

Gladewater ISD keeps climbing as state releases report

White Oak, Union Grove focus on closing gaps on accountability scores

Every Gladewater ISD campus improved by a letter grade in the most recent accountability round-up by the state, with Gladewater High School climbing from last year’s 89 to a solid A with a 2026 score of 93.

The district ultimately netted a ‘C’ overall with a combined score of 79 – up from a 74 – in Texas Education Agency’s A-F Accountability reports.

White Oak ISD and Union Grove both saw some slippage across most campuses in the latest release. No surprises, according to district leaders, but confirmation of areas where the schools are already working to close the gaps.

GLADEWATER ISD

Gladewater High School earned an ‘Outstanding Performance’ with its latest grade. Gladewater Primary School and Weldon Elementary are paired, rating a 73 (C) alongside a 72 (C) for Gladewater Middle School.

‘Distinction Designations’ for Gladewater High School include academic achievement in mathematics and science, post-secondary readiness and Top 25% for ‘comparative closing the gaps.’

Congratulating GISD staffers for their efforts, the district

Campus	2026 Overall Rating / Score	2025 Overall Rating / Score	2024 Overall Rating / Score	2023 Overall Rating / Score	2022 Overall Rating / Score
GLADEWATER ISD	C 79	C 74	C 75	C 72	B 80
Gladewater High School	A 93	B 89	B 85	C 72	C 72
Gladewater Middle School	C 72	D 68	C 77	B 83	B 84
Gladewater Primary School Weldon Elementary School	C 73	D 61	F 59	D 61	C 77
WHITE OAK ISD	B 88	A 91	B 86	B 87	A 93
White Oak High School	A 96	A 96	A 95	A 94	A 92
White Oak Middle School	B 81	A 90	B 83	B 84	B 82
White Oak Primary School White Oak Intermediate	B 82	B 85	C 78	B 82	B 84
UNION GROVE ISD	B 86	B 89	B 82	B 84	A 94
Union Grove High School	A 90	A 91	A 92	B 89	A 94
Union Grove Junior High	B 84	B 87	B 81	A 92	A 94
Union Grove Elementary	B 84	A 90	C 73	C 75	B 87

underscored the hard work of faculty members, students, families and the community at-large, celebrating results that

show improvement after several hard years.

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City council invites public feedback on financials for coming year

Tonight’s agenda for Gladewater City Council features the requisite public hearings on the municipality’s proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – granted, there are changes incoming for the draft released in late-July.

As City Hall isn’t looking to exceed the tax rate limit that would require voter approval, only one public hearing is necessary for each. City staffers debuted their preliminary financial plan in a budget workshop late last month; they and the community’s elected officials are still tweaking the budget ahead of adoption next month.

The Aug. 20 agenda for the council’s regular monthly session also includes a public hearing, discussion and consideration (i.e. voting) on a Specific Use Permit for the developing Dine and Pines mobile food park. (Learn more in the archives at GladewaterMirror.com)

Brandy Winn, Lee-Bardwell Library executive director and City of Gladewater grant writer, will present an update on recent grant activities, and council members are also scheduled to ‘Discuss and Consider’ the School Resource Officer Agreement between the city and Gladewater ISD. GISD trustees discussed changes to the 2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding during their monthly meeting Monday.

According to the Aug. 3 SRO agreement, the City of Gladewater provides up to four SROs to GISD, which is solely responsible for providing 100 percent financial support for the program and its fulltime officers, who are eligible for benefits from the city. Find the latest agreement at GladewaterMirror.com

In another consideration item Thursday evening, the council will weigh a request from Republic Services to amend sections of its ongoing contract with the city for waste services.

According to the proposed amendment, taking effect April 1, 2027, if approved the contract term will be extended an additional five years through March 31, 2032, and renew in five-year periods (unless it is non-renewed by either party). The amendment also spotlights guidelines on rates, noting: “Contractor shall increase the rates for all services effective on each anniversary of the Renewal Term in an amount equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index...” and adjusted using the most recently available trailing 12-month average CPI compared to the 12 months preceding.

The proposal reiterates rules for industrial roll off dumpsters inside the city limits, exclusive to Republic Services, and codifies the company’s “annual donation of \$1500 per year for downtown improvements at the discretion of the City Council.”

Gladewater, Union Grove net ‘Superior’ rating for financial integrity

By James Draper

The preliminary ratings are in on local school districts’ financial integrity – Gladewater ISD and Union Grove and celebrating ‘Superior Achievement’ on their books.

GISD aced the state’s measurement with a perfect score.

An ‘A’ grade of 90 or above nets a district the ‘Superior’ label. Gladewater ISD earned a 100 alongside a 94 for Union Grove ISD. White Oak ISD’s preliminary score is a 76, a ‘Standard Achievement’ in the FIRST system.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) spurs Texas public schools to improve how they manage their financial resources, aiming for the maximum allocation toward direct instructional purposes.

“The state’s school financial accountability rating system,” according to TEA, “ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve these practices.”

With GISD’s gold-star result, Chief Financial Officer

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PUSH IN & ROLL OUT

Volunteers put new fire engine into service in East Mountain



By James Draper

East Mountain’s volunteer firefighters, past and present, made short work of the ‘push-in’ of the agency’s new fire engine Saturday afternoon.

In no time, of course, the apparatus was roaring out of its bay and headed toward its first emergency call.

That came Sunday morning, according to East Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Chief Brandon Kirschke. Thanks to the board of Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1, the taxpayers of Upshur County, Texas A&M Forest Service and the community of East Mountain, he added, the VFD’s personnel responded in a gleaming half-a-million dollar investment fresh from Toyne, Inc. of Breda, Iowa.

There was just a three-month turnaround between ordering the engine and getting it in-hand.

“With the aging fleet of fire apparatus, every 10 years you want to replace a unit because of the mileage, the workload it’s put through,” said Kirschke, three years into his run as chief and thankful for the broad support for the volunteer department’s efforts: “It’s well-deserved, to be able to be recognized to get a new truck to provide for the citizens we cover in Upshur County.”

Firefighters, families, community members and colleagues from neighboring agencies all turned out for Saturday’s push-in ceremony.

“Today’s a pretty special day as we officially welcome this new truck into East Mountain,” East Mountain VFD Asst. Chief Stephen Perry said. “Today represents teamwork, dedication and commitment of our firefighters to this community and the surrounding area.”

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August sales tax keeps Gladewater in the black

There was no sales tax summer slump for Gladewater – the community’s check for August 2026 is heftier than last year’s by a bit more than 9 percent.

White Oak, however, took another hit. The community’s allocation from the Texas Comptroller’s Office this month is trailing the August ‘25 check by almost 21 percent.

Gov. Greg Abbott recently

appointed Don Huffines to follow interim comptroller Kelly Hancock in the office. Huffines is on the ballot for the position in November, facing state senator Sarah Eckhardt, a Democrat.

Across the state, local governments (including cities, counties, transit systems and special districts) will receive \$1.4 billion in sales tax allocations for August. The totals are based on sales in June by busi-

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Pmt. Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
GREGG CO.	0.500%	\$2,016,278.46	\$1,873,458.60	7.62%	\$14,919,597.26	\$14,044,144.19	6.23%
Clarksville City	1.000%	\$9,532.53	\$11,342.11	-15.95%	\$65,990.47	\$78,395.02	-15.82%
Easton	1.000%	\$6,534.56	\$4,971.83	31.43%	\$44,198.16	\$42,909.56	3.00%
Gladewater	1.500%	\$176,864.66	\$161,652.70	9.41%	\$1,227,396.44	\$1,154,980.97	6.26%
Kilgore	1.500%	\$1,000,881.44	\$929,950.86	7.62%	\$7,077,919.82	\$6,818,561.27	3.80%
Lakeport	1.500%	\$27,115.76	\$75,851.38	-64.25%	\$223,173.48	\$257,967.33	-13.48%
Longview	1.500%	\$4,562,704.07	\$4,188,939.90	8.92%	\$32,759,460.03	\$30,903,365.54	6.00%
Warren City	1.000%	\$1,527.69	\$2,443.25	-37.47%	\$18,213.09	\$41,558.82	-56.17%
White Oak	1.500%	\$152,749.15	\$192,919.66	-20.82%	\$1,131,198.39	\$1,192,285.66	-5.12%
UPSHUR CO.	0.500%	\$178,837.15	\$169,432.42	5.55%	\$1,364,515.33	\$1,308,790.97	4.25%
Big Sandy	1.250%	\$29,402.47	\$22,716.49	29.43%	\$209,181.42	\$218,774.59	-4.38%
East Mountain	1.000%	\$5,417.34	\$7,682.81	-29.48%	\$53,326.37	\$41,584.54	28.23%
Gilmer	1.500%	\$261,354.74	\$240,471.02	8.68%	\$1,886,732.34	\$1,869,912.50	0.89%
Ore City	1.500%	\$24,057.01	\$22,366.01	7.56%	\$176,728.51	\$170,417.65	3.70%
Union Grove	1.000%	\$797.87	\$694.57	14.87%	\$5,814.27	\$7,050.18	-17.53%

nesses that report tax monthly along with quarterly filers’ sales from April, May and June. The state’s total returns are 13.6 percent more than the

allocations in August 2025.

Huffines’ Aug. 12 press release on this month’s statewide sales tax distribution focused largely on carrying

the governor’s property tax political football.

“The increased sales tax

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Life Skills 101... where did they go?

Our ‘kids’ from tweens to 30-somethings are having a harder time than previous generations coping with stress, demands of responsibility, dealing with the daily slings and arrows of being a human, much less the grand catastrophes that are a part of being alive.

I am afraid that as a career high school teacher I may have contributed to the problem as a part of the culture of the last 30 years that has given out blue ribbons, stars and kudos for kids doing what they are supposed to be doing. Then there are those sports trophies for being part of team instead of awards earned through performance.

Do we not know how to lose anymore? Do we not know how to deal with the stress of life? Do we not know how to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and go again? In the environment of celebrity culture and 24/7 social media platforms, our kids and young adult ‘kids’ are spending their time with their cell phones in their hands either ‘following’ others’ activities instead of doing them or posting the minutiae of their

lives ad nauseam.
And who the heck cares how you look with an animal face or what you will look like when you are 80? Other than face recognition scam artists who want access to your media use devices that is.

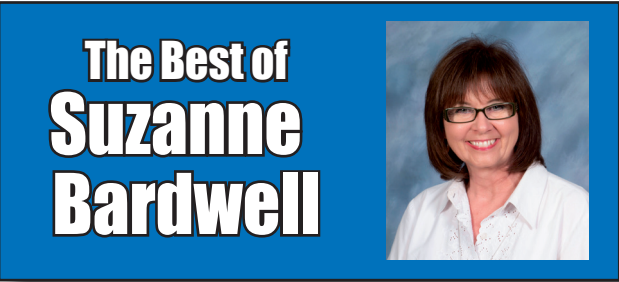
Americans are wasting so much time on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook etc. ENOUGH! Read a dad gum book or newspaper and quit digital navel gazing and self absorption. People, there is a world out there for YOU. And it is going to be YOURS before you know it.

So how do we fix what is broken?
Jim Bardwell has said, “you can’t be a winner unless you have lost.” We have got to quit cushioning the losses during the growing up years so our kids can handle the more serious ones of their adult years. Most of the wisdom I have, which I must admit is a great deal, was hard won. Wisdom that came from mistakes, occasionally embarrassing and even humiliating experiences, sometimes wringed from heartbreaking events.

That is just life.
You gain wisdom, perseverance, the ability to endure, toughness, empathy and compassion from overcoming. That is what makes one a winner in life. Living it day-to-day well. Better or bitter is a choice.

I grew up hearing certain phrases over and over and over from my 5’ little Mom who overcame a world of hurt and trouble with a severely handicapped son among a host of other problems, and my heroic rancher Daddy who could handle absolutely anything life threw his way. Their voices are in my head every single day telling me to “roll with the punches”, “pull yourself up by your bootstraps”, “put one foot in front of the other and keep going”, “we do NOT quit, EVER” and “learn from your mistakes”.

My parents also insisted on manners and taught me how to communicate with all kinds of people on all kinds of levels. I was expected to acknowledge every person who entered a



room or I met on the street. I was taught that every human being has value. They might not be living up to it but they have value and I was to be respectful. And that approach has smoothed my journey many, many times.

They also told me when bullied or intimidated, “stand up for yourself, if you don’t do it no one will”. And that was a perfect lesson. They never ran to school and intervened. There were those times when I really wished they had because I thought I was in over my head. But they didn’t. And I wasn’t.

And yes, I got in trouble for everything from talking (2nd grade through graduation—no kidding) all the way to skipping school to go to a neighboring town that had been hit by a tornado. Only two of us out of seven who skipped got in trouble. The other ‘in trouble’ girl’s parents threw a fit. Mine said, “we don’t care what everyone else did. Did you skip? Yes. Then you have to pay the consequences”.

In other words kids, friends and neighbors here’s one of the MOST important life lessons of all...LIFE IS NOT FAIR! Get over it. It never will be.

In a world where kids pick up guns or social media to destroy lives we are going to have to start teaching them the lessons that the Greatest Generation taught their kids. Get over yourself. You are not the center of the universe even if it feels like you are. Do the best you can and move on. Fix what you mess up. Apologize when you can’t. Hold your head up and grow up so you can take over this crazy, wonderful, frightening, amazing, messy world we live in.

The time is coming when it will be our kids’ and grand-kids’ world. Help them wrap their minds around the fact that a person can’t be successful without failing. That anyone can get over almost anything. And the people who truly love you really are the most important people in your lives. Not your job, not your honors, not your wealth. Not your status. Not the number of followers you have on social media.

Parents, please teach your kids to stand on their own two feet, to roll with the punches and to remember, “it doesn’t matter how many times you get knocked down...what matters is how many times you get up.”

So, maybe we need to start changing the culture back to ribbons and trophies going to extraordinary not ordinary effort. Parents shut down the screen time, please! The healthiest kids physically AND emotionally know what sunshine and grass look like. Sometimes tough love is the love that’s needed.

If you don’t know how to do that find some folks in their 80s and 90s while they are still with us and ask them. They have lived through the worst of times to build the best of times that we don’t even have the sense to recognize.

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.*



Texas schools see little change in TEA grading

Texas public school campuses and districts received their state report cards late last week from the Texas Education Agency, with most showing little change from the previous school year, The Texas Tribune reported.

Of the more than 9,000 campuses in the 2025-26 school year, 24% earned an A; 34% earned a B; 23% earned a C; 10% earned a D.; and 4% earned an F. Some schools did not receive grades. About one in four schools saw their grades improve, while about the same number of campuses saw a drop.

TEA Commissioner Mike Morath praised the ratings, noting the hundreds of campuses in high-poverty communities that earned an A.

“We are teaching them handwriting. They are memorizing the timetables. They are thinking through more and more advanced math problems. All children can learn and achieve,” Morath said.

The grades are based on three main metrics: how students perform on the state exam and meet other college- and career-readiness benchmarks; improvement on state tests over time; and how well schools educate underserved students.

How the voucher numbers stack up thus far
As Texas gears up for the first year of its school voucher program, The Dallas Morning News reported that more than 27,000 students have returned their school vouchers. More than two-thirds were previously enrolled in public schools.

Although more than 122,000 students have been awarded vouchers, critics say using them can be challenging. Private schools can deny admission, charge more in tuition than the voucher covers, or be located too far away.

“Just because you got an award does not mean you have a seat in a private school,” said Dee Carney, director of the Texas Center for Voucher Transparency. “They have to pick you.”

The program offers \$10,474 to families to offset private education costs. Special-needs students can receive up to \$30,000, while homeschooled students can get \$2,000.

Native American groups sue to block Big Bend construction

A nonprofit group that aims to protect Native American historical sites filed suit in federal court to block the Trump administration’s border security construction in Big Bend National Park, the Houston Chronicle reported. The suit claims the Department of Homeland Security does not have authority under federal law to build in national parks and seeks an injunction to stop construction and demolition work.

Construction equipment arrived at the park a few weeks ago to build new patrol roads and vehicle barriers, sparking strong opposition from park supporters and area residents. More than 40 Texas state House members, both Democrats and Republicans, have signed a letter asking Gov. Greg Abbott to halt demolition and construction in Big Bend.

“We support securing our border and recognize our duty to protect Texans. However, it is essential that border security policy be pursued in a manner that is effective, fiscally responsible, and respectful of the communities and landscapes we are sworn to protect,” the letter read.

New Secretary of State opposes suit seeking closed primaries

Texas’ new secretary of state says he agrees with his predecessor in opposing a lawsuit seeking to restrict Republican primaries to voters registered with the party, but predicts the issue will be settled in the next legislative session, The News reported.

Newly appointed Secretary of State Robert Howden recently filed an answer as to whether the state’s official position had changed. He recently succeeded Jane Nelson in that position.

The Texas GOP filed suit last year against the secretary of state’s office, arguing that only registered Republicans should be allowed to vote in that party’s primaries. Texans are not required to register with a specific political party, so they can vote in either party’s primary.

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“The growth happening across every campus is phenomenal, and we will continue to build on this momentum throughout the 2026–27 school year,” the district announced. “Every campus will remain focused on growing our students academically while providing opportunities through extra-curricular activities that help us educate the whole child.”

WHITE OAK ISD

At White Oak ISD, the district netted an 88 overall, slipping to a B from last year’s 91.

White Oak High School maintained its 96 year-to-year, Supt. Jack Parker noted, while the middle school dropped nine points (90 in 2025 to an 81) and the elementary fell 85 to an 82.

“We are striving to be an A every year,” Parker said. “We feel like we’ve looked at the data enough to know where we had our down-fall this year.”

The switch to the Bluebonnet math curriculum had an impact, he confirmed, a strain initially as everyone got their bearings.

“It’s tough when you go with a new curriculum, but this

year we feel like we see exponential gains,” Parker said. With the 2026-2027 school year underway, “We know where we are, we feel good about it. We meet about our students’ data quite frequently.

“We want to do everything we can to make sure we’re closing these gaps and growing,” balancing the state’s requirements with local goals. “We want our kids to have a great experience in school. We also want them to know the things that TEA requires them to know.”

UNION GROVE ISD

UGISD stayed in the B range overall, netting an 86 this year’s from an 89 one year ago.

The high school held its A, earning a 90 (from 91 in ‘25) while the junior high and elementary both finished with an 84 (from an 87 and 90, respectively).

“We beat the state average on darn near everything,” said Supt. Greg Bower, who took the reins at the district in April. Students surpassed the state’s numbers by 10 points or more in key areas at various grade levels, he added. “We beat the regional pass rate, too.”

Consequently, ‘closing the gaps’ will be a theme moving forward.



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HOW MUCH DO YOU VALUE THE BIBLE?

It has been said that more people praise the Bible than read the Bible, and more people, read the Bible than believe the Bible, and more people believe the Bible than understand the Bible, and more people understand the Bible than obey the Bible.

Unfortunately, that really does describe many people. How sad it is that in a land where God’s Word is accessible to everyone, many people never read the Bible. Others may read it but blindly ignore evidence of its inspiration. Then there are those who acknowledge that the Bible is God’s Word, but their preconceptions and prejudices prevent them from understanding it. Finally, there are many people who understand much of what God commands us in the Scriptures, but they do not obey it.

One reason this is so sad is the fact that God gave us the Scriptures to save us, and those who disobey or disobey God’s Word will not be saved! James 1:21 admonishes us to “*receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your soul.*” The word of God is compared to seed (Lk.8: 11) which must be sown through teaching and received in the honest and good heart. So yes, the Word of God will save one’s soul if it is understood, received without reservation and is permitted to have its full influence in one’s heart.

Merely having a copy of the Bible somewhere in your home or even displaying the Bible somewhere in a prominent place, will not bring salvation. God’s Word must be received by faith resulting in obedience

Jesus Himself spoke of the consequences of rejecting His message in the Scriptures. In John 12: 48 He said: “*He who rejects Me, and does not receive my words, has that which judges him-the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day,*”

If you value the Bible you will be careful to read it, but not only to read it, but to believe it, but not only to believe it, but to understand it, and not only to understand it, but without any reservation you will obey it. Think on these things.

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NEWS

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

Rosedale Cemetery Assoc. to meet

The Rosedale Cemetery Association annual business meeting will be held Sunday, August 23 at the Rosedale Cemetery Cottage, located at the corner of Hwy. 80 East and Loop 485 in Gladewater at 2 p.m.,

For more information call Etta Withers at 903-738-0631.

Jailer dismissed after DWI charge

A jailer for the Upshur County Sheriff’s Office was fired following his arrest early Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, said sheriff’s Chief Deputy Russell Washburn.

Braxton James Patti, 21, of Gilmer, was terminated by Sheriff Larry Webb and released from county jail on \$1,500 bond set by Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Wyone Manes, Washburn announced in a news release Monday.

Patti was driving a vehicle on the wrong side of a roadway when an Upshur deputy sheriff observed it, said Washburn. “After stopping the vehicle, the deputy conducted a roadside investigation that led to the arrest,” the chief deputy said.

Polling places approved

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Friday approved early voting arrangements, and election-day polling places, in calling the Nov. 3 general election.

All in-person early voting is scheduled at the Gilmer Civic Center on U.S. 271 Oct. 19-30.

Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 19-23; 7 a.m. -7 p.m. Oct. 24; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 25; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26-30. No voting will be held at the civic center election day, however.

No contested races for Upshur County elective offices are on the ballot as all candidates for those posts are Republicans. There are contested races for federal and state posts, including governor and United States senator among others, though.

Some 15 polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. election day. Under “countywide” voting, a qualified Upshur County voter can cast his/her ballot at any of them.

They include:

Indian Rock Baptist Church, 4944 Texas 154 E. outside Gilmer.

East Mountain Community Center, 103 Municipal Drive Glenwood Water Supply Corporation, 6792 FM 726 S. in Glenwood community.

Ashland (Masonic) Lodge No. 1138, 10478 Texas 154 in Diana community.

Redemption Worship Center (Assembly of God), 1060 U.S. 271 N. in Gilmer.

Walnut Creek Baptist Church, 1969 N. Sego Lily Road in Diana.

Ore City Community Center, 408 Althea.

Frontier Cowboy Church, 2791 FM 593 in Ewell community area.

Big Sandy Civic Center, 612 N. Tyler St. (which is also Texas 155).

Pritchett Community Center, 1092 FM 1404.

St. James Baptist Church, 2800 W. Commerce in Gladewater.

Enon Community Center, 5223 Armadillo Road

Oak Hill Baptist Church near Bettie community, 3084 FM 2088

Rosewood Baptist Church, 8261 Arrowwood Road

Upshur County Library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154) in Gilmer.

Also Friday in Gilmer, commissioners court approved the lists of Democratic and Republican election judges and alternates for the 2026-28 term. They are nominated by county Democratic Chairman Winifred Jackson and county GOP Chairman Carl Byers.

Democratic judges include Earlene Simmons, Morris Garmon Jr., Anna Scott, Cynthia Poole, Beatrice Crump, Elaine Rains, Lashun Haley, Helen Johnson, Steffani Chapman, Michelle Burks, Henry Thomas, Deborah Betterton-Bohannon, Stephan Bolton, T. Carlyn Short, and Cheryl Jackson.

Democratic alternate judges are Travis Johnson, Sarali Anastasion, Walter Scott, Henrietta Smith, Quettia Dudley, Nelva Lovelady, Zayda Flowers, Lula Johnson, Lamonica Oziegle, LaWana Aldridge, Elliot Smith, Nadra Murphy, Gloria Boyd, Kamilah Reed, and Gloria King.

Republicans listed their personnel of election judges, alternate judges and substitutes without listing which position each person held.

They included Madison (Matt) Barrett, chairman Byers, Cheryl Corbin, Amorette Burch, Donna Dugger, Ben Dodd, Jesse Loffer, Cindy Bickerdike, Bridget Byers, Jimmy Sanders, Debbie Cannon, Robert Perry, Doni Barrett, Roberta McCrary, Eddy Coleman, Darlene Rappazzo, Nury Wood and Abigail Byers.



Gladewater High School Athletic Director & Head Football Coach Jermaine Lewis (center) poses for a picture with local Rotarian Darren Richardson (left) and Gladewater Rotary Club President Sam Cloud following the group’s lunchtime meeting Aug. 13.

Also, Lind Bradley, Shirel McCauley, Vickie Smith, Micky Denton, Elizabeth Dodd, Beverly Bobo, Callie Little, Stacy McMahan, John Melvin Dodd, Lana Baird, Holly Shelton, Donna Moree, Doris Allen, Julie Tefteller, Sheri Lipscomb, Teresa Wilson, Shelly Perry, Darlene Cook, and Rhonda Hackler.

Others are Meagan Sasser, Priscilla McCauley, Michelle Soares, Jean Miller, Glenda Cox, Linda Steger, David Wootten and Jessica Morgan.

For more information, contact county Election Administrator Lory Harle’s downtown Gilmer office at 903-680-8506.

Fall ‘26 town hall welcomes locals’ feedback Aug. 31

The City of Gladewater’s next ‘town hall’ event is set for Aug. 31. The session begins at 6 p.m. that Monday evening in the Gladewater Former Students Building at 2509 Hendricks Street as city council members and select city staffers welcome the public’s feedback.

“This is an opportunity to hear city updates, ask questions, share concerns and have a direct conversation with the leaders serving our community,” per the city’s announcement. “Whether you have a question, an idea, or simply want to learn more about what’s happening in Gladewater, we encourage you to attend and be part of the conversation.”

Local students graduate from UT Tyler

The University of Texas at Tyler recognized locals among its Summer 2026 degree candidates during commencement exercises Aug. 15 at the Herrington Patriot Center.

Local honorees include, from Gladewater:

- Marissa Blanco, School of Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing Administration; School of Nursing, Certificate, Nursing Informatics, Quality and Safety
- Caden Handorf, Soules College of Business, Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences
- Jayden Molloy, School of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

From White Oak:

- Victoria Babineaux, Soules College of Business, Master of Business Administration
- Cristy Baker, School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Ethan Grammer, College of Arts & Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Biology
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- David Kelm, School of Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner
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OBITUARY

SANDRA ELIZABETH TUTTLE

Sandra (Sandy) Elizabeth (Shaw) Tuttle passed away August 11th surrounded by family. She was born June 11, 1937 to George and Thelma Shaw in St. Louis, MO. She was an active member of St. Theresa Catholic church in Union Grove, TX.



Sandy graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas TX. After graduation she attended St. Paul’s Nursing School where she obtained her nursing degree. She met the love of her life Andy Tuttle and they were married on December 28, 1961; they celebrated their 58th anniversary in 2019. Together she and Andy raised five children. She returned to school later in life and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the

University of Texas at Tyler all while working and raising five children.

Sandy worked for Good Shepherd Medical Center as a registered nurse for over 30 years. She was loved by all her co-workers who affectionately called her “Queenie”. Sandy enjoyed getting together with her former co-workers (AORN) Association of Operating Room Nurses for lunch every month after she retired. She also worked for The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center after retiring from Good Shepherd Medical Center.

She was also very involved with the St. Theresa’s ladies guild where she served in many different capacities over her lifetime. She could be found after Mass on Sunday mornings in the kitchen making coffee with her best friend Ernestine Sawyer. She loved the Texas Rangers Baseball team, Texas History, sweet tea and Dr. Pepper.

She is survived by her five children: Tom Tuttle of Union Grove, TX; Terri Tuttle Woodfin (Andy) of Union Grove, TX; Anne Tuttle of Dallas, TX; Patrick Tuttle (Raja) of El Paso, TX; Mary Tuttle (Daniel Britton) of Dallas, TX. Sister Margaret Shaw Maninno of San Diego, CA; Grand Children: Drew Woodfin (Jackie) of Arp, TX; Brody Woodfin (Ale) of Lake Jackson, TX; Zack Woodfin (Kristen) of Union Grove, TX; Seth Woodfin (Jerica) of Denton, TX; Katherine Tuttle (Ky Lampley) of Ore City, TX; John Tuttle, Tori Tuttle Ninemire (Caleb) of Plano, TX; Hannah Tuttle Gibson (Eli) of Dallas, TX; Great-Grandchildren: Addyson Woodfin, Zander Woodfin, Luke Woodfin, Beau Woodfin, Caenen Woodfin, Kysia and Mattix Lampley. Numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Andy Tuttle, parents George and Thelma Shaw and sister Kathleen Shaw Ribbons.

A rosary was held Sunday, evening, August 16th at 5pm followed by visitation from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater, TX.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, August 17th, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Union Grove with Reverend Andrew Smith officiating at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Union Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Theresa Ladies Guild in her name.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.618063 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of White Oak.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.618063 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.596277 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.618063 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of White Oak from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the City of White Oak may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of White Oak is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2026 at 5 p.m. at White Oak City Hall, 906 S. White Oak Rd, White Oak, Tx 75693.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of White Oak is not required to hold an election in which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of the City of White Oak at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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FOR the proposal: Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood, John Fraizer

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT not voting: Kyle Kutch

ABSENT: Denny Kienzle, Joe Stephens

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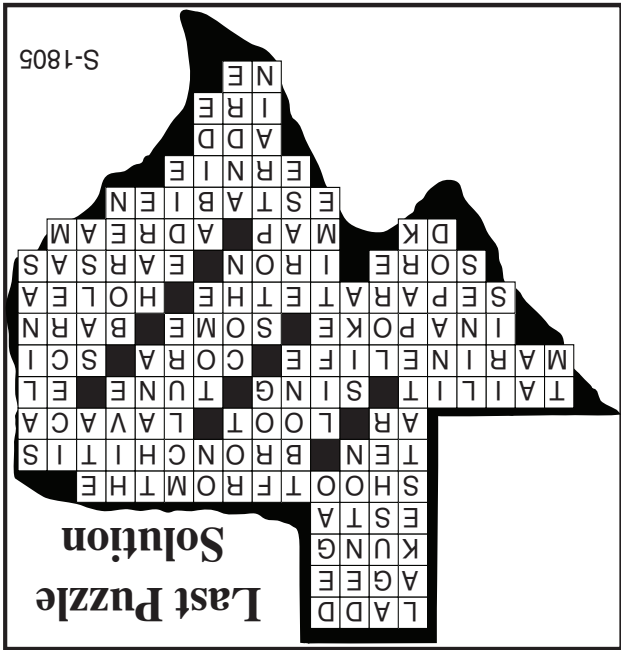
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1 this Alan played a Texan in "The Big Land" (1957)

5 Cowboy RB in 1990-94, Tommie

6 ____ fu film "The Big Brawl" was shot in San Antonio

7 TXism: "como ____" (How are you?)

8 TXism: "____ hip" (speak or act impulsively)

17 ____-gallon hat

18 mucous membrane inflammation

21 former state of Cowboy owner, Jerry (abbr.)

22 TXism for "stolen goods"

23 Hallettsville is seat of this county

24 TXism: "high ____" (flee)

29 what TX Roy Orbison could do

30 TXism: "he couldn't carry a ____ in a bucket" (bad singer)

31 ____ Paso

32 Gulf fish, e.g. (2 wds.)

34 Comanche's "Old ____" is the oldest courthouse in Texas

35 TX Roddenberry's genre: ____-fi

36 TXism: "bought a pig ____"

37 TXism: "burn ____ boot leather" (run)

38 TXism: "big as the side of a ____"

39 TXism: "____ wheat from the chaff"

41 goal on the green: "____ _ putt"

42 TXism: "sticks out like a ____ thumb"

43 brandin' or shootin'

44 TXism: "got ____ big as a mule"

45 this Keaton starred in "Father of the Bride" with TX Steve Martin (init.)

46 pre-GPS travel aid

47 "____ boat" (handsome man)

48 TXism for "good" (2 wds.)

50 this TX Banks was "Mr. Chicago Cub"

51 TXism: "it don't ____ up" (seems suspicious)

52 anger, wrath

53 dir. to Austin from Laredo

4 China's Haining ____ Home Furnishings sells to Texans at T.J. Maxx

9 a steak cut

10 TXism: "big ____ in the pond" (VIP)

11 TXism: "____ gut"

12 TXism: "quit spittin' ____ the handle"

13 playwright, TX James

14 TXism: "hotter ____ _ two-dollar pistol"

15 bee's casa

16 DFW airport abbr.

19 TXism: "cold enough to make cows give ____"

20 Texas landscape artist, Porfirio ____

22 TXism: "from womb to tomb"

24 24th governor, ____ Campbell

25 Marlin High's class

26 Texas perennial flower

27 Dallas-based Greyhound ____ (bus company)

28 TXism: "two peas ____"

29 Chinese deer found in Texas

30 TXism: "it belongs ____ and the bank"

33 Texas folk ____

34 TX Joe Don Baker film: "Citizen ____"

35 Tex-Mex sauce

37 Fiesta Texas's "Whistle ____" (park travel)

38 this Buddy produced the "Dallas Grand Prix" in 1984

40 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

41 rabbit

44 a San Antonio residential street: ____ Adams

47 tolerate

49 "____ the Giant"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Gladewater, Union Grove net ‘Superior’ rating for financial integrity

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Candy Keller and her department got a shoutout from district leadership.

“This is no easy task,” the school praised. “GISD is so thankful to have staff that are great stewards of the money we receive. This helps us do great things for students and helps us achieve more success!

“There is a lot of work that no one sees behind the scenes. Candy and her department work tirelessly all for the children of Gladewater.”

Bearing in mind the rating is preliminary, Dr. Greg Bower said Monday, Union Grove’s celebrating its achievement, too.

“We’ve got a 94 right now and should be holding the same,” he said. “We are at a ‘Superior’ rating.”

Reporting from the state highlighted shortages in WOISD’s fund balance the past year that negatively impacted the rating. Those issues are being addressed, Supt. Jack Parker confirmed Monday.

“It takes you a few years to get caught up,” he noted. “You also get dinged for changing CFOs and superintendents. We’ve had a lot of change in those areas, so hopefully some stability will help.”

August sales tax keeps Gladewater in the black

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revenue distributed to local governments is a strong sign the Texas economy continues to grow,” Huffines said. “It is also a clear signal that many local governments with increased sales tax revenue can dedicate much of that to property tax reduction. Lowering property taxes is one of the best ways to make housing more affordable and help Texans with the cost of gas, groceries and other living expenses.”

Locally, Gladewater’s check for August came in at \$176,864, 9.41 percent more than the allocation in August 2025. It brings the community’s year-to-date total to \$1,227,396, 6.26 percent more than the same point last year.

White Oak’s \$152,749 check trails the August 2025 number by more than \$40,000. It puts the community’s year-to-date at \$1,131,298.39, 5 percent less than the same point a year back.

Down the road, Gilmer’s holding its own at \$1.89 million for the year, a bit less than a percent ahead of 2025. Vastly smaller, Union Grove’s check for August 2026 outperformed the prior year, \$797 versus \$694, but it’s year-to-date total of \$5,814 is more than 17 percent less than this point in ‘25.

Countywide, Gregg County saw a net payment this period of \$2,016,278 which is 7.62 percent more than the same check a year ago, bringing its YTD to \$14.9 million, 6.23 percent more than a year ago. Upshur County collects \$178,837 in its August 2026 check, a 5.55 percent year-to-year improvement; year-to-date, the county has collected \$1.36 million, 4.25 percent more than it saw at this point in 2025.

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Sports roundup

Lady Bears, Lady Necks and Lady Lions ready for 2026

By Tyler Sutton

The Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball team started their season with a dominating 3-1 win on the road against the New Diana Lady Eagles. Gladewater won set 1 easily 25-10. Set 2 went to Gladewater as well at 25-15.

The Lady Eagles kept the game alive winning set 3 at 25-19.

But the Lady Bears closed it out with a 25-20 4th set win. That was followed up by heading to Big Sandy to take part in the Big Sandy tournament where Gladewater went 4-1 and finished 3rd with wins over Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill (2-0), Cushing (2-0), Jefferson (2-0) and Liberty-Eylau in the 3rd place game (2-1).

With their lone loss coming to Overton (2-0). The Lady Bears are off to a 5-1

start and will have their home opener against Pittsburgh coming up along with a game at Overton

The White Oak Ladynecks volleyball team opened up their season making the short trip to Spring Hill to take on the rival Lady Panthers and the Pleasant Grove Lady Hawks in a double match where White Oak lost to PG (2-1) and lost to Spring Hill (2-0).

That was followed up by heading to Duncanville for the Tournament of Champions tournament where the Ladynecks went 2-2 with wins over Lancaster (2-1) and Kennedale (2-0) and losses to Van Alstyne (2-0) and Ennis (2-0), White Oak is off to a 2-4 start to the season and will next be in action with a road game at Mineola before heading to Van for a tournament.

The Union Grove Lady Lions volleyball team started off 2026 with a pair of games. Starting with a road game at Gary where UG fell 3-0. Garrison took set one in a tight affair 25-21.

It went 25-14 Garrison in set 2 and the Lady Lion came so close to sending it to a 4th set but fell 26-24 in set 3. That was followed up by Union Grove having its home opener for 2026 as they hosted the Brook Hill Lady Guard and won a thriller 3-2. Brook Hill won set 1 at 25-22. Set's 2 and 3 went to UG (25-21 and 25-19. But Brook Hill won set 4 in a thriller 26-24 to force a winner take all 5th set in which UG won it 15-10.

The Lady Lions open the season at 1-1 and will next host Gary for a single match before making the short trip to Gilmer for a tournament.



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Every win starts with doing the small things



By James Draper

“My issue is ‘Win.’”

Saying it’s easy enough, according to Jermaine Lewis. Making it happen begins with breaking the goal down and consistently achieving each part of the victory ahead of time.

“Winning is about what you need to do to win,” says the Gladewater ISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. “We’re preaching that in all our sports.”

Take volleyball, for instance.

“They’re winning,” Lewis said last week. “They won the opening game.”

They started earning that victory before they ever reached the match against Big Sandy. The players are keeping winning at the forefront – talking about it, working for it and achieving it.

“Just them hearing the word ‘win,’ it opens up something in their mind to do a bit more,” Lewis said. “It comes with doing the small things as well.”

For the football team, that includes keeping the locker room clean, he said with a smile. Put the shoes in the right place.

Make sure helmets are where they’re supposed to be.

“If you’re able to be told what to do and how to do it with the small things, it carries over into the game.” It carries over into life, he added. “At the end of the day, we’re trying to build men and women.”

It’s not easy: not for the athletes and not for the coaches and teachers and parents guiding them.

“It’s hard,” Lewis said. “It’s hard being out there practicing football with a helmet on and shoulder pads.”

The coaching staff are smart about it, he added, keeping players safe while they’re out in the heat.

It’s the players who have to make the decision to get out and do it, though – to do the small things, to earn the win before victory’s actually on the line.

“You could stay home. It’s nothing mandatory,” and it never guarantees a win. “It gives you a chance to win. That’s it. You give yourself the chance to win.

“But I know if you don’t do those things, you’re not going to win.”

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The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council have approved an incentive to grant \$50,000 to E-Technologies, LLC. For the purchase of a forklift. The grant reimbursement will be made after receipts have been turned in.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council have approved an incentive to grant \$35,000 to Norris Group, LLC, to remodel the office at 301 US Hwy 80. The grant reimbursement will be made after receipts have been turned in.

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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Clarksville City, City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 631 US Hwy 80, Clarksville City, TX to receive public input regarding the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year annual operating budget.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$4,722.00. This is being done by raising the tax rate from \$.66701 per \$100 to a proposed tax rate of \$.69940 per \$100.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard. If you are unable to attend, you may submit your written view to the City Secretary at 631 US Hwy 80, Clarksville City, TX or by calling 903-845-2681.

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GPD Arrest Report

Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
8/9/2026	MCCLLENAN, JAMES LEE	100 MELBA STREET GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G
			RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT - ALL OTHER OFFENSES
8/12/2026	KOA, DALLAS PU	1607 N RODEO DRIVE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 3RD OR MORE 1AT

WOPD Activity

For the reporting period of August 10th through August 16th, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 151 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Scam Phone Calls, Disturbances, Burglar Alarms, Suspicious Activity, Traffic Issues (collisions), motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated during this reporting period. No injuries were reported. Five arrests were made during this reporting period:

Micah Williams, 40, of White Oak, for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

Phillip Johnson, 32, of White Oak, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Jayden Johnson, 24, of White Oak, for Public Intoxication.

Brittany Martin, 32, of White Oak, for three Gregg County Warrants.

Demetrius Brooks, 28, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Alcohol Container.



White Oak ISD Superintendent Jack Parker and his staff welcome students on the first day of school Aug. 12.

Photos by James Draper



PUSH IN & ROLL OUT

Volunteers put new fire engine into service in East Mountain

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Firefighters love tradition, he added, and the push-in ceremony dates back to the days when horse-drawn could be pulled forward, not backed in.

“Firefighters would push the engine into the bay by hand, and that simple act of teamwork became a lasting symbol in the fire service,” Emergency Services Chaplain Derrick Todd told the 50-strong crowd Aug. 15. “Today, as East Mountain Fire Department pushes this apparatus into the station, they carry that same tradition forward. It’s more than moving a truck through a door, it’s a physical act that represents this rig officially joining their fleet and their family.

“Every hand that touches this engine today is a hand committed to the mission this department serves: protecting their neighbors, answering the call, and carrying on the legacy of those who served before them. This apparatus will respond to countless calls in the years ahead – some routine and some that will be the worst days of someone’s life. Pushing it in together, as one department, is their way of saying: they’re ready. They stand behind this engine, and they stand behind each other.”



The new apparatus brings the department’s total fleet to nine vehicles, include two engines, Kirschke confirmed.

“I’m just glad we’re able to provide an apparatus we know will last us a good 10-15 years.”

The community’s support makes it all possible, Perry agreed, and the department’s volunteers make it happen.

“Your support makes everything we do possible,” he told the gathered supporters. To the firefighters, “Thank you for answering the call, giving your time and putting in the work to make this department better.”





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\$35 ARMBAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BLAZE 102.7 AND 106.9
LEE MATHIS & THE BRUTALLY HANDSOME BAND ON STAGE

Sept. 12
\$35 ARMBAND & FAMILY DAY BROUGHT TO YOU BY KYXK 105.7
LION SONGS BAND ON STAGE

Sept. 13
\$35 ARMBAND MEGA 99.3 FIESTA DAY
"NERY SANCHEZ Y SU Banda Tarasco and LEALTAD
Stage sponsored by Telco Plus CU

Sept. 14
\$30 ARMBAND
SENIOR CITIZENS ADMITTED FREE
TOMMIE HELM BAND ON STAGE

Sept. 15
\$30 ARMBAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY KOYE 95.7 107.8
ANHEDONIA ON STAGE

Sept. 16
\$30 ARMBAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY KETK EAST TEXAS AND FOX 51
JUDD HAGEN BAND ON STAGE

Sept. 17
\$30 ARMBANDS CBS 19
MISS GREGG COUNTY PAGEANT ON STAGE

Sept. 18
\$35 ARMBANDS
JOSH DAVIS - ELVIS TRIBUTE ON STAGE

Sept. 19
\$35 ARMBAND
SENIOR CITIZENS ADMITTED FREE
DEL RIO BAND ON STAGE

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MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, SEPT 14-16 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.
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