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## Safety, security take precedence in SRO dialogues

It's taken time to get to a common 'understanding,' but city and school are hammering out key details in their joint memorandum on School Resource Officers.

There are some clear sticking points, but Gladewater ISD Supt. Rae Ann Patty and Gladewater Police Chief Kyle Ready are on common ground: it comes down to keeping students and staff safe at school.

After multiple months of talks to that end, "I think we're getting a lot closer to finally getting a final draft," Ready told council members last week.

Likewise, "Gladewater ISD respects the Gladewater Police Department, its chain of command and the important role that our officers play in keeping our schools and communities safe," Patty told the city's elected officials Oct. 17. "This discussion for me is not about taking authority away from our police department, it's about ensuring our students and staff have the strongest possible security coverage during the school day."

The annual Memorandum of Understanding on SROs has gone through multiple iterations for the 2026-2027 school year. The latest was drafted by GISD and approved by trustees in mid-September; it's since been edited by Ready and his team and is now back in the district's hands.

"We're the largest employer in the city, and I oversee approximately 1800 people," Patty said. "I do not take that job lightly, and I feel that this MOU must reflect the best security that we can provide for our students and staff."

Among other key points, the agreement emphasizes police officers' role on campuses (they remain GPD employees) is not to serve as disciplinarians or perform administrative tasks.

"Our officers attend pep rallies, ballgames and other school events for security purposes, not to manage student behavior," Patty noted. The same premise applies to playgrounds, basketball courts and hallways: "I requested that the officers provide a security presence during recess and class changes when students are outside."

That request has stretched across weeks without a resolution, Patty said. According to Ready, it's in the latest version of the agreement provided for the school's review Oct. 17.

"All the officers during class will be visible, they'll be on foot patrol, they will go into the cafeteria, they'll go

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**There's some new shoreline property "for sale" on Lake Devernia – at least until the weather forecast puts the water level back to normal. Just a few weeks back, Gregg County (and much of the region) was closing in on the maximum 'dry' level according to Texas A&M Forest Service's Keetch-Byrum Drought Index; as of Oct. 19, the area's sitting at a mean rating of 656.42 (though some spots are still rated 720 out of 800). Photo by James Draper**

## Increase to water tiers ranges up to 31%

Each of the City of Gladewater's water rate tiers will see an increase in the months ahead.

Council members approved bumps to six rates Oct. 16. The $30.25 monthly base for 0 to 2,000 gallons will increase 16.5 percent, rising $5 to $35.25.

The subsequent tiers increased between 18 and 31 percent.

What kind of impact does that have on revenues? councilman Kevin Clark asked.

"It's the amount that was required just to balance," Mayor Brandy Flanagan-Shipp replied

The city is required to publish the rate changes in the newspaper 30 days before it takes effect, Gladewater City Secretary Judy Van Houten noted, putting the start-date in December.

"I would've much rather have seen us not touch the water rates," council member William Blackmon. "I understand we have expenses, but it's going to be a hard hit for our citizens in the month of December."

According to the mayor, "That's why we didn't want to do it on both sides."

The year's property tax increase stopped at the 'No New Revenue' rate.

The council's unanimous vote last week also updated the fee schedule to reflect airport fee increases adopted previously: the cost for C-hangars increases from $110 to $125 per month; yearly ground space leases increase from $0.15 per square foot to $0.16/SF; and T-Hangar increases from $80 per month to $85.

**CHART VERSION 1**

| Usage tier | Current rate | New rate | Increase | %change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0–2,000 | $30.25 | $35.25 | $5.00 | 16.53% |
| 2,001–5,000 | $5.67 | $7.26 | $1.59 | 28.04% |
| 5,001–10,000 | $6.31 | $8.26 | $1.95 | 30.90% |
| 10,001–15,000 | $7.25 | $9.20 | $1.95 | 26.90% |
| 15,001–20,000 | $9.14 | $11.09 | $1.95 | 21.33% |
| 20,001+ | $10.87 | $12.82 | $1.95 | 17.94% |

*** Outside City Limits (no change) 1.5 times the inside city rates**

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## Council pursues more oversight after FY2027 budget trials

Three weeks into Fiscal Year 2027, Gladewater City Council still have unanswered questions about the municipality's finances – they're paying outside auditors for additional clarity.

"This is cleaning up some of the stuff in the budget," Mayor Brandy Flanagan-Shipp said last week, seeking council support for $1,000 for a line-item audit by Vail & Park, PC.

In addition to checking City Treasurer Meghan Davis' numbers on fund balances and reserves, the mayor said the firm would teach Davis and City Manager Charlie Smith how to get those numbers.

According to Davis, who resigned her position days later on Oct. 19, "At the budget workshop, I explained how to calculate it."

"You told us that you didn't," Flanagan-Shipp countered. "First off, this doesn't need to be something that's contentious… The auditor is the one who said the numbers are not correct."

From councilman William Blackmon, "Do you have proof of that?"

"Yes," the mayor replied. "Yes, I have an email."

The $1,000 expense is worth getting the relevant numbers for certain, council member Kevin Clark said.

"Quite frankly, I'm still really foggy on it, and I've not received an explanation that I can understand," he added. Clark requested a basic scope of work from the auditors before the project begins.

Earlier in the meeting, the council discussed options for how to offset initial expenses tied to large projects like the widening of Loop 485, which will be reimbursed later.

"I just think it's crazy that we're going to talk about doing a loan for grants and yet then talk about spending $1,000 to confirm a number," Blackmon said.

Per Clark, "A thousand dollars to know we're right on what we're talking about when we ask for reserves and when we ask for what money we've got coming, I think is money well-spent."

And for staff to be trained how to get the number exactly, the mayor added.

Ultimately, the audit was approved 5-1 (with Blackmon dissenting and councilman Milton Anderson absent).

The night's discussion included other relevant items such as the Quarterly Investment Reports (pulled from their typical spot in the Consent Agenda) and a request for tracking expenditures on a regular percentage-of-budget basis.

"That's how we establish the oversight of what we're looking at," Clark said.

"Especially in a tight budget year," Blackmon agreed.

From Flanagan-Shipp, "I think there's a lot of benefit to it."

Approval of the investment reports was unanimous, as was a vote on accepting budget amendments to close out FY26.

"Anything that gets pulled from reserves according to our audit has to come to council first," the mayor noted. "Anything that actually goes above the budget, it can be an emergency, but it's supposed to come to us in the immediate next session.

"That's not been being followed. We're all gonna make sure that's followed from this point forward."

Keep the data up-to-date and in front of council, Clark added.

For example, "I want to know if our utility fund is self-sustaining. We know last year that was our big issue. I can look at this and know we're still upside-down," he said. "I need figures to help me know we're on the right path. We're trying to balance.

"I love seeing that we underestimated our revenue in a couple of these, and that's great, but we've still got a whole lot of deficit."

## Project Lifesaver adds safety net for adults, kids prone to wander

**By James Draper**

At the touch of a button, it took White Oak Police officers just 10 minutes to track down a pair of small, well-hidden transmitters at City Park last week.

In other circumstances, it would mean a quick reunion between a family and their lost loved one.

The technology's been around for decades, and Project Lifesaver, along with local advocates, is ensuring it gets to the people who might one day need it.

"It doesn't matter where you're at in the world," WOPD Chief Brannon Robertson says. With a basic transmitter on someone's wrist, "All we need to have is the three-digit frequency they can plug into their receiver and get close to the last place they saw them. They can track them down pretty quickly."

Spearheaded locally by East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance with Gregg County Sheriff's Office, the program's targeted for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia, but it's also a safety solution for children and adults with autism, Down Syndrome and similar conditions that can increase the likelihood they wander and become lost.

Robertson and his team are very familiar with 'Silver Alerts' and similar Missing Person incidents where individuals of any age stray from their homes and families due to a variety of reasons. With a little preparation and a watch-sized gadget, those cases can be closed quickly and, hopefully, with a happy ending.

"Obviously there have been cases in the past where something like this would have been fantastic to have," he said. "It's proactive. I was fascinated by how well it worked."

Last week's test in the park was a solid recovery demonstration, but it didn't capture the whole picture – the transmitters have a base range of half-a-mile via a radio signal. The addition of an antenna booster on a patrol vehicle extends the range even further.

"In the unfortunate situation where the person goes missing, officers who have been certified and are equipped with radio signal receivers are summoned and begin an immediate search for the person."

With White Oak partnering with ETAA and GCSO, Robertson's hope is more locals with at-risk family members will take advantage of the program. The alliance typically scholarships participation, raising funds from grants and donors to offset costs for individuals' transmitters.

Already, "I've been contacted by one person who was interested for their grandmother who actually lives in Gladewater," Robertson said. "That's who we want to hear from… anybody that might have somebody in their family who has some type of disorder, disease, whatever that would cause them to wander and get lost."

Anyone with a family member who might benefit from the effort is encouraged to contact White Oak Police Department Program Officer Ryan Waldow (rwaldow@cityofwhiteoak.com) or call the agency at 903-759-0106. Gladewater Police Officer David Burrows is coordinating efforts here; for more information, call GPD's non-emergency number at 903-845-2166.

Learn more at ProjectLifesaver.org

## Early vote underway if locals make the drive

Gladewater residents once again are being asked to cast their votes – just not here.

With senators, governors, justices and more on the ballot in the latest election cycle, there's still no local early voting polling location for residents in 75647, whether they're in Gregg County or Upshur.

Early voting began Monday and continues through Friday, Oct. 30. The closest spot for Gladewater voters in Gregg County to make early decisions for the Nov. 3 face-off is in the White Oak Community Center branch location at 1103 S. White Oak Rd. For Gladewater residents in Upshur County, and everybody else, the only available early voting location is the Gilmer Civic Center at 1218 U.S. Hwy. 271 N.

This Friday, Oct. 23, is the last day to turn in an application to vote by mail.

**POLLING HOURS**

In Upshur, early voting hours for Gilmer Civic Center run 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19-23, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 25 and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26-30.

Gregg County's main early voting location is the 100 E. Methvin St. Election

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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.*

## Pixie dust & memories...

The 'Happiest Place on Earth', contrary to multi-million dollar advertising, is not Walt Disney World. But it sure does put a glow on a family vacation. Our daily lives, like yours are complicated, busy and full of stress.

So, when we had the opportunity for a big old press discount at the lovely Swan Hotel at WDW we packed our little red suitcase and grabbed our son and daughter-in-heart. My Clark Kent of a hubby used to be on an A-Lister and he still has friends who extend us wonderful opportunities.

Our adult son has a job with great responsibility, as does his sweet wife. We all usually work 24/7. So this opportunity was just too good to pass up. We chose an open football week and wearily hauled ourselves to Mickey Mouse's Kingdom for some much needed R&R and family bonding time. Besides visiting the Millennium Falcon of "Star Wars" fame, we dined at THE Castle, met Cinderella and Prince Charming, ate some truly amazing food and made memories. And, yes, my daughter-in-heart and I managed to shop until I dropped.

Some of the most amazing things we experienced might surprise you. Yes, we saw phenomenal fireworks, went on a safari at Animal Kingdom, droids and light sabers were built, but my favorite memories are always the small moments. Sitting on a bench people watching with my son and just catching up was one of those gifted moments. Then there are those things that I am known for relishing such as the 88-year old waitress at our hotel breakfast buffet who was running circles around the rest of the wait staff. My Sweetie and I caught a curb to rest our weary feet and watched in awe as a 4-year old threw a completely wild-eyed, screaming, running fit and her father never raised his voice or his hand, but managed to corral her in a stroller and remove her from the park with dignity on his part. I asked the very funny Jungle Cruise's Skipper Zoe what her college major is and she said neuroscience. She is great at telling corny jokes to tourists from all over the world. One of our young transport boat captains told jokes for seven straight minutes from Hollywood Studios to our hotel pier and I have rarely laughed so hard. Talent, and charm surrounds us everywhere.

We found that Storm Troopers can be hilarious and stay in character, that Jedi storytellers can move jaded adults to a place of reflection at the end of a too long day of fun. My sweetheart and I also learned that we would NEVER ride a roller coaster that goes backward and upside down again. Ever. There are some things that

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



aging inner ears can just no longer tolerate.

I wish Tinkerbell would sprinkle her pixie dust on a few of those vacationers, and people in general who are just too selfish, rude or oblivious to behave as they should whether they are at Disney World or Wal-Mart.

For example:

1) you do not need to give loud, public explanations to your children on why they should behave a certain way WHILE they continue to misbehave. Our mothers could snap their fingers, point and give 'the look' and we straightened up.

2) walking rules are the same as driving rules in the good old USA. Know which side of the 'road' you are supposed to be on.

3) DO NOT, DO NOT, DO NOT stop in the middle of a sidewalk, doorway or obstruct a line while deciding where to go, or change a diaper (that is what baby changing stations are for), or to have an argument…get the heck out of the way!

4) DO NOT use a wheelchair or Little Rascal scooter because your feet hurt or you want a better viewing or parking area. After running over my toes and obstructing my progress and I see you get up and walk off and leave the wheelchair…you may need it for real.

5) There are a ton of people cleaning bathrooms, picking up trash, smiling and courteous who deserve your respect and courtesy. Do not treat people serving you with condescension. It shows a definite lack of character.

6) Offer your seat to parents carrying small children, soon-to-be mothers and frail older adults…every single time.

7) Share joy with strangers when you have the opportunity, you may expand your world and theirs.

8) When someone holds the door for you or gives up their seat have the good manners your Momma should have taught you and say Thank You.

9) Find magic wherever you are because it is there.

10) And, always, always buy the T-shirt.




## Dr. Ray Perryman THE ECONOMIST



## Back to Basics

Dr. Vivienne Malone-Mayes, the iconic civil rights activist and pioneering Baylor mathematics professor, was an early mentor and later a dear friend. She taught me many things about mathematics – and life. One of her most frequent lessons was that, when you face a particularly challenging problem, it is often useful to set aside the incremental work that has been done previously and go back to the very origins of the issue you are seeking to address. The work of Robert Hall and Michael Woodford, this year's Nobel Laureates in Economics, is the embodiment of that principle. You may not be aware of their achievements, but you are much the better for them.

Each year, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Prize in recognition of groundbreaking ideas and research that increase our understanding of critical issues that, directly or indirectly, affect our prosperity and wellbeing. The 2026 laureates demonstrated the ways in which past economic models could be reconstructed to inform stabilization policy, giving central banks and governments an enhanced ability to manage economic shocks.

Dr. Hall and Dr. Woodford's work investigates why stabilization policies proposed by John Maynard Keynes in the 1930s worked for fluctuations in the economy until the major oil crises in the 1970s, when they did not reduce unemployment and helped to precipitate spiraling inflation, low growth, and high joblessness. The Keynesian models had provided guidance on monetary and fiscal policy for decades, but the economy of the 1970s did not seem to follow prior patterns.

Dr. Hall and Dr. Woodford demonstrated how the Keynesian models could be adjusted and reconstructed to take granular information into account, rather than relying only on aggregate inflation, production, and consumption measures. The 2026 honorees' work examined the basics of how individual households and businesses make decisions about spending and pricing. They determined that these economic actors are forward-looking and benefit from communication by central banks and governments regarding what to expect from future policy.

Expectations for future income influence consumer spending, Dr. Hall found, illustrating the importance of reliable information from central banks surrounding rate changes. Similarly, Dr. Woodford found that businesses make decisions about pricing based on expectations for future rates. Forward guidance by central banks likely contributed to better stabilization after the 2009 global financial crisis, when the banks assured households and businesses that borrowing costs would remain low for an extended period of time.

In recent years, major economic events including the Covid-19 pandemic and energy crises have caused fluctuation in markets, but using the framework generated by Dr. Hall and Dr. Woodford has enabled central banks and governments around the world to restore stability in a timelier and more efficient manner. Stay safe!

## Software glitch in voter rolls

A software error has caused another problem with Texas' voter registration logs, KUT radio's Texas Newsroom in Austin reported.

The glitch caused by "an extra address validation" affected Texans who updated their names and addresses on the state's government record portal, texas.gov, between Sept. 1 and last week, according to an email sent by the Texas Secretary of State's office.

Many of the updated records were still missing voters' new addresses, election officials said. As of Friday afternoon, those addresses are now showing up for Texas county election officials, according to an email from the Secretary of State's office.

Alicia Pierce, a spokesperson for the Secretary of State's office, said the agency sent 15,000 records back to counties. She said the problem has been resolved, and voters will still be able to cast a ballot.

This latest problem comes only days after Texas election officials said they cleared an earlier voter registration backlog. That issue was caused by an error prompted by a Texas Department of Public Safety software update. It impacted more than 500,000 voter registrations submitted since October 2025.

New polls: Dems lead nearly all statewide races

A new poll from the University of Texas at Austin shows Democrats with narrow leads in nearly all statewide races, the Houston Chronicle reported. However, polling in each statewide

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



race is within the margin of error. Only Democratic Senate candidate James Talarico polled positively with 50% of the voters.

James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project, said Democratic competitiveness is driven by a sizable gap in enthusiasm between Democratic and Republican voters — at least 10 percentage points.

"That's really significant," Henson said. "That is going to be what the last two weeks of this campaign are about — it's about Republican campaigns trying to drive up Democratic negatives and trying to stir what is right now a pretty uninspired Republican electorate in the state."

No Democrat has won a statewide race since 1994.

## Abbott won't debate Hinojosa

Incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott says he is better off holding campaign stops around the state than facing his Democratic opponent Gina Hinojosa in a debate, the Chronicle reported.

"The most important thing that a governor can do is to show up in communities," Abbott said during a stop in Tyler. "What voters want to see and hear, they want to see their governor in their community. They want to have the ability to ask their governor questions."

Abbott is seeking a fourth term. This is the first race in which he has not debated a Democratic gubernatorial challenger. Hinojosa held a news conference outside the governor's mansion last week with side-by-side lecterns — one empty.

"It is really on-brand for Greg Abbott to spend more money to tell lies about me, rather than showing up in person to debate me," Hinojosa said. "These lies are funded by his billionaire donors."

## State court requiring AC in prisons

Lawyers for the state have appealed a federal judge's order that all state prison cells be climate-controlled before 2030. The appeal was filed with the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the Texas Standard reported. The state also asked U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman to suspend his order, arguing it could disrupt critical operations in the prison system while the appeal continues.

"Throwing chaos and confusion into TDCJ's ongoing plans to install complete air-conditioning, before the Fifth Circuit has a chance to rule, needlessly wastes finite resources, and frustrates TDCJ's efforts to acquire funding to address operational and life safety measures to protect its population while moving...expediently to install air conditioning," the filing said.

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## LIVING BY WHAT SEEMS RIGHT

How can we evaluate the claim of someone who believes that God spoke directly to them through a feeling, vision, dream, or message? We need a reliable, verifiable standard by which to test such claims. Does God's Word teach that feelings or experiences determine truth? No. Proverbs 16:25 says, "*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death.*" Basing one's beliefs on anything other than sound, factual evidence is dangerous and ultimately leads to destruction. We must examine, prove, or test all things pertaining to our salvation.

For example, If you are planning a trip and the flight attendant says you can fly at the normal price with an experienced, well trained pilot or you can fly for free by using a pilot that uses only his instincts, not using any instruments or navigational tools wisdom dictates that we should choose the pilot who was well trained and would fly his plane as accurately as possible. The same is true in choosing a surgeon, pharmacist, etc. In the same manner we should not trust our eternal salvation on what *"seems right"* to us. Proverbs 12: 15 says, *"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."*

The truth of God is not based on some sort of mystical blind faith or some religious experience, dream or vision, but upon the foundation of solid evidence upon which the credibility God's Word is based. Any feelings we may have about what *"seems to be right"* should always be examined against what the God's Word teaches. It is utter foolishness to live in opposition to the hard facts and blindly follow a set of beliefs that are not based on truth simply because it feels right! Proverbs 13: 16 says, *"Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly."* Proverbs 15: 14 says, *"The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly."*

Prudent and discerning people will seek the facts and gather knowledge before reaching any sort of conclusion. Seeking some sort of *"spiritual high"* from a religion or organization or those who are trusting in some experience they claim to have had are not being discerning and seeking truth. Such is folly, and in the end will only lead to eternal death. Our desire should be to take time in our lives to consider whether what we believe is truth or error i.e., we must *"prove all things and hold fast that which is good" (1 Thess. 5: 21).*

Is your belief based on biblical fact or is it based upon the shallow and destructive ways that seem right, such as feelings, emotions, experiences, traditions, majority opinions or what a highly respected man or woman teaches. As a free moral agent, you alone have the responsibility to search out all matters and find the truth which can set you free from sin *(Acts 17: 11; Jn. 8: 32).* Think on these things.

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# What's Happening?

## Holiday happenings gaining steam

The weekends are steadily filling up through the end of the year – this one's busy, next is picking up steam and the holiday surge is ahead.

This Friday, Oct. 23, brings the Weldon Alumni Game as the Bears honor the Bumblebees at 6:30 p.m. before the 7 p.m. kick-off against the White Oak Roughnecks at Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium.

Saturday, Oct. 24, opens with the annual 5K run-and-walk at Lake Gladewater at 7:30 a.m. to support the fight against cancer. At 10 a.m. Lee-Bardwell Public Library hosts its Teen Writing Workshop featuring local author Dana Wayne.

Then, Bumblebee Weekend continues with the biannual reunion luncheon at 1 p.m. at Weldon Cafeteria before the unveiling of the historic marker at Weldon Elementary at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Darren Richardson at 903-374-1370.

"That's a big event in our community," Gladewater Chamber of Commerce's Lois Reed reminded council members last week. "So many great people graduated from that campus."

Next Saturday, Halloween brings the Gladewater Emergency Services Fall Fest back under the derrick downtown, set from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30.

"We're still looking for school groups, churches and individuals" to pass out candy and host games, Reed said. Blocking off Commerce Street on the west side of 271, "We'll have plenty of room."

For more information, call the chamber at 903-845-5501.

'Horseless Carriages' will be in town Nov. 6 as Model A and Model T enthusiasts bring their classics to the Antique Capital.

Then, its 'Christmas in Gusherville,' featuring a vintage Americana theme for the annual Holiday Open House the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Nov. 14.

Set 4 p.m. to 7:30 that Saturday in Gladewater's historic downtown, the chamber invites locals and visitors to celebrate the season and ""Step back into a classic small-town Christmas filled with red, white and blue charm, nostalgic decor, Christmas music, twinkling lights and timeless holiday cheer."

Highlights will include vintage Christmas decorations throughout the community core, shopping with local merchants, Gladewater restaurants and visiting food trucks plus free hot cocoa, seasonal treats and family-friendly fun. The annual tree lighting is set for 6 p.m.

"Bring your family, invite your neighbors and celebrate Christmas the Gladewater way."

Look further down the calendar, Small Business Saturday is Nov. 28 (immediately after Thanksgiving and Black Friday), the Gladewater Christmas Parade will be the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 12, then the annual Wreaths Across America remembrance is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Stay tuned... lots of events and activities are in the work.

## Weldon's alumni ready bi-annual reunion Oct. 23

The Weldon Bumblebees bi-annual get-together is going to mark another major milestone this year.

Rather, it's the marker that matters – the Bumblebees' legacy lives on in the culmination of a years-long effort to install an official Texas Historical Commission plaque at the school.

(Learn more about that effort in this issue.)

This year's Weldon Alumni Game includes a salute to the Weldon Bumblees ahead of the Gladewater Bears face-off with the White Oak Roughnecks Friday, Oct. 23. The pre-game celebration is set for 6:30 p.m. before the 7 o'clock kick-off at Jack V. Murphy Bear Stadium.

Bumblebee Weekend continues Saturday, Oct. 24, at Weldon Elementary with the 1 p.m. Bumblebee Reunion Luncheon in the Weldon Cafeteria. Tickets are $75 per person, covering the meal and a commemorative t-shirt.

The unveiling of the Weldon Elementary historic marker will follow, set for 2 p.m. at 315 E. Saunders. The unveiling is free and open to the public, and organizers are eager to see a big turnout as the community honors the Weldon Bumblebees (1921-1969) and the living legacy of the school and its story.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Darren Richardson at 903-374-1370.

## Cancer awareness 5K set Saturday

Grab those running (or walking) shoes, the annual 5K at Lake Gladewater gets in motion at 8:15 a.m. Saturday.

Co-organized by Sheila Faggans and Courtney Earles with Gym 101, registration for the cancer awareness event begins at 7:30 a.m. All ages (and speeds) are welcome – it's just $20 to participate and receive a commemorative shirt.

Alongside various vendors, the event will also include a variety of giveaways and raffle prizes (including a pink trash cart from Republic services) at $1 per entry.

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

"Even if you can't or don't want to walk that morning, come out and show your support," Gladewater Chamber dynamo Lois Reed said. Meanwhile, in the midst of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, "The derrick downtown is all lit up pink, thanks to Christian Allen."

## 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.

## Gladewater 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
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- 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.

## 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.

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.

## 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.

## GW treasurer's upcoming exit prompts special session Monday

Gladewater City Council members are set for a special session Oct. 26 following the resignation of City Treasurer Meghan Davis Monday.

It's likely the bulk of the 6 p.m. Monday meeting will be behind closed doors – the Texas Open Meetings Act generally permits elected officials to discuss personnel matters in executive session. Any votes must be taken in the open.

Beyond standard public comments, that's the only item on the agenda posted shortly before noon Oct. 19 following Davis' mid-morning announcement.

"My time with the City has been a valuable learning experience, both professionally and personally," Davis wrote to city leaders this week. "I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given during my tenure and for the experience I have gained while serving the City of Gladewater and our community."

Davis' resignation follows a contentious budget season that included stormy back-and-forth with some council members. Last week, a majority of the elected officials voted to approve a $1,000 outside audit to check the City Treasurer's math from the past several months. (See separate story in today's edition.)

# Burn ban back on

**By Phillip Williams**

Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller re-instated the county's temporary ban on rural outdoor burning last week after the county commissioners court approved doing so by "consensus" without a formal vote.

The ban is effective until the court's next meeting date, Oct. 30.

Tefteller re-issued the order Wednesday, Oct. 14, only nine days after lifting it when rural rains had relieved weather conditions which had made such burning hazardous.

But the city of Gilmer has retained its ban on such burning inside city limits, and when a reporter asked at the Oct. 14 commissioners court meeting if the county had considered re-instating its order, Tefteller said he believed the three commissioners present were "inclined to request" re-imposing it due to "dry wind."

County Emergency Management Coordinator Marc Nichols indicated the rural ban had been lifted because officials had expected rain from a hurricane, but the rain occurred elsewhere. He advocated re-instating the county's ban.

Replied Tefteller, "We may put it back on pretty quick." Since the matter wasn't on the court's agenda, it couldn't formally vote by law to re-impose the prohibition, but Tefteller has the authority to do so on his own.

When the court gave him the informal "consensus," he said he would re-instate it that day, which he later did.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller was absent from last week's meeting in Gilmer. Tefteller said Miller had a "medical appointment that he could not get out of or re-schedule."

## Safety, security take precedence in SRO dialogues

**Continued from Page 1**

outside when activities are present and make routine patrols."

From last week's dialogue in council chambers, School Resource Officers will keep standard reports (i.e. non-emergency and non-criminal) to hours when students are not on-campus, and they'll keep administrators looped in whenever it's necessary to leave a campus during the school day. They'll also summarize daily tasks and efforts in weekly reports to school admin.

"Safety and security, that's their primary function," Ready reiterated.

Requests, questions, concerns and other considerations regarding SROs will go through an established chain of command – to Patty then GPD Lt. Freddy Fitzgerald and, if necessary, up to Ready.

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# Sports roundup

## Bears, Necks fall - while Lions roll over Ore City

**By Tyler Sutton**

The turnover bug bit the Gladewater Bears big time as they lost 4 fumbles in route to a 38-19 loss on the road against the Tatum Eagles.

Gladewater got the ball first but punted. Tatum was driving down the field but fumbled and it was recovered by the Bears Anthony Sanchez. But Gladewater then fumbled themselves and it was scooped up by Tatum's Chun Holtom for a 65 yard TD.

The PAT was blocked and it was 6-0 Eagles.

After another Bears punt, Landon King out leaped the Eagles WR and intercepted a pass to give Gladewater the ball back as the 1st quarter ended. Gladewater got on the board to open the 2nd quarter as Achillies Hess found Caleb Balcorta for a 7 yard TD pass. The two point try was unsuccessful and it was a 6-6 game.

After a quick Eagles 3 and out punt, the Bears were driving but Hess was hit and fumbled and it was recovered by Tatum and the Eagles took no time taking advantage and punched it in to take a 14-6 lead as they got the two.

The Bears were able to answer right before the end of the half as Trey Watts punched it in for a 2 yard TD but the two point try was no good and it was 14-12 Eagles at the half.

The Bears defense got a quick stop to start the 3rd quarter and got the ball back but again the fumble bug bit as Balcorta had the ball pop out of his hands and it was recovered by Tatum.

And once again the Eagles took quick advantage and added to their lead with another TD to make it 22-12 Tatum.

Once again the Bears turnover problems struck again as they lost yet another fumble which the Eagles pounced on. And Tatum capitalized once again as they scored from 2 yards out to begin the 4th quarter to make it 30-12 as they picked up the two.

The Bears had one last TD to cut it to 30-19 when Hess found Destin Sheridan for a 7 yard TD to with 1:13 left in the game. Gladewater got the ball back with mere seconds left after 4 Tatum kneel downs but Hess was picked off and it was returned for a pick six.

"Just a rough night all around. We didn't do ourselves any favors with so many turnovers. We have to regroup and come back next week ready to compete. Still a lot of season ahead of us," said head coach Jermaine Lewis.

The Bears drop to 3-4 and 1-1 in district play. They will be back at home next at the Jack to host rival White Oak for the annual Weldon game. Kickoff is at 7 PM.

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The White Oak Roughnecks football team put up a good fight but it wasn't enough as they fell at home to the Atlanta Rabbits 42-27.

The Rabbits lead 14-0 after 1 quarter and 28-20 at the half. It was 35-27 Atlanta after 3 quarters. Roughnecks QB TJ Jackson was 14-37 for 148 yards and 1 touchdown. He also ran the ball 13 times for 67 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Cameron Vail also had 15 carries for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Cal Jester had a big night with 10 catches for 109 yards and a touchdown.

The Roughnecks drop to 0-7 and 0-3 in district play. They will head to rival Gladewater next.

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The Union Grove Lions headed to Ore City to take on the Rebels as part of the KYKX Game of the week and came away with a dominant 45-7 win.

Brycen Porter was 9-13 for 111 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also ran the ball 7 times for 41 yards and a TD. Hudson Wightman had a huge game on the ground with 177 yards on 17 carries with 2 touchdown's.

Noah Hart also had a big night with 104 yards on 12 carries and 2 touchdowns. Jonathan Hernandez had 5 catches for 71 yards.

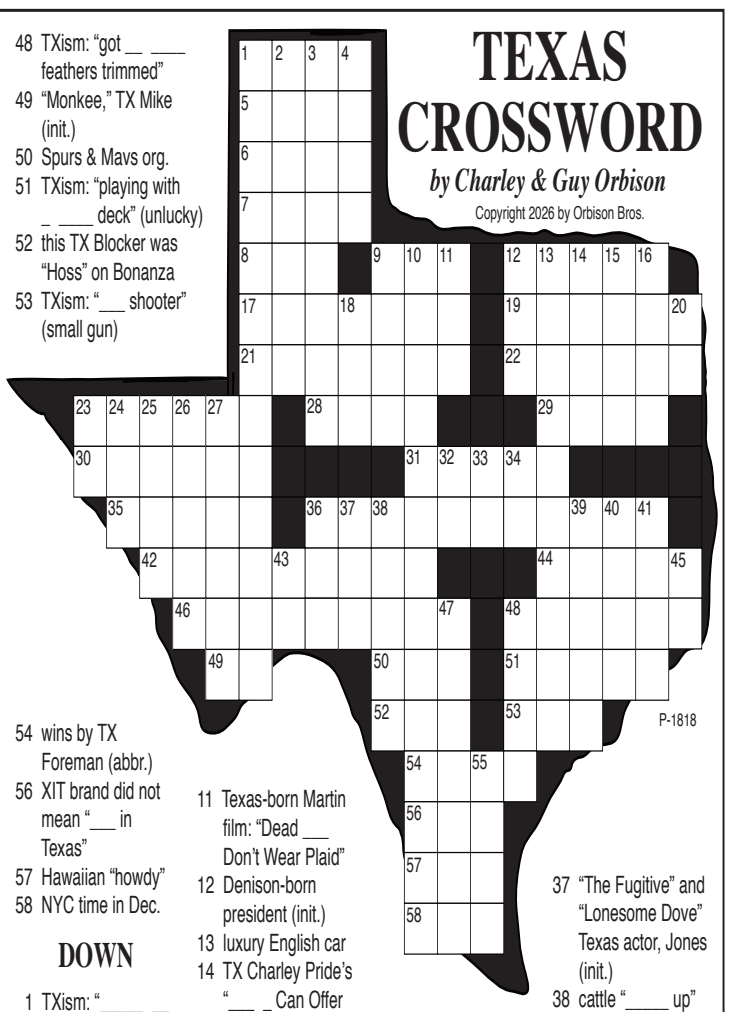
Tate Salter had 1 catch for 6 yards and a TD.

The Lions improve to 6-1 and 2-1 in district play and will next be in action when they host Waskom.

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "watering ____" (pond)
5 horse doc (2 wds.)
6 this Nocona was father of Chief Quanah Parker
7 George W.'s title (2001-09) abbr.
8 sweet tater
9 1960s war for many Texas soldiers, for short
12 Cowboy "Too Tall" was first overall ____ pick in 1974
17 Van _____, TX
19 TXism: "bet your bottom _____"
21 rise late (2 wds.)
22 "Mama Cass" _____
23 chicken that is bred in Texas
28 TXism: "tie up the loose ____"
29 TXism: "stretch your ____" (smile)
30 TX Vernon Dalhart's "Can't __ ____ Me Calling Caroline?"
31 TXism: "truth stretchers"
35 this TX Jones pioneered theater-in-the-round
36 TXism: "tough as _ ____ ____ steak"
42 ___-_____ hat (early cowboy hat)
44 TXism: "it'll make your hair stand __ ___" (scary)
46 TX Stephen Stills wrote 1969 hit: "_____: ____ Blue Eyes"
48 TXism: "got __ ____ feathers trimmed"
49 "Monkee," TX Mike (init.)
50 Spurs & Mavs org.
51 TXism: "playing with _ ____ deck" (unlucky)
52 this TX Blocker was "Hoss" on Bonanza
53 TXism: "___ shooter" (small gun)
54 wins by TX Foreman (abbr.)
56 XIT brand did not mean "___ in Texas"
57 Hawaiian "howdy"
58 NYC time in Dec.

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "_____ __ _ ___ __ mud" (contented)
2 TXism: "turn ____ ___ the cow patties in Texas" (extensive search)
3 TXism: "never ___ '__ ___ you sweat"
4 pilot abbreviations
9 former ABC drama: "____ Blue"
10 WWII Iwo Jima combat, e.g. (3 wds.)
11 Texas-born Martin film: "Dead ___ Don't Wear Plaid"
12 Denison-born president (init.)
13 luxury English car
14 TX Charley Pride's "___ _ Can Offer You is Me"
15 pancake cooking action
16 New Mexico ski area
18 TXism: "wouldn't touch it with a ___-foot pole"
20 late Texas actor, "Rip" (init.)
23 TXism: "__ the skin of my teeth"
24 computer memory
25 TXism: "at the drop of _ ___"
26 TX Tanya Tucker's "_____ Some Love"
27 TX John Hillerman was in TV's "_____ P.I." (1980-88)
32 TX Willie Nelson's "Farm Aid __"
33 Ranger/Astro leag.
34 this Duvall was in "The Apostle" with TX Farrah (init.)
36 "Steak and ___"
37 "The Fugitive" and "Lonesome Dove" Texas actor, Jones (init.)
38 cattle "_____ up" (gather the cows)
39 TXism: "he'll kick you ____ _ funeral home" (mean horse)
40 calf meat
41 Oklahoma town
43 TXism: "try your hand __ it"
45 a Texas ID (abbr.)
47 Rangers and Astros New York foe
48 atlas pages
55 TXism: "chew __ __ awhile" (ponder)

See Answers on Page 5

## CROSS COUNTRY

Gladewater and White Oak wrapped up their Cross country seasons with the district meet where:

Boys:

Gladewater's Ya'lexan Martinez won at 17:45

White Oak's Cooper Tucker was 2nd at 18:10

Issak Olvera was 3rd at 18:19

Gladewater's Mariano Perez was 4th at 18:32

White Oak's Nathan Stringer was 5th at 19:01

White Oak won the district championship and head to regionals in Fort Worth.

Gladewater was runner up and heads to regionals in Fort Worth

Girls:

White Oak's Sophie Fisher was 2nd at 14:03

White Oak's Maddie Hart was 3rd at 14:10

White Oak's Olvia Applegate was 7th at 15:02

Gladewater's Brooklyn Villapondo was 13th at 16:43

Gladewater's was 15th at 17:15

Gladewater finished 3rd overall and qualify for regionals in Fort Worth








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## 2026 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

### VARSITY

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

HOMECOMING | SENIOR NIGHT | WELDON GAME | *DISTRICT GAME

## ★ VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ★

| 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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### 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 continued towards the end of their district season with a pair of matches. Starting with a trip to Troup where they fell 3-0 ( 25-15, 25-17, 25-10). That was followed by a home match where they fell 3-1 to rival White Oak ( 25-18, 18-25, 25-23, 25-20 ). The losses drop the Lady Bears to 13-16 and 1-8 in district play. Gladewater will wrap up its season next with a pair of matches at West Rusk and at Arp.

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The White Oak Ladynecks volleyball team continued their quest for a district title as they took on 1st place Tatum but fell to them 3-1 ( 25-18, 18-25, 11-25, 22-25 ) . White Oak won set one, but couldnt get anything else going after that. Carrington Watson had 13 kills, three aces and eight digs in the loss for White Oak. Londyn Baker finished with eight kills, two aces and 15 digs, Lyla Easley seven kills, Mary Rector 29 assists, six digs and two kills and Peyton Thompson 18 digs. That was followed up by the 3-0 sweep of Gladewater mentioned above. The Ladynecks are now 22-14 and 8-2 in district play. They will wrap up their regular season with a pair of matches as they host Troup and then head to Sabine. Before starting their playoff run.

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The Union Grove Lady Lions volleyball team won a thriller over Alba-Golden 3-2 ( 25-17, 23-25, 19-25, 25-18, 15-10 ). Union Grove improves to 16-11 and 4-2 in district play. They will wrap up the regular season with a pair of matches at Como-Pickton and hosting Big Sandy. Before learing where they are headed for the post season.












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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

**Cause No. 022851-CCL2**
**Gladewater Independent School District v W. H. Rivers et al**
Lots 7 & 8, Block 2, Belwood Addition, City of Gladewater (V297/P33) Acct #000036090

**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

**Cause No. 023095-CCL2**
**Pine Tree Independent School District v Etta Freeman Gibson et al**
2.25 Acres, more or less, B. Hearne Survey, Abstract 108, part of a 2.9 acre tract, Save and Except, that part of the 2.9 acre tract located in the boundaries of the Longview ISD (V220/P7) Acct #000018577

**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

**Cause No. 023201-CCL2**
**Gladewater Independent School District v Don Wayne Holland et al**
8.60 Acres, more or less, D. Ferguson Survey, Abstract 70 (V1218/P52) Acct #000016624

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**Cause No. 022630-CCL2**
**Gladewater Independent School District v Jimmy R. Brewer et al**
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I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 30th day of September, 2026, at Longview, Texas

MAXEY CERLIANO
Sheriff, Gregg County, Texas

By: Shawn McFadden
SHAWN MCFADDEN, Deputy Sheriff

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Gladewater ISD is seeking Request for Sealed Proposals (RFP) for the installation of multiple chillers.**
**RFP Number 27-51-002 Proposals are available at the Gladewater ISD Business Office or online at www.gladewaterisd.com**
**Proposal Submission Deadline: October 30, 2026**
**Submission Location: Sealed proposals must be submitted in hard copy to Gladewater ISD Business Office**
**Attn: Matt McIntosh**
**200 East Broadway**
**Gladewater, TX 75647**
**Queries about the project and RFP should be directed to Matt McIntosh, Director of Maintenance at mcintoshm@gladewaterisd.com or 903-845-2829**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GLADEWATER ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating**
**Gladewater ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm on MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026**
**In the GLADEWATER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – BOARD ROOM 200 E. BROADWAY, GLADEWATER, TX 75647**
**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gladewater ISD's Rating on the State's Financial Accountability System.**




# PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To:
The Unknown Heirs of James R. Dickey, Deceased
The Unknown Heirs of Sarah L. Dansby, Deceased
The Unknown Heirs of Homer Dansby Franklin Jr., Deceased
The Unknown Heirs of Ernestine Walker Dansby, Deceased
The Unknown Heirs of Phyllis Dansby Fisher, Deceased
The Unknown Heirs of Clarence McLemore, Deceased
The Unknown Heirs of Eric E. Strong, Deceased
The Unknown Owners or Claimants of an Interest in Land Located in Gregg County, Texas

Defendants Greetings:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgement may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs Third Amended Petition to Partition Real Property at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 16" day of November, 2026, before the Honorable Scott Novy 188th Judicial District Court of Gregg County, Texas, at the Gregg County Courthouse of said County in Longview, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Third Amended Petition was filed in said court, on the 5th day of August, 2026, in the above-entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

The Third Amended Petition for Partition of Real Property is a Suit for Civil, Real Property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Third Amended Petition on file in this suit, the nature of which suit is a partition involving the property located in the W. P. Chisum Survey, the Solomon Slaughter Survey, and the A. M. Coleman Survey of Gregg County, Texas, and being more fully described in Plaintiff's Third Amended Petition.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Gregg County, Texas, this 29" day of September, 2026.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiffs Third Amended 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 16th day of November, 2026, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 188th District Court of Gregg County, at the Court House in Longview, Texas. Said plaintiff's Third Amended Petition was filed on this the 5th day of August, 2026.

The file number of said suit being No. **2025-2095-A**

The name of the parties in said suit are:
Bernard Black, individually and as Co-Trustee of the Ruth H. Black Revocable Living Trust Plaintiff
and
The Unknown Heirs of Sarah L Dansby, Deceased, et al Defendants,

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
**Partition Suit**

The name and address of the attorney for plaintiff, or the address of plaintiff is:

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Gladewater City Council adopted the following ordinance October 15, 2026;**

**Ordinance #O-26-11 to amend §17.05 Airport Fees and §17.17 Water Department Fees of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication as required by law.**

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




## PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 8, 2026, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requesting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) authorization to purchase a 200 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located in Rusk County, Texas (the Project). The docket number and style of the case are Docket No. 60204, *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Purchase a 200 MW Battery Energy Storage System Located in Rusk County, Texas*. SWEPCO has more than 190,000 Texas retail customers, all of whom are affected by this Application. SWEPCO is filing separate applications for authorization of the Project with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

The Project is a 200 MW, six-hour BESS. The Project executed a Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA) with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) in December 2025 and will interconnect with the Company's existing Tenaska Switching Station located in East Texas. The power used to charge the BESS is generated by power plants operating in SPP that are injecting electricity into the grid when the BESS charges, typically at times of lower demand and lower prices in the SPP Integrated Marketplace (IM). When the BESS discharges, or puts power back onto the grid, it is delivered to customers using power at that time, typically during higher load conditions. The Project will be located in an unincorporated area of Rusk County, Texas, and no zoning or local permitting is expected. Figure 1 below summarizes the Project SWEPCO is pursuing, including its size and projected in-service date.

**Figure 1 – Brantley Branch BESS Overview**

| **Brantley Branch BESS Overview** | |
|---|---|
| **Size (Nameplate Megawatt (MW))** | 200 |
| **MWh** | 1,200 |
| **Planned COD** | December 2028 |
| **State** | Texas |
| **County** | Rusk |
| **Location (RTO)** | SPP |

The total capital expenditure for the Project is expected to be approximately $574 million.

SWEPCO has a capacity need driven largely by the increased SPP PRM requirements, expiring contracts, and load growth. SWEPCO received an unsolicited offer from Jupiter Power for a BESS that is anticipated to reach commercial operation by December 2028. The Company's analysis demonstrates that the Project is a cost-effective means of meeting a portion of the generation capacity need.

Persons with questions about this Application should contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. All communications should refer to Docket No. 60204, and any request to intervene in that docket should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is November 6, 2026 and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission that is received by that date.

A copy of SWEPCO's Application may be viewed on the Commission's webpage at https://www.puc.texas.gov. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Filings" section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is 60204.

# OBITUARY

## PATSY RUTH BLACK

Funeral services for Patsy Ruth Black, 92, of Gladewater, Texas, will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 24, 2026, at McWhorter Funeral Home, with Bro. Roger Gage officiating. Interment will follow at Summerfield Methodist Church Cemetery in Judson. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Friday at McWhorter Funeral Home.



Patsy was born on July 23, 1934, in Overton, Texas, to John Henry Black and Mamie Marie Ward Black, and passed from this life on October 18, 2026, in Longview, Texas.

Patsy raised her family in Houston, Texas, where she worked at Houston Independent School District for many years. She then moved back to Gladewater, Texas, to be closer to her family and siblings. Patsy was a supervisor for Jordan Home Health for many years before her retirement. She was a faithful member of Clarksville City Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Sheilah Ann Taylor (Kent), and Denessa Dawn Castro (Ralph); brother, George Henry Black; son-in-law, Michael Davis; grandchildren, Kimberly Myers, Brandy Taylor, Justin McDaniel, Michael Taylor, and Eric Archer; numerous great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Vanessa Kay Davis; and siblings, Georgie Ferguson, Mary Wanda Benge, John Wayne Black, and Shirley Strong.

Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Please visit Patsy's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

McWhorter
FUNERAL HOME
1074 State Hwy 300 Gilmer, TX
mcwhorterfh.com 903-734-7070

# Early vote underway if locals make the drive

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Center in Longview. Polling hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19-23, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26-30. Hours at the branch locations (including White Oak Community Center) are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19-23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24-25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 26-28 and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 29-30.

On Election Day – Tuesday, Nov. 3 – polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Gregg County voters can continue to cast their ballots at any location through countywide polling, and there will be one spot open here at Gladewater First Methodist Church (217 W. Quitman Ave.) during the 12-hour window.

It's the same timeframe for Upshur County voters, and polling in Gladewater will be conducted at St. James Baptist Church at 2800 W. Commerce.

### ON THE BALLOT

For local Gregg County voters, ballots in Gladewater (voting precinct 13) and White Oak (precinct 11) are virtually identical.

The only meaningful differences are local uncontested races – Bruce Dalme (R) is the lone contender for Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 on Gladewater ballots. In White Oak, Tim Bryan (R) is also unchallenged in his reelection bid for JP Prec. 2. The White Oak slip also includes Prec. 2 County Commissioner with Ray Bostick (R) running unopposed.

Common, key races on ballots in both Gregg and Upshur include:

- U.S. Senator – Ken Paxton (R), James Talarico (D) and Ted Brown (L)
- Governor – Greg Abbott (R), Gina Hinojosa (D) and Pat Dixon (L)
- Lieutenant Governor – Dan Patrick (R), Vikki Goodwin (D), Anthony Cristo (L) and Kevin McCormick (G)
- Attorney General – Mayes Middleton (R), Nathan Johnson (D) and Tom Oxford (L)
- Comptroller of Public Accounts – Don Huffines (R), Sarah Eckhardt (D), V. Alonzo Echavarria-Garza (L) and Shehla Faizi (G)
- Commissioner of the General Land Office – Dawn Buckingham (R), Benjamin Flores (D) and Neill Snider (L)
- Commissioner of Agriculture – Nate Sheets (R), Clayton Tucker (D) and Austin R. Kelly (L)
- Railroad Commissioner – Bo French (R), Jon Rosenthal (D) and Arthur Dibianca (L)
- Chief Justice, Supreme Court – Jimmy Blacklock (R) and Maggie Ellis (D)
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2, unexpired term – James P. Sullivan (R) and Chari Kelly (D)
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 – Kyle Hawkins (R) and Kristen Hawkins (D)
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 – Brett Busby (R) and Gisela D. Triana (D)
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 – Thomas Smith (R), Okey Anyiam (D) and Mark Ash (L)
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4 – Kevin Patrick Yeary (R) and Audra Riley (D)
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9 – John Messinger (R) and Holly Taylor (D)
- Member, State Board of Education, District 9 – Kason Huddleston (R) and Ericka Ledferd (D)
- State Senator, District 1 – Bryan Hughes (R) and Laticia Ambroz (D)
- Chief Justice, 15th Court of Appeals District – Scott Brister (R) and Jerry Zimmerer (D)
- Justice, 15th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 – Scott K. Field (R) and Tom Baker (D)
- Justice, 15th Court of Appeals District, Place 3 – April Farris (R) and Marc M. Meyer (D)
- Chief Justice, 12th Court of Appeals District – Brian Hoyle (R)
- Justice, 6th Court of Appeals District, Place 3 – Charles Van Cleef (R)
- Justice, 12th Court of Appeals District, Place 3, unexpired term – Michael Davis (R)

Gladewater and White Oak's ballots also feature:

- U.S. Representative, District 1 – Nathaniel Moran (R) and Yolanda R. Prince (D)
- State Representative, District 7 – Jay Dean (R) and Fantasha Allen (D)
- District Judge, 188th Judicial District – J. Scott Novy (R)
- District Judge, 307th Judicial District – Tim Womack (R)

For Gladewater voters in Upshur County, the ballot also includes:

- U.S. Representative, District 32 – Jace Yarbrough (R) and Dan Barrios (D)
- State Representative, District 5 – Cole Hefner (R) and Hector Garza (D)
- District Judge, 115th Judicial District – Billy W. Byrd (R)

The last day to register to vote for Nov. 3 was Oct. 5. According to GreggCountyVotes.gov, there are 76,526 registered voters in Gregg County. In Upshur County, the total is 31,152.

For more information, log on to greggcountyvotes.gov or countyofupshur.com/page/elections

# Gladewater men indicted on Upshur County drug charges

**By Phillip Williams**

The Upshur County Grand Jury recently returned 31 indictments, including six open ones for solicitation of prostitution and five sealed indictments, District Attorney Barry Clark Wallace announced Monday.

Defendants, charges, and bond information in the open indictments, returned Oct. 8 in Gilmer, were as follows, Wallace said:

Of the six men charged with committing solicitation last Nov. 1, including a Gladewater resident, all but one were released on $10,000 bond.

The other, Juan Manuel Flores Soto, 29, of Gilmer, also had a $10,000 bond on the charge, but was held without bond on a detainer from ICE and released to the federal Department of Homeland Security in Dallas.

The five released included Eric Charles Smith, 37, of Gladewater; Justin William White, 41, of Longview; Corey Wayne Rhymes, 28, of Gilmer; Waymond Freeney, 54, of Tyler; and Corey Bernard Lilly, 45, of Longview.

Other open indictments included:

Kevin Lee Sartor, 61, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on June 13. He was freed on $10,000 bond.

Stanley Eugene Hodges, 74, of Gladewater, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Aug. 11, 2025. He was released on $5,000 bond.

Steven Aldo Weatherby, 41, of Gilmer, possession of child pornography depicting child sexual assault on Jan. 13, 2025. He remained in county jail under $100,000 bond.

Cleveland Cunningham Harrison, 35, of Winnsboro, unlawful possession of firearm by felon on April 2, 2025. He was freed on $25,000 bond.

Cy Thomas Blakeney, 28, of Big Sandy, evading arrest/detention with vehicle on May 23. He was released on $15,000 bond.

Paul Stephen Westmoreland, 56, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 3, 2025. He was freed on $25,000 bond.

Jaimes Rafael Rubio, also known as Rafael Rubio Jaimes, 45, of Ore City, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 15. Although bond was set at $10,000, he remained jailed without bond on an ICE detainer.

Bobby Lee Waymon, 50, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on April 2, 2025. He was released on $10,000 bond.

Devin Artis Lewis, 40, of Diana, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 21. He remained jailed under $10,000 bond.

Chelsea Renae Steiner, 34, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (fentanyl) on July 10, 2025. She was freed on $10,000 bond.

Ian Kyle Avant, 20, of Pittsburg, possession of controlled substance (tetrahydrocannabinol) on April 9. He was released on $10,000 bond.

Jo Delamater Dickey, 59, of Winnsboro, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information on Oct. 1, 2025. She was freed on $10,000 bond.

Shannon Rachelle Bunch, 45, of Gilmer, injury to an elderly individual on Jan. 27. She was released on $4,000 bond.

Kelly Ray Spruell, 47, of Gilmer, assault/family violence--occlusion on July 13. He was freed on $25,000 bond.

Mark Lindsey McKinley, 54, of Gilmer, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Sept. 4. Although bond was set at $10,000, he remained jailed under a state-issued "blue warrant" alleging he has violated his parole.

Christy Lorraine Burris, 53, of Ore City, possession of controlled substance (psilocin) on June 16. She was released on $25,000 bond.

Kimberly Michelle Zuniga, 44, of Gilmer, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Jan. 20. She was freed on $25,000 bond.

Jessica Marie Wyatt, 45, of Hughes Springs, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on Aug. 7, 2025. She was released on $5,000 bond.

David Lynn Drury, 56, of Linden, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) on July 30. He was freed on $10,000 bond.

Dillin Michael Baker, 18, of Gilmer, aggravated sexual assault of a child on June 15. He remained in the county jail under $100,000 bond.

Identity of anyone charged in the sealed indicments wasn't disclosed since no arrest had been made in those cases, Wallace said.

They included he said, two for criminal mischief, and one each for debit card abuse, theft of property of the value of $2,500 or more but less than $30,000; and a single indictment for two counts of indecency with a child (one for contact and one for exposing.)

# WOPD Activity

For the reporting period of October 12th through October 18th, 2026, officers for the White Oak Police Department responded to or initiated 161 calls for service and assistance. Some of the most common calls were: Abandoned Vehicles, Suspicious Activity, Traffic Issues (collisions, motorist assists, traffic control, reckless drivers, etc.), and Community Relations (welfare checks, civil issues, vacation home security checks, etc.).

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

Four arrests were made during this reporting period:

Michael Bryant, 53, Transient, for Theft of Property <$2,500 with 2 or More Previous Convictions.

Leon Glass, 31, of Longview, for 1 White Oak City Warrant.

Trenton Green, 27, of White Oak, for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 1 Rusk County Warrant.

Rodolfo Olvera, 33, of Longview, for Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Alcohol Container.

Two separate and unrelated cases were submitted to the Gregg County District Attorney's Office during the reporting period.

Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Family Violence.

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