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If the shoe fits...

It's Possible



Gladewater High School alumnus Khullen Watson introduces local community and business leaders to his 3D printed Katalyst Footwear.

"I'm a product of Gladewater."

By JAMES DRAPER

"I'm a product of Gladewater."

It takes a catalyst to spark change, and Khullen Watson chose to imbue his 'athleisure' brand with the same energy.

Literally: Imprinted on every piece of Katalyst Footwear is a simple message from the Gladewater High School graduate: "It's possible."

The message is emblazoned with gusto and 3D printed in Watson's own handwriting. Wherever the shoes goes, the philosophy will fill each step.

Watson's one of the community's success stories, according to Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's Lois Reed. He's spreading the town's reputation one pair of custom-fit kicks at a time.

"With 3D printing, we can control manufacturing in a way that we can print 1,000 or we can print one at a time," Watson told a crowd of community stakeholders gathered in the chamber last month. Tailored for each wearer and printed from spongy, comfy filament, if a shoe is damaged it can be easily returned, recycled and reprinted: "We keep them out of landfills and keep them very circular."

Sleekly-styled and simultaneously sporty, the shoes are a 'Made In East Texas' item. With operation was established in 2023, and Watson's brainchild is now available for

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Locals indicted on drug charges

By Phillip Williams

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 35 indictments, 11 of them sealed, said District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace.

Details of the open indictments, returned Sept. 23 in Gilmer, were as follows, Wallace's office said:

Patricia Bailey Spears, 68, of Gladewater, hindering apprehension or prosecution of known felon on April 21, 2024. She was freed on $5,000 bail.

Christopher Roy Semar, 56, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Oct. 9, 2025. He was freed on $10,000 bond.

Eric Harroff, 37, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on June 3. He was released on $10,000 bond.

Jason Mathew Kirkland, 21, of Avinger, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on April 11, 2025. He was freed on $10,000 bond.

Bruce Byrne, 71, of Gilmer, aggravated assault with deadly weapon on Aug. 17. He remained in county jail under $50,000 bond.

Dylan Robert Black, 23, of Gilmer, aggravated sexual assault of a child on June 21. He remained in county jail in Gilmer under $250,000 bond.

Brandon Miguel Henderson, 42, of Dallas, sexual assault of a child last Dec. 20. He remained in county jail under $100,000 bond.

Terry Wayne Anthony, 57, of Gilmer, evading arrrest/detention with a vehicle last Dec. 12. He was released on $25,000 bond.

Weston Colt Johnston, 43, of Karnack, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) on Jan. 2, 2025. He was freed on $10,000 bond.

Timmy James Hendrix, a Longview resident who turns 66 Oct. 14, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) last Dec. 7. He was released on $35,000 bond.

Christopher B. Slater, 43, of Longview, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on June 16. He was freed on $50,000 bond.

Holly Marie Hale, 36, of Henderson, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 1. She remained in county jail under $50,000 bond.

Richard Levi Hammonds, 26, of Hawkins, unlawful possession of firearm by felon on May 1. He was freed on $50,000 bond.

Cristal Marlen Guzman, also known as Cristal Marlen Guzman Favila, 23, of Big Sandy, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on Feb. 1. She was released on $10,000 bond.

Baron Vaughn Utzman, 52, of Longview, driving while intoxicated--subsequent offense on June 22. He remained in county jail under $275,000 bond.

Teriyan Bruce Cuba, 29, of Pittsburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon last Dec. 22. He was freed on $50,000 bond.

Jesse Glenn Clark, 32, of Diana, charged in one indictment with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child on June 1. He remained in county jail under $200,000 bond.

Jay Thomas Hoy, 50, of Texarkana, Ark., possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on June 17, 2025. He was released on $50,000 bond.

Ronald Lynn Hooper, 47, of Tatum, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on March 5, 2025. He was freed on $35,000 bond.

Stanley Scott Lecount, 64, of Ore City, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Aug.

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City clears up water treatment violations from 10 years back

But for a quick hiccup, City Hall is closing in on a solution to a decade-old problem – without having to pass on a $114,000 fine to taxpayers.

It's a positive milestone in the City of Gladewater's sometimes stormy relationship with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The fine stems from water system violations in 2015-2016. The fallout's creeped through the government machine for years, steadily approaching a final (and financially fraught) conclusion.

However, city leaders and staffers along with personnel at Schaumburg & Polk, the City of Gladewater's engineering firm, have been coordinating with representatives from the state. Mitigation plans have been drafted to offset the fines entirely through improvements locally – Supplemental Environmental Projects.

Thanks to those ongoing conversations, when a letter arrived recently that rescinded the planned fixes, it didn't take long to smooth the wrinkle.

"Due to a misunderstanding, it was taken off the table,"

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GISD adds to fleet ...

The kids on the bus stay safe and sound

Gladewater ISD's fresh batch of bond-funded, seatbelted buses arrived last week. More are rolling in this week and next.

"We're getting 10 total," GISD Supt. Rae Ann Patty confirmed. "They're replacing some and then we're adding to the fleet."

The expansion of the district's rolling inventory comes in at about $1.4 million, a portion of the proceeds from spring's $8.1 million no-tax-increase bond election.

"I just appreciate the voters for allowing us to do this," Patty said. "Number one, it does help safety-wise for students and staff.

"Not too long ago, one of our buses got rear-ended by an 18-wheeler. That's scary when that happens. You can just imagine if the bus turned over what could have happened."

Among the other buses in the current fleet, additional funds will be spent to upgrade seven with the three-point seatbelts required for compliance with Senate Bill 546.

Meanwhile, "Now we have enough buses that we can take our

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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

…slow talkin'

I do so love words, the kind you read, the kind you speak, and especially the ones you mangle in making a point. Just hang with me and you will see what I mean.

Hubby and I watched a segment on English and Irish pubs and the impact of the pandemic on some centuries old public (pub) houses. Many have closed, some are in buildings that date back to Viking raiders before 1,000 A.D. At least that is what the interviewed publican (owner) said.

Public Houses, what an interesting concept. Not a bar, certainly not a sports bar, or a coffee shop with fru-fru drinks that cost more than a meal at any fast food restaurant. And, although they often have food it is not the focus. Conversation and community are the point of the establishments.

What I noticed in this great news segment is that almost everyone they interviewed was an eloquent conversationalist. Could that be because in those pubs people are actually having conversations on a wide range of topics using 'their words', quality words. Here in the states we have a tendency to speak in shorthand, even us slow-talkin' Texans. Despite that fact, a few words can go a long way when shared with strangers.

I know this to be true because Jim and I met a guy who works in San Francisco at an airline's headquarters. We happened to be at a Disney Springs outdoor establishment. Airline guy was feeling good and waxing eloquent with his opinions when he engaged us in conversation. He was very friendly and definitely impressed with our friendliness and willingness to engage in conversation with a stranger. Heck, he really needs to get to Texas. We talk to dogs, cats, livestock, any random stranger, and are always willing to offer a listening ear. I have been told more than once that I can "…talk the paint off the wall".

This fellow whose sheets were pretty much flapping in the wind, said that if his co-workers heard our accents we would be labeled 'hillbillies' because of our southern accents. Jimmy immediately informed the friendly stranger that we had Texas' accents not southern ones. And, if he paid attention we even have different accents because we are from different regions of the state. I told Sheets-in-the-Wind, that this hillbilly had three college degrees and the guy I am married to is president of Texas Press. I couldn't help it. I just couldn't stop myself. But, I did tell him we were from the 'friendly' state and he needed to spend more time in Texas…for obvious reasons.

As we continued our conversation we discovered that old Jim and I were able to break a few pre-conceived notions about Texans, charm Mr. Sheets and make an impression that might last beyond the headache he was sure to have the next day. After all, we believe that every Texan is an ambassador for the state. And as we all know, Texas is the best and Texans are the friendliest people around. We are opinionated, rowdy, hard-working folks with a sense of humor who enjoy meeting people. Most of us are just down-to-earth good folks.

We also have the God-given good sense not to judge someone by their accent. Heck, I have known folks who could buy and sell Mr. Sheets' airline twice over while turning two syllable words into four. And as I told Mr. Sheets as he left, "We may talk slow but never make the mistake that we think slow…and if you ever get to Texas we will be happy to show you around."

Take the time to enjoy people this week. You never know when they might just need a listening ear, a warm conversation and a friend. That is how opinions are changed and differences made. Y'all understand, don't you? After all we speak the same language.





Labor Force Participation

The Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) is a closely watched indicator of the level of engagement of people in the workforce, whether employed or seeking a job. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) tracks the measure, which has recently fallen to levels not seen since the mid-1970s (excluding the pandemic). While notable, the implications of the decline are somewhat nuanced.

The LFPR is a simple concept representing the number of people in the labor force as a percentage of the civilian noninstitutional adult population. Anyone actively looking for work (or working) is counted in the numerator, and everyone who is 16 and older is counted in the denominator.

It is important to note that people never "age out" of the calculation, even when typical working years may be decades past. The retirement of the Baby Boomers and longer lifespans are thus mathematically pushing down the overall LFPR to some extent, and the decline is an inescapable outcome of US demographic patterns rather than a cause for alarm. Rates rose sharply beginning in the mid-1960s as women entered the workforce in large numbers, reaching peak levels in 2000 of more than 67% (compared to 61.6% as of August).

For 2025, BLS data indicates a participation rate for those 16 and older of 62.4%, down from 66.0 in 2005. In each age range above 25, however, engagement is as high or higher now than it was in 2005, which is contrary to the notion that people are "choosing not to work." Participation varies significantly across age ranges. For people ages 25 to 54, participation is 83.6%. Rates fall fairly quickly to 66.6 for ages 55-64, 26.7 for 65-74, and 8.5 for 75 and older. Clearly, the aging of the population causes the LFPR to drop.

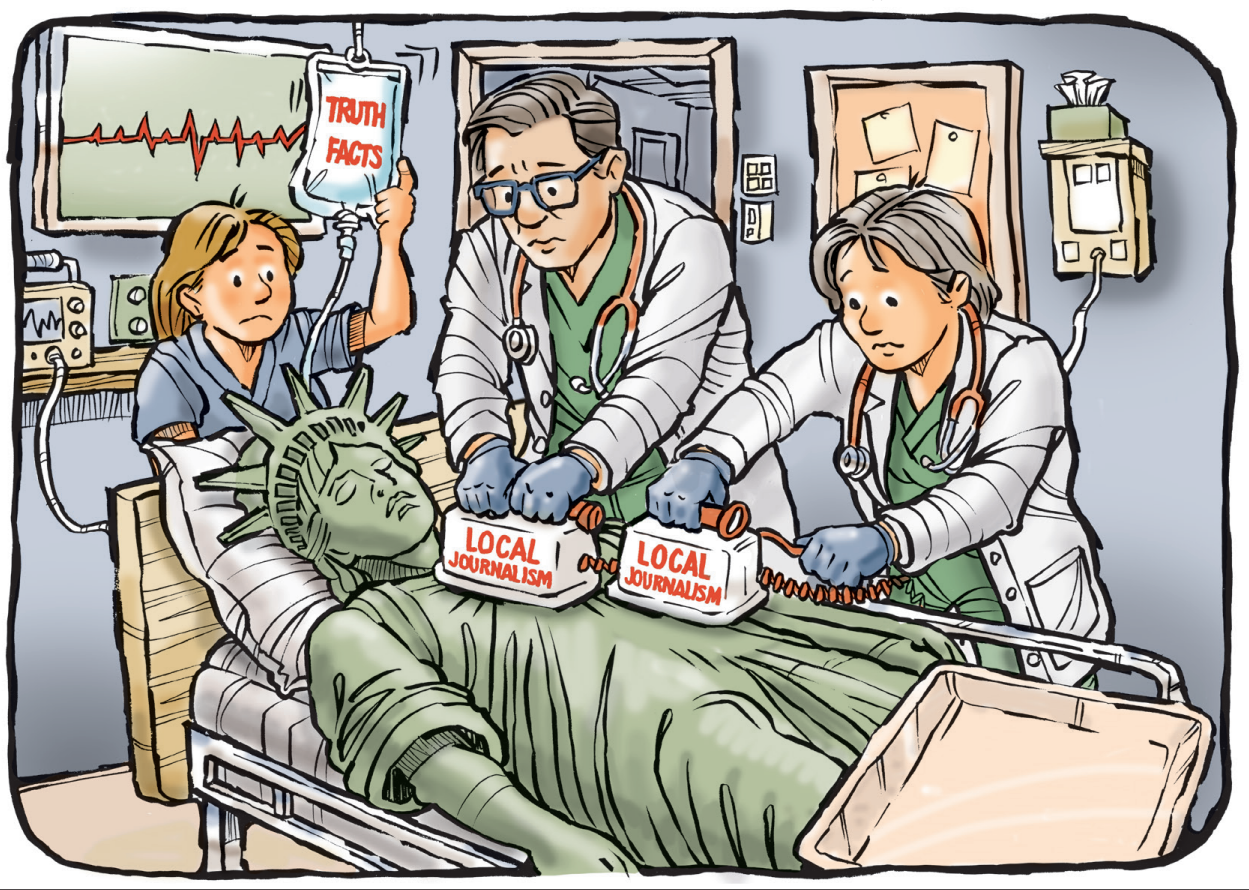
Rates remain generally higher overall for men than women. Participation is greater among Black people than white (due to the variation in rates for women), with Hispanics even higher. In fact, Hispanic men have the highest LFPR of any of the racial/ethnic groups tracked, at 74.7%.

Clearly, there are other factors in dropping participation, such as the "discouraged workers" who give up on finding a job and leave the labor force in difficult times. About 1.9 million people had been out of work for more than 27 weeks in August, and at some point, many of these individuals will just stop looking. Lower numbers of people entering the US to work is another factor, as is the tendency to enter the workforce a bit later than in the past. However, even if there is improvement in these factors, basic math and inexorable demographics will continue to place downward pressure on the LFPR. Stay safe!

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SHINE ON

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." ***–Thomas Jefferson***



Paxton, Talarico spar

U.S. Senate candidates Ken Paxton, the Republican nominee, and Democratic nominee James Talarico traded jabs last week over rising gas and diesel prices, The Texas Tribune reported.

At a gas station in Carrollton, Talarico called on Paxton to condemn the Iran war and join his call to suspend federal gas and diesel taxes. Hours later, Paxton said the gas tax should be permanently eliminated.

Talarico first called for pausing the gas tax in April until prices fell below where they were when the war began in February, when the U.S. and Israel conducted joint air attacks against Iran. He has urged Paxton to join his call several times since. He has called the war a "disaster" and blames it for exacerbating affordability issues for Texas families.

"Ken Paxton supports this disastrous war in Iran that's driving up our costs," Talarico said. "Today, I am calling on him to oppose this war and support my plan to suspend the federal gas tax and the federal diesel tax so we can provide Texans some necessary relief."

Paxton responded by saying he supports suspending the gas tax permanently.

"Repealing those taxes would put money straight back into drivers' pockets every time they fill up, and Washington should fund roads by cutting waste, not by taxing Texans at the pump," he said.

The federal gasoline tax is 18.4 cents per gallon of gas and



24.4 cents per gallon of diesel. Nearly all the tax collected goes in the Highway Trust Fund for federal highway and mass transit spending.

The average price in Texas last week was $3.94 per gallon for gasoline and $5.90 a gallon for diesel, according to AAA.

Abbott lifts restrictions on diesel

Gov. Greg Abbott has lifted restrictions on dyed diesel usually allowed only in off-road and industrial equipment in order to lower diesel prices, the Houston Chronicle reported.

He issued a disaster proclamation last week expanding its use. Dyed diesel is exempt from fuel taxes. Abbott also requested a waiver to the Clean Air Act from the Environment Protection Agency to get around federal limits on which diesel can be sold.

"Texas agriculture and freight run on diesel," Abbott said in a statement. "Record prices put both industries at risk and raise costs for every Texas family. Farmers and truckers can now use dyed diesel on Texas roads, and fuel, crop, and timber loads can move at a higher weight."

The three-term governor is locked in a close reelection contest in a midterm election dominated by cost-of-living concerns. His Democratic opponent, state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, had earlier called for suspending all diesel taxes, which Abbott said is not in his power to unilaterally do.

Voter snafu highlights difficulty

A Texas backlog of at least 200,000 voter registration applications and updates was caused by a state error. Now election officials are scrambling to respond before voting begins.

Texas is one of only eight state that doesn't have universal online voter registration. The state Department of Public Safety's web portal is the only option for registering online or update a voter registration. That option was ordered by a judge after a six-year legal battle.

Votebeat and The Tribune recently reported a flaw in the system where DPS failed to send counties thousands of voter applications and updates submitted through its web portal, dating back to October 2025. There have been bipartisan calls for an investigation into what went awry. State officials so far have provided few details.

"We live in a system that has been designed to make things harder for voters," said Sarah Chen, the senior supervising attorney at Texas Civil Rights Project. "We don't have online voter registration, except for this teeny little carveout, and because of the teeny little carveout, now we have these technical glitches resulting in this backlog."

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THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

A wise man once said: *"One of the devil's most successful temptations is to occupy our minds with the past and the future, so as to neglect the present."* It's important to remember the past, and the Bible teaches us to do that. For example, in 1 Corinthians 10 the apostle Paul spoke about Old Testament happenings and said: *"These things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted."* Then he said: "*All these things happened unto them as an example: and they were written for our admonition or instruction"* The examples of history are important, and we do need to remember the past. When Oliver Cromwell was planning the education of his son Richard, he said, *"I would have him learn a little history."* George Santayana wrote, *"Those who disregard the past are bound to repeat it."* The reason history repeats itself is that most people weren't listening the first time. And it seems like every time history repeats itself the price doubles! Therefore, the events from the history of which Paul writes have teaching value; they present instructive examples.

And it's also important to live in view of God's promises about the future. For example, in 2 Peter 3, after reminding us that Jesus is coming again and *"the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up,"* Peter then says: *"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness."* So, not only do we need to remember the past, but we also must not forget what the future holds.

But it is also true that we can become so caught up in the past, or in the future, that we forget to really live in the present. You see, in both 1 Corinthians 10, where Paul tells us to remember the past, and in 2 Peter 3, where Peter tells us not to forget the future, the point of both is to motivate us to live for God right now! Today! 2 Corinthians 6: 2 says: *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* This speaks with a sense of urgency. We are reminded of Jeremiah 8: 20 which reads: *"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."* Is this true of you, my friend, regarding salvation?

Dear reader, don't become so preoccupied with pass success or failures, or future dreams or fears that you are not saved and obediently serving God right now; TODAY!

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What's Happening?

EMS Fall Fest returns downtown

Spooky Season has officially arrived, and there's a hint of sugar sweetness in the air.

It means Gladewater's Emergency Services Fall Fest is right around the corner, and it'll be back downtown from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 Saturday, Oct. 31 – aka Halloween.

Past years saw costumed kiddoes pulling parents across the Broadway School playground. Last year's weather forced a cancellation, rescheduling and subsequent relocation under the derrick in the center of town.

It was a great success, says Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's Lois Reed, despite the rainout. It seemed natural to keep the event on the new spot for the second year-in-a-row and see how it grows.

"We're closing off West Commerce," she said, issuing an open invitation to social groups, civic clubs, churches, student organizations, businesses and others to bring out games, candy, prizes and promotions. "We want it to be a community event. Of course, the police will be grilling hot dogs."

For those who can't join in but still want to support the cause, the chamber is accepting monetary donations as well as bags of candy to hand out to pint-sized participants.

"We'll have costume contests and all kinds of games to keep the children safe. We have a bounce house that's being donated," Reed said, and she's counting on local high schoolers and youth groups to help create a carnival atmosphere with various activities. "This is a great opportunity for those students to get their community service hours in. They can have fun and earn some hours at the same time."

To sign-up as a game, candy or booth sponsor, contact Reed at 903-845-5501.

"It'll be fun," she added, wrapping up at 6:30 p.m. so parents still have plenty of time to take their candy-seekers out-and-about.

Local library helps developing writers refine their craft

Budding young authors can hone their storytelling skills later this month at Lee-Bardwell Public Library's new 'Teen Writing Workshop.'

The day-long intensive includes lunch between two sessions running two hours each, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the 312 W. Pacific Ave. facility.

The event coincides with the library's Christmas Short Story contest for high school seniors. It's open to students in Gladewater, Union Grove, Big Sandy, White Oak and Sabine ISDs with two laptops as prizes along with each story being published in a holiday anthology.

"Everybody's who's interested in the short story contest can come and get a little more information on how to write," Library Director Brandy Winn said, courtesy of Piney Woods author Dana Wayne: "She's amazing."

Wayne is a sixth-generation Texan published her debut novel at 66, "an award-winning author of contemporary, western historical and romantic suspense, known for heartfelt, emotionally rich stories featuring strong women, second chances and unforgettable happily-ever-afters."

That Saturday's first two-hour session is titled 'Build Your Story World,' focusing on: Creating unforgettable characters with depth and voice; Crafting conflict that keeps readers turning pages; and Mastering 'show, don't tell,' the golden rule of great fiction.

Session two is 'Make It Shine,' spotlighting:

- Writing dialogue that crackles and feels real
- Worldbuilding: creating settings readers can feel and smell
- Revision strategies: how to take a draft from good to great

For more information, visit facebook.com/leelibrary, email Winn at bwinn@cityofgladewater.com or call 903-845-2640.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

(Courtesy of Gladewater Chamber of Commerce)

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.)

Dump days set for Oct. 24

One of the two annual "County Wide Cleanup" days (also known as "dump days"), hosted by the Upshur County Commissioners Court, is set Saturday, Oct. 24, announced Precinct 1 County Commissioner Gene Dolle.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. if dumpster space lasts that long at the county pug mill, 1426 Cottonwood Road in rural Pritchett community. The event is for households only, no businesses.



Recently retired from Gladewater PD as a local School Resource Officer, Deputy Donald Willeford is sworn in to the Upshur County Sheriff's Office Monday to serve as the new SRO at New Diana Elementary. "We look forward to the experience, dedication, and commitment he will bring to this important role," UCSO announced. "Please join us in welcoming Deputy Willeford and wishing him great success in his new assignment!"

Certain items aren't permitted for dumping. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items will be published later.

For more information, contact Pct. 2 Commissioner Mike Gilbert at 903-680-8157 or 903-738-5143.

Library builds essential skills In Home Economics event Saturday

From arts and crafts to balancing budgets, Lee-Bardwell Public Library's opening the doors to young entrepreneurs come Saturday.

The facility's latest Home Economics Day runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10, and it's free to participate.

First up is a kid-friendly cooking class: "We are actually going to be doing two breakfast dishes," Library Director Brandy Winn said. "We're going to be showing little kids how to do their own yogurt parfaits. The older kids, we're going to teach them how to do French Toast."

At 11 a.m. there's painting rocks: "This provides one example of things that children can make to either sell at our Children's Market in November, place in a garden, or just create to collect."

That'll be followed by another kid-friendly recipe, salsa, before a lunch of hot dogs, chips and, naturally, homemade salsa ahead of breakout sessions on crafting (fiber art), financial literacy, creating and maintaining a home and business budget as well as marketing tools for youngsters.

Also for the sake of the craft-y capitalists, "We're going to teach some about the Texas Cottage Law, since the law's changed a little bit the past couple of years."

A water bath canning demonstration (with homemade dill pickles) is set for 2 p.m. before a planting and gardening demonstration at 3 p.m.

"Informational guides provided for planting in pots, raised beds, and direct sowing; soil and fertilizer usage; and the meaning of sustainable living."

It's a wide variety of activities, Winn said, aiming to draw a diverse crowd.

The library's third annual Children's Market is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 14.

Before that, though, this month's Book Club Meeting will feature "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Annual 5K raises awareness Oct. 24

The anual '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. 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. NNew 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.

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







Sports roundup

Lions' streak ends

By Tyler Sutton

The Union Grove Lions opened up district play trying to keep their undefeated record as they hosted the Paul Pewitt Brahams and despite a hot start, it was a rough night on the field as the Lions fell 58-22. The Lions jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead but it was all Brahams after that as they rolled off 22 straight points to lead 22-8 after one quarter. It was 36-16 Paul Pewitt at the half and 50-16 after 3 quarters. Brycen Porter was 4-10 for 27 yards. Hudson Wightman had a good night on the ground running for 100 yards on 15 carries with 2 touchdowns. Jonathan Fernandez had 2 catches for 18 yards. The Lions drop to 4-1 and 0-1 in district play. They will next be in action with a road trip to Elysian Fields.



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

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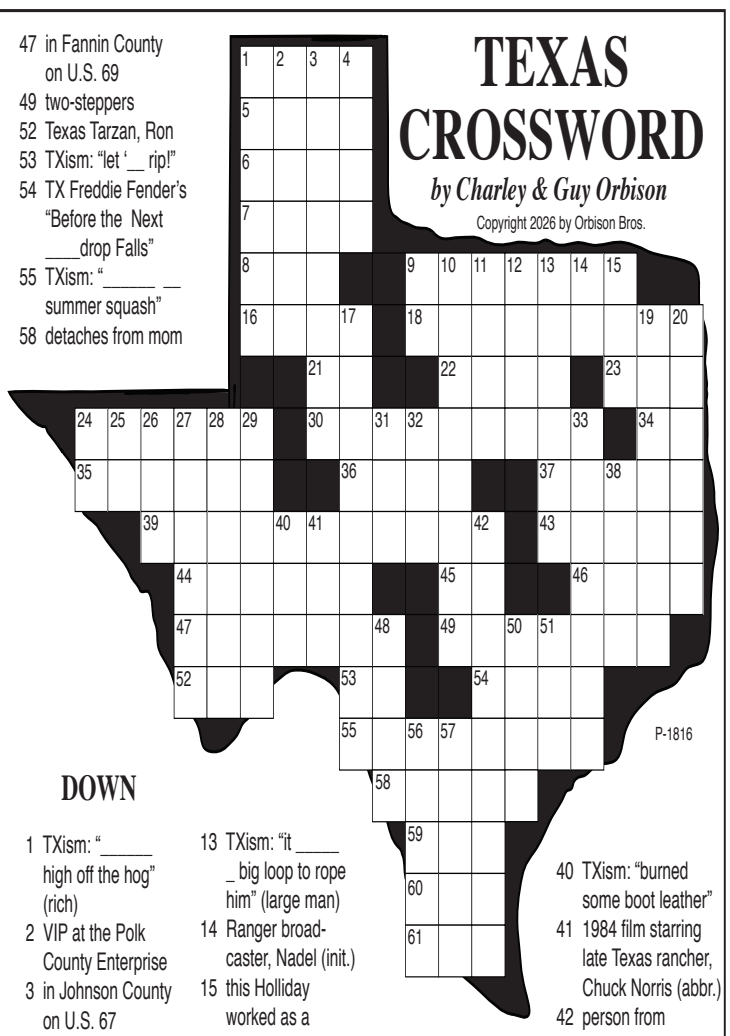


DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/14/26 SCRIMMAGE	PALESTINE WESTWOOD/MEXIA	PALESTINE	TBD
8/20/26 SCRIMMAGE	GRAND SALINE	WHITE OAK	TBD
8/28/26	SPRING HILL	SPRING HILL	7:00 PM
9/4/26	WINNSBORO	WINNSBORO	7:00 PM
9/11/26	ARP	WHITE OAK	7:30 PM
9/18/26	SCURRY-ROSSER	WHITE OAK	7:00 PM
9/25/26	WEST RUSK	WHITE OAK	7:00 PM
10/2/26	BYE	—	—
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
10/29/26	TATUM	WHITE OAK	7:00 PM
11/06/26	SABINE	SABINE	7:00 PM

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "blaze the trail"
5 TXism: "got as much to do as a hibernating bear"
6 filmed in Texas: "___ Zapata!" (1952)
7 donut order: "make __ __ even dozen"
8 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of him"
9 a Cherokee chief _____ Sam Houston
16 Port Arthur is reviving its "Mardi ____" gala
18 outward appearances
21 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
22 country singer, TX Thompson
23 famous Texas square dance caller, Golden
24 its distilled from the agave plant
30 Dr Pepper started at Waco's "___ _____ Drug Store"
34 "that is" abbr.
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36 ____ Park, TX
37 Dallas newspaper: "El ___ __ Texas"
39 popular Texas fruits
43 "take _ ____ breath"
44 accidentally leave the tracks
45 __ Paso, TX
46 TX actor, Busey
47 in Fannin County on U.S. 69
49 two-steppers
52 Texas Tarzan, Ron
53 TXism: "let '__ rip!"
54 TX Freddie Fender's "Before the Next ____drop Falls"
55 TXism: "_____ __ summer squash"
58 detaches from mom

DOWN

1 TXism: "_____ high off the hog" (rich)
2 VIP at the Polk County Enterprise
3 in Johnson County on U.S. 67
4 Texas sausage maker, singer, and actor, Jimmy
9 it could be classified in newspapers
10 TXism: "the meanest bull can be _____"
11 this Sharif starred in 1969 film "Mackenna's Gold" with UT grad Eli Wallach
12 TX Robin Wright's ex-hubby, Sean
13 TXism: "it _____ _ big loop to rope him" (large man)
14 Ranger broadcaster, Nadel (init.)
15 this Holliday worked as a dentist in Dallas
17 Lake La ___ __ ___ ("The King's Salt")
19 Texas Tech mascot: "The Red _____"
20 drowsy
24 LBJ line: "__ fella Murkins"
25 past UH BB star, Elvin (init.)
26 TXism: "useless as a saddle on a ___"
27 Nacogdoches: "The _____ of Texas"
28 TXism: "got a mind like _ _____ trap"
29 Cowboy "Doomsday Defense" LB ___ ___ Jordan
31 ___ Rio, TX
32 TXism: "big biscuit in the pan" (abbr.)
33 Dallas mayor in the 1940s, Woodall
38 Shakespearean tragedy "King ____"
40 TXism: "burned some boot leather"
41 1984 film starring late Texas rancher, Chuck Norris (abbr.)
42 person from Lubbock County town on U.S. 84
48 Col. William B. Travis ____ a line in the dirt at Alamo
50 Andrews County ____ (newspaper)
51 Chester, TX was named for this president (init.)
56 tilts, as in the Pisa tower
57 divisions of a highway marked by painted lines

See Answers on Page 5

CROSS COUNTRY

The Gladewater cross country team braved the wet weather to travel to Hawkins for the Hawkins meet where for the boys:

Gladewater's Ya'lexan Martinez won at 17:25

The White Oak Roughnecks cross country team was in Eustace for the Do it for Dom invitational where for the boy's:

Cooper Tucker was 18th at 18:25
Issak Olvera was 44th at 19:30
Nathan Stringer was 64th at 19:57
Girls:
Maddie Hart was 32nd at 14:23
Olivia Applegate was 65th at 15:17

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UG 2026 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTE
Friday, August 14	Overton	HOME	5:00 PM	Scrimmage
Thursday, August 20	Como-Pickton	Away	5:00 PM	Scrimmage
Friday, August 28	Queen City	Away	7:00 PM	-
Friday, September 4	Quitman	Home	7:00 PM	-
Friday, September 11	Elkhart	Home	7:00 PM	Homecoming
Friday, September 18	Tenaha	Away	7:00 PM	-
Friday, September 25	---	---	---	Open Week
Friday, October 2	Paul Pewitt*	Home	7:00 PM	-
Friday, October 9	Elysian Fields*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, October 15	Ore City*	Away	7:00 PM	KYKX Game of the Week
Friday, October 23	Waskom*	Home	7:00 PM	Pink Out
Friday, October 30	Beckville*	Away	7:00 PM	-
Thursday, November 5	Harleton*	Home	7:00 PM	Senior Night



The Gladewater Lady Bears volleyball team picked up their first district win of the season as they hosted Arp and swept them 3-0. The Lady Bears got 17 assists from Aniya Lee on the way to a 25-16, 25-12, 25-18 win. Tinsley Aldredge had four aces and 10 digs, Cheyenne Jones 10 kills, Lankstyn Lewis five kills, Janiah Strickland 11 assists and two aces, Peyton Noble seven digs and Hannah Nash 14 kills and 10 digs. That was followed by the short trip to Sabine where Gladewater was swept 3-0 (25-18, 25-17, 25-22).

The Lady Bears are now 13-14 and 1-6 in district play and will next have a pair of matches at Tatum and at home against Troup.

The White Oak Ladynecks volleyball team picked up a huge district win over the Sabine Lady Cardinals to keep their district title hopes alive with a 3-2 five set classic win after trailing 2-0. (23-25, 15-25, 25-13, 25-13, 15-11). Carrington Watson pounded down 20 kills to go along with four aces and six digs, Mary Rector dished out 43 assists and added 10 digs. Londyn Baker added 11 kills and 12 digs for the Ladynecks. Lyla Easley had 15 kills, Peyton Thompson 15 digs and Abigail Clinkscales four aces and 10 digs.

White Oak improves to 19-13 and 5-1 in district play. They will next be in action with a pair of matches on the road at Arp and at West Rusk.

The Union Grove Lady Lions lost their lone match as they fell to Como-Pickton 3-1 (17-25, 25-15, 18-25, 11-25).

The loss drops Union Grove to 14-10 and 2-1 in district play and they will next be in action with a pair of district tilts at Big Sandy and at Hawkins.

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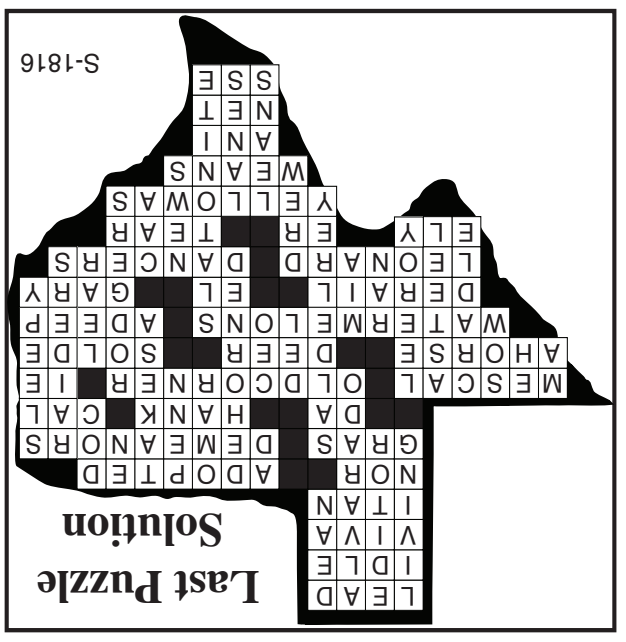
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Texas Comptroller Reports State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled $4.4 Billion in September

State sales tax revenue totaled $4.4 billion in September, according to the Texas comptroller's office, 11.5 percent more than in September 2025.

The majority of September sales tax revenue is based on sales made in August and remitted to the agency in September.

"Sales tax collections remain above prior-year levels, giving lawmakers reason to keep property tax relief as the top priority," interim Texas Comptroller Don Huffines reported. "If collections continue to hold up, the Legislature will be well positioned to dedicate the surplus to meaningful property tax relief that eases the burden on homeowners, businesses, and renters.

"Sales tax revenue growth was vigorous in the sectors driven by business spending, indicating the Texas economy continued to grow robustly despite headwinds of rising interest rates and elevated energy costs."

Double-digit growth in receipts was observed for the large sectors primarily influenced by business spending — mining, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and real estate, rental and leasing. Those rates of growth were in some part attributable to last year's collections being depressed by higher-than-normal refund activity, but most of the growth reflects an increase in economic activity this year.

Growth in receipts from retail trade, the largest sector, was 3% compared with the same month a year ago, slightly below the 3.4% rise in the Consumer Price Index. Within retail, electronics and appliance stores and automotive dealers showed the largest gains.

Receipts from restaurants were up 2.5%, below the rate of inflation for food away from home.

Calendar year-to-date sales tax revenue was $39.6 billion, up 7.8% compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59% of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — $684 million, up 5% from September 2025;
- motor fuel taxes — $337 million, down 1% from September 2025;
- oil production tax — $507 million, up 14% from September 2025;
- natural gas production tax — $290 million, up 30% from September 2025;
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Gladewater Independent School District et al v Barbara L. Rice, Individually and as Trustee of the Charles F. Rice Revocable Trust et al
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Gladewater Independent School District v Kristoff Ford
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Cause No. 022743-CCL2
Gladewater Independent School District v Marlene Brown Orosco
Lot A, Block 134-35, Wood Heights, City of Gladewater (Doc #9923666) Acct #000072444

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Gladewater Independent School District v W. H. Rivers et al
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Cause No. 022877-CCL2
Pine Tree Independent School District v Hector David Duron Maldonado et al
0.1879 Acre, more or less, being Lot 1, Block 1, Rosedale Addition, City of Longview (Instrument #202013733) Acct #000180681

Cause No. 022992-CCL2
Pine Tree Independent School District v Charles L. Shaw
An undivided 50% interest in 5.60 Acres, more or less, A. Fuggerson Survey AKA A. Ferguson Survey, Abstract 75 (Tract 5, V692/P269) Acct #000017159

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Pine Tree Independent School District v Etta Freeman Gibson et al
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Cause No. 023201-CCL2
Gladewater Independent School District v Don Wayne Holland et al
3.74 Acres, more or less, D. Ferguson Survey, Abstract 70 (V1508/P444) Acct #000016623

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Gladewater Independent School District v Don Wayne Holland et al
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Gladewater Independent School District v Jimmy R. Brewer et al
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You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 26th day of October 2026, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 124th District Court of Gregg County, at the Court House in Longview, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on this the 9th day of September, 2026.

The file number of said suit being No. **2026-1432-B**

The name of the parties in said suit are:
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09/28/2026	23:23:20	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	AB911	506 VIRGINIA DRIVE
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09/29/2026	07:22:54	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ACCIDENT	GAY/EAST LAKE
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09/29/2026	07:43:07		REPOSSESSION	807 S TYLER ROAD
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09/29/2026	09:32:21	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	WARRANT	308 MAPLE AVENUE
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09/29/2026	14:51:53	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	MISCELLANEOUS	2206 E BROADWAY AVENUE
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09/29/2026	15:32:43		EMS	1201 FM 2685
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09/29/2026	16:36:34	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	DISTURBANCE	101 W GAY AVENUE
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Sent To Dispatch- 09/29/2026 16:52:23				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
09/29/2026	18:07:41	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE	305 GRACELAND
Sent To Dispatch- 09/29/2026 18:07:52				
09/29/2026	18:26:40		EMS	12 MONTE CARLO DRIVE
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09/29/2026	18:46:14	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ALARM	1021 CHEVY CHASE STREET
Sent To Dispatch- 09/29/2026 18:47:01				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
09/29/2026	20:20:06	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	DISTURBANCE	607 E BROADWAY AVENUE
Sent To Dispatch- 09/29/2026 20:22:25				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
09/30/2026	09:44:41		MISCELLANEOUS	204 E EDDY AVE
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09/30/2026	09:46:26	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	ACCIDENT	607 E BROADWAY AVENUE
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09/30/2026	11:00:12	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE- GAS ODOR/LEAK	505 N CULVER STREET
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09/30/2026	11:41:08	CWC - FIRE	EMS	110 E US HWY 80
Sent To Dispatch- 09/30/2026 11:42:11				WHITE OAK, TX 75693
09/30/2026	13:15:45	GLADEWATER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE	1364 FM 2685
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09/30/2026	13:26:27	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	SUSP NOISE-PERSON-VEHICLE	112 S MAIN STREET
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		POLICE DEPT.		
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Sent To Dispatch- 10/02/2026 09:16:02				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
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Sent To Dispatch- 10/02/2026 11:32:24				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
10/02/2026	11:40:59	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	TRAFFIC STOP	W UPSHUR/NORTH
Sent To Dispatch- 10/02/2026 11:41:28				
10/02/2026	12:01:05	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	DISTURBANCE	901 E BROADWAY AVENUE
Sent To Dispatch- 10/02/2026 12:01:47				GLADEWATER, TX 75647
10/02/2026	14:21:54	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPT.	RECKLESS DRIVER	W UPSHUR CITY LIMITS
Sent To Dispatch- 10/02/2026 14:22:23				

GPD Activity

Date	Arrestee Name	Arrest Address	Charges
9/29/2026	JONES, BILLY RAY	607 E BROADWAY AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	PUBLIC INTOX W/3 PRIOR CONVICTIONS 49.02
10/3/2026	GLASS, JACOB WAYNE	1513 VESTA AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	EVADING ARREST DET W/VEH
10/3/2026	SHEFFIELD, JAYLON MCSHANE	500 E SABINE AVENUE GLADEWATER, TEXAS 75647	WARRANT- LOCAL

WOPD Activity

For the reporting period of September 28th through October 4th, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 139 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Investigative Follow-ups, Traffic Issues (collisions, motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

One traffic collision was investigated during this reporting period. No injuries were reported.

Two arrests were made during this reporting period:

Tracy Lee Jones, 47, of White Oak on two outstanding White Oak warrants for traffic violations; and

Ethan Mikel Killgore, 26, of Hawkins for Driving While Intoxicated.

No new cases were submitted to the Gregg County District Attorneys' Office during the reporting period.

City wide clean-up Saturday

Gladewater's semi-annual City Wide Clean-Up Day runs 8 a.m. to noon this Saturday (Oct. 10) at the collection site on East Commerce Street.

Residents are invited to bring their trash hauls for volunteers to unload and pitch into the city's roll-off trash containers.

Prohibited items include paint, tires, shingles, batteries, refrigeration items, chemicals and commercial waste.

Gladewater Chamber of Commerce will do a simultaneous downtown litter pick-up in memory of the late Marsha Valdetero. Volunteers should gather at the intersection of Loop 485 and South Main Street (271) before heading north – the chamber will provide bags, gloves and high-vis vests.

Union Grove's Vestal to be crowned Yamboree Queen

By Phillip Williams

Thousands are expected to visit Gilmer for the 89th annual East Texas Yamboree festival Oct. 14-17.

Attractions range from a downtown carnival, "barn dance," two parades, and crowning of "Queen Yam" to various exhibits, contests, and live music.

Danica Jo Vestal, who won a ticket-selling contest for the title of "Queen Yam," will be crowned twice in 7 p.m. performances of the coronation set Wednesday and Thursday at the Gilmer Civic Center.

A Union Grove High School student, she is daughter of B.J. and Sabrina Vestal.

Appearing in the pageant with her will be duchesses Rachel Potter, representing Union Grove; Carlee Townsend, representing Gladewater High School; and Kylie Faye, representing the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce.

The School/Youth Parade will be held in and near the downtown square at 11 a.m. Friday, while the Queen's Parade is set there for 11 a.m. Saturday.

The barn dance, featuring Southall as the main act after act one Evan Patterson and act two Chris Colson, is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yamboree Event Center, 181 Bob Glaze Drive.

Another attraction is the annual All Service Club luncheon, open to the general public, and set for 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the event center. Abby Stewart, who was the first woman to ever serve as Yamboree president, is chairing the event.

Janice Gage is president of this year's Yamboree.

The Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce has a free booklet giving more details about this year's festival. For more information, contact the chamber at 106 Buffalo in Gilmer at 903-843-2413.





Locals indicted on drug charges

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14. He was released on $50,000 bond.

Joseph David Sullivan Jr., 36, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Feb. 17. He was freed on $25,000 bond.

Alvin Dean Woods II, 53, of Big Sandy, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on May 12. He was released on $25,000 bond.

Tyler Clifford Garret Savage, 33, of Marshall, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 1. He was freed on $25,000 bond

Luis Miguel Rodriguez, 37, of Winnsboro, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 3, 2025. He was released on $10,000 bond.

Identity of anyone charged in the sealed indictments wasn't disclosed because no arrests had been made in those cases, Wallace said.

They included, his office said, two for debit card abuse against elderly individual, two for sexual assault of a child (including three counts of that in one indictment), and one each for several other offenses.

They included fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), theft from person, arson, and repeated violation of protective order or condition of bond.

One person was indicted for theft of property of the value of $2,500 or more, but less than $30,000 against elderly individual--enhanced. (Enhanced means the defendant has a prior criminal record and could receive more than the usual maximum sentence if convicted of the charge in the indictment).

One individual was also charged in a single indictment with one count each of aggravated sexual assault of a child, and indecency with a child.



Gladewater Fire Chief Tim Basham puts his back into it testing a South Main Street fire plug Thursday. It's one of at least 25 on the priority list for GFD and City of Gladewater Public Works to test, repair or replace in months ahead.

City clears up water treatment violations from 10 years back

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Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith said, "where we would have to pay the fine.

They've rescinded that again and are giving us the opportunity to fix it… After we revisited it with them, they decided we could move forward."

Meanwhile, city administrators continue streamlining work at both the Water Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant to ensure ongoing compliance that wasn't a hallmark of years past.



GISD adds to fleet ...

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extracurricular trips and we can do our routes, and we're not having to dismiss school early to be able to do those things for kids. Those things can now happen simultaneously rather than independent of each other because we do have enough buses to do that."

Last week saw an initial test of the seatbelts on the new buses, ensuring the district's youngest charges would be able to handle them.

"We put the seat belts on just to, number one, see how hard it was for the little kids, the size frame of the students," Patty added. "It was relatively easy. I think it's going to be easier than a lot of people think it might be.

"We'll have the littles sitting up front so we can make sure they have their seatbelts on."

SOP is for the bus drivers to walk the aisle ensuring every student on board is buckled up.

With older students pitching in, as well, "We have accountability partners, and the bus drivers will be talking to them about safety, too," the superintendent said. "It's a big milestone safety-wise for us to be able to keep kids in the seats and have them safe."

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If the shoe fits...

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purchase at KatalystFootwear.com. It's the culmination of a decade of research and hard work from Watson after steering his personal path to one of the world leaders in footwear.

"I worked at Nike for about six years. I took a job in the cafeteria just to get on the actual campus."

Watson steadily delved deeper, learning the ins and outs of the craft and the business, striving for the cutting edge as technology spurred a paradigm shift in one of humanity's earliest handmade items.

"I was just taking meetings and learning. I could already draw and do all of these things, but to design shoes, it's a technical thing. There's so many things you have to know," Watson said. "My last two years, I worked in innovation – 3D printing.

Striking out on his ow, the footwear frontliner is applying those skills to his own Katalyst startup and its ergonomic aim.

"I heavily believe in just moving your body. I designed a shoe that was good for moving your body."

It's fine-tuned for the age of the influencer, too, offering customers the opportunity to acquire an affordable pair of shoes unique to them.

"We can scan your foot and the inside of the shoe can be custom," he explained. "Then if anything happens to the shoe, you can send it back to us, and we can melt it back down, clean it up, and then just reprint it. So we can keep it out of the landfill. It's very sustainable and that's kind of why I chose this type of manufacturer.

"And they're super comfortable too."

Production rates vary between machines, anywhere from 2 to 6 hours for the print.

"We can really spit them out," Watson said, offering five colors – for now. "Before the end of the year, we'll have a two-tone," and more textures are in the works, i.e. replicated snakeskin.

The Gladewater native is currently living in Tyler, and he's steadily making the rounds spreading the word about the Katalyst brand. The effort recently led to the Black Footwear Forum in Detroit in mid-September.

"It went amazing. We did well, better than I expected, which is always a good thing," he said. The brand has already moved 100 pairs of shoes in the past four to five months, and the pace is increasing. "We're looking to push that number as high as we can, just like any partnership. I'm look at different partners, stores and others, for collaboration."

Katalyst Footwear is developing an expanding array of merchandise to complement the 3D-printed heart of the operation. T-shirts, hats, totes and more feature streamlined, cyber-inspired designs celebrating the shoes' signature style.

"I think the biggest thing is that I'm a product of Glade water. And the bottom of the shoes say 'It's possible.' This is my handwriting. 'It's possible' is part of my story because starting from here, I never thought it was possible to even make it to Nike."

It made bringing the final product back home all the more significant.

"Of course, we're the antique capital, but I think we can be a hub for innovation," Watson said, eager to work with Gladewater ISD, in particular, to become a catalyst for more growth: "With me back here, I want to build.

"I'm going to where the feet are."

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