

Dry conditions brings burn ban in Upshur

By Phillip Williams

Following recent hot, dry weather, Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller issued a temporary ban last Thursday on outdoor rural burning, retroactive to the day before the order was issued.

The prohibition is effective for 10 days from Aug. 5 unless Tefteller or the Texas A&M Forest Service determines it should be terminated earlier. The county commissioners court, which Tefteller presides over, will consider whether to extend his ban at a 10 a.m. meeting Friday at the temporary county courthouse in Gilmer.

At least some Upshur County incorporated cities, including Gilmer, East Mountain, and Big Sandy have also issued burn bans which were in effect last week.

Tefteller’s order said he found “present circumstances in all of part of the unincorporated areas of Upshur County create a public hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.” Violating his order is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$500.

Tefteller’s order exempts four activities--all authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and “related to public health and safety”--from the ban.

They include burning related to (1) firefighter training, (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting agricultural crops; and (4) burns conducted by a prescribed ban manager who is certified under the state’s Natural Resources Code.

Distracted driving puts children at risk

As the school year begins, the Texas Department of Transportation is urging drivers to pay special attention in school zones. More than 3,200 traffic crashes in school zones involved school buses last year.

Distracted driving and speeding were the most common contributing factors in these crashes.

“School zones can be chaotic places, with people in a rush and children not always watching for cars while they hop on and off buses or in and out of cars. Drivers can become impatient or distracted, which leads to mistakes,” TxDOT said in a news release.



Students and parents made the rounds of White Oak’s Primary and Intermediate campuses during Meet the Teacher Monday ahead of the first day of school Aug. 13.

Photos by James Draper

UGISD steers clear of rule on seatbelt, citing cost

By James Draper

“We don’t just have half-a-million dollars laying around.” That’s the rough estimate to get all of Union Grove ISD’s buses equipped with state-mandated seatbelts, according to Dr. Greg Bower.

There are 17 vehicles in the fleet for the rural Class 2A district, the superintendent said.

“It would cost our district about half-a-million dollars and that’s unfunded money from the state,” he repeated. Considering the price tag, “Our board passed a resolution saying it would be difficult for us to afford to do that, all the required seatbelt changes they are asking us to do.”

This school year is Bower’s first full stretch at UGISD

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Most WO buses comply with seatbelt rule

By James Draper

While districts across the state face the legislature’s unfunded mandate to get seatbelts in all school buses by 2029, White Oak ISD and its nine transports are already close to compliance.

Per Supt. Jack Parker, six of nine buses are already equipped with the requisite safety gear. The clock’s ticking, but there’s plenty of time yet to upgrade or replace the remaining vehicles.

“We only have a couple of buses that are not in compliance with the seatbelts on our route fleet,” Parker said, and the district recently applied for consideration of ‘financial extenuating circumstances’ to buy time: “We feel like by 2029 that we will be in compliance.”

The three-point harnesses have been a standard option the last five years, Parker noted, and grant funds helped the district purchase a new, compliant bus the past year.

“Hopefully we can go out in the next couple of years and get that same grant to finish off our fleet with buses that all have seat belts in them.”

Monday was Meet the Teacher night at all White Oak campuses ahead of the start of school Wednesday morning.

“We’re just working extremely hard trying to get

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KEEP RIGHT ...

School zone updates bring major change for Primary traffic

There’s a significant change coming to the traffic flow at Gladewater Primary School as the city and school district try to alleviate congestion during drop-off and pick-up times.

After months of observation and discussion by city leaders, the police department and Gladewater ISD administrators, signs will be posted this week barring left-hand turns out of GPS onto Gay Avenue on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It comes as old news to GPS parents following a slew of notifications by the campus and school district since Gladewater council members signed off on the recommended rule last month. Likewise, since classes kicked-off Aug. 3, School Resource Officer Farrell Alexander has had a hand in directing traffic and warding drivers away from the left-hand turns that snare eastbound vehicles turning onto Hwy. 271.

Gladewater Police Department understands it’ll be an adjustment – no citations will be issued during a standard 30-day grace period that officially begins the day the signage is installed.

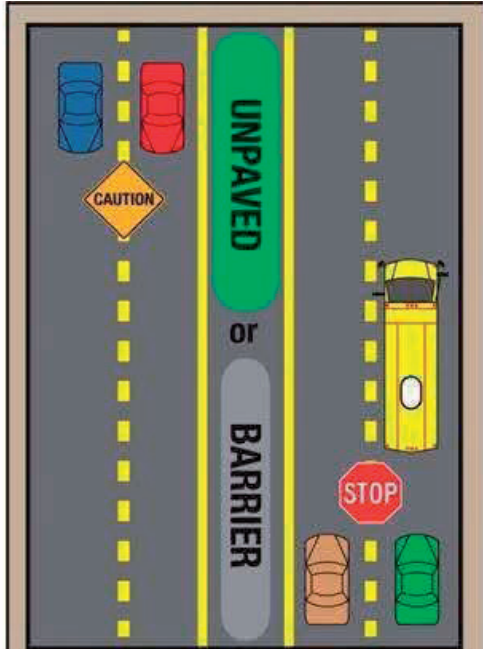
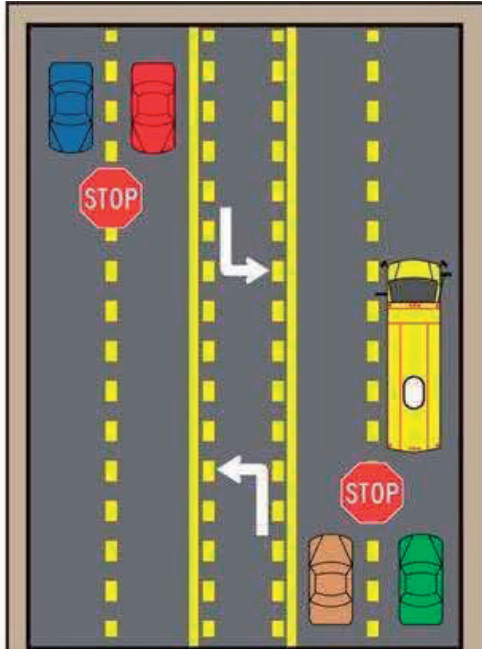
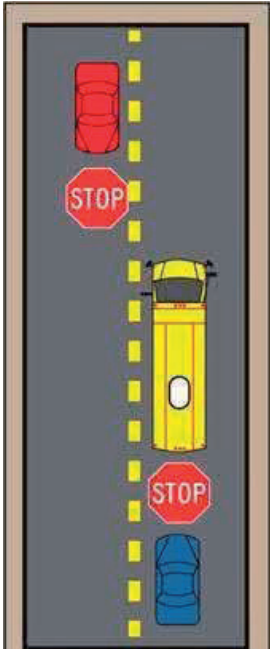
“There were a lot of issues with parents dropping off and picking up trying to make a left turn onto West Gay Ave. going back toward to 271,” GPD Lt. Freddy Fitzgerald told council members July 16. “That is a really short area. It would cause traffic to back up.”

The elected officials unanimously approved the finalized plan to limit drivers’ options during posted hours.

“I know y’all have exhausted every which way on this,” Mayor Brandy Flanagan-Shipp said last month. “If this is what y’all feel is the best solution...”

Per Fitzgerald, “If they can all just turn right during those

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With kids heading back to school, Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb shared an important reminder for all drivers.



Workers from Henderson-based Pepper Marine demolish the shoreline section of the Sabine River Ramp at the Hwy. 271 bridge Monday morning. The ramp is closed through Aug. 16 while the crew replaces a damaged 35-foot section of the ramp in a project spearheaded by Sabine River Authority.



Photos by James Draper

OPINION/COMMENTARY

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

Writing the future...

Monday was the first day of school and I only saw one kindergartner and one dad crying. It always touches my heart when the Dads are the softies. One little fella had a backpack that was almost as big and heavy as him. And that baby was hauling it with confidence down that Kindergarten classroom hall.

By the time he is a senior he will be student body president. Wait and see.

I hung out for a few minutes in several Kindergarten classes and as a former high school teacher I can almost pick out the class clown, the athletes, the artists and more. Almost. Because looks can be deceiving.

But, it is important to remember that education can make the difference in every child's life.

I love that the first colonists to this land believed in educating their young. In fact by the early years of our country our literacy rate for males was 90-100 percent depending on location. For girls unfortunately, it was half that. BUT, the world literacy rate in 1820 was 12 percent. That is perspective!

I dearly love that our Founding Fathers understood that the paths to protecting this Republic run side by side, public education and a free press.

I want to grab my bully pulpit and shout for joy when (because of school 'uniforms') I can not predict who is wealthy or who is poor. Unless I study their shoes. God Bless the darlin's.

Our public education system is the engine that drives this country. We have a lot of misguided people right now who support a lot of things, one of which is vouchers. But let me pull back the propaganda to reveal to you what vouchers actually are...they are a tool of segregation of haves and have nots. You see it would work like this:

A family decides its local school isn't making the grade and they take their local voucher for about \$5K to send their child to private school. The average cost in Texas for private high schools is \$10,359. So where in the heck are they going to get the extra \$5K plus to send their child to private school unless they are well to do?

What happens if we give that stipend to unethical parents who decide to 'home school' for money? I bet homeschooling would grow exponentially and the education of many kids would hit rock bottom.

Then what happens when we take thousands of dollars from public schools to provide private education for the well-to-do? We hurt public education. We hurt the poor. We hurt children.

We further destabilize society and that should scare every single one of us.

On top of that it might help to know that some of the major donors to the legislators who support vouchers are private companies itching to start private schools once the money pigot is turned on.

Some Work to Do

We are accustomed to Texas topping virtually every ranking relating to the economy—most major corporate locations and expansions, top CEO perceptions, highest investment, and many others. By one measure, however, the results are more of a mixed bag. The list of top states for business compiled annually by CNBC, takes a broader perspective across multiple dimensions. Viewed through this comprehensive lens, the news is not all good.

CNBC looks at 138 metrics within 10 categories, assigning weights based on an analysis of each state's economic development marketing materials and related data to see which selling points come up the most. Those categories mentioned most frequently were awarded more points. In essence, states are ranked based on attributes that they use to sell themselves.

The heaviest weight is given to Infrastructure, which includes not only traditional roads, waterways, rail, bridges, and air travel but also affordable and reliable power and water supplies, broadband connectivity, and large-scale computing power. The concept of speed to market, such as shovel-ready sites and ease of permitting, is also part of this category. Texas ranked 12th on this measure, which is an improvement over results in recent years, though clearly there are challenges going forward.

The second heaviest-weighted category is Economy (where Texas ranks second), followed by Workforce (first). Workforce looks at the concentration of STEM workers, educational attainment, the ability to attract skilled workers, and productivity. Texas also does well in Technology & Innovation (third), and Cost of Doing Business (fifth).

However, in the Quality of Life category, Texas is an abysmal 49th. This category focuses on healthcare access, availability and affordability of qualified childcare facilities, and environmental quality. It also emphasizes inclusiveness

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Do we have problems in public education? Yes. Do we have problems with family stability, crime, drugs, neglect, abuse, hunger and more? Yes.

So why do you want to doom those who are in trouble now? How about we help the schools by understanding, truly understanding the issues. While we are at it, how about donating our time and energy to mentor kids? Kids who are behind, kids who are ahead, kids who are lost, kids who know where they are going. Because I guarantee you that is the greatest help we can give our public school teachers and our community's children.

Teachers are carrying our broken culture's problems on their shoulders and it is a very heavy burden indeed. Most are giving everything they have to help our community's children have a brighter future. They do it for low pay and high cost health insurance. But they do it.

But, they don't have to do it alone. It is time we stepped up to the plate and help teachers turn the tide.

Because people, I am telling you that it is often a teacher that stands in the gap between a kid and their destruction.

And it is far past time that we took the responsibility to understand the REAL issues we like to mouth off about.

Let me list Four Fast Facts from Pastors for Texas Children for you, dear reader, to ponder. It is that organization's statement of belief.

~Believe in a unified Texas community that does not manipulate our children's education as a political issue.

~Voucher polices have been defeated in the Legislature numerous times in the past as an attempt to AVOID government entitlement and expansion programs.

~"School choice" vouchers are not a real "choice" at all for the overwhelming majority of our children.

~Believe that education is not just for children who can afford it, or children from stable families, or children whose parents are engaged in the schools, but ALL CHILDREN.

Think about it. Please.

Our civil order, our society, our nation depends on it.

The future is being written.

What we do in the next handful of years will determine the future of this state and country.

You can make a difference.

You can help write that future.

Dr. Ray Perryman



THE ECONOMIST

in state laws such as whether they prevent various types of discrimination that can squelch opportunity. Reproductive rights are also included, and surveys show almost two-thirds of younger workers would likely not live in a state with substantial limitations. Texas also ranked 32nd in Education. Key criteria include test scores, class size, spending, the numbers of colleges and universities, and community colleges and career training options.

While concerns regarding Quality of Life and Education are unlikely to diminish performance immediately, they clearly threaten outcomes over time, as well as the health and wellbeing of many residents. It is not possible to perpetually hold the premier Workforce ranking while being well below average in Education. Quality of Life invariably impacts locations. Texas improved to second overall in the 2025 ranking but fell to fourth in the current year. This drop is not catastrophic but is a clear warning that there is much to be done to assure prosperity, opportunity, and sustainability for Texans of the future.

Stay safe!

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SpaceX, Tesla make Grimes plant official

What CEO Elon Musk says will be the world's largest computer chip manufacturing plant is planned for Grimes County, east of College Station, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In a joint announcement last week, Space X and Tesla unveiled an initial \$16.8 billion investment in a plant called Terafab. It is expected to employ at least 3,000 people. Many of those jobs are expected to go to residents of Grimes and neighboring Brazos counties.

"We're now embarking on the most epic chip-building effort," Musk, CEO of both companies, said in a statement. "The Terafab is bringing cutting-edge manufacturing to America, creating thousands of high-paying jobs in the Lone Star State and enabling us to produce AI chips at scale for use on Earth and in space."

Gov. Greg Abbott confirmed last week that the project is receiving a \$30 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant from the state. Grimes County has previously approved a property tax waiver in exchange for annual payments of \$20 million. The plant would eventually span 100 million square feet.

State Fair of Texas' gun ban upheld by appeals court

A Texas appeals court upheld a handgun ban at the State Fair of Texas, rejecting the state's claim that the city of Dallas unlawfully allowed a private operator to prohibit guns on city-owned property, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The 15th Court of Appeals affirmed a Dallas County judge's dismissal of a case originally filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and three gun owners. It rejected the state's argument that the restriction on cities banning guns doesn't automatically apply to private tenants operating on public property. The ban will remain in place unless the Texas Supreme Court intervenes.

"The decision to prohibit firearms on the fairgrounds is the correct decision to protect the safety of our patrons," Karissa Condoianis, a State Fair of Texas spokesperson, said. This will be the third year the ban will be in place.

Wildfire danger increasing as conditions turn dry

August is typically the peak month for wildfires in Texas. The Texas A&M Forest Service expects wildfire potential to increase due to dry vegetation, particularly in the Panhandle and North Texas.

The state is deploying numerous wildfire response resources as a result, including the state's mutual aid system and assistance from a number of state agencies.

There were two active wildfires as of Sunday. The 200-acre Round Up fire west of Amarillo was zero-percent contained at that time.

The service recently acquired three multi-mission aircraft, adding to its first dedicated, state-managed wildfire aviation fleet. It previously had acquired two wildfire suppression helicopters.

"Every wildfire is different, which is why a diverse aviation fleet is so important," said Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief Jared Karns. "Having multiple aircraft types available, including multi-mission aircraft platforms that can serve a variety of roles, allows us to respond effectively to the unique demands of each incident."

Salmonella linked to jalapeños

The popular jalapeño pepper has been linked to 345 cases of salmonella illness in 27 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control. The San Antonio Express-News reported three cases in Texas, stemming from peppers imported from Sinaloa, Mexico.

No deaths have been reported nationwide, but 36 people have been hospitalized, according to the CDC. Nearly all of the cases were reported by people after eating at a Mexican-style chain restaurant.

Two affected chains, Chipotle Mexican Grill and Qdoba, said they had taken steps to remove potentially contaminated peppers.

BAPTISM AND SALVATION

In Acts 22: 16, Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus, *"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."* We are repeatedly told that baptism isn't essential to salvation. Some say that all one must do to be saved is just believe in Jesus. Others tell us that if you will say some *"sinner's prayer and invite Jesus into your heart you will be saved."* Is this true? No, it is not! [Read Acts 9: 1-18.](#)

It is obvious, that Saul believed in Jesus, when He appeared to him on the road to Damascus. There Jesus said to him, *"Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."* (*Acts 9: 6*). Saul obeyed and went into Damascus and was there three days. He did not eat or drink and he was praying. (*Acts 9: 11*). Ananias then came to him and told him what he MUST do. What did he tell him? Did he tell him to just believe in Jesus? No, he did not! Did he tell him to pray? No, he did not! What did he tell him? He, told him to *"Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."* What did Saul do? Acts 9: 18, says: Saul *"Arose, and was baptized."* Hence, *"he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 26: 19).*

But we are told that *"water baptism has nothing to do with salvation, only the blood of Jesus can wash away one's sins."* It is true that only the blood of Jesus can wash away one's sin (*Rev. 1: 5; Matt. 26: 28*). But when, or at what point, does Jesus' blood wash away one's sin? When, or at what point, does one receive the remission of sins? When and at what point does Christ's blood wash away our sins? Clearly it is when one is baptized (*Acts 22: 16; 2: 38*).

Thus, Saul of Tarsus was not told to *"stay down and pray,"* which he had been doing for three days, and he was not told to invite Jesus into his heart that he might be saved, but he was told to *"get up and be baptized."* Why? To *"wash away his sins!"* Therefore, Jesus' blood washed away, (remitted) Saul's sins when he was baptized. If not, why not? Has Jesus' blood washed away your sins? Think on these things.

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What's Happening?

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

TPWD acquires new wildlife management area i

AUSTIN — On August 3, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) acquired 2,850-acres in Stephens County. This property, which will become the Robbie Davis Wildlife Management Area (WMA), is a culmination of more than a decade of partnership between TPWD and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF).

The WMA, located in the western Cross Timbers ecoregion of the state, will be operated as part of the Cross Timbers and Prairies Ecosystem Management Project within TPWD’s Wildlife Division. The property provides good examples of western Cross Timbers habitat, mostly dominated by post oak and live oak forests, with several ponds and seasonal wet-weather drainages, and rocky sandstone hillsides and bluffs. The acquisition will ensure long-term conservation of the habitats and the wildlife on the property.

In a private lands state, access to hunting lands is invaluable. The new WMA will be utilized as a public hunting site, providing opportunities for walk-in style dove hunting and drawn hunts for deer, turkey, and possibly waterfowl in a region where relatively little public hunting land currently exists.

“The new Robbie Davis WMA will go a long way to increase public hunting opportunities and support our hunting heritage that is part and parcel to Texas,” said Alan Cain, TPWD Wildlife Division Director. “Hunting has and always will be critical to the conservation of our native lands and wildlife.”

Being close to the metroplex, the WMA offers the public a chance to experience the natural beauty of the Cross Timber ecoregion.

When Stephens County ranch owner Robbie Davis passed away, she left her 2,850-acre family ranch to TPWF with the hope that it would one day benefit the people of Texas.

Since receiving the property in 2015, TPWF has partnered with TPWD and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to steward the land and invest in habitat restoration and management activities. Additionally, the Foundation has secured philanthropic support and prepared the ranch for its future as a public Wildlife Management Area.

“Robbie Davis entrusted her family’s ranch to Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation with the hope it would one day benefit all Texans,” said TPWF Executive Director Anne Brown. “It’s incredibly rewarding to see that vision fulfilled through this partnership with TPWD and the generosity of so many supporters.”

The new WMA will include the Dan Craine Unit, named in honor of former Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation Board member Dan Craine. The naming was made possible through a generous gift from the Cross Timbers Quail Coalition, along with contributions from Craine’s friends.

We’re especially grateful to the Cross Timbers Quail Coalition and Dan’s many friends for creating the Dan Craine Unit, added Brown, honoring a conservation leader whose legacy will live on through this special place. Long-term management plans include habitat improvements to benefit bobwhite quail and other grassland species.

“A lifelong conservation advocate and avid quail hunter, Dan has been a passionate supporter of wildlife habitat conservation across Texas,” said Brown. “This tribute recognizes his decades of leadership and ensures his conservation legacy will be permanently associated with a place dedicated to the wildlife and landscapes he has worked so hard to protect.”

TPWF sold the property to TPWD at 75 percent of its appraised value, with the remaining 25 percent representing a charitable contribution that helped make the acquisition possible. Sale proceeds will establish an endowment supporting habitat enhancement and management of Robbie Davis Wild-



Gladewater Rotarians spent their Aug. 6 luncheon at work on the civic organization’s flag inventory.



life Management Area and other Texas Parks and Wildlife Department WMAs.

“This project illustrates how private philanthropy and public conservation can work together to create lasting benefits for the wild things and wild places of Texas,” said Cain.

For more information about WMA’s managed by TPWD, visit: tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/

County library hosts book sale

The Friends of the Upshur County Library organization will hold a fund-raising book sale at the library in Gilmer Thursday (Aug. 13) through Saturday.

Hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The sale will include a “great selection of adult, teen and children books,” said Friends President Steffani Chapman in a press release.

The library is located at 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154.) Its phone number is 903-843-5001.

The Friends group recently received the Upshur County Commissioners Court’s permission to revitalize the small park adjacent to the library, using the Friends’ own funds and at no cost to the county government.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD



We welcome Campbell Marie Vander Laan, born July 30, 2026, at 9:14 p.m. at UT Health in Tyler to Jared and Katie Vander Laan. Her grandparents are Mark and Darlene Vander Laan, Robert Jr. and Tammy Dunkelberger, and Walter Gehers and Anne Dunkelberger. Her living great grandparents are Berend and Aujke Brouwer, Robert Dunkelberger, Sr., Jean Shelly, and Blaine and Jane Hoover.





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PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Gladewater City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2027, and a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027 on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Avenue, Gladewater, Texas.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$593,889, which is a 19.95 percent increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$240,216.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in these public hearings.

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DELZOTTO PRODUCTS OF TEXAS, INC., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Renewal of Registration No. 137165 for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants.

This application would authorize continued operation of the Concrete Batch Plant located at 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas 75647. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y PARTES INTERESADAS:

DELZOTTO PRODUCTS OF TEXAS, INC., ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) lo siguiente: Renovación del Registro Núm. 137165 para un Permiso Estándar de Calidad del Aire para Plantas Dosificadoras de Concreto.

Esta solicitud autorizaría la operación continua de una Planta Dosificadora de Concreto ubicada en 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Condado de Gregg, Texas 75647. Información adicional sobre esta solicitud se encuentra en la sección de aviso público de este periódico.

ACROSS

1 TXism: " ____ pop" (soft drink)

5 TXism: "mad as ____-eyed cow"

6 bootmaker Tony

7 unit of matter

8 " ____" Holliday

9 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in ____ of wits" (stupid)

16 TX Patrick Swayze role on "North and South": ____ Main

18 this TX "Ivory" sang "Since I Met You Baby" (2 wds.)

21 Olajuwon's initials when at UH

22 spoken, not written

23 sailor's "yes"

24 TXism: "just ____ _ chicken has wings don't mean it can fly"

30 Houston's JPMorgan Chase building is the tallest of this type in Texas (2 wds.)

34 ____ Lago, TX

35 this James was Marshal Matt Dillon

36 former Maverick point guard, Steve

37 TXism: "let's put all the cards on the ____"

39 TXism: "his ____ _ always burning" (friendly)

43 TXism: "they took everything but the ____ my lungs" (robbed)

44 TX Gene Tierney 1951 film: "The ____ Season"

45 late TX Hagman (init.)

46 this Mark played soccer for the Dallas Burn

47 TXism: " ____ on the half shell" (armadillo)

49 TXism: " ____ _ a goose"

52 Rangers drafted this Robb in 1987

53 once a doo-wop group: "Sha Na ____"

54 former Ranger Hank Blalock played ____ base

55 maintains

58 Humphrey Bogart 1948 film noir: "Key ____"

59 Houston's last wife, Margaret Gen. Houston

60 TXism: "table grazed"

DOWN

1 "salty" in Mexico

2 TXism: "speechifier"

3 LBJ party affiliation

4 Buchanan on the Colorado (2 wds.)

9 Texas racer, Foyt

10 old west cemetery (2 wds.)

11 aviation prefix

12 defrost food that's been frozen

13 in Bee County on U.S. 181

14 first two initials of Texas legendary pitcher, Ryan

15 DFW airport arrival abbr.

17 Texas-born Chill Wills was in film: " ____ _ of Texas" (1962)

19 TXism: "checking my ____ for leaks" (napping)

20 provide money a second time?

24 state of Rangers foe, A's (abbr.)

25 in Smith County on highway 135

26 "one" in Mexico

27 TXism: "looks good enough to give a ____" (well dressed)

28 jailbreak

29 Galveston historic building: " ____ Villa"

31 Scrooge comment: " ____ humbug"

32 Senator Ted Cruz's Washington, D.C. time (abbr.)

33 Texas Tech "Red ____"

38 you're painting with a ____ brush

40 it flew over Texas: fleur-de- ____

41 former "green card" agcy.

42 "we ____ _ ____ of pool" (played billards)

48 beat up

50 birth state of Texas pitcher, Roger Clemens

51 TXism: "ugly as ____"

56 TeX-Mex sauce

57 TXism: " ____ her with kid gloves"

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after taking the reins in April. Trustees had the bus issue handled before he arrived.

“As long as the school board goes through and passes that resolution and says they’re aware of it,” Bower said, “the emphasis is on the school board action.

“We’d love to do it if the state would give us money to do it. Right now they’re not funding to schools to shoulder this out of the normal operating budget.”

Notably, out of 17 buses, a portion have seatbelts already, Bower added, and among those without, some vehicles are primarily used to fill-in gaps when necessary.

The ‘26-27 school year began Wednesday for the Lions.

“We’ve had a good week with the teachers back, Bower said Monday, thanking First Baptist Church of Gladewater for feeding everyone Aug. 10. “Friday we had back-to-school Meet the Teacher.” getting everyone primed for this week.

“Everything’s fast and furious. It’s going to be a good year.”

Most WO buses comply with seatbelt rule

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ready for the kids to be here,” Parker said Friday. “All hands on deck, full steam ahead.”

Notably, the Roughnecks’ first home game this football season will be September 11, and Texas Hall of Famer and NFL standout Mike Barber will be visiting for a meet-and-greet and autograph session. More details are coming soon.

KEEP RIGHT ... School zone updates bring major change for Primary traffic

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times, that should alleviate a lot of the problems at the primary school.”

A little more than a week into the 2026-2027, there’s a learning curve, according to GPD Chief Kyle Ready, but the change is the simplest solution developed by the city, school and police. Drivers are catching up.

“Everyone’s trying,” Ready said Monday. “There’s an adjustment period. Parents have to get used to the new flow of traffic, the citizens have to get used to the new flow of traffic.

“Once we get it established, we feel like it’s going to free up the traffic congestion we’ve been experiencing over the years.”

Citations for violations will begin in mid-September.

It’s progress, councilman Kevin Clark said last week, but it’s not the permanent fix of a new road that carries the school traffic behind the campus.

“The solution is going to have to be that road around it,” he said, a cost that would have to be shared by the city and GISD. “You’re going to have pony up some money long-term.”

Other updates also set school zones at all campuses from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fitzgerald told the council. In another note tied to GPS, drivers are prohibited from blocking driveways on nearby Martha Street and elsewhere, he confirmed.



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Sports roundup

Lady Bears, Lady Necks and Lady Lions ready for 2026

By Tyler Sutton

The school year is upon us which means the high school volleyball season is here and all three local teams have dreams of district titles and long playoff runs on their minds. For the Gladewater Lady Bears, its year 2 under head coach Madison Fite. It was a tough season in year one as the Lady Bears went 12-24 and just 1-11 in district play with their lone district victory coming against Arp. Gladewater will be looking to improve on that and get back to the

post season. The Lady Bears open the season on the road at New Diana followed by making the short trip to Big Sandy for a tournament. Key returning players include: Kizah Myles, Adyson Evans, Janiah Strickland, Kamila Turner, Shaylee Ellis It's a new era for White Oak volleyball as over the summer the school hired the winningest coach in Longview volleyball history Chaka Jackson away from the Lady Lobos. The Ladynecks are coming off what would be con-

sidered a down year for them going 19-20 and 6-6 in district play. White Oak did qualify for the post season but were beaten in the opening round to Eustace. White Oak opens the season in Spring Hill with a game against the Lady Panthers before going to Duncanville for a tournament. Key returning players include: Aaliyah Henderson, Avery Well, Aubri Miller, Sydnee Bodovsky, Londyn Baker, Abigail Clinkscales, Peyton Thompson, Addy Young, Kyndal Jones The Union Grove Lady

Bears are coming off a very successful 2025 season as they made the postseason 16-15 and finished 2nd in their district with a 7-2 record just missing a district

championship. A district title will be the goal this season in year 2 under Courtney Loewe. Union Grove opens up their season with a trip to Garrison.

Key returning players include: Danica Vestal, Brinley Campbell, Aubrie Coulter, Chloe Hector, Hannah Caperton, Emma Grace D'abreu



Date	Opponent	Place	Time	*Fri. Sept. 20	WEST RUSK	AWAY	Varsity	4:30 PM
Fri. Aug. 9	Pine Tree (Scrimmage)	AWAY	JV, Varsity	9 AM	*Tues. Sept. 24	ARP	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity 4:30 PM
Sat. Aug. 10	Alummmni (Scrimmage)	HOME	Varsity	TBA	*Fri. Sept. 27	SABINE	HOME	Varsity 4:30 PM
Tues. Aug. 13	Jefferson	HOME	Fr, JV, V	4:30 PM	*Tues. Oct 1	BYE	TBA	
Aug. 15th - 17th	Central Heights Tourn.	AWAY	Varsity	TBA	*Fri. Oct. 4	WO	AWAY	Varsity 4:30 PM
Tues. Aug. 20	Jacksonville	AWAY	Fr, JV, Varsity	4:30 PM	*Tues. Oct. 8	TATUM	AWAY	Fr, JV, Varsity 4:30 PM
Aug. 22-24	Gary Tournament	AWAY	Varsity	TBA	*Fri. Oct. 11	TROUP	AWAY	Varsity 4:30 PM
Tues. Aug. 27	Timpson	AWAY	JV/Varsity	4:30 PM	*Tues. Oct. 15	WEST RUSK	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity 4:30 PM
Aug. 29-31	Center Tournament	AWAY	JV/Varsity	TBA	*Fri. Oct. 18	ARP	AWAY	Varsity 4:30 PM
Tues. Sep. 3	Hughes Spring	HOME	Fr,JV, Varsity	4:30 PM	*Tues. Oct. 22	SABINE	AWAY	Fr, JV, Varsity 4:30 PM
Friday, Sep 6	Carlisle	AWAY	Varsity	4:30 PM	*Fri. Oct.25	BYE		
Saturday, Sep 7	Gladewater Tourn.	TBA	JV/F	TBA	*Tues Oct.29	WO	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity 4:30 PM
Tues. Sept.10	Waskom	HOME	JV/Varsity	4:30 PM				
*Fri. Sept. 13	TATUM	HOME	Varsity	4:30 PM				High School Coach: Madison Fite
*Tues. Sept. 17	TROUP	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity	4:30 PM				

2026 Union Grove High School Volleyall Schedule					
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TEAM	TIME	NOTE
Friday, August 7	Union Grove	HOME	JV/V	9:00 AM	Scrimmage
Tuesday, August 11	Garrison	Away	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Friday, August 14	Brook Hill	HOME	V/JV	4:30 PM	-
Tuesday, August 18	Gary	HOME	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Thursday, August 20	Gilmer Tournament	Away	V	TBA	-
Saturday, August 22	Gilmer Tournament	Away	V	TBA	-
Tuesday, August 25	Overton	Away	JV/V	4:45 PM	-
Thursday, August 27	Hawkins Tournament	Away	V	TBA	-
Friday, August 28	Hawkins Tournament	Away	V	TBA	-
Saturday, August 29	Hawkins Tournament	Away	V	TBA	-
Tuesday, September 1	Waskom	HOME	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Thursday, September 3	Hawkins Tournament	Away	JV	TBA	-
Friday, September 4	Quitman	HOME	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Saturday, September 5	Hawkins Tournament	Away	JV	TBA	-
Tuesday, September 8	New Diana	Away	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Friday, September 11	OPEN		V	4:00 PM	Homecoming
Tuesday, September 15	Jefferson	Away	JV/V	5:00 PM	-
Friday, September 18	Mt. Pleasant Chapel Hill	HOME	V/JV	4:30 PM	Jr High/Lil Bumpers
Tuesday, September 22	Hawkins*	HOME	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Thursday, September 24	Alba Golden*	Away	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Tuesday, September 29	BYE				-
Thursday, October 1	Como Picton*	HOME	JV/V	4:30 PM	Teacher Night
Tuesday, October 6	Big Sandy*	Away	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Thursday, October 8	Hawkins*	Away	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Tuesday, October 13	Alba Golden*	HOME	JV/V	4:30 PM	Pink Out Night
Thursday, October 15	BYE				-
Tuesday, October 20	Como Picton*	Away	JV/V	4:30 PM	-
Thursday, October 22	Big Sandy*	HOME	V	4:30 PM	Sr. Night

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Photo by James Draper



Texas Veterans Commission presents more than \$3.3 million in grants to 13 veteran service organizations

Governor Greg Abbott today announced \$3,307,000 in Funds for Veterans' Assistance grants have been awarded to 13 organizations in the East Texas region as part of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Grants Across Texas Tour. Administered by TVC, the funding will provide services to an estimated 1,952 local veterans.

"Texas will always honor the sacrifices of our veterans and their families," said Governor Abbott. "These grants will provide home modifications, financial assistance, clinical counseling, and other crucial services to the brave men and women who served in our nation's military."

"We're incredibly thankful for the organizations across East Texas that show up every day to support Texas veterans and their families," said TVC Deputy Executive Director and Army veteran Shawn Deabay. "These grants help strengthen that work. It's great seeing the community give back to those who served."

Shown above with grant check at center-right is Deabay

with grantees. Find photos of grantees with their big checks at TVC East Texas Grants.

The grants presentation was made by Deabay at the Deep East Texas Council of Governments Regional Headquarters in Lufkin.

The grant recipients and their services include:

Andrews Center: \$150,000 for Clinical Counseling

Camp County: \$385,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

Cass County: \$400,000 for Financial Assistance

\$400,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

Deep East TX Council of Governments & Economic Development Dist.: \$198,000 for Financial Assistance

Disabled American Veterans of Texas Service Foundation: \$93,000 for Pet Lodging and Veterinary Care

East Texas Council of Governments: \$175,000 for Transportation Services

East Texas Veterans Community Council (CampV): \$200,000 for Financial Assistance

Habitat for Humanity of Smith County: \$200,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

Northeast Texas Habitat for Humanity: \$200,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

Polk County: \$235,000 for Financial Assistance

\$100,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

Tender Loving Care Center for Children: \$200,000 for Financial Assistance

The Salvation Army – Lufkin: \$82,000 for Financial Assistance

Trinity County: \$189,000 for Financial Assistance

\$100,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

In May, TVC Commissioners approved 190 grants totaling more than \$40.8 million to 160 organizations across Texas. These grants are anticipated to provide direct services to more than 125,600 veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses across Texas.

Since 2009 through the current 2026-2027 grant cycle, over \$400 million in grant funding has been awarded through 1,790 FVA grants.

The grants support a wide range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services, and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. Funding for these grants is generated primarily by the Texas Lottery's games designated for veteran support. People can also donate when registering their vehicles or when getting a hunting or fishing license.

Application period for veteran-friendly community designation begins Aug. 31

ETCOG announces it will soon accept applications for the 2026 Veteran-Friendly Community Designation Program. Applications will be open from Monday, August 31, 2026, through Friday, November 27, 2026.

This initiative recognizes East Texas communities within ETCOG's 14-county region that go above and beyond in supporting veterans and their families. ETCOG serves Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties.

The Veteran-Friendly Community Designation program recognizes communities that actively welcome and support veterans and their families by meeting real needs in everyday life, including employment, housing, transportation, health care, education, and overall quality of life.

Since the program launched, ETCOG has recognized several East Texas communities for their commitment to veterans. In 2025, ETCOG designated the City of Tyler/Smith County and the City of Quitman/Wood County as the program's inaugural Veteran-Friendly Communities. Last year, ETCOG awarded the designation to the City of Longview and the City of Winnsboro.

"Veterans have given much in service to our country, and strong communities help them successfully transition back to civilian life. The Veteran-Friendly Community Designation is a badge of honor that signifies a city is committed to providing veterans with the respect, resources, and support they deserve," said ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland.

Communities seeking designation are required to meet established standards, including:

Providing proof of community and organizational support.

Submitting a comprehensive community profile with key information for veterans and their families, including demographics, housing, and healthcare access.

Maintaining a community development strategy that directly addresses veterans' needs.

Completing an initial and annual self-assessment to identify service gaps and guide improvements.

How to Apply:

Cities within ETCOG's 14-county region are eligible to apply by reviewing the program's criteria, which highlight both economic opportunities and community support tailored to veterans. Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, August 31, 2026, and are due by Friday, November 27, 2026.

ETCOG staff are available to assist communities throughout the application process.

ETCOG encourages all eligible cities to apply and join in building a region known for its dedication to those who have served.

For full program details and application materials, visit www.etcog.org/veteran-friendly-community.

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GPD Arrest Report

Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
8/2/2026	SPENCER, JAMECEIA AKAYSHA	401 E EDDY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT - LOCAL WARRANT - LOCAL WARRANT - LOCAL
8/3/2026	GREEN, MILTON LEE	105 N PAUL STREET GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT - LOCAL WARRANT - LOCAL
8/3/2026	JOHNSON, JUSTIN JAMES	1500 LAKESHORE DRIVE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT - OTHER AGENCY (MISD)
8/3/2026	NINO, GIVRAN REYNALDO	1602 LAKESHORE DRIVE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY OFFENSIVE GESTURE
8/5/2026	WARE, ALEESHA LANE	317 N LEE STREET GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	COLLISION INVOLVING DAMAGE TO VEHICLE* = \$200

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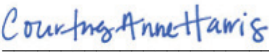
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DONELL ELAINE DAVIS, Deceased, were issued on July 31, 2026, under Docket No. 2026-0194-E, pending in the County Court At Law No. 2 of Gregg County, Texas, to VIRGINIA WHATLEY.

Claims may be presented as follows:

Representative,
Estate of DONELL ELAINE DAVIS, Deceased
c/o: Courtney Anne Harris, Attorney At Law
PO Box 4373
Longview, TX 75606

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED August 6, 2026.

By 
Courtney Anne Harris

Published Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that letters of guardianship for the person of JESSE MARTIN BOWDEN, an incapacitated person, were issued on July 27, 2026, in Docket No. 25-230-CCGAR-00010, pending in the County Court of Upshur County, Texas, to HEATHER WORDEN, Guardian, as guardian of the person.

The residence of Guardian is in Upshur County, Texas, and the mailing address is: Guardian of the person of Jesse Martin Bowden, c/o Heather Worden, 614 CR 186 E Kilgore, Tx 75662.

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SIGNED on August 10, 2026.


Courtney Anne Harris, Attorney At Law



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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN
AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 137165

APPLICATION Delzotto Products of Texas, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Registration No. 137165, for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize continued operation of the Concrete Batch Plant located at 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas 75647. **AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO.** El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcesreview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. 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 exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-94.9336,32.44904&level=13>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 22, 2026. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Tyler regional office, and the Lee-Bardwell Public Library, 312 West Pacific Avenue, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas 75647 beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Tyler regional office of the TCEQ. The application, including any updates, is available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notices>

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after the final newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the

Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requester 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 air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to consider in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at 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 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. You can also view our website for public participation opportunities at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation.

Further information may also be obtained from Delzotto Products of Texas, Inc., 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Texas 75647-6511 or by calling Mr. Stewart Rogers, Vice President of EHS, Matt Childs Engineering at (903) 644-8486.

Notice Issuance Date: August 4, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Any person claiming to be, knowing the whereabouts of, or related to, Paul Howard Maxey, please contact Attorney Felicia M. Hamilton, 3304 Lakeshore Dr. Shreveport, LA 71109, (318)424-9424 or law@feliciahamilton.com.

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MOWING & CLEAN-UP BIDS

The City of Gladewater is accepting SEALED BIDS for property cleanup at the following properties. All work should include mowing, weeding, and discarding of trash and debris on premises.

1. LOT 16 & W 5' OF 15, LAKEVIEW ACRES S230 (A8) .2731 ACRES & HOUSE; more commonly known as 2202 Pinecrest Drive N/SID; and
2. LTS 21 THRU 28 NCB 19 GLADEWATER; more commonly known as 201 E. Quitman Avenue; and
3. LTS 2A & 3 (S ½ LT 2) DELAY; more commonly known as 106 Virginia Drive.

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

Bids should be submitted to: Wesley Moyers, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Ave., Gladewater, Texas 75647 on or before Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. At that time the bid will be awarded. Insurance or bond required.

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(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a Transportation Policy Board meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, TX 75601 to hold a discussion and consider the adoption of Complete Street Guidelines and Policy Statement, as well as holding a discussion on the Fourth Street Corridor Study. The public is invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook Live, on CityView Municipal TV at LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and on Longview Cable TV, Channel 10.1 or 215. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. Comments and questions may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact the Longview MPO at 903-237-1062. Para informaci3n en espa1ol, por favor comuníquese con Marisela Linthicum en 903-237-1300.



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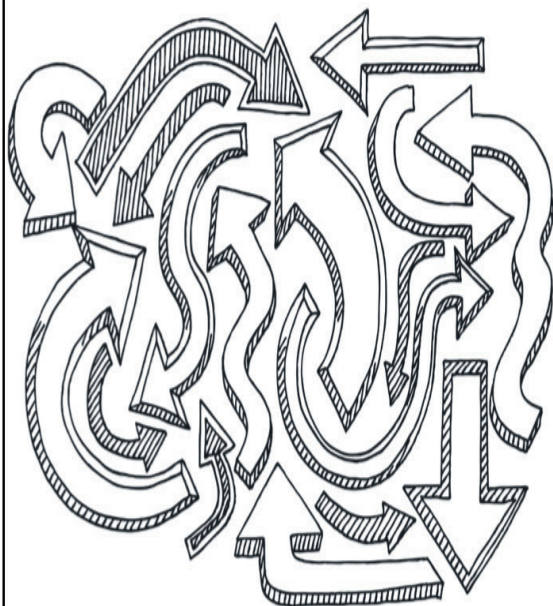
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COMISI3N DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS



Ejemplo A

AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCI3N DE OBTENER
RENOVACI3N DEL PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)
NÚMERO DE PERMISO 137165

SOLICITUD. Delzotto Products of Texas, Inc., ha solicitado a la Comisi3n de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por su siglas en ingl3s) la renovaci3n del permiso de calidad del aire nÚmero 137165, que autorizaría la continuaci3n del funcionamiento de una Planta Dosificadora de Concreto situada en 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Condado de Gregg, Texas 75647. Este enlace a un mapa electr3nico de la ubicaci3n general del sitio o de la instalaci3n se ofrece como cortesía pÚblica y no forma parte de la solicitud o del anuncio. Para conocer la ubicaci3n exacta, consulte la solicitud. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-94.9336,32.44904&level=13> La instalaci3n existente estÁ autorizada a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosf3ricos: material particulado, incluyendo, entre otros, agregado, cemento, polvo de caminos y material particulado con diÁmetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos.

Esta solicitud se present3 a la TCEQ el 22 de julio de 2026. La solicitud estarÁ disponible para su visualizaci3n y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la oficina regional de Tyler de la TCEQ y la Biblioteca PÚblica Lee-Bardwell, 312 West Pacific Avenue, Gladewater, Condado de Gregg, Texas 75647, a partir del primer dÍa de la publicaci3n de este aviso. El expediente de cumplimiento de la instalaci3n, si existe, estÁ a disposici3n del pÚblico en la oficina regional de Tyler de la TCEQ. La solicitud (cualquier actualizaci3n inclusive) estÁ disponible electr3nicamente en la siguiente pÁgina web: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notice>.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud estÁ administrativamente completa y llevarÁ a cabo una revisi3n t3cnica de la misma. La informaci3n contenida en la solicitud indica que esta renovaci3n del permiso no supondrá un aumento de las emisiones permitidas ni darÁ lugar a la emisi3n de un contaminante atmosf3rico no emitido anteriormente. **La TCEQ puede actuar sobre esta solicitud sin buscar mÁs comentarios del pÚblico o dar la oportunidad de una audiencia de caso impugnado si se cumplen ciertos criterios.**

COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO. Puede presentar comentarios pÚblicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la direcci3n indicada a continuaci3n. La TCEQ considerarÁ todos los comentarios del pÚblico al elaborar una decisi3n final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo prepararÁ una respuesta a esos comentarios. Cuestiones como el valor de la propiedad, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico y la zonificaci3n estÁn fuera de la jurisdicci3n de la TCEQ para ser tratadas en el proceso de permiso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO. Puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado si usted es una persona que puede verse afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosf3ricos de la instalaci3n tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Si solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, deberÁ presentar lo siguiente (1) su nombre (o, en el caso de un grupo o asociaci3n, un representante oficial), direcci3n postal y nÚmero de tel3fono durante el dÍa; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el nÚmero de permiso; (3) la declaraci3n “[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”; (4) una descripci3n especÍfica de c3mo se vería/n afectado/s por la solicitud y las emisiones atmosf3ricas de la instalaci3n de una manera no comÚn al pÚblico en general; (5) la ubicaci3n y la distancia de su propiedad en relaci3n con la instalaci3n; (6) una descripci3n del uso que usted hace de la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la instalaci3n; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas que presente durante el periodo de comentarios. Si la solicitud la realiza un grupo o asociaci3n, deberÁ identificarse con nombre y direcci3n física a uno o varios miembros que est3n legitimados para solicitar una audiencia. Tambi3n deben identificarse los intereses que el grupo o asociaci3n pretende proteger. Tambi3n puede presentar sus propuestas de ajustes a la solicitud/permiso que satisfagan sus preocupaciones.

El plazo para presentar una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado es de 15 dÍas a partir de la publicaci3n del anuncio en el peri3dico. Si la solicitud se presenta a tiempo, el plazo para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado se ampliarÁ a 30 dÍas despu3s del envÍo de la respuesta a los comentarios.

Si se presenta a tiempo cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado, el Director Ejecutivo remitirá la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideraci3n en una reuni3n programada de la Comisi3n. A menos que la solicitud se remita directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado, el director ejecutivo enviarÁ por correo la respuesta a los comentarios junto con la notificaci3n de la reuni3n de la Comisi3n a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios o est3n en la lista de correo de esta solicitud. La Comisi3n s3lo podrÁ conceder una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios a tiempo y que no hayan sido retirados posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el objeto de la misma se limitarÁ a las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas o a las cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relativas a los problemas de calidad del aire pertinentes y materiales presentados durante el periodo de comentarios.** Cuestiones como el valor de la propiedad, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico y la zonificaci3n quedan fuera de la jurisdicci3n de la Comisi3n para ser tratadas en este procedimiento.

LISTA DE CORREO. AdemÁs de presentar comentarios pÚblicos, puede solicitar que se le incluya en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos pÚblicos sobre esta solicitud especÍfica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la direcci3n que figura a continuaci3n.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACI3N DE LA AGENCIA. Los comentarios y solicitudes del pÚblico deben presentarse vÍa electr3nicamente en www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, o por escrito a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier informaci3n de contacto que proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, nÚmero de tel3fono, direcci3n de correo electr3nico y direcci3n física, formarÁ parte del registro pÚblico de la agencia. Para mÁs informaci3n sobre el proceso de tramitaci3n de permisos, favor de llamar al Programa de Educaci3n pÚblica de la TCEQ sin costo al 1-800-687-4040, o bien visitar su sitio web, www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Para informaci3n en espa1ol, favor de llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Tambi3n es posible consultar oportunidades de participaci3n pÚblica en nuestro sitio web, www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation.

Tambi3n se puede obtener mÁs informaci3n de Delzotto Products of Texas, Inc., 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Texas 75647-6511, o llamando al Sr. Stewart Rogers, Vicepresidente de EHS de Matt Childs Engineering, al (903) 644-8486.

Fecha de emisi3n del aviso: 4 de agosto de 2026

GISD adds some Mondays back to add grant funds into classrooms

By James Draper

A handful of Mondays are back in the calendar for Glade-water ISD, part of an exchange that adds state grant funds in

exchange for more study time.

District leadership opted for an ‘expanded’ schedule moving forward in order to bump instructional days with students from

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

White Oak ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:50 PM, August 24,2026 at Admin Building 200 S. White Oak Rd in White Oak, TX 75652. This meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate the school district will adopt. The school district invites public participation in the discussion.

The tax rate the school district ultimately adopts at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$.754200	/ \$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$.431899	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	36	% (decrease)
Debt service	47	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.21	% increase	or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 754,592,355	\$ 793,569,665
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 11,139,650	\$ 6,476,234
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 364,838,389	\$ 371,428,362
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 9,011,948	\$ 3,277,431

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** New property is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** Taxable value is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$	16,859,630.35
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* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance and Operations	Interest and Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$.754200	\$.431900*	\$ 1.186100	\$ 2,931	\$ 10,514
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.754200	\$.431899*	\$ 1.186100	\$ 2,773	\$ 9,691
Proposed Rate	\$.754200	\$.431899*	\$ 1.186099	\$ 2,773	\$ 9,691

* The interest and sinking fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 279,204	\$ 300,795
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 82,523	\$ 72,736
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.186100	\$ 1.186099
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 978.81	\$ 862.72
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (116.09)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person age 65 or older or their surviving spouse, if the surviving spouse was age 55 or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.186099. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.86099.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,099,896
Interest and Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,066,748

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

154 days last year to 159 in 2026-2027 and, eventually, six more.

“We have three years to do it,” GISD Supt. Rae Ann Patty said. “By the end of the second year, by ‘28-29, we have to get to 165.”

It’s a requirement to receive an additional \$700,000 injection of state funds to cover key costs in the classroom.

“It’s a state grant,” Patty noted. “When you get these funds it’s usually because you’ve had some academic concerns, and they want you to increase your instructional days serving children.”

For Gladewater ISD, it’s tied to accountability data from 2022 through 2025 – numbers were delayed years due to a state-level lawsuit.

“In August of ‘25 we got all three years, and we were held accountable for all three years of our letter grades.”

Prior to the release, GISD’s four-day schedule was adopted and implemented for the 2024-2025 school year. Patty came on board in December ‘24.

The new funding deal put the Mondays of Aug. 3, 10 and 17 back on the calendar along with half days Oct. 5 and Feb. 8.

“In the eyes of this, a half day counts as a day of instruction,” Patty said. “It is an optional grant that we applied for. . . This year we received about \$700,000. Next year we’ll get a new allocation, but they haven’t released how much that is yet.

Without the funding, “We wouldn’t be able to do a lot of the things that we’re able to do right now instructionally.”

The funds cover curriculum costs and supplies as well as four instructional specialists in reading, science, math and social studies.

“It goes straight to the teachers for job-embedded coaching, curriculum and curriculum supplies. It pays for all of that then it pays for all of the curriculum, Kindergarten through eighth grade.”

It’s a way to have the same hands-on experiences, Patty added, without teachers having to cover the difference.

“I am going to write grants so that teachers can have supplies. That’s my wheelhouse, that’s what I like doing,” she said. “I do not like teachers having to come out of their pockets to buy things to use in their classrooms to teach with.

“I want to supply as much as we can so we can have a great setup in the classroom to teach kids and not have to use (the teachers’) own money.”

City weighs 14 percent tax rate increase

By James Draper

While the budget’s still in flux, the City of Gladewater has proposed a 14 percent increase to the total tax rate to cover costs in the coming year.

At \$0.637580 per \$100 valuation, the numbers for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 include \$0.538887 for Maintenance & Operations plus \$0.098693 for Interest & Sinking (i.e. debt service). The current figures are \$0.508994 and \$0.048011, respectively, a combined rate of \$0.557005 in FY26.

Everything’s subject to change by the time council members adopt the final figures before their new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

The latest total taxable values in the City of Gladewater are \$560,165,774.

According to the requisite posting of public hearings on the budget and tax rate, “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$593,889, which is a 19.95 percent increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$240,216.”

After an initial budget workshop July 30, city employees are currently refining their financial plans and awaiting council members’ first draft feedback.

The upcoming public hearing on the FY27 tax rate and budget is set for the council’s regular monthly session at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at City Hall.

Gladewater locals indicted

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury last Thursday returned 26 indictments, including three open ones against Gladewater residents, said District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace.

Some 11 of the 26 returned in Gilmer were sealed as no arrest had been made in those cases, he said. Defendants, charges, and bond information in the open indictments were as follows, said Wallace:

Colin Dale Lackey, 35, of Gladewater, was charged in one indictment with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on June 13. He remained in county jail at Gilmer under \$35,000 bond.

Christopher Dale Temple, 46, of Gladewater, tamper(ing) with electronic monitoring device on March 2. He was being held without bond.

Mary Jane Hammonds, 67, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 13. She was released on \$10,000 bond.

Wesley Alan Keenan, 40, of Avinger, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Aug. 7, 2025. He was freed on \$5,000 bond.

Calie Joyann Ryan Parker, 20, of Hawkins, assault on a peace officer/judge on April 8. She was released on \$50,000 bond.

Derrick Demond Bowens, 44, of Longview, driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense on June 21. He remained jailed on other charges.

Roy Chester Allison Jr., 48, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) on Jan. 11. He was freed on \$50,000 bond.

Richard Allen Yohe of Longview, who was indicted on his 60th birthday, possession of controlled substance (methaphet-amine) on Feb. 27, 2025. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

Laryl Dean Briggs of Overton, who turns 62 Aug. 20, pos-session of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on March 23. He was freed on \$25,000 bond.

Lana Oleene Benoit, 31, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 22. She was released on \$25,000 bond.

Angela Marie Romero, 38, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Feb. 19. She was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Kenneth William Jerome Jones, 52, of Laredo, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Feb. 20. He was released on \$10,000 bond.

Dagean Marion Jones, 23, of Tatum, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 23, 2025. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

Micki Lynn Biddle, 18, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on June 2. She was released on \$25,000 bond.