ASSIST	1201 FM 2685
07/22/2026	16:31:33		AGENCY ASSIST	NE 49 LAKE CHEROKEE
07/22/2026	17:14:08	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	WELFARE CHECK	1625 E BROADWAY AVENUE
07/22/2026	17:27:41	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ACCIDENT	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 1005 W UPSHUR AVE
07/22/2026	17:59:03		WELFARE CHECK	349 AND 2011
07/22/2026	19:22:11		AGENCY ASSIST	I 20 west
07/22/2026	20:20:15	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	LAUNDRY MATT ON W UPSHUR
07/23/2026	10:24:36	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	THEFT	1626 CRONJE ST
07/23/2026	10:36:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	895 E BROADWAY AVE
07/23/2026	10:57:20		911 HANGUP	188 SINGING J CIR
07/23/2026	10:59:59	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1001 E BROADWAY AVE LONG INS
07/23/2026	11:58:35		FIRE	3053 BROWNING
07/23/2026	13:23:32		AGENCY ASSIST	3687 OLD HWY 135 N
07/23/2026	13:48:39		911 HANGUP	4577 ESTES PKWY
07/23/2026	14:28:06		AGENCY ASSIST	156 FM 2011 LOT 12
07/23/2026	15:19:42		AGENCY ASSIST	5003 ESTES PKWY
07/23/2026	22:30:43	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	AGENCY ASSIST	13 GREENWAY VILLAGE GLADEWATER, TX 75647
07/23/2026	23:09:04	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	511 S TYLER ROAD
07/23/2026	23:22:01	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ALARM	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 1300 E BROADWAY AVENUE
07/24/2026	00:05:31	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	GLADEWATER, TX 75647 TYLER ST/CL
07/24/2026	00:21:10		AGENCY ASSIST	1798 RIVER RD
07/24/2026	00:27:11		AGENCY ASSIST	2030 TEXAS ST
07/24/2026	01:13:44	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	W UPSHUR/CL
07/24/2026	04:29:00		AGENCY ASSIST	1557 FM 449
07/25/2026	04:22:42	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	DISTURBANCE	518 MELBA
07/25/2026	04:59:13	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	TEXAS TRADITIONS
07/25/2026	06:16:03	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	1201 FM 2685
07/25/2026	07:35:56	GLADEWATER	SUSPICIOUS	801 E ALLISON STREET

GPD Arrest Report

Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
7/21/2026	HAWLEY, DENISELYN JANETTE	1298 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT - ALL OTHER OFFENSES
			POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G

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Texas A&M Forest Service also is pursuing the final planned component of the new fleet: Four large airtankers that are currently in the state procurement process.

He spoke of his love of country
of family and of God and the sac-
rifices still required to maintain
it. Josh is the general manager of
J.O. Williams here in Gladewater.
Submitted by Rita Ochs

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