



City Hall welcomes open dialogue at town hall

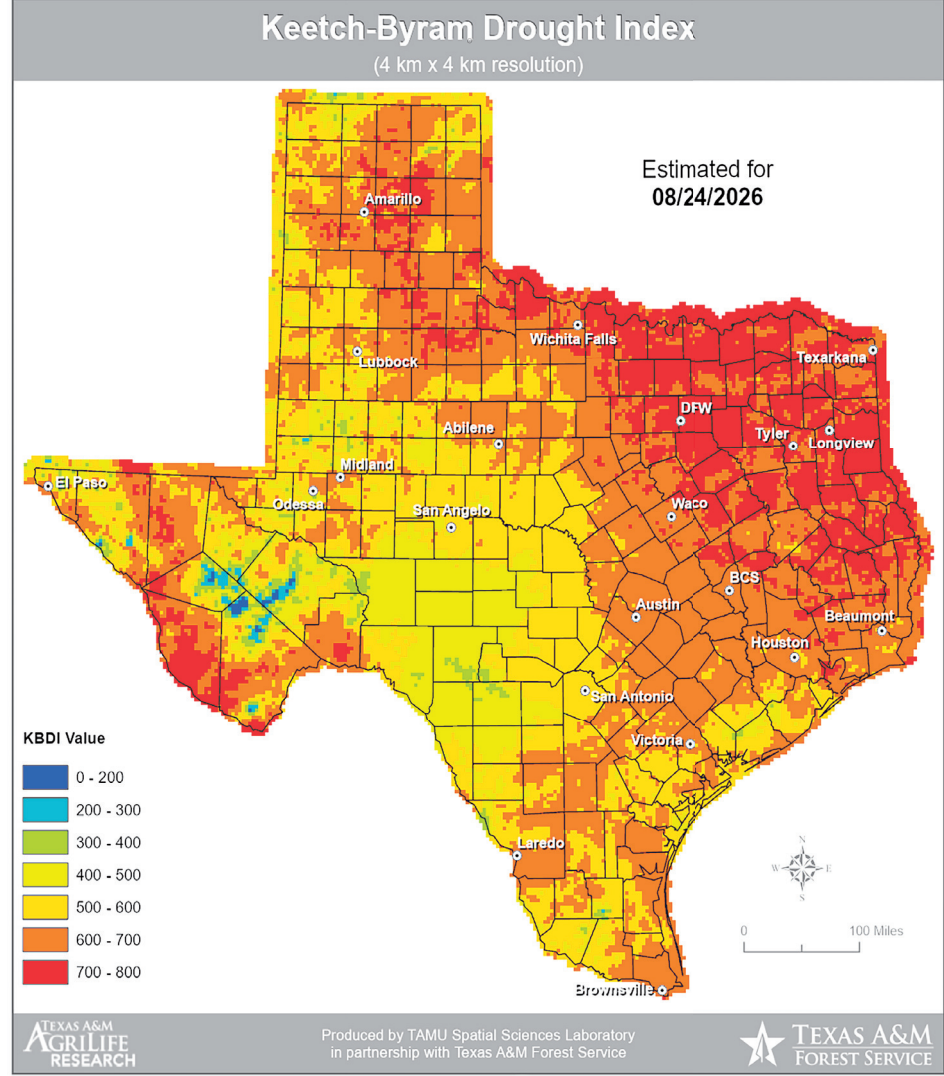
State laws restrict dialogue between elected officials and attendees at public meetings – the same rules don’t apply at Town Hall meetings.

The next such opportunity is 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, in the Gladewater Former Students Association building at 2509 Hendricks Street.

Everybody’s welcome, Mayor Brandy Flanagan-Shipp said last week, and she hopes the community will accept the invite.

“We can have really great dialogue back and forth. We can really share from our heart,” she told the audience at the Gladewater City Council’s monthly meeting Aug. 20. “We can share what we’ve been accomplishing, where we’re going. We can listen and even talk back to you.”

The council members are scheduled to attend along with select city staffers. There’s been no particular theme announced for the latest gathering as City Hall welcomes questions, concerns and conversation about local issues.



Extreme fire danger covers about 18% of Texas today, primarily across portions of North, Central, and East Texas. Another 15% of the state is experiencing very high fire danger.

In areas with extreme conditions, fires can start quickly and spread out of control. Avoid outdoor burning and anything that could create a spark.

Stay alert and use extra caution outdoors today.



One man injured in 135 rollover

By James Draper

A young man suffered a broken leg but no other serious injuries last week when his pickup rolled on Hwy. 135.

The stretch from the Gladewater City Limits is 70 miles per hour. Two vehicles reportedly attempted to pass a third, slow-moving car simultaneously, Gladewater Fire Department Capt. Addison Hill confirmed, based on information at the scene.

With oncoming traffic closing in, the trailing driver apparently overcorrected as he attempted to get back to safety, sending the black Ford F150 rolling. Passersby were able to pull the man from his vehicle before first responders reached the scene. He was soon transported to a local hospital by a Christus ambulance.

“He was alright,” Hill said. “The only serious injury was a broken leg. He was out on the ground, and I was talking to him when we got there.”

Troopers from Texas Department of Public Safety are handling the investigation.



Emergency responders work the scene of a one-vehicle rollover wreck that sent a young man to the hospital and brought traffic to a standstill in both directions on Hwy. 135 Aug. 19 outside the Gladewater City Limits. The driver (18-19) suffered a broken leg in the incident after he apparently overcorrected while attempting to pass another vehicle on the highway.

Photo by James Draper

White Oak ISD opens newly balanced books after strained years

By James Draper

After years of dipping into reserves to keep the books in order, White Oak ISD trustees have adopted a balanced budget with no strings attached.

Monday’s unanimous vote is a milestone, WOISD Supt. Jack Parker says, the end of a difficult period and the beginning of one with the district on firm financial footing as the new fiscal year begins Sept. 1 without a tax rate increase.

By the calendar, it’s been more than five years since the ISD has been able to balance its budget without drawing on fund balance. Parker took the reins about two years back.

“Every school district has their own individual needs, of course,” he said, “but we were trending in the wrong direction fund balance-wise. We’ve made it a priority to put money into the fund balance not only this year but years to come.”

A school budget’s a moving target, Parker added, based on projections for everything from Average Daily Attendance to the total Career & Technical Education population to Special Education counts. The Texas Legislature’s decisions come into play along with local taxes, funding from Texas Education Agency, federal dollars and more.

Beyond belt-tightening, recent years included forensic accounting and diligently refining procedures to keep expenditures in check.

“Many moving parts,” Parker added. The entire district was involved in the long-term recovery: “Staff, faculty, administration, central office. It’s been a collective group effort, along with the board.

“We all knew what we were up against. I’m pretty transparent and didn’t hide that from anyone. We tightened our belt really tight two years ago. For the past two years we have not spent beyond our means, we have operated with what we can operate with and that’s gotten us where we are.”

Voters were integral to the recovery as well in signing off on the district’s \$1 million refunding bond last November. It enabled the school to effectively move a \$200,000 annual payment from operations to debt service without raising taxes.

“We also paid off a bus lease last year,” Parker noted. “We’re trying to pay off debt responsibly to better that maintenance and operation side as well.”

Two years ago, the district adopted a deficit budget, almost \$800,000 in the red.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Clouds of bubbly joy....

The last week has been full of ‘moments’, mistakes and hard work. You all know that drill. It is what life deals and then we misplay a card or two. Let’s get the ugly out of the way. In one of our papers I misidentified someone and it was a rookie mistake. As a former journalism teacher I am deeply embarrassed. Mea Culpa! There is no excuse, just circumstances. Monday is a press day, plus we had two huge sports posters to proof and get to press that night as well as the paper, plus I had two different school board meetings back-to-back and one story to be written on top of deadline. Still, I know better. I really do know better. Sloppy is inexcusable.

That covers my biggest mistake of the week and a lot of the hard work. The ‘moments’ however were amazing. A guardian grandparent asked for education advice after telling me I was wise. If you read my first paragraph you might be questioning my friend’s judgment. Wise? I hope so, on some things. Experienced where education is concerned for sure, much of my heart is still committed to that calling.

Last Wednesday was my ‘un-birthday’ a reference that a very attentive server named Stephen at Outback Steakhouse was the only person to connect to “Alice in Wonderland”. He has a BA in Literature soon to be pursuing an MA at UT in Austin. That he proceeded to round up a crew to sing LOUDLY an Aussie birthday ditty to me actually lifted me and made me laugh. Along with the gift of a dessert, the day didn’t feel so ‘un’ anymore.

Then there were the messages, many from former students with my favorite coming all the way from Memphis, from a guy named Marcus, who works at Jerry Lee’s on Beale Street. It simply said, “O’ Captain, my Captain”. I cried. If you have never seen the movie “Dead Poet’s Society” you have no idea how much this meant to me...especially

The Best of

Suzanne Bardwell



since I taught him so very long ago.

My ‘un-day’ ended with a late night call from my son Josh who was on some exotic around the state tour with the Texas A&M Wildland Fire Aviation team...followed by his posting of Jerry Jeff Walker’s “Red Neck Mother” song on my Facebook page...he is a smart-aleck like his daddy. It’s one of the things I love and loathe about that dynamic duo...they do keep me laughing...except when I want to smack them.

The day had begun with a call to my precious Mom and a quiet talk with my Daddy in heaven. I am deeply grateful for the life they gave me and the love they have shown me. Life is complicated, messy and difficult. It is sometimes easy to be mired in our mistakes, embarrassments and failures. We have to look up and see the moments that really are the measure of our lives. And when we do, we find that blessings surround us like clouds filled with bubbly joy. Things like happy yellow flowers, personalized sugar cookies, funny friends and tall, dark, handsome husbands help create those clouds.

So dear friends and readers, fix what you can, apologize when you need to, but never, never forget to look UP, look around, and see, really see the joy that fills our lives even in the most challenging of times. I pray that you find your moments, have your quiet conversations, loud songs and serendipitous experiences and rise on your own clouds of joy.

Gary Borders

Capital Highlights



Border barrier construction halted in Big Bend

Amidst mounting public outcry, the federal government last week halted construction of border barriers through state park property in far West Texas, The Texas Tribune reported.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Rodeny Scott personally stopped construction until he could visit the region.

Hundreds of people showed up at the annual meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, gathering outside its headquarters in what resembled a tailgate party.

The federal government already has sent bulldozers into Big Bend National Park

Among those trying to rally people to the cause was former Republican Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. “I have yet to encounter anybody in the Big Bend area who does not oppose a wall,” he said.

While Big Bend is a national park, several state parks could be affected by attempts to build border barriers, including Big Bend State Park and Seminole Canyon State Park.

TPWD chair Paul Foster addressed the concerns of those attending the annual meeting.

“I think we agree with most of you and are working with the governor’s office and the federal government,” he said. “Our goal is to minimize damage to the ecosystem and the natural beauty of not only the parks, but the whole area.”

Abbott proposes extending ban on H-1B visas

Gov. Greg Abbott last week proposed extending a ban on H-1B visas used to hire foreign workers to all Texas public school employees, The Texas Tribune reported. A similar ban is already in place for Texas universities. The governor says he will push for legislation to ensure “exactly zero” of Texas school employers are in the state on federal visas.

“We’re tired of the federal government not putting limits on who can come in under H-1Bs, and because of the federal government’s failure to control H-1B visas, Texas is having to put our foot down, and that means making some tough decisions,” Abbott said.

Texas school districts employ more educators holding H-1B visas than any other state, according to an analysis from the National Education Association. Dallas ISD leads in the number of educators hired with H-1B visas at 171.

The policy change would require legislation to pass during the next regular session of the Texas Legislature, which begins in January.

Patrick threatens schools who retain ‘inappropriate’ books

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick threatened last week to lower ratings of schools who do not pull books marked as “inappropriate,” The Dallas Morning News reported.

“We’re coming for the books,” Patrick said in a message to superintendents. “We ask that you do it on your own and remove these books.”

Patrick controls the state Senate agenda and says school districts may eventually face funding cuts if those books remain in school libraries. He did not say how that would occur.

Abbott last year signed a bill into law that gives school boards the authority to pull books from school libraries if parents or members of the public believe they are indecent or profane. Patrick said new penalties are necessary because school districts are not complying.

Democrats have said stricter oversight over books in school libraries threatens local control and access to books.

Up to 25,000 plugged oil and gas wells could fail, group warns

A new watchdog group’s analysis of Texas oil and gas well data claims 25,000 plugged wells across the state are at risk of failure, threatening to contaminate the aquifers many communities rely upon for their water supply, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The number of so-called “zombie wells” — plugged wells that rise from the dead — is about 50 times higher than previously reported.



Omnipresent Oil

The United States remained the world’s largest crude oil producer in 2025, continuing a trend that began in 2018 and reflects a remarkable turnaround from past decades. With a record high 13.6 million barrels per day (bpd), the US led Russia (9.9 million bpd), Saudi Arabia (9.6 million bpd), and Canada (5.0 million bpd) by a wide margin.

The ongoing upward trend in production persisted despite lower prices. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) dropped from an average of \$77 per barrel in 2024 to \$65 in 2025 due primarily to global supplies outstripping demand. One reason for the increase is higher drilling productivity and operational efficiency, which allows operators to extract more oil per well. Production growth was particularly strong in the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico, which accounted for about 48% of total domestic production in 2025.

Global patterns changed dramatically around 2008, when a decades-long decline in US production reversed as fracking and other advances greatly enhanced the potential for shale oil and gas development. The shift has been highly beneficial, both in terms of economic performance and geopolitical strength.

US petroleum exports reached another record in May as disruptions in the Middle East and flows through the Strait of Hormuz increased global demand for US exports, rising sharply to 419.7 million barrels from 408.3 million barrels in April. By enhancing the overall supply of oil, the US industry has helped to dampen the effects of market disruptions. In addition, the country is far less susceptible to shortages now, importing far less than in the past.

Because oil is largely priced in a global market, however, US consumers and industries are feeling the effects of the current Middle Eastern conflict. High oil prices are not

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only affecting household and business budgets, but are also working their way through the entire economy. With upward pressure on prices of goods which use fuels for inputs (which is virtually everything in one way or another), inflation is the inevitable result.

Clearly, US oil production is a primary reason that oil prices have been lower and less volatile than they otherwise would have been during recent tensions. It is a significant stabilizing force, though not one that can completely insulate either the US or other regions from major supply shocks.

The US Energy Information Administration is projecting that US crude production will average near 13.7 million bpd in 2026, rising to 14.2 million bpd in 2027. With well over 40% of national production, Texas is a major player in meeting global demand. At the same time, the energy industry is seeing increased profits in the current higher price environment, enhancing the potential for additional drilling activity and long-term investment. Stay safe!

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ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

I read thar Daniel Webster, the famous statesman, was once asked what the greatest thought was that ever entered his mind. Reportedly, Daniel Webster replied, “My accountability to Almighty God.” I believe that is a pretty good answer. What do you think? Realizing that we are accountable to Almighty God is surely one of the greatest and most sobering thoughts that anyone can ponder because when we realize that we are accountable to God it ought to make us think of our need to go to His Word to learn His thoughts as well. Jesus said, “Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 7: 21).

Furthermore, when we think of our accountability to God, we also need to think of our sin and God’s plan to save us from our sin, which will help us appreciate His great love for us. Paul wrote, “But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5: 8). Also, we need to think of what God wants us to do, how God wants us to act, how God wants us to think, and how God wants us to live! 2 Cor. 5: 14-15 says: “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him for who died for them and rose again.” Further, in thinking of our accountability to God, we should also think of the fact that the Lord Jesus is coming again, and someday there will be a Judgment Day! In 2 Cor. 5: 10 Paul said, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Yes, my friends, thinking about the accountability to God is surely one of the greatest thoughts we could ever reflect upon, and it should affect us in a practical way and make us think of ourselves in a humble way—not arrogantly and boastfully. It should remind us of our need to live submissively before the One to whom we must give account!

Last, in short, when we think of our ACCOUNTABILITY to Almighty God, we must inevitably think of our RESPONSIBILITY, and the fact that we must be OBEDIENT to our God (Eccl. 12: 13-14). Heb. 5: 9 says “And having been perfected He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

We increase our ability, stability, and responsibility when we increase our sense of accountability to God. John D. Rockefeller, Jr, said, “I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity an obligation.” Considering the greatness of the thought of accountability and responsibility, please think on these things.

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What's Happening?

Lee-Bardwell Library opens writing contest for senior students' Christmastime tales

In the midst of efforts to support Texas authors and independent literature, Lee-Bardwell Public Library's getting into the publishing biz this holiday season.

Staffers are already at work on their Christmas anthology, and they have two early Christmas presents to support a couple of local high school seniors with a flair for writing.

Executive director Brandy Wynn announced the library's Christmas Short Story Contest last week, asking Gladewater City Council members and residents to help spread the word: Two winning teenage writers will each receive a new laptop and case, and their Yuletide-themed stories will be featured in the library's coming collection.

The contest opens Sept. 1 for submissions from local seniors, including public or home school students, living in five independent school districts: Gladewater, Union Grove, White Oak, Big Sandy and Sabine. The story deadline and other details are still TBD; Wynn got the news out soonest to go ahead and get the writing wheels spinning.

The winners will be announced Dec. 14 during the annual Gladewater Christmas Parade.

Stay tuned for more information or reach out to the library via leelibrary@cityofgladewater.com or by calling 903.845.2640

Quilts of Valor presented

Two U.S. Army veterans were honored in Gilmer recently by the Quilts of Valor Foundation, which bills itself "a non-profit group of quilters from across" the nation whose "mission is to cover our service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing" quilts.

Former Lt. Col. Larry Tefteller and ex-E4 specialist Nickolas Fincher received quilts in a ceremony at the temporary Upshur County Courthouse.

Suzanne DiCarlo of Mineola, a member of the foundation's executive staff, presented them Aug. 10 before an audience of about 25 people, including County Judge Todd Tefteller.

Fincher, who served in the Iraq war, told The Mirror he has undergone 12 abdominal surgeries.

DiCarlo told the gathering that people can nominate veterans and military members who were touched by war, either emotionally or physically, for the group's honor. Nominations can be made on the foundation's website.

The 3-layer quilts are not meant to be bed quilts, but are for use on couches and recliners, DiCarlo explained. She said the items honor someone's service, and thanks the person for their sacrifices.

"You helped protect our freedom," she told Tefteller and Fincher.

The foundation was begun in 2003 and has 52 groups in Texas, with three more forming, DiCarlo said.

WOISD Blood Drive set

White Oak ISD's first blood drive of the year is on Thursday. Please sign up for a time slot. You must be 16 to donate. If you are 16, you must pick up a permission form in the middle office.

Remember, seniors must donate twice during their senior year to receive a red cord at graduation. The community is also welcome at the drive.

Reward offered in goat shooting

Upshur County Crime Stoppers announced it is offering a reward of up to \$1,500 for information on the identity of whoever fatally shot three goats and critically wounded a fourth recently in the Diana community.

The shootings occurred between Sunday night, Aug. 16, and Aug. 17 off FM 726 N., the organization said in a post on a Facebook page of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office.

"We do not want your name," the post said. "All tips are kept anonymous. We just want your information, and we will pay for it."

Anyone with such information should contact Crime Stoppers at 903-843-3131, or the sheriff's office in Gilmer at 903-843-2541. Informants can also use the app store for P3 tips.

Those calling the 843-2541 number are requested to ask for Deputy Drew Willeford.

No speakers at public hearings

Back-to-back public hearings drew no speakers Thursday on the city's proposed tax rate and preliminary budget.

The financial plan's on the table again this week during another open-to-the-public budget workshop set for 6 p.m. tonight.

Working budget documents are available for review at City Hall and online at cityofgladewater.com/finance. Version 1 was issued July 30, Version 2 on Aug. 20.

The city has proposed a total tax rate of \$0.637580 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2027. That includes \$0.538887 for operations and \$0.098693 for debt service. It's a 14 percent increase on the current rate of \$0.557005 for FY2026, which closes Sept. 30.



Mr. Phillip Phelps, owner of The Happy Cabbage Antique Store in Gladewater, is a man of many talents. He tickled the ivories as well as the ears of the ladies of the Gladewater Area Ladies Association (GALA) at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18th. Mr. Phelps is a singer, pianist and evangelist who played and sang a variety of songs, including secular and sacred - everything from What A Wonderful World to How Great Thou Art. In an attempt to raise a monetary gift for Manna House, he took requests for donations and raised \$250. The ladies also brought in a large donation of food items for Manna House. The theme for the meeting was "School Days," and Lois Reed had beautifully decorated accordingly. Ladies brought their school pictures from childhood, and there was a guessing game to win a prize. The ladies of the Gladewater Area Ladies Association invite all local women to join them at their next gathering on Tuesday, September 15th, at noon, at the Chamber of Commerce on Main Street. For more information, contact Rita Osha at Famosha@juno.com or call the Chamber of Commerce at (903) 845-5501.

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Down: 1. RAM, 2. EXH, 3. THE, 4. ADV, 5. TON, 6. EN, 7. JUV, 8. AS, 9. KED, 10. OVO, 11. HEL, 12. LAMS

OBITUARY

LESLIE "LES" RAY ALLEY

Leslie "Les" Ray Alley, born on May 12, 1952, in Gonzales, Texas, passed away on August 9, 2026. Les's life was defined by hard work, steadfast values, and most importantly a fierce love for his family.



He worked for Tumco (Texas Utilities Mining Co) for 20 years, where he was a valued employee working his way up to a supervisory role. His coworkers remember his strong work ethic, fairness and willingness to always lend a helping hand. Les also worked for Central Plains for 10 years and East Texas Bridge for 3 in supervisory and management roles. He thoroughly enjoyed his career and spoke often about the people and his time working.

Les was very active in his community. He served as a school board member for Union Grove ISD coaching Union Grove Softball teams when his children were in school during those years. Les also was a member of the Union Grove Fire Department.

Outside of work and community activities, Les enjoyed spending his time fishing, hunting, gardening, and working with tractors. He especially enjoyed rebuilding and selling all makes of tractors. He was fond of a particular older John Deere tractor he called "Tut Tut" that would start on one turn of the key. Les had a lifelong love for Texas and would let you know how proud he was of being from the Lone Star State.

Les and Marguerite only moved to Louisiana to be close to family in their retirement years. One particular talent that will be missed, Les fabricated Smokers, and provided the Texas style smoked meats for the frequent family gatherings. Family meant everything to Les, and he enjoyed the time he got to spend there.

Les is survived by his wife, Marguerite Alley; daughter, Theresa Ryder and husband Randy; grandchildren, Lane Youngblood, Gracie Beason and husband Noah, Taylor Braley and husband Gavin, Lauren Lenz and husband Logan, Kristin Ryder and Taylor Ryder; great grandchildren, Reid Youngblood, Everly Beason, Cove Braley and Laklynn Lenz; brother, Floyd Cook. He is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Mary Mikesch, John and Janice Alley and son, Jeffrey Alley.

Les's wish was to be cremated, serving as honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Family, friends, and community members honored Leslie "Les" Ray Alley's memory at a visitation on August 22, 2026, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. A celebration of life followed at 2 p.m. at the same location.

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1 song: "Texas When _ _ _"

5 "a _ _ _ and his money are soon parted"

6 state where TX Buddy Holly died

7 last minute study for a test

8 TX V.T. Hamlin created "Alley _ _ _" comic

9 nat'l org. for Texas "legal eagles"

12 4-run Astro homers: "grand _ _ _"

17 TXism: "he'd be _ _ _ in a battle of wits" (idiot)

19 Amarillo was known as the " _ _ _ Capital of the World"

21 Stephens of both Dallas Cowboy cheerleader films

22 this De Carlo was in "McLintock" with TX Chill Wills

23 this Hilton started his hotel chain in Texas

28 Corpus Christi TV near Burnet: " _ _ _ Lake State Park"

30 Texas carnival rides: "ferris _ _ _"

31 TXism: " _ _ _ a killing hog"

35 TX Joe Don Baker film: "Walking _ _ _" (1973)

36 this ended TX Nolan Ryan's career (2 wds.)

42 describing Aikman or Staubach

44 WWII atomic bomber " _ _ _ Gay"

46 " _ _ _ Snow" of 1895 dumped 15-inches on Galveston

48 TX Cynthia Ann Parker's Indian name

49 TX Charley Pride's " _ _ _ You're Feelin' Me" (1975)

50 ex-Cowboy RB, Tommie

51 Texas pecan, e.g. (2 wds.)

52 TXism: "if a hog _ _ _ wings he'd be an eagle"

53 TX Tanya's "Can _ _ _ You Tonight"

54 this TX Vidale had a TV show named after her

56 evil spell

57 stat for 36-across

58 Dodge _ _ _ truck

4 this Jack was in "Once Upon a Texas Train" (1988)

9 surrounded by _ _ _

10 TXism: "hell _ _ _" (high speed action)

11 citrus drink ending named after her

12 TXism: "a little _ _ _ in the hat size"

13 first denims (2 wds.)

14 gas stations in Texas

15 stole animal

16 TXism: "working between _ _ _" (sunrise to sunset)

18 "Norma _ _ _"

20 TX Kristofferson's "Why _ _ _" (1973)

23 UT tower sniper, Whitman (init.)

34 TXism: "he's _ _ _ ornery old cuss"

36 TX Ted Cruz's time zone (abbr.)

37 Lamb County was named for _ _ _ Lamb (rank + init.)

38 TCU football star, Sammy (1933-37)

39 not proper

40 a way to travel to a destination

41 "and the," south of the border (2 wds.)

43 TX Meredith Mac _ _ _

45 Nazi leader (init.)

47 the womanizer " _ _ _ _ line"

48 athletic assoc. of Texas College

55 final or mid-term

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GLADEWATER BEARS

2026 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
8/13	TROUP (SCRIMMAGE)	7:00	HOME
8/21	RUSK (SCRIMMAGE)	7:00	AWAY
8/28	DAINGERFIELD	7:00	HOME
9/4	PITTSBURG	7:00	HOME
9/10	WEST RUSK	7:00	AWAY
9/18	SPRING HILL	7:00	AWAY
9/25	ATHENS	7:00	HOME
10/2	OPEN	-	-
10/8	*SABINE	7:00	AWAY
10/16	*TATUM	7:00	AWAY
10/23	*WHITE OAK	7:00	HOME
10/30	*LIBERTY EYLAU	7:00	AWAY
11/6	*ATLANTA (SR. NIGHT)	7:00	HOME
HOMECOMING		SENIOR NIGHT	WELDON GAME
		*DISTRICT GAME	

Junior Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
8/13	TROUP (SCRIMMAGE)	5:30	HOME
8/21	RUSK (SCRIMMAGE)	5:30	AWAY
8/27	DAINGERFIELD	6:30	AWAY
9/3	PITTSBURG	6:30	AWAY
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10/15	*TATUM	6:30	HOME
10/22	*WHITE OAK	6:30	AWAY
10/29	*LIBERTY EYLAU	6:30	HOME
11/5	*ATLANTA	6:30	AWAY

8th GRADE (B / A)

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9/8	WEST RUSK	4:30 / 6:30	AWAY
9/17	SPRING HILL	4:30 / 6:30	AWAY
9/24	ATHENS	4:30 / 6:30	HOME
10/1	OPEN	-	-
10/6	SABINE	4:00 / 6:00	AWAY
10/15	TATUM	4:00 / 6:00	AWAY
10/22	WHITE OAK	4:00 / 6:00	HOME
10/29	LIBERTY EYLAU	4:00 / 6:00	AWAY
11/5	ATLANTA	4:00 / 6:00	HOME

7th GRADE (B / A)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
9/3	PITTSBURG	4:30 / 5:00	HOME (SCRIMMAGE)
9/8	WEST RUSK	4:30 / 5:00	AWAY
9/17	SPRING HILL	4:30 / 5:00	AWAY
9/24	ATHENS	4:30 / 5:00	HOME
10/1	OPEN	-	-
10/6	SABINE	4:00 / 4:30	AWAY
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9/4/26	WINNSBORO	WINNSBORO	7:00 PM
9/11/26	ARP	WHITE OAK	7:30 PM
9/18/26	SCURRY-ROSSER	WHITE OAK	7:00 PM
9/25/26	WEST RUSK	WHITE OAK	7:00 PM
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10/09/26	LIBERTY-EYLAU	LIBERTY-EYLAU	7:00 PM
10/16/26	ATLANTA	WHITE OAK	7:00 PM
10/23/26	GLADEWATER	GLADEWATER	7:00 PM
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Sports roundup

Are you ready for some football & volleyball?

By Tyler Sutton

The scrimmages are over so that means only one thing and that's the regular season for high school football is here, I spoke to all 3 local coaches after their 2nd and final scrimmage as they get ready to kick off their respective seasons.

"I feel we are ready to hit the grown running," said Gladewater coach Jermaine Lewis.

"We are as prepared as we can get for Daingerfield. All three sides of the ball are prepared and I feel we will come out with a good showing to open the season against a always tough Tigers team."

The Bears open 2026 this coming Friday night at the Jack. Kickoff is at 7 PM.

Coach Tanner Thiel and the White Oak Roughnecks are ready to kick off a new era as coach Thiel has his first game as HC when they take on the Spring Hill Panthers. "I believe we are good to go. We have finally gotten to the point where we can put everything we have been working on all summer and since school started back."

"I have all the confidence in my kids and coaches. Both of our scrimmages looked good and we were clicking on offense and defense."

The Roughnecks open their season this Friday when the rivalry with the Panthers is brought back. Kick off is Friday night in Spring Hill at Panthers stadium at 7 PM.

The Union Grove Lions look to continue to build off last season's successful season in year 2 under Kyle Adams. "We had a amazing summer. The kids showed up in record numbers and I



Photos by Kim Hill

feel they are totally bought in," said Adams. "It has translated to when school started and our scrimmages as we looked crisp as we can be. I feel we are going to hit the ground running on the season starts."

The Lions open up 2026 this Friday on the road at Queen City. Kickoff is at 7 PM.

The Gladewater Volleyball team had their 1st home game of 2026 as they hosted the Pittsburgh Lady Pirates and fell in a 5 set classic 3-2.

Gladewater won set 1 (25-23), Pittsburgh took set 2 (25-22) and set 3 (25-19), Gladewater kept the game alive winning set 4 (25-22) but Pittsburgh won it by tak-

ing set 5 (15-13). That was followed up by heading to Marshall for a tournament where they went 2-2 with wins over New Boston (3-1) and Elysian Fields (2-0) and losses to Marshall (2-0) and Tyler High (3-1). Also Gladewater made a trip to Overton to play a single game against a very goof Overton team and fell 3-1. The Lady Bears are now 7-6 on the season and will next head to Kilgore for a double match with Kilgore and Grace Community followed a tournament in Kilgore.

The White Oak Lady-necks continued the early portin of their non district schedule as they traveled to Mineola where they fell to

the Lady Jackets 3-0. That was followed up by heading back to Mineola for a tournament where they went 3-3 with wins over Mineola (2-1), Quitman (2-0) and Sabine (2-0) and losses to Van (2-0), Longview (2-0) and Van again (2-0). They also in between tournament days held their home opener and swept New Diana 3-0 (25-10, 25-9. 25-10). White Oak is now 7-9 on the season and will next be in action when the host Central Heights before hosting the annual Shirley Atkins tournament.

The Union Grove Lady Lions continued their non district schedule as they hosted Gary and came away

with a 3-0 sweep (25-14, 25-18, 25-20). That was followed up by making the short trip to Gilmer for a tournament where UG went 3-1 and were runners up with wins over De Kalb (2-1), MP-Chapel Hill (2-1) and De Kalb again (2-0) before falling to host Gilmer (2-0) The Lady Lions are now 4-2 on the season and will next be in action when they travel to Overton followed by a trip to Hawkins for a tournament.

The Cross Country season continued with all 3 local schools in action. Gladewater, UG and White Oak were in Gilmer for the Buckeye invitational where in the 5000-meter run:

Boy's:

White Oak's Cooper Tucker was 3rd at 16:59

Gladewater's Ya'lexan Martinez was 5th at 17:40

White Oak's Issak Olvera was 8th at 17:56

White Oak's Henrick Rider was 13th at 18:37

White Oak's Nathan Stringer was 18th at 19:03

Gladewater's Mariano Perez was 18th at 19:06

Union Grove's David Shaver was 22nd at 19:21

Girls 5000 :

Union Grove's Landry Harris took home 1st at 13:27

Union Grove's Shaniya Roland was 5th at 14:02

White Oak's Maddie Hart was 10th at 14:18

Union Grove's Rachel Potter was 14th at 14:36

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Gladewater ISD leaders talk bond activity, SRO details

More projects are taking shape at Gladewater ISD as monies from this year's \$8.1 million bond election get put to work at various campuses.

GISD Supt. Rae Ann Patty included a bond report in the Aug. 17 school board meeting, leading off with plans for a pole barn for Ag students.

After meeting with architects earlier this month, designs for the new structure are being finalized and additional projects are in the works: "They're wanting to take out a wall between the Ag/Mech rooms," Patty told trustees; Gladewater High School Culinary classrooms space will also get new ventilation.

As far as the state mandated seatbelt upgrade for the district's fleet, GISD is awaiting word on an additional funding source that may stretch local dollars even further.

"We are going to wait on renovation of those business that don't have seatbelts until we see what the grant is going to do," Patty said. "Once we kind of get our quotes in for those things then we're going to start working in the CTE classrooms with the supplies and materials they want."

Early Spring 2027 will bring campus upgrades at Gladewater Primary and the high school, from painting to work on doors and windows along with furniture purchases.

Key construction will come in late spring as the district anticipates eight weeks of work on various projects.

Following executive session evaluations of School Resource Officers, the trustees tabled action on the district's related Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gladewater (and Gladewater Police Department).

"We're trying to reach an agreement about some roles and responsibilities," Patty added later.

GPD is scheduled for response training at the high school on October's Saturdays.

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08/17/2026	20:39:52		MISCELLANEOUS	511 S TYLER ROAD
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08/17/2026	20:49:24	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	WELFARE CHECK	605 MELBA AVENUE
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08/17/2026	19:04:43	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	WELFARE CHECK	1243 N SHELL CIRCLE
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08/17/2026	19:33:44	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	1819 E BROADWAY AVENUE
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08/18/2026	00:29:03	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE- ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/MUTUAL AID	2300 WOODBINE STREET
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08/18/2026	01:59:22	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ALARM	701 W UPSHUR AVENUE
Sent To Dispatch- 08/18/2026 02:00:16				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
08/18/2026	04:58:21		MISCELLANEOUS	204 E EDDY AVENUE
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Sent To Dispatch- 08/18/2026 08:07:59				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
08/18/2026	19:53:28	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	N LOOP / E BROADWAY
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08/18/2026	21:47:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	AIRPORT/ S TYLER
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08/18/2026	21:57:40	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	807 S TYLER ROAD
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08/18/2026	22:13:17	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	AIRPORT
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08/18/2026	22:16:16		AGENCY ASSIST	300 MONEY STREET
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08/18/2026	23:48:31	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	PAULJ MAPLE
Sent To Dispatch- 08/18/2026 23:48:55				
08/18/2026	23:50:12	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	PAUL/MAPLE
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08/19/2026	00:08:37	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSP NOISE-PERSON-	OLIVE/TENERY
Sent To Dispatch- 08/19/2026 13:46:17				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
08/19/2026	14:32:44	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSP NOISE-PERSON-VEHICLE	BEST MART
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Sent To Dispatch- 08/19/2026 14:43:52				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
08/19/2026	15:11:18	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	WELFARE CHECK	2105 ROSEMARY STREET
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08/20/2026	08:22:00	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	W GAY/E LAKE
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08/20/2026	08:50:28	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE- EMS- LIFT ASSIST	1200 NORTH
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08/20/2026	10:20:43	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE- EMS- LIFT ASSIST	1313 E LAKE
Sent To Dispatch- 08/20/2026 10:23:51				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
08/20/2026	12:31:00	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	S TYLER/FEED STORE
Sent To Dispatch- 08/20/2026 12:31:49				
08/20/2026	12:41:29	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE	MESQUITE/SWEET GUM
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08/20/2026	13:04:10	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	S TYLER/BOAT RAMP
Sent To Dispatch- 08/20/2026 13:04:53				
08/20/2026	13:13:10	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	DISTURBANCE	608 W UPSHUR
Sent To Dispatch- 08/20/2026 13:15:11				
08/20/2026	13:30:31	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	711 MARTHA DRIVE
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08/20/2026	15:44:37	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE- EMS- LIFT ASSIST	409 JEANETTE
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08/21/2026	01:19:41	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ALARM	103 N MAIN STREET
Sent To Dispatch- 08/21/2026 01:21:51				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
08/21/2026	03:01:41	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSP NOISE-PERSON-VEHICLE	800 E BROADWAY AVENUE
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08/21/2026	03:23:56		MISCELLANEOUS	204 E EDDY AVENUE
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Sent To Dispatch- 08/21/2026 05:09:09				GLADEWATER, TX 75647

WOPD Activity

For the reporting period of August 17th through August 23rd, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 175 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Advice Calls, Suspicious Activity, Theft, Disturbances, Traffic Issues (collisions, motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

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

Two arrests were made during this reporting period:

Michael Hammons, 48, of Winnsboro, for POCS PG1 >=1g<4g and one Upshur County Warrant.

Christy Clark, 47, of White Oak, for one Gregg County Warrant.

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

- Driving While Intoxicated, POCS PG3 <28g, POCS PG3 <28g
- Driving While Intoxicated
- Driving While Intoxicated
- Driving While Intoxicated 2nd
- Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Under 15 yoa.

White Oak ISD opens newly balanced books after strained years

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Ultimately, the school ended the year only \$190,000 short. “We did not have to dig into the fund balance as much as we expected,” Parker said. As the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year draws to a close Aug. 31, “We projected a roughly \$200,000 deficit. If the good Lord’s willing and the creek don’t rise, we could come into the

green when the audit comes in in October. “The fact that we’re starting balanced gives us a good target to shoot at.” Monday’s special called meeting saw the WOISD school board unanimously approve the 2026-2027 White Oak ISD budget 5-0 with two trustees absent. It’s balanced with \$20.4 million in revenues

and expenditures and includes local revenues of about \$4 million, state revenue totaling \$15.77 million and \$555,734 in federal funds. There’s an anticipated overage of \$311,282 for debt service. The board members subsequently adopted a Maintenance & Operations Tax rate of \$0.75420 per \$100 valuation along with \$0.43190 for Inter-

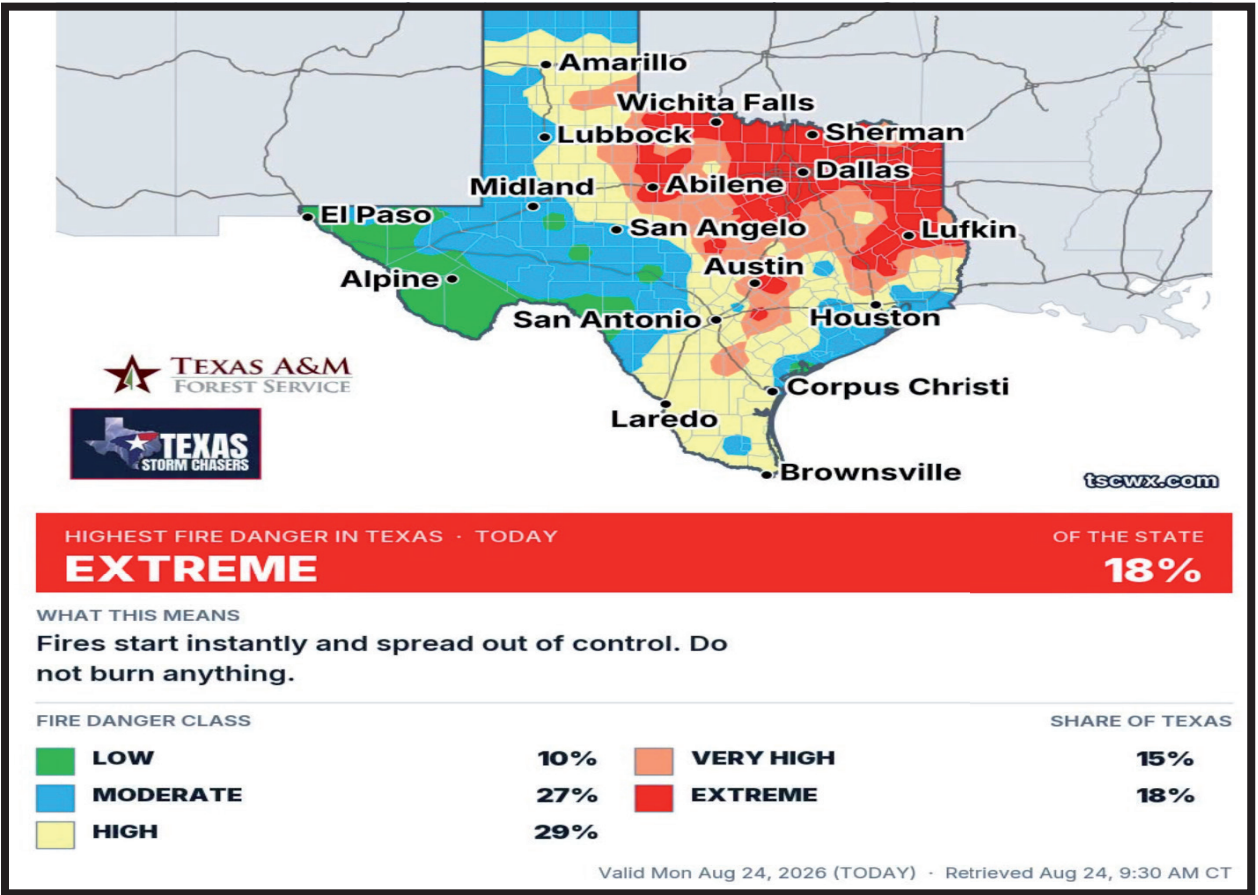
est & Sinking, a combined tax rate of \$1.18610 for the coming year. “Our overall tax rate will remain the same,” Parker confirmed, though individual taxpayers’ valuations may change according to assessments from the Gregg County Appraisal District. As for WOISD, “We’re not asking for any tax increase.”



Kilgore resident ‘Bec’ drops a line off the dock at Lake Gladewater Monday morning.
Photo by James Draper

Woman charged with intoxication manslaughter

By Phillip Williams
A Mineola woman was charged with intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle which killed a male pedestrian on FM 852 outside of Gilmer on Wednesday of last week, official sources indicated. Lauren Ashely Martin, 30, was charged in the death of Kenneth Robert (Bud) McCoy, 36, of Gilmer, according to information gathered from the Upshur County Sheriff’s Office and McWhorter Funeral Home outside Gilmer. She remained in Upshur County Jail at Gilmer Monday under \$250,000 bond set by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Lyle Potter, said a spokeswoman for District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace. The incident was reported to the sheriff’s office at 2:50 a.m., said Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Russell Washburn. Sheriff Larry Webb said Monday that Martin was driving a vehicle which struck McCoy. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Anthony Betterton’s office confirmed he pronounced McCoy dead at the scene. The body underwent an autopsy at Forensic Management Medical Services of Texas, located near Tyler. Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Adam Albritton, whose agency investigated the incident, said Monday the DPS was still probing details of the matter. He confirmed there was a one-fatality incident on 852, and said no other injuries were reported. Albritton also said he didn’t know the name of the deceased nor how many miles from Gilmer the mishap occurred. Wallace said Monday, five days after the incident, the case had still not reached his office.



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LION SONGS BAND ON STAGE

Sept. 13
\$35 ARMBAND MEGA 99.3 FIESTA DAY
"NERY SANCHEZ Y SU Banda Tarasco and LEALTAD
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Sept. 14
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SENIOR CITIZENS ADMITTED FREE
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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
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