

Honoring 25 YEARS

Twenty-five years later, we remember the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

We recall the horror of the news, the painful images and the aftermath, as the reality of what had occurred changed the face of our nation. But we also remember with gratitude the heroes who gave their lives in their efforts to rescue victims of the attacks.

The courage and bravery of these men and women will never be forgotten, and their spirits will always remain a proud part of our nation’s history. In times of tragedy, a strong community will pull together, and that’s what we witnessed in the wake of September 11.

A nation came together to support the communities of New York City and Washington, D.C. Americans everywhere, from all walks of life, displayed their patriotism and pride in our country. Decades later, we continue to honor the heroes of September 11, and we continue to fight for the freedoms each of us holds so very dear.

May we forever remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Kilgore College will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with “Remembering 9/11: Reflection & Conversation,” a public event featuring 9/11 survivor and author Michael Hingson at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in Dodson Auditorium.

Hingson, who is blind, will share his firsthand account of escaping the World Trade Center with his guide dog, Roselle, by descending 78 flights of stairs to safety. He will reflect on their experience that day and the lessons in trust, preparedness and resilience that followed, while honoring the memory of the 2,977 people who were killed in the attacks.

Hingson later chronicled his experience in the book “Thunder Dog: The True Story of a Blind Man, His Guide Dog, and the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero,” which recounts his partnership with Roselle and their journey out of the World Trade Center.

Following the program, Hingson will sign books from 10:20 to 11:30 a.m. at Watson Library, where visitors will also have an opportunity to experience KC’s special 9/11 Memorial Exhibit. Copies of “Thunder Dog” will be available for purchase at the book signing.

KC will also provide one free Braille copy, while supplies last, to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Braille copies may be requested at the book signing or in advance by emailing KC911@kilgore.edu.

The Sept. 11 program is part of KC’s observance of the 25th anniversary of the attacks and will provide the East Texas community with an opportunity to remember those who were lost, recognize the courage and sacrifice associated with that day and reflect on

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County Fair kicks off this Friday

The 77th Gregg County Fair takes place from September 11 through September 19 at the Longview Exhibit Center located at 1123 Jaycee Drive in Longview.

General Admission is \$8 per person and there is free admission for children ages 3-and-under, as well as senior citizens (60+), military members and their families, law enforcement, fire personnel, and first responders (with valid ID or badge).

Daily armbands and individual coupons are also available on the midway, which is provided by Amusement Midway Providers Inc.

This year’s fun includes carnival rides, artisan wares, shopping vendors, and classic fair foods. And the entertainment has something for everyone - from the petting zoos and pig races, to live musical performances on the main stage sponsored by Texas Oncology.

One of the main highlights each year is the annual Miss Gregg County Pageant, scheduled for Thursday night, Sept. 17.

For more information go to greggcounty-fair.com or visit the Facebook page.

GW city budget remains in limbo as officials scramble to cut expenses for Fiscal Year ‘27

By James Draper

Recent flare-ups during the City of Gladewater’s budget season have drastically delayed the development of a final financial plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – city officials will meet twice next week to meet key deadlines.

As of last week, the general consensus among city council members is to dial back the proposed 14.5 percent tax rate increase they approved Aug. 25. Likewise, they want to avoid a \$20 increase to the water base rate, eyeing something around \$10 instead.

To that end, FY2027 will be a “stability year,” Mayor Brandy Flanagan-Shipp told the council members and city staffers gathered at City Hall Sept. 3.

“We don’t want to go backwards,” she said, focused on avoiding any negative impact on services.

The council members spent a bit more than an hour in a budget workshop last Thursday following a tense and, once again, heated back-and-forth over expenditures the past year that utilized a portion of the city’s excess funds.

“The budget’s going to have to be really watched this year,” the mayor repeated. “The goal is to put enough in there to keep things moving at the exact quality of operations that are here.

“We just need to know that everybody is on the same page... This is going to have to be a year where we go, ‘Is it a need or is it a want?’”

Due to agenda posting requirements and personal scheduling conflicts, the council members are not gathering for a public session this week. They’re scheduled for two meetings in the coming days, however, planned for Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 15 and Sept. 17.

It puts them outside the preferred timeline for getting the city’s numbers to Gregg County and Upshur County ahead of the end of the current fiscal year.

In the interim, department heads at City Hall are taking another stab at trimming the fat without cutting into the bone.



Gladewater Mayor Brandy Flanagan-Shipp (left) and councilman Milton Anderson listen to City Treasurer Meghan Davis’ explanation of city finances during the elected officials’ special session Sept. 3.

Photo by James Draper

There are key equipment purchases necessary at the wastewater plant, for example. There are personnel considerations to keep in mind as well. Among other discussion Thursday, Gladewater Public Works Director Brian Smith asked the council members to keep a 2.8 percent raise in mind for employees.

“If we don’t, we’re going to lose a lot of them,” he cautioned.

A portion of last week’s brainstorming session was devoted to brainstorming novel ways to account for rising costs, to cover current fines for past years’ TCEQ violations and to keep from passing on expenses to taxpayers.

By the end of the process, the mayor concluded, if tax and rate increases are necessary, everyone in the room has to be able to tell residents “I promise you we tried everything possible and there was no other way to do it.”

53rd Arts & Crafts festival set

The 53rd annual Gladewater Arts & Crafts Festival is bringing back a sprawling array of handcrafted goods Sept. 19-20.

So far, the chamber’s list of vendors features 57 participants, and the roster’s still growing. Artisans have until at least Sept. 12 to get on the list for this year’s festival.

The DIY sale runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, on the Broadway School Grounds then 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Sunday.

One of the key selling points for the event is the strict limitation to handcrafted items only.

A 10x10 space is \$70 for both days, and vendors receive a 15 percent discount for reserving three or more spaces. A limited number of spots are available as food booths for local nonprofits, civic groups, churches and school organizations first.

Would-be vendors can find the 2026 application form online via [@GladewaterCrafts](https://www.facebook.com/GladewaterCrafts) on Facebook – visit tinyurl.com/gladewater-crafts2026. It’s also available for download from GladewaterMirror.com

This year’s arts and crafts festival will coincide with the monthly Gladewater Trade Days at Old Bear Stadium, and organizers are working to build cross-traffic between attendees for the concurrent events.

Running 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1000 W. Upshur Ave., Trade Days features antiques, furniture, crafts, boutique items, tools, food and resale products along with farm and agricultural goods.



2026 Union Grove Homecoming Court

Seniors: Emma Klein, Hailey Griffin, Danica Vestal, Averi Cook; **Junior:** Landry Harris; **Sophomore:** Blaiklee George; **Freshman:** River Martindale; **Princess:** Everlee Heard; and **Prince:** Isaiah Lacy. **This week is homecoming, join the Lions football team, cheer, band and majorettes as they take on the Elkhart Elks Friday at 7 p.m.. Due to the burn ban, fireworks will be moved to Nov. 5 - Senior night.**

OPINION/COMMENTARY

May we never forget ...

Just a few weeks ago our son Josh, our only child, was leading helibase attacks on three major wildfires out West. He is waiting now for his second assignment. In November he will travel with a national group of firefighting volunteers who will go to Kenya on a fire mission to train firefighters who have little training and less equipment.

How this all started has deep roots in East Texas, in American tragedy, and in the character of our son and many more young people like him. Josh was a junior volunteer firefighter in high school. He enjoyed helping out our neighbors and he learned a great deal.

As a senior he was the Photo Editor for my high school journalism program. He won his fair share of state and national awards including being named to the ILPC All State Journalism Staff. On 9/11 in 2001, as I was teaching a class full of eager young minds, Josh ran from my staff room into my classroom shouting that a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center Towers in New York. Every morning Josh watched the news as he worked on his photos. That day, he broke the news to White Oak High School.

Within minutes we were all watching the scars of American history being slashed into a generation’s consciousness. It impacted many of them profoundly, including our precious son.

At Christmas a cousin was on a business trip to New York. She stopped an NYC firefighter, thanked him and told him eloquently about the impact their courage and sacrifice was having on young people all across this nation, including, specifically Josh. Whatever she said touched this man who had survived so much that he reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver coin with an angel stamped on it. He turned to our cousin and said, “This angel was in my pocket that day. My Angel protected me. Give it to the kid in Texas to watch over him to do the same.”

My child who had a journalism scholarship to TCU and a promised CNN Republican Presidential Convention internship chose instead to go to Stephen F. Austin University and become a Forester with a wild land firefighting specialization. He has fought fire all over America from mountains to marshland. I am often asked how I handle the danger he is in when he is on assignment. I pray ... a lot. I also know that he has an angel watching over him wherever he goes, whatever he does.

A hero is an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances. We need to remember that. We all have the capacity to be heroic whether it is in the stairwell of a collapsing building, in a combat

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Josh recently was on fire assignment in Idaho, surveying the fires from the air. Josh has had many angels waching over him over the years and now has his mother watching, as well.

zone, on a medical frontline during a pandemic, in a raging wild-fire, or on the streets of our hometown. We all need an Angel in our pocket and we all need to honor and pray for those who serve us. More importantly, we all need to seek ways we can serve and to do it with humility and gratitude.

This 9/11 I continue to pray for the families who lost so much on that day whether it was at the Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, or on a plane flown by terrorists and filled with everyday heroes. Many on 9/11 in 2001 gave their all and we honor their sacrifice and that of their families. We honor those who have fought in lands not their own for decades. We honor those who live a life of service and most humbly remember those who sacrificed all in that service.

“Greater love has no man than this...” John 15:13.

May we never forget.

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Gary Borders
Capital Highlights



Texas hospitals could lose \$27 million daily in Medicaid funding

With the state’s new fiscal year beginning on Sept. 1, Texas hospitals are expected to lose \$27 million per day in additional Medicaid funding, according to the Texas Standard. The shortfall follows the Trump administration’s withholding of approval for about \$9.8 billion in three programs under the Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP).

The program provides additional funding to cover the gap between Medicaid reimbursement rates and the actual costs hospitals incur when providing health services to Medicaid patients. Four million low-income Texans, most of them children, are enrolled in Medicaid.

“It is impossible for a hospital to take a huge loss on a Medicaid side of their portfolio and not have that impact services across the board, regardless of what type of insurance a patient has,” said Sara González of the Texas Hospital Association.

The federal government is withholding these funds as it questions how local jurisdictions in Texas calculate the taxes they collect from hospitals. Under CHIRP, the federal government matches those funds so that the hospitals can cover their actual Medicaid costs.

Gov. Greg Abbott has called the funding holdup an economic “gun to the head.”

More than a dozen school districts face state takeover

More than a dozen Texas school districts could be taken over by the state next year if they do not improve student performance before next year’s A-F accountability ratings, according to The Texas Tribune. At least 14 districts had at least one school campus with a failing grade, according to this year’s preliminary ratings. Under state law, the Texas education commissioner must take over any district that receives five consecutive failing ratings — or close that failing school.

After a takeover, the district’s elected board of trustees is replaced with an appointed board of managers for at least two years.

Campuses under threat of closure next year are in the following districts: Clarks-ville, Cleveland, Coldspring-Oakhurst, Elgin, Judson, Kingsville, Manor, Nacogdoches, Poteet, Runge, San Angelo, San Antonio, Spring and Waco.

Districts have until Sept. 11 to appeal a school’s grade rating.

Lawmakers to further cut school property taxes

A Senate analysis indicates that nearly 40% of Texas homeowners pay no school property taxes. Some legislators hope to increase that share in the upcoming regular session, which begins in January.

The Houston Chronicle reported that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick directed a Senate committee to assess the impact of increased home- stead exemptions in past years, with the possibility of raising them further next session.

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WE CAN HAVE UNITY

Many feel that religious unity is impossible today, with many thinking that one religion is as good as another. Let’s think about this a little bit.

George Dehoff told the following story “I took a package to the post office at Murfreesboro and had the clerk weigh it. He consulted his map to find the zone to which it was going. He turned to his guidebook and told me the amount of the package. I took the same package to a neighboring town of Woodbury and went into the post office. The clerk gave me the amount of the package, and it was the same. This same package I then took to a little country post office in the back of a store in one of our rural districts. There the postmaster weighed it. With some degree of slowness, he consulted his postal rate book and came up with the same answer. These postal employees had not met in convention and decided to charge me a certain amount for the mailing of this package. They probably did not know one another. They all had one official guidebook and went by it. They had unity.”

What is the point of this story as it relates to religion? So long as men insist on using their creeds and opinions in religion, there will be division. When people use God’s official guidebook-the BIBLE- there will be UNITY! Unity cannot be achieved apart from God’s Word. Christ said to His apostles: “Neither pray I for these (the apostles) alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent Me” (Jn. 17: 20-21). Thus, those today who believe the Word given to the inspired apostles will have unity. You see, the unity for which Christ prayed is rooted and grounded in Scripture. It is not some type of man-made union that all agree on despite their differences.

The reality of religious division is tragic. Denominationalism and the idea of “attend the church of your choice” and “one church is as good as another” comes from the mind of man, and not from God’s Word. First Corinthians 1: 10 says: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” Disunity prevails when people do not speak the same thing (2 Tim. 4: 1-4). Col. 3: 17 says, “And whatever you do in word (what you teach) or deed (what you practice), do all in the name (by the authority) of the Lord.” Think seriously 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

Blood drives scheduled

Carter BloodCare of Tyler will hold three blood drives in Upshur County between Sept. 21 and Oct. 1, announced Carter field recruiter Donna A. Russell.

The drive Monday, Sept. 21, is scheduled from 7 a.m.-10 a.m. at Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative at 1200 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154) in Gilmer. Donors are urged to give in honor of Upshur Rural lineman Ty Jordan's four-year-old daughter, Evie Mae, who has leukemia and needs donated blood as a "lifesaving resource," Russell said in a news release. Another drive is set from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Walmart at 1923 N. Wood (which is also U.S. 271) in Gilmer.

For more information on the Sept. 21 and 29 drives, email Russell at Drussell@carterbloodcare.org or call 903-574-4998.

The final drive is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Big Sandy High School, 401 Wildcat Drive.

It is open to members of the public who have valid picture identification and make an appointment, but prospective donors must first contact Kimberly Fields at 903-636-5223.

Storytime held Thursday in Gilmer

A book will be read to young children at both of the Upshur County Library's weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer on Thursday (Sept. 10).

"My Grandma and Grandpa Rock" by famed singer Pat Benatar and her husband Neil Giraldo will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. events, which are for children up to age 11.

"Music and movement" will follow each reading of the book. Amy Allred, children's coordinator for the library, said clapping and stretching to music "help with brain development."

Each session also will feature a card-related craft in honor of Grandparents Day, which is Sept. 13.

A website describes Benatar and Giraldo's work thusly: "Grandparents love to rock every way they can--whether it's by singing out loud, dancing to a song in their hearts, or just

living their best lives!"

The book is "a lyrical read-aloud that celebrates all kinds of grandparents from all walks of life--from plumbers to yoga instructors to rock stars."

In other library news, "Play With a Purpose," which the institution says concerns "play, learning , connections and community resources for families" with children ages 0-4, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16.

To participate in that, one must RSVP by calling Allred at 903-843-5001.

The library, which will be closed Sunday and Monday, is at 702 W. Tyler, which is also Texas 154. Although Storytime is free to the public with no advance registration required, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

- ### UPCOMING EVENTS
- (Courtesy of Gladewater Chamber of Commerce)
- Sept. 11 Patriots Day —
 - Sept. 15 East Texas Food Bank (10 to 11:30 a.m.)
 - Sept. 15 Gladewater Chamber Gala Luncheon (Noon)
 - Sept. 17 City Council Meeting (6 p.m.)
 - Sept. 18 East Texas Food Bank Training (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
 - Sept. 18 Thrive & Connect Luncheon (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
 - Sept. 19–20 Arts & Crafts Festival (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
 - Sept. 23 "See You at the Pole" (TBD)
 - Sept. 25 GISD Bear Homecoming (7 p.m.)
 - Oct. 2–3 42 Tournament at Rodeo Annex (TBD)
 - Oct. 10 City-Wide Cleanup (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
 - Oct. 24 Cancer Walk at Lake Gladewater (8 a.m.)
 - Oct. 31 EMS Fall Fest Downtown (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.)

Roughneck's gridiron standout returns for meet-and-greet event

One of White Oak's local legends is heading back to town this week – WOISD alum, National Football League veteran and Texas High School Football Hall of Famer Mike Barber's warming up his autograph hand for Sept. 11.

The Friday evening meet-and-greet begins at 6 p.m. during an 'Ultimate Roughneck Tailgate' hosted by the school district along with the White Oak Athletic Boosters and Band Boosters. "He's been very, very easy to deal with and very gracious," White Oak ISD Superintendent Jack Parker said. "I think he's excited about coming back home."

The Roughnecks face Arp Friday night with Barber cheering on the players.

"He's going to speak to the team and do a pregame talk," Parker said. In addition to signing autographs that evening, "I'm going to have him on my podcast that morning."

It's a boon for the community to have someone who's played at Barber's level, Parker said, someone who's achieved what he has. "I think the kids need to see that. They need to see what hard work and determination will do for you."

There will be 250 complimentary 8-by-10 photos of Barber ready for signature while supplies last.

"Hopefully that will bring out some of our White Oak community members who watched Mike play and saw him in the NFL," Parker added. "Hopefully it will get them excited to come out to the ballgame that night."

It's a great opportunity to honor one of the school's standouts, Parker said, and his particular accomplishments.

"Barber was a force," WOISD announced, a quarterback and linebacker who finished his high school career in 1972 with All-State and All-American Honors. He amassed 1,489 rushing yards, 2,329 passing yards and 31 touchdowns.

Barber was also a Texas state champion in the 120-yard hurdles and 440-yard relay.

An All-American tight end at Louisiana Tech, Barber was a second-round pick in the NFL Draft in 1976, playing six years with the Houston Oilers before stints with the Los Angeles Rams and the Denver Broncos. He notched 10 total seasons in the NFL with 222 catches, 2,788 yards and 17 touchdowns.

The celebrated Roughneck went on to coach high school football and also established Mike Barber Ministries. Barber was inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

Annual 5K raises awareness with '26 event set Oct. 24 in ongoing cancer struggle

Is it the 14th annual event or the 15th?

Sheila Faggans has lost track of how many 5Ks she's organized in her 'Walk for Cancer' efforts. She's just excited to host another and grateful for the help to make this year's a success Oct. 24.

The event is sponsored by Gym 101 and Caring Hearts of Gladewater, with all proceeds benefiting Texas Oncology in Longview.

The team's spreading the word and looking for participants to 'Fight Cancer in All Colors' that Saturday morning at Lake Gladewater.

Day-of registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at 1604 Lakeshore Dr. before the trek itself starts at 8:15. Registration costs \$20 per participant and includes a commemorative T-shirt.

New for 2026, the 5K Walk for Cancer will include a raffle for a chance to win a pink trash cart and other prizes. Tickets are \$1 per entry.

There will be other giveaways during the Fall '26 5K, and the organizers are seeking vendors to help welcome the crowd. A limited number of spots are available.

"We're looking for local businesses, makers, food vendors and community organizations to join us for our 5K Walk for Cancer," the event planners announced. "Come set up, promote your business, meet the community and help us make this an amazing event for an even bigger cause."

Gym 101's Courtney Earles is pitching in alongside Faggans.

"She usually does it a lot by herself," Earles praised. "A couple of years ago, I actually had thyroid cancer, and I felt I just need to get a little more involved."

"It'll just hopefully be a good time."

Whether it's year 14 or 15, Faggans is just hoping for a success.

"I've really lost count!" she quipped. "I say every year 'This is my last one,' but I really, really do believe this is my last. I'm getting too old for this."

"Don't get me wrong – I enjoy doing it. You're always helping somebody. I just try to help where I'm needed. I just want it to be a good, a good success. I hope we can have lots and lots of people come out."

For more information, contact Faggans at 903-844-1326 or Earles at 903-413-4293.

Help needed on missing girl

Gilmer police are attempting to locate a 16-year-old girl who ran away from her south Gilmer home Aug. 26, according to the police department's Facebook page.

Tiffany Nicole Griffith, a Gilmer High School junior from the Ervin Hill neighborhood, was last seen on camera footage about 6:06 p.m. on Dean Street near Robroy Industries, said her mother, Stephanie Alexander.

The girl was headed toward nearby Montgomery Street, but a tree blocked the camera's showing which way she went on Montgomery, said a flyer designed by Alexander.

Police and the mother describe Griffith as being 5'3" or 5'4" and about 145 pounds, with longer than shoulder-length black hair and brown eyes.

Police said she was last seen wearing a black shirt, white baggy pants, and black-and-white shoes.

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32 astronaut TX White & "Too Tall" Jones

33 pickup emission

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40 ____ Pepper

41 TXism: "sick ____ (hospital)"

42 Astrodome in 1965: "____ Main Street"

49 Garza County seat

51 Dallas TV's "Slam Bang Theater" host: ____ Twerp

52 TXism: "I'll ____ monkey's uncle"

57 Conway Twitty's "You Ought ____ It Sometime"

58 slogan of Texas-born president: "____ lke"

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Sports roundup

Bears, Lions open season with wins, Necks fall

By Tyler Sutton

For the first time in a long time, the Gladewater Bears had some adversity as they fell behind early, and while they were able to rally - in the end it wasn't enough as they fell to the Pittsburg Pirates 52-41 at the Jack.

The Bears got the ball first and were driving but QB Achillies Hess fumbled on a keeper and it was recovered by Pittsburg.

The Pirates took no time taking advantage making the Bears pay as they punched it in to take a 7-0 lead. After Gladewater went 3 and out and punted, the Pirates struck again to make it 14-0 after one quarter.

But Gladewater got on the board early in the 2nd quarter when Hess found the end zone for a 1 yard TD run to make it a 14-7 game. Pittsburg got the ball back but went for it and didnt get it and turned the ball over on downs and gave the Bears a short field and Gladewater took advantage as Trey Watts broke free for a 11 yard TD run and the game was tied at 14.

After the Bears defense forced another Pirates punt, Gladewater took their first lead of the night as Hess again bullied his way in for a 1 yard TD run to make it 21-14 Bears. Pittsburg added a late FG before the half to cut the Bears lead to 21-17 at halftime.

Pittsburg went 3 and out and punted to start the 3rd quarter and Gladewater took all the momentum as Mar'shaun Stevenson broke loss for a 51 yard TD. But the extra point was blocked so it stayed a 27-17 game. Pittsburg quickly answered



as their QB busted free for a 28 yard TD run to make it a 27-24 ballgame after 3 quarters.

But Gladewater answered right back scoring on the 1st play of the 4th quarter when Watts took it in for a 12 yards to make it 34-24 Bears.

But again Pittsburg had

a answer to make it 34-31. Gladewater then took a risk with a fake punt and it didnt work and with a short field, Pittsburg took the lead back at 38-34.

But Landon King took the ensuing kickoff back 95 yards to quickly give Gladewater the lead back at 41-38.



Photos by Kim Hill

Pittsburg then had another great kickoff return and took it back to the Gladewater 15 yard line and a few plays later took the lead back 45-41 with 3 mins left.

The Bears were driving to take the lead back but a mistake by Hess put the game away for Pittsburg as he was picked off and it was returned for a Pirates pick six.

“Rough night all around. Hats off to a really good Pittsburg team. They took advantage of every mistake we made” said Bear head coach Jermaine Lewis. “We will learn from this and get better”

The Bears drop to 1-1 on the season and will next be in action on a short week as they make the trip to West Rusk. Kick off is at 7 PM.

The White Oak Rough-necks football team had their home opener as they hosted

Winnsborro and sadly didn't go well as they fell 43-12.

Mason Wright completed 10 of 17 passes for 151 yards and a touchdown in the loss. Cameron Vail added 43 rushing yards and one touchdown.

Trent Jackson rushed for 23 yards, passed for six yards and caught five passes for 85 yards and a touchdown to go along with eight tackles on defense.

Cal Jester finished with 13 tackles, a tackle for loss and a forced fumble, and Caleb Watson had 10 tackles, a TFL and a forced fumble for White Oak.

Angel Mejia added four tackles and an interception, Tysen McClain four tackles and a fumble recovery, Blake Lyke an interception and Jacob Watson six tackles.

The Roughnecks fall to 0-2 and will next be in action when they host Arp. Kickoff is at 7 PM.

The Union Grove Lions improved to 2-0 on the season as they held their home opener as they defeated Quitman 20-6.

Brycen Porter passed for 120 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 49 yards and a TD as the Union Grove Lions notched a 20-6 win over the Quitman Bulldogs on Friday. Hudson Wightman carried 13 times for 84 yards and a TD and hauled in a 55-yard touchdown. DJ Edwards caught a 56-yard pass, and Tate Salter had one catch for 10 yards. Kynan Birlew recorded 16 tackles, Andy Peck 13 and Kody Nutt and Daniel Fernandez 11 apiece for the Lions. Nutt also had a sack, and Konner Messer recovered a fumble.

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Copies of this ordinance may be obtained from Judy Van Houten, City Secretary, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Warren City will hold a meeting at 6:15 PM on September 15, 2026 at Warren City Hall, 1514 George Richey Rd, Gladewater, Texas 75647 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2026. The proposed tax rate is \$0.244222 per \$100 of value.

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Union Grove cross country were in Sulphur Springs for a meet and did well. Girls were 1st out of 15 teams were :

Landry Harris was 1st overall at 13:11
Shaniya Rolans was 2nd at 13:42
Rachel Potter was 4th at 14:19
Phaedra Cole was 7th at 14:28
Adeline White was 13th at 15:04
Susanna Sturkie was 14th at 15:12

Boys came home 5th out of 15th where:

David Shaver was 8th at 19:40
Brady Pritchett was 21st at 20:18
Liam Mayhan was 27th at 20:50
Kynan Birlew was 29th at 20:54



Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball team had a short week as they had just one match as they easily won over Hearts Bluff 3-0 (25-15 , 25-13, 25-10) to improve to 10-8 on the year. They will begin district play as they host a pair of games against Sabine and Tatum.

White Oak Ladynecks volleyball went 1-1 this past week as they hosted Gilmer and swept them 3-0 (25-15, 25-10, 25-18). That was followed by the short trip to Longview where they took on Pine Tree and fell 3-0 (25-19. 25-20, 25-13). White Oak is now 13-13 and will wrap up their non district schedule with a game vs Beckville before starting district play as they host Arp.

Union Grove volleyball had went 1-1 in their pair of games as they beat Waskom 3-(25-21, 25-25-15, 17-25, 25-13) and fell to Quitman 3-0 (25-15, 26-23, 25-14). The Lady Lions are now 9-9 on the season and will next be in action when they travel to New Diana and Jefferson.



2026 Union Grove High School Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Saturday, Sep 7	Gladewater Tourn.	TBA	JV/F
Tues. Sept.10	Waskom	HOME	JV/Varsity
*Fri. Sept. 13	TATUM	HOME	Varsity
*Tues. Sept. 17	TROUP	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity
*Fri. Sept. 20	WEST RUSK	AWAY	Varsity
*Tues. Sept. 24	ARP	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity
*Fri. Sept. 27	SABINE	HOME	Varsity
*Tues. Oct.1	BYE	TBA	
*Fri. Oct. 4	WO	AWAY	Varsity
*Tues. Oct. 8	TATUM	AWAY	Fr, JV, Varsity
*Fri. Oct. 11	TROUP	AWAY	Varsity
*Tues. Oct. 15	WEST RUSK	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity
*Fri. Oct. 18	ARP	AWAY	Varsity
*Tues. Oct. 22	SABINE	AWAY	Fr, JV, Varsity
*Fri. Oct.25	BYE		
*Tues Oct 29	WO	HOME	Fr, JV, Varsity

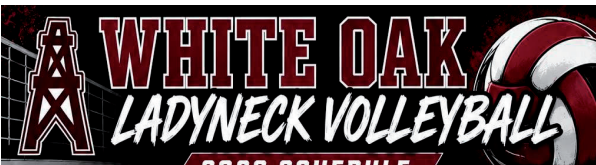
High School Coach: Madison Fite

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

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TEAM	TIME	NOTE
Monday, August 24	Hawkins*	HOME	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-
Monday, August 31	Alba Golden*	AWAY	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-
Saturday, September 5	Gladewater Tournament	AWAY	7/8	TBA	-
Thursday, September 10	BYE				-
Monday, September 14	Como Picton*	HOME	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-
Monday, September 21	Big Sandy*	AWAY	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-
Monday, September 28	Hawkins*	AWAY	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-
Monday, October 5	Alba Golden*	HOME	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-
Monday, October 12	BYE				-
Monday, October 19	Como Picton*	AWAY	B/7/8	4:30 PM	-

Head Coach: Kourtney Lowe
Assistant Coach: Barry Woodruff

7th Grade: Madelynn Lacaze
8th Grade: Julie Martindale



WHITE OAK LADYNECK VOLLEYBALL

2026 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TEAMS	TIMES
Friday, August 7	Springhill Scrimmages	Springhill	JV2/JV1/V	TBA
Saturday, August 8	White Oak Scrimmages	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	TBA
Tuesday, August 11	Springhill	Springhill	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Thursday, August 13	Duncanville Tournament	Duncanville	Varsity	TBA
Friday, August 14	Duncanville Tournament	Duncanville	Varsity	TBA
Saturday, August 15	Duncanville Tournament	Duncanville	Varsity	TBA
Tuesday, August 18	Mineola	Mineola	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Thursday, August 20	Van Tournament	Van	Varsity	TBA
Friday, August 21	New Diana	White Oak	Varsity	4:30
Saturday, August 21	Van Tournament	Van	Varsity	TBA
Tuesday, August 25	Central Heights	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Thursday, August 27	Shirley Atkins Tournament	White Oak	Varsity	TBA
Friday, August 28	Shirley Atkins Tournament	White Oak	Varsity	TBA
Saturday, August 29	Shirley Atkins Tournament	White Oak	Varsity	TBA
Tuesday, September 1	Gilmer	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, September 4	Pine Tree	Pine Tree	Varsity	4:30
Saturday, September 5	Pine Tree Tournament	Pine Tree	JV2/JV1	TBA
Tuesday, September 8	Beckville	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, September 11	Arp	White Oak	Varsity	4:30
Saturday, September 12	Springhill Tournament	Springhill	JV2/JV1	TBA
Tuesday, September 15	West Rusk	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, September 18	Tatum	Tatum	Varsity	4:30
Thursday, September 22	Gladewater	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, September 25	Troup	Troup	Varsity	4:30
Tuesday, September 29	Sabine	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, October 2	Ladyneck Bye	Open	Open	Open
Tuesday, October 6	Arp	Arp	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, October 9	West Rusk	West Rusk	Varsity	4:30
Tuesday, October 13	Tatum	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, October 16	Gladewater	Gladewater	Varsity	4:30
Tuesday, October 20	Troup	White Oak	JV2/JV1/V	4:30/5:30/6:30
Friday, October 23	Sabine	Sabine	Varsity	4:30

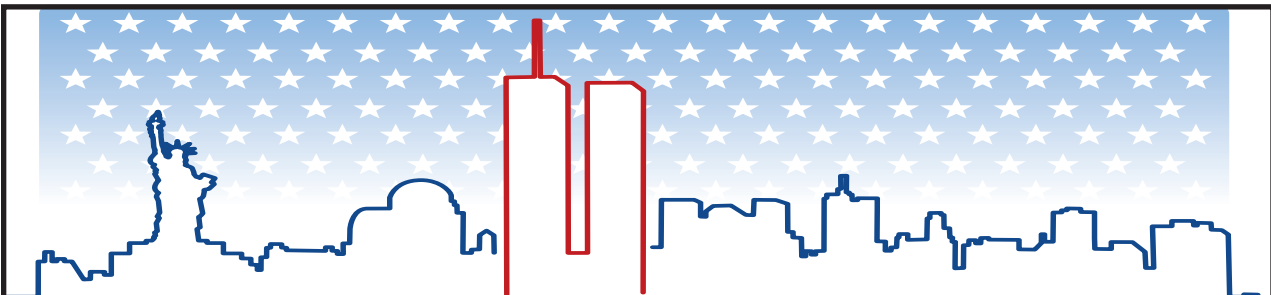
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APPLICATION. Delzotto Products of Texas, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 137165, which would authorize continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 5701 State Highway 135, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas 75647. **AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO.** El aviso de idioma alternativo en espanol está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-94.9336,32.44904&level=13>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application and the executive director will prepare a response to those comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

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

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requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requester submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

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

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

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

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The September 11 attacks of 2001, in addition to being a unique act of terrorism, constituted a media event on a scale not seen since the advent of civilian global satellite links. Instant worldwide reaction and debate were made possible by round-the-clock television news organizations and by the internet. As a result, most of the events were known by a large portion of the world's population as they occurred.

The attacks themselves lasted less than two hours; the first hijacking commenced at approximately 8:14 am, and the final hijacked plane crashed at 10:03 am.

(All times given are in Eastern Daylight Time.)

7:59 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 with registration number N334AA, carrying 76 passengers (excluding the hijackers) and 11 crew members, departs 14 minutes late from Logan International Airport in Boston, bound for Los Angeles International Airport. Five hijackers are on board. Hijacker and ringleader Mohamed Atta would pilot the plane into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

8:14: United Airlines Flight 175, a Boeing 767, with registration number N612UA carrying 56 passengers (excluding the hijackers) and 9 crew members, departs 14 minutes late from Logan International Airport in Boston, bound for Los Angeles International Airport. Five hijackers are on board. Lead hijacker-pilot Marwan al-Shehhi would pilot the plane into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

8:14: Flight 11 is hijacked over Central Massachusetts, turning first northwest, then south heading straight to New York.

8:20: American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757 with registration number N644AA with 58 passengers (excluding the hijackers) and 6 crew members, departs 10 minutes late from Washington Dulles International Airport, for Los Angeles International Airport. Five hijackers are on board. Lead hijacker-pilot Hani Hanjour will pilot the plane into the West side of the Pentagon.

8:42–8:46 (approx.): Flight 175 is hijacked above northwest New Jersey, about 60 miles (100 km) northwest of New York City, continuing southwest briefly before turning back to the northeast. At this time estimate, Flight 11 is about to descend over New York and is just minutes away from crashing.

8:42: United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 with registration number N591UA with 37 passengers (excluding the hijackers) and 7 crew members, departs 42 minutes late from Newark International Airport (later Newark Liberty International Airport), bound for San Francisco International Airport. Four hijackers are on board. Lead hijacker-pilot is Ziad Jarrah. At this time, Flight 175 is being hijacked and Flight 11 is about to descend to New York and is 4 minutes away from crashing.

8:46:40: Flight 11 crashes into the north face of the North Tower (1 WTC) of the World Trade Center, between floors 93 and 99. All passengers aboard are instantly killed with an unknown number inside the building. The aircraft enters the tower on impact.[1]

8:51–8:54 (approx.): Flight 77 is hijacked above southern Ohio, turning to the southeast. The transpon-

der is turned off by hijacker-pilot Hani Hanjour.

9:03:11: Flight 175 crashes into the south face of the South Tower (2 WTC) of the World Trade Center, between floors 77 and 85. All passengers and crew are killed together with an unknown number inside the building. Parts of the plane, including the starboard engine, leave the building from its east and north sides, falling to the ground six blocks away.[1][2][3]

9:28: Flight 93 is hijacked above northern Ohio, turning to the southeast.

9:37:46: Flight 77 crashes into the western side of the Pentagon. All 58 passengers and crew were killed aboard the aircraft, as well as an additional 125 (including emergency workers) on the ground. The crash starts a violent fire.[1]

9:45: United States airspace is shut down by the Federal Aviation Administration; all operating aircraft are ordered to land at the nearest airport, and international flights are not permitted into the airspace.

9:57: The passengers aboard Flight 93 begin a revolt, planned by Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham, Tom Burnett, Jeremy Glick, and others, moving against the hijackers in an attempt to take back the plane.

9:58:59: The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, 56 minutes after the impact of Flight 175. Impact speed of the plane is considered one of the likely factors of the shorter amount of time between impact and collapse than that of the North Tower.[1]

10:03:11: Flight 93 is crashed by its hijackers as a result of fighting in the cockpit 80 miles (130 km) southeast of Pittsburgh in Somerset

County, Pennsylvania. Later reports indicate that passengers had learned about the World Trade Center and Pentagon crashes and were resisting the hijackers. The 9/11 Commission believed that Flight 93's target was either the United States Capitol building or the White House in Washington, D.C. but Khalid Sheikh Mohammed claims that the United States Capitol was the main target.[1]

10:15: All five stories of the Pentagon on the West side where American 77 crashed collapse due to the fire started by the crash.

10:28:25: The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, 1 hour and 42 minutes

after the impact of Flight 11. The Marriott Hotel, located at the base of the two towers, is also destroyed.[1][4]

5:20:33 p.m.: The 47 story 7 World Trade Center collapses after debris from the collapse of WTC 1 hitting it earlier in the day cause fires that eventually weaken the core columns.



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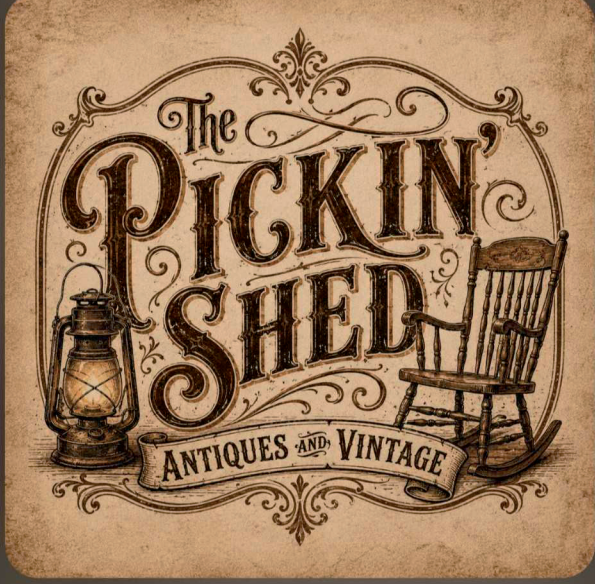
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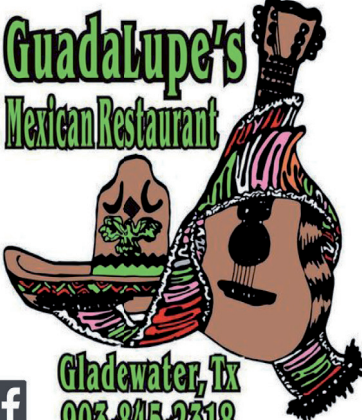


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Council clashes continue, ‘corrective action’ ahead

By James Draper

Last week brought another tough and tumultuous night to Gladewater City Hall, leaving tempers frayed and egos bruised with no clear resolution at the end of the night.

Landing days after the city’s Aug. 31 Town Hall and its #TeamGladewater mantra, city attorney Ronald Stutes was in attendance Sept. 3 and served as an occasional referee while council members and key city employees rehearsed recent conflicts.

It’s not something that can be boiled down simply.

There are disagreements about the city’s three-month fund balance policy was written last year and how it is (and isn’t) being followed. There are differing opinions on the city’s ongoing activities and expenditures and to what degree elected officials should be involved in daily business. There are misunderstandings about procedures, staffing needs, various responsibilities, finances and philosophies. There are conflicts about communication, to and from both council and staff.

There was a fair amount of hostility in the mix, as well.

After opening the meeting and taking a quick procedural vote on the construction speed limit on Hwy. 271, council members spent 40 minutes in an executive (closed) session with Stutes. Two ‘Personnel Matters’ were listed for private discussion as well, but both Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith and City Treasurer Meghan Davis opted for the issues to be aired in the open, in front of the city’s department heads and a smattering of employees in addition to community members.

Before the personnel discussion, the elected officials voted unanimously to rescind their Aug. 25 vote setting a proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. It means they’re now required to host a new public hearing and subsequent vote – see the separate story on Page 1.

In the end, the mayor and city attorney are now devel-

oping 90-day Performance Improvement Plans for both Smith and Davis. The PIPs will be presented later for council consideration and possible action.

According to the attorney, “It’ll say exactly what council expects.”

Davis was first up Sept. 3, and the conversation soon focused on the city’s fund balance guidelines, echoing heated exchanges from the Aug. 25 budget workshop.

Both the mayor and city treasurer volubly criticized the other’s professional conduct that night as well as during Thursday’s meeting.

“Let’s bring the heat down just a tad bit,” council member Milton Anderson requested.

Flanagan-Shipp reiterated her concerns about delayed and non-responses to council members’ requests for information.

For example, “On this policy, it clearly states that we are to maintain a three-month reserve,” she said, and the last audit noted 4.2 months were available. “As the treasurer, you and the city manager are responsible for the financial goings on here, the day-to-day stuff.”

Per Davis’ latest numbers, the relevant annual expenses in the budget are about \$6.9 million. Divided by 12 months then multiplied by three months, the city should have \$1.73 million in reserves.

Per Thursday’s discussion, that amount is currently available as policy requires (with excess). That said, it’s not explicitly noted nor easily trackable as requested by council members – a sticking point Aug. 25.

“I think the last council meeting was a little heated,” councilman William Blackmon allowed. Among other issues, “We need to revise the policy,” he added. “We don’t have a structure that outlines what reserves are.”

Davis committed to bring the policy forward again once it’s reviewed and revised by the city’s auditor.

From the mayor, “There’s reasons behind why we’re

asking so that we can, once we have the information, be able to make the best choice we can for the city financially for those types of things,” she said.

In addition to her current provision of the quarterly investment reports, check ledger and other documents, Davis said she’ll add the fund balance figure to the city’s monthly balance sheets for council review.

Addressing the council’s concerns about the hefty “wish list” preliminary financial plan presented July 30 and the current delay in developing the numbers for the coming fiscal year, Davis said future budget calendars will be different.

“Next year we’re starting way earlier. We will have more meetings. I mentally cannot handle what happened this year.

Regarding Smith, the mayor contends there was a lack of communication following the Aug. 25 meeting, asking why the city manager did not reach out following the contentious session.

“What we need to hear from our city manager is that you were on top of it,” Flanagan-Shipp said.

Smith said he was part of follow-up conversations with city staffers. The city manager allowed he could have provided a quick update on grant questions before heading out-of-town Aug. 28 on scheduled PTO.

Various council members once again questioned the use of city funds for various projects that were not brought for approval from the dais. The same expenditures figured into initial concerns Aug. 25 that the fund balance had been depleted.

“Council has given him free rein to do what he needs to do,” council member Stoney Stone countered.

“Within budget,” the mayor replied.

Per Smith, “When I got here, and everybody knows this, this city was so backward that everything that came up was an emergency,” he said. “I can’t wait for a council meeting to do that... There’s things these guys are doing on a daily

basis that are major deals.”

The city manager offered to keep a daily diary for the council’s review – project updates, interactions with department heads, etc. – and to reach out to a couple of council members (two is the maximum to respect open meeting rules) for urgent or emergency expenditures.

“I really don’t think we need to get that far into the weeds about who you talked to and what you talked about,” Anderson replied.

Per Smith, “I’ll bring anything you want me to bring to you... I don’t mind the questions, I really don’t.”

Granted, councilman André Clay said, “You have the discretion to do what you need to do. You’re running the city.”

That said, Clay wants to avoid similar contentious issues in the future.

“Where do we go from here to make sure this doesn’t happen and we’re not here again next hyear?” Clay asked.

“We’re getting stopped in the grocery store about stuff, I don’t want to misspeak.”

According to Smith, “I

don’t think Meghan’s going to let that happen, and I’ll be more involved with it also.”

From a problem-solving perspective, other suggestions last week included council member Kevin Clark’s request to keep a public chart of grants, project status and reimbursements so council members, staffers and the public are in the loop on key activities.

Anderson recommended accepting Davis’ request to bring in another employee to take Human Resources and select tasks off her plate.

“I would like to see us split up the HR and finance,” he said. “I feel she gets overwhelmed.”

Various issues will be addressed during the final stretch of budget season, Flanagan-Shipp said.

As to the personnel issues in Thursday’s discussion, “I think we can do a 90-day Performance Improvement Plan,” the mayor said, “and get some of these things corrected and up to point. If at 90 days things have been improved on both, we can just move forward.”

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its lasting impact.

KC is also currently hosting a 9/11 Memorial Exhibit at Watson Library in conjunction with the anniversary observance and continuing through Sept. 18.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and features community stories and reflections, an educational exhibit, photographs and artifacts related to the World Trade Center, including an actual piece of the building recovered from the Sept. 11 attacks.

The exhibit incorporates personal reflections submitted by members of the community about where they were when they first learned of the attacks, what they remember about the day and how the events of Sept. 11 affected their lives.

Through the collection, KC hopes to create a space for

remembrance and reflection while preserving firsthand memories for generations who were not yet born when the attacks occurred.

For additional information about the 25th anniversary observance, the memorial exhibit and reservations for the Sept. 11 public event, visit www.kilgore.edu/remember911.

Neighboring Big Sandy, will welcome Neal McCoy for 9/11 memorial event, military honors.

Twenty-five years later, 9/11 and the years that followed are ingrained in the fabric of the United States, and Big Sandy's Pale Horse Ranch will mark the 25th anniversary memorial with a Wild West Heritage Weekend and military tribute.

The festivities run three days, Sept. 11-13. Gates open at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, with East Texas' own Neal McCoy set for a special appearance. The 9/11 Military Tribute kicks-off at 5 p.m. including the Pledge of Allegiance and a special song.

According to John Latham, McCoy will be honoring Marines he met in Kandahar, Afghanistan following the September 11th attacks.

"This one means a lot to me personally, and it's going to

be a special moment," Latham said. "Neal is helping us kick off what should be an awesome weekend of remembrance, patriotism, family, Western heritage and fun."

On Saturday, Sept. 12, gates open at 6 a.m. to begin registering participants in the 7 a.m. Next Day 5K and the 8 a.m. Next Day 3K. They'll be followed by a 9 a.m. Memorial Tribute and Celebration of Life.

Throughout the day, the event will include a variety of activities such as archery and a youth fishing tournament alongside food trucks and vendors, farm animals, ranch hayrides and other outdoor recreation.

Saturday night's festivities will feature rodeo challenges, a campfire and s'mores as well as night fishing.

Sunday morning brings a 10 a.m. worship service Sept. 13 followed by all-day ranch activities with food trucks and vendors on-hand.

Pony rides and trail ride horses will also be available during the memorial weekend. For more information, contact 903-424-1797 or 903-360-4016. Pale Horse Ranch is located at 349 Private Rd 3410 in Big Sandy. Learn more from 903-806-6766 or visit palehorseranch.wixsite.com/pale-horse-ranch

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