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GISD Superintendent hands in resignation

By James Draper

Gladewater ISD Superintendent Dr. Sedric Clark resigned Monday night, effective Dec. 31.



CLARK

Few details were immediately available following trustees' regularly-scheduled monthly meeting July 15. There was no public discussion by the board members and little comment after the group's unanimous approval of Clark's voluntary resignation agreement.

The development did not come as a surprise to the trustees. Clark's intent was included on the meeting agenda posted Friday

afternoon — as a topic for a closed door discussion, as an action item on a resignation agreement and as a related vote on the process and selection of an interim superintendent.

Clark's annual evaluation has been listed on trustees' closed session agendas multiple times in recent months with no public discussion or action taken.

He's been with Gladewater ISD seven years. Clark began his tenure June 1, 2017, after his official hiring in late-May. He'd been working as principal of Mansfield High School in Louisiana's DeSoto Parish since 2010 and previously served as principal of Longview ISD's Foster Middle School.

"It has been one of the greatest joys of my career to serve as GISD Superintendent. I have been fortunate to work with

great people as we've worked to better the lives and futures of the students in the district," Clark said via a prepared statement Tuesday morning. "I thank the present and past Board of Trustees for providing me with the opportunity to serve in the Gladewater Independent School District. I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the staff and community for their support of the District's programs and services during my term as Superintendent.

"A school district is measured by the commitment of the Board, staff and community to its children and their achievement. GISD is indeed so committed. I will continue to promote and support GISD and offer my assistance during the transfer

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The late Marsha Valdetero's family members, friends, colleagues and others gather in the longtime Gladewater Chamber of Commerce director's memory Saturday at the intersection of the loop and Hwy. 271 before setting out to pick up litter along the two-mile stretch of the highway that passes through downtown Gladewater. "Everybody here has a connection to Marsha," said the chamber's Lois Reed, who spearheaded the adopt-a-highway cleanup.

Photos by James Draper

Elected officials give themselves \$1,200 raises

By Phillip Williams

Upshur County Commissioners Court on Monday finalized a \$1,200 pay raise for most elected county officials, but two commissioners said they won't accept their respective salary increases.

Although the court voted 5-0 for the raises, Precinct 2 Commissioner Dustin Nicholson and Precinct 4 Commissioner Jay W. Miller said they opposed commissioners receiving a raise, and wouldn't accept theirs. Nicholson said he nonetheless voted for the motion because he wasn't against raising other elected officials' pay, and Miller said he didn't want to hold up the budget process.

County Judge Todd Tefeller, however, complained that he disapproved the pair rejecting their pay hikes as "We're (court members) all way below the state standard" in salaries. He, Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Dolle and Precinct 3 Commissioner Michael Ashley gave no indication they wouldn't accept the increase.

The court approved raises for all elected county and county precinct officials except those who received increases under the Texas Legislature's Senate Bill 22--Sheriff Larry Webb, and Constables Tim Barnett, Jason Weeks, James Casey and David Thompson.

In other business Monday in Gilmer, the court approved seeking a meeting with the Upshur County Appraisal District after Dolle strongly objected to the district's proposed budget, which would require the county pay an additional \$70,000 as its share of financing UCAD.

While the court was in a closed session, County Auditor Connie Williams told reporters the hike would raise the county's total payment to \$464,000.

"I think they're (the district) out of control," charged Dolle, who said "they're just taking that money (given the district by taxing entities) and blowing it somewhere. . . They're just having a high-heel time," and "I think it's wrong."

He said UCAD proposes hiking its budget by \$116,000 (which Williams said was mainly to hire two new clerks), and that the district spends more on insuring its 12 employees than the county spends on insuring its 200. Dolle also questioned UCAD's mileage expenses.

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'Horrible and scary'

Texas leaders express outrage, relief after attempted assassination of Donald Trump

By Matthew Choi/Texas Tribune

Texas leaders in both political parties expressed outrage and support for former President Donald Trump after a shooting at a campaign event in Pennsylvania on Saturday.

U.S. Secret Service rushed Trump off the stage at the campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, after shots rang out. Blood appeared to be streaked across the former president's ear. Trump was taken to safety. Trump later said in a social media post that he was shot in the upper right ear.

Sid Miller, the Texas agriculture commissioner and a long time Trump ally, was at the rally, standing about 30 feet away from the former president.

"It looked like the first maybe three shots missed him and he was turned looking towards me. And then the one grazed his ear and then he got down," Miller recounted in a brief interview with The Texas Tribune.

Miller said Trump would be fine and expressed confidence that he would continue to the party, national convention as planned. Miller had been accompanying Trump through swing states before the convention. Miller said he was un-

harmed.

The suspected shooter was killed and another rally attendee was dead, the Associated Press reported. The shooting is being investigated as an attempted assassination.

Texas leaders took to social media in the moments following the chaos.

"What a horrible and scary situation unfolding. Please join me in praying for President Trump and all those at the rally right now," Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan said on social media.

"President Trump thanks law enforcement and first responders for their quick action during this heinous act. He is fine and is being checked out at a local medical facility. More details will follow," Trump campaign spokesperson Steven Cheung said in a statement.

Many of Trump's most ardent supporters were quick to condemn the violence on social media.

"The world is evil. Praise God that President Trump was able to walk away on his own. Praying for complete healing and that this person is captured immediately," Attorney General Ken Paxton wrote.

Mayor hosting town hall meeting

Gladewater's Brandy Flanagan has set her first 'Mayor's Town Hall Meeting' for 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25 — it's a "pivotal" kick-off alongside other city council members, a new outreach "dedicated to the progress and unity of our community."



FLANAGAN

Billed as #MovingForwardTogether, the event in the Gladewater Former Students Association Building aims to be an open forum in which community members can discuss issues, ask questions and share their perspectives and concerns.

"Join us for an open dialogue to shape the future of Gladewater," Flanagan stated, inviting questions in advance to mayor@cityofgladewater.com as well as in-person at next week's gathering at 2509 Hendricks St. "This gathering will be an opportunity to engage directly with city leaders and staff, addressing pressing issues and fostering a collaborative spirit to propel Gladewater forward together."

Elected and installed in May, Flanagan is the first woman chosen to fill the center seat on the dais at City Hall in the city's 150-plus years. Community feedback and public participation were key elements in her time as a council member and in the recent campaign.

"Whether you have questions, ideas, or simply want to be informed, your presence and participation are crucial," Flanagan added. "Let's work as a team to shape the future of Gladewater."

For more information and updates, visit tinyurl.com/GladewaterTownHall240725

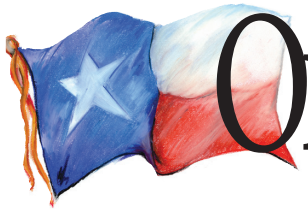
Local monthly sales tax revenue exceeds 2023

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for July, 0.2 percent less than in July 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

Gladewater and White Oak are two Gregg County cities seeing positive movement - Gladewater is at 4.83% ahead of May 2023 and White Oak is at 4.12% ahead of the same period last year. (See the chart for details)

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gregg	Clarksville City	1.000%	\$9,851.31	\$11,074.34	-11.04%	\$64,933.63	\$68,533.08	-5.25%
Gregg	Easton	1.000%	\$3,032.10	\$5,130.94	-40.90%	\$32,909.57	\$34,245.45	-3.90%
Gregg	Gladewater	1.500%	\$126,865.43	\$121,018.64	4.83%	\$989,761.71	\$957,835.07	3.33%
Gregg	Kilgore	1.500%	\$807,201.25	\$755,758.25	6.80%	\$5,478,202.91	\$5,709,997.53	-4.05%
Gregg	Lakeport	1.500%	\$26,450.94	\$53,070.11	-50.15%	\$168,170.97	\$202,574.29	-16.98%
Gregg	Longview	1.500%	\$3,545,152.70	\$3,748,653.97	-5.42%	\$26,120,753.21	\$27,157,085.81	-3.81%
Gregg	Warren City	1.000%	\$2,779.28	\$1,368.83	103.04%	\$12,219.95	\$11,448.15	6.74%
Gregg	White Oak	1.500%	\$138,969.40	\$133,464.73	4.12%	\$928,955.69	\$944,969.42	-1.69%
Upshur	Big Sandy	1.250%	\$23,346.91	\$27,180.63	-14.10%	\$173,937.03	\$171,173.10	1.61%
Upshur	East Mountain	1.000%	\$3,697.34	\$3,905.72	-5.33%	\$32,770.84	\$31,163.34	5.15%
Upshur	Gilmer	1.500%	\$214,116.15	\$231,105.26	-7.35%	\$1,622,572.70	\$1,584,170.79	2.42%
Upshur	Ore City	1.250%	\$14,915.36	\$17,095.51	-12.75%	\$120,003.52	\$117,884.48	1.79%
Upshur	Union Grove	1.000%	\$467.61	\$506.28	-7.63%	\$5,165.33	\$3,244.92	59.18%



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.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abbott demands probe into power outages

More than 2 million Texans lost power when Hurricane Beryl hit the Texas coast, and Gov. Greg Abbott wants to know why. The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has ordered the Public Utility Commission to conduct an immediate study into why the Houston area has again been hit by widespread power outages.

"I want to find out, was there a structural flaw with regard to the electrical delivery system?" Abbott said. "Was that the cause of it? If so, what needs to be done to shore up, or was this a personnel issue of not having enough power personnel in all the right locations to get power back up?"

CenterPoint Energy is the primary electricity transmission company serving the Houston area. Its CEO, Jason Ryan, appeared before the PUC last week and was questioned about the outages.

"To our customers that not only have power out but have significant property damage from the trees we talked about coming up from the roots, our hearts go out to you and our hearts go out to our community," Ryan said.

As of Sunday morning, CenterPoint's website indicated 461,247 customers were still without power, nearly a week after Beryl made landfall.

To date, 67 counties have been approved for federal disaster assistance, while other counties may be included as damage assessments are concluded. Those counties in the initial list are: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Goliad, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hidalgo, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, and Willacy.

TFS assesses tree damage after Beryl

More than 400,000 acres of rural forestland was potentially affected by Hurricane Beryl, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, which has closed W.G. Jones State Forest in Conroe until a damage assessment can be undertaken. In addition, hurricane force winds potentially affected as much as half of Houston's urbanized area tree coverage, the service reported.

"We used a combination of on-the-ground observation, remote sensing and Forest Inventory and Analysis data to conduct a tree damage assessment for rural forests in East Texas and the Houston metro area," said Aaron Stottlemeyer, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department Head.

Old pipes = billions in lost gallons of water

The state's most populous cities lost approximately 88 billion gallons of water last year because of aging pipes and extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported. Unsurprisingly, the city that lost the most water, according to self-reported audits, was Houston, the state's largest, at 31.8 billion gallons. Coming in second was San Antonio, which reported losing 19.5 billion gallons. The main factors for the losses are leaks and water main breaks, problems more often associated with smaller towns with fewer resources to maintain infrastructure, The Tribune reported.

"What we have right now is not sustainable [or] tenable," said Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation's Texas Coast and Water Program director.

An Austin-based think tank, Texas 2036, predicts the state will need to spend more than \$150 billion over the next half-century on water infrastructure.

'Real ID' will be required by next May

Is your state-issued identification card, such as a driver's license, a Real ID? Texans have until May 2025 to find out and comply with a federal law passed in 2005 in response to 9/11, the Statesman reported. The state in response began issuing Real ID compliant cards in 2016. These cards have a gold circle with an inset star located in the upper right-hand corner.

Right now, a Real ID card is not required to fly domestically, but that will change on May 7, 2025. After that, a Real ID or a passport will be required to board domestic flights. Anyone renewing their driver's license now will receive an idea that is Real ID-compliant. Passports are still required to travel beyond U.S. borders.

We need a leap of faith...

The world was on fire. Or at least it felt that way. In 1968 the gates of chaos were flung open with the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy. The Tet Offensive body bags and reports of the My Lai massacre were a part of the dinner hour evening news.

The 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago saw an anti-establishment riot in the streets. Our daily vocabulary was filled with references to the Ho Chi Minh Trail, Black Panthers, SDS, Weathermen, domestic terrorism and hijackings. There were serial killers, the Cold War was icy and the future looked grim indeed.

Then 1969 rolled around and the New York Jets under a cocky Joe Namath took what was thought to be a sure Super Bowl championship from the Baltimore Colts. Elvis Presley made a successful comeback, "Peanuts" debuted as a television series and murderers James Earl Ray and Sirhan Sirhan saw justice.

And then the world seemed to stop. Still. On July 16, Apollo 11 with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were shot into space on top of a missile headed to the moon. The trio of adventurers fulfilled President John F. Kennedy's 1961 promise of putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. NASA and a whole lot of people made that mandate fact.

From all the men we saw on television to the brilliant women in tucked away rooms who did the math or meticulously sewed the spacesuits, history was made. Not just for America but for mankind.

The Eagle may have landed on the lunar surface July 20, 1969 because of American 'want to' and ingenuity, BUT, when Neil Armstrong took that step it was for everyone on Planet Earth. "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

And it was. Beyond our reckoning or imagining. Buzz Aldrin's words to the world two and a half hours after

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



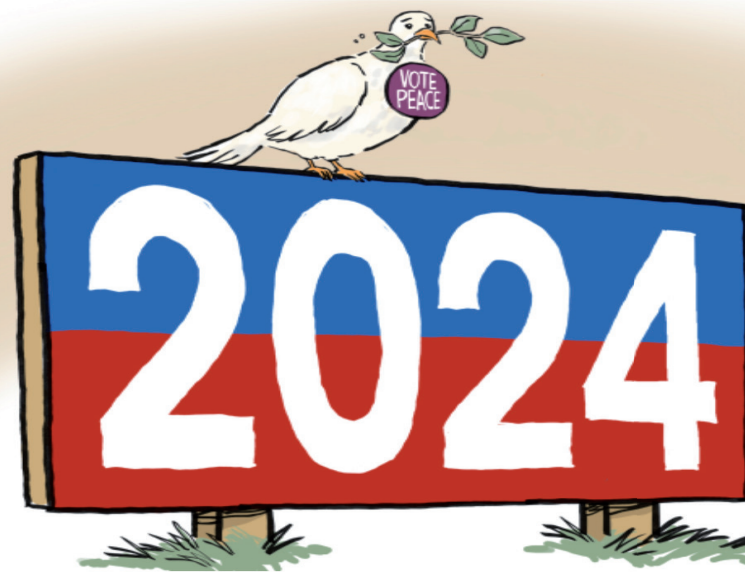
landing on the moon were: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, wherever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." Aldrin then took communion privately.

A plaque was mounted on the LM descent stage left on the moon that reads: "Here men from the Planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

Fifty-five years ago the world changed. It became smaller. The universe bigger. Our dreams possible. And, maybe, just maybe, the family of man for one shining moment realized that we were indeed a family. That the astronauts' lunar landing site was called Tranquility Base was a stroke of genius. Tranquility was what we needed in the violent, unstable late 1960s. Tranquility is what we need now as we move into the tech chaos of the 21st century.

So, here's to the men and women of NASA's space program who fueled my youth with possibility and whose technology created the world we live in today. It is time again to look beyond our world to the universe of possibility. The results will be astounding right here on Planet Earth while the future of mankind may once again be written among the stars.

RISING ABOVE POLITICS



by Jeff Koterba courtesy of Cagle Cartoons, Inc.

Reality Check

Climate change is very real and must be dealt with, yet energy demand is soaring. Let's briefly explore the underlying dynamics.

The sources of energy usage in the United States are changing rapidly. Renewables have now surpassed both coal and nuclear to become the third-largest source. Each of these three components comprises less than 9% of total consumption. About three-fourths of domestic energy is derived from petroleum (about 38%) or natural gas (36%).

Of the almost 94 quadrillion BTUs used in the US in 2023, approximately 37% was for transportation, with another 35% for industrial purposes, 15% for residential needs, and 13% for commercial enterprises.

Petroleum has been the most-consumed fuel in the country since it passed coal 73 years ago. However, it is currently at levels first achieved in the 1950s and remains well below 2005's peak. Conversely, natural gas reliance has surged, thanks largely to its usage in electric power generation. Renewables are on the rise (though not as quickly as natural gas), nuclear has been basically flat for decades, and coal has fallen rapidly (by half) over the past 20 years.

It should be remembered that petroleum products include not only fuels (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and propane), but also industrial chemicals, plastics, paints, adhesives, cleaning products, lubricants, synthetic fibers, and some pharmaceuticals (to name but a few). These essential items are used across the economy and by industries and households alike.

Natural gas is also crucial to our quality of life. Since overtaking coal in usage in the 1950s, supplies have increased in response to

Dr. Ray Perryman THE ECONOMIST



advances in drilling technologies and the identification of substantial additional resources. Consumption reached a record level in 2023, largely because of increased demand for electricity. It is also used extensively in fertilizer production, helping to increase crop yields and feed the world.

Even as renewable sources such as wind and solar substantially increase capacity, meeting electric power needs will require natural gas-fired generation for the foreseeable future. In Texas, for example, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) recorded an all-time high for winter natural gas-fired generation one cold night in January, and the summer record was established last year. With dramatic increases in power needs due to AI, crypto mining, and electrification (ERCOT is expecting a 65% increase in peak demand by 2030), the challenge will only escalate. National and global consumption are similarly trending upward.

The sources of energy have shifted remarkably over the past 20 years, even as climate concerns have reached a critical state and demand has exploded. The future will, of necessity, be characterized by an "all-of-the-above" strategy in which diverse forms of energy must be produced and consumed in an increasingly responsible manner. Stay safe!

LET US CLEAN UP OUR MOUTHS

Jesus warns that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12: 34). We need to take care of what goes on in our hearts. Proverbs 23: 7 says: "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." In 4: 23 we are told to "keep our heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Proper thoughts are necessary for proper speech. What we ponder in our heart will eventually come out in our speech and conversation. In Ephesians 4: 29 the apostle Paul wrote: "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth but what is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers." The word "unwholesome" means "unfit for use, worthless, corrupt, and is profitless and of no good to anyone." In Colossians 3:8 he also wrote that we are "to put off abusive language out of our mouth." Abusive speech refers to speech of poor taste, evil and filthy talking, vulgar jokes, suggestive, indecent and lewd language, shameful speaking; and foulmouthed abuse. It runs the gamut of obscene language and coarse speech.

We are witnessing the deterioration of speech in our society from both sexes and all age groups. Such says a lot about our homes and character. We desperately need to clean up our mouths. A good starting point is to be very careful about what we are putting into our hearts.

As the computer lingo says: "Garbage in, garbage out!" Don't forget that Jesus warns that "You must give an account on judgment day of every idle word you speak. The words you say now reflect your fate then; either you will be justified by them, or you will be condemned" (Matt. 12: 36). New Living Translation. Think on these things.

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OBITUARIES

KELLIE NICHOL SHIPP

Funeral services for Kellie Nichol Shipp, 29, of Gladewater were held Saturday, July 13, 2024, in the Chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Michael Sparks officiating. Interment to follow at Rosedale Cemetery. The visitation was held 6 – 8 pm, Friday July 12, 2024. Kellie was born November 29, 1994, in Longview, to Gary Don Shipp and Stacey Lynn Rogers and passed from this life on July 10, 2024, in Gladewater.

Those left to cherish her memory are her parents, Pete and Pickle Dheil; brother, Taylor Shipp (Summer); uncle, Joe Rogers; aunts, Tony Rogers, Debra Shipp, Tracey Dheil, Nicky Sparks Young, and Pam Bridwell; uncle and aunt James Paul and Lynnda Shipp; uncle and aunt, Mark and Danielle Dheil; nieces and nephews, Paxton and Welles Shipp, Connor and Dutton Richey, and Grady Carter; nieces, Kaitlyn and Molly Carter; very special life long friends, Miranda Carter and Aspen Ritchey.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gary Don Shipp; grandparents, Benny and Clara Rogers; grandmother, Loma Shipp; uncle, Bobby Rogers; and her cousin, and Scott Sparks.

Pallbearers were Cody Hester, Patrick Randolph, Taylor Fielden, Brad Carter, Stan Jones, and Tyler Sparks.

Honorary pallbearers were Gladewater Rodeo Association Directors.

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

MICHELLE JANE SORRELLS

Memorial services for Michelle Jane Sorrells, 69, of Gladewater, will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, July 19, 2024, at Gladewater Bible Church with Luke Kimbley officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home. Michelle was born on November 10, 1954, in Detroit, Michigan, to Otho Spencer and Mary Elaine Rucker Spencer and passed from this life on July 10, 2024, in Houston.

Michelle married David Sorrells on April 8, 1975, at Gladewater Bible Church and had 49 years of marriage. She retired as a registered nurse from Good Shepherd Hospital after 40 years. She was a member of the Baptist faith. Michelle proudly served our country as a sergeant in the United States Army.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, David Sorrells; daughter, Angie Simon (Isaiah); son, David Ryan Sorrells (Dixie); sister, Lizzy Blankenship (Donnie); brother Jeb Spencer (Caryl); grandchildren, Gavin Kersh, Chris Simon, Alyssa Simon, Mason Simon, and Aaron Sorrells; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otho "Dink" and Mary Elaine Spencer.

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



James and Logan Cloud, sons of Gladewater Rotarian Sam Cloud (center) and piano students of Rotarian Darren Richardson (left), pose alongside Rotary President Darla Ferguson July 11 after performing at the club's Thursday luncheon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Church's 'Boot Camp' set July 27

Sit 'Em Down Cowboy Church's annual Kids for Christ B.O.O.T. Camp returns July 27 at 231 PR 3487 in Big Sandy.

The 'Biblical Outlook & Outreach Training' is crafted for children who have completed Pre-K (4 years-old) through those who have finished 5th grade.

The camp begins with registration at 8 a.m. then runs 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and a hot dug lunch will be provided.

GW Nazarene Church VBS set

Gladewater Nazarene Church will be having its VBS July 22 - 25 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm.

They will step back in time at Hometown Nazareth, exploring what it was like to live in a town where Jesus grew up. Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and collect Bible Memory Markers to remind them of God's Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration - a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved. Kids and adults at Hometown Nazareth will join other VBS participants in a hands-on mission project called Operation Kid-to-Kid, in which kids will collect money that will help provide clean water for kids in Honduras. A meal will be provided each night.

Shake, rattle & Roll

A '50s and '60s show group is ready to getting things rockin' come August. The national and international award-winning women of Shake Rattle & Roll will be performing at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the invitation of Gladewater Former Students' Association. Tickets are \$25 per person for the concert in the GFSA Building at 2509



The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce welcomed PHILLY ROB'S AUTHENTIC CHEESESTEAKS to the Chamber family last week at a formal ribbon cutting ceremony. Robert Wahl is the owner of the new eatery located at 905 E. Broadway.

Photo by Darla Ferguson

Hendricks St. All seats are General Admission, and free for children younger than 12. For more information, call 903-845-2631.

Storytime planned

Two books will be read to small children Thursday, July 18, at both of the Upshur County Library's two weekly "Storytime" sessions in Gilmer.

"The Purple Croc in an Orange Sock" by Sally Longlegs, and "See You Later Croc A-Gator" by Imogen Shelton, illustrated by Alina Kralia, will be presented at the 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. gatherings.

A allegator-related craft will follow each Storytime at the library, 702 W. Tyler (which is also Texas 154).

While the events are free to the public, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 903-843-5001.

Upcoming roadwork

TxDOT is planning to conduct the following construction and maintenance work in the area during the weeks of July 15. Work schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failure, or other unforeseen issues. Please slow down and pay attention in work zones.

Upshur County:

US 80 - From Wood County line to 0.3 miles east of SH

155N, resurfacing road. Lane, shoulder closures

SH 155 - At Lake O' The Pines, replacing bridge. Lane, shoulder closures

FM 993 - At West Greasy Creek, replacing bridge. Detour in place

US 271 - From FM 726 to Gregg County line, roadway surface rehab. Lane, shoulder closures

FM 993 - From Camp County line to FM 593, resurfacing road. Lane closures

FM 1975 - From Camp County line to FM 993, resurfacing road. Lane closures

SH 154 - From Wood County line to FM 1795, resurfacing road. Lane closures

FM 1975 - From Camp County line to FM 993, resurfacing road. Lane closures

FM 1795 - From FM 49 to Wood County line, resurfacing road. Lane closures

FM 1795 - From SH 154 to FM 49, resurfacing road. Lane closures

US 80 - From Little White Oak Creek to Gregg Co. line

Gregg County:
SH 149 - I-20 south to the Rusk County line

FM 2206/Harrison Road Phase 1 - from Loop 281 to Fisher Rd.

FM 2206/Harrison Road Phase 2 - Fisher Rd. to SH 42

High Street Bridge over UP Railroad - Nelson St. to Marion Dr.

US 259 Bypass in Kilgore -

SH 31 to the Rusk County line

Olympic bake sale

A bake sale to help fund Kingston Sheffield's upcoming trip to the Junior Olympics in Greensboro, North Carolina, will be held July 21 from 1-5 p.m. at the Gladewater High School.

Handcrafted only!

That's the first piece of information - in all caps - that goes out to would-be vendors for the Gladewater Arts & Crafts Fair. With the 51st annual event approaching Sept. 21-22, the rule is repeated (again, in all caps) at the top of the application for a spot on the grounds of Broadway School.

Naturally, it's a key draw for visitors seeking genuine handcrafts, everything from homemade furniture and decor to pieces of art, jewelry, clothing, food, toys and more.

With setup beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, the event itself is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. that Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

A 10x10-foot space at the festival is \$70 for the two-day event the third weekend in September at 200 Broadway Ave. Download a vendor application via tinyurl.com/2024gladewatercrafts.

Learn more at gladewaterartsandcrafts.com and follow updates at facebook.com/gladewatercrafts.



Gladewater City Clerk Judy Van Houten shakes heads with Gladewater Police Department's newest officers, Elizabeth Chacon and Shaun Smith. "Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!" GPD announced. "We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in our community."



Council to discuss vacant building

With TxDOT's planned highway widening looming closer, the demolition of Donnelly's Liquor Store is on the calendar - the store's proprietor is getting out of the way sooner, rather than later, while staying in the same general area.

When Gladewater City Council members meet Thursday evening, their July agenda includes a public hearing and vote on a Specific Use Permit for a Package Store Permit for Manjeet Ghuman. Currently, Ghuman is operating at 1700 N. Main Street - the council's green light would pave the way to move the business across the highway.

The SUP is the first item up Thursday night after the council's standard opening items including the mayor's comments, the city manager's report, citizen comments and typical consent agenda issues.

Later, the council is scheduled to revisit their previous meeting's discussion about the city's vacant building ordinance update - or, rather, the lack thereof. For this ses-

sion, the council will consider appointing a committee to review and recommend changes to local regulations in order to mitigate the number of local commercial buildings in limbo due to absentee, inactive and/or unresponsive property owners.

The council is also set for an executive session evaluation of interim Gladewater City Manager Charlie Smith. They'll reconvene into open session before taking any relevant action. This summer marks two years since Smith took the reins at City Hall.

GISD Superintendent hands in resignation

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of leadership."

Monday evening, the board and superintendent adjourned to closed session at 6:30 p.m. and remained sequestered until 7:15 p.m. In addition to Clark's resignation and an ostensibly routine discussion of private personnel matters, the executive session agenda included confidential consultation with the school district's attorney.

Upon their return to open session, Clark updated the board on recent resignations and hires before the elected officials' 6-0 acceptance of his voluntary resignation agreement. (Board Secretary Danielle Budro was absent.) The trustees authorized GISD Board President Chris Thompson to negotiate the final terms of the resignation agreement with Clark and to sign the completed document.

Before adjourning for the night, the group approved an as-yet unspecified process to select an interim superintendent.

According to Thompson, "We're going to call a couple of people tomorrow. They've helped us out in the past. We'll see

UNION GROVE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST
KINDERGARTEN
2024-2025

- 1 2-pack pink erasers
- 1 composition notebook (wide ruled, 9 3/4 x 7 1/2 in)
- 1 pkg Expo Markers - Fine Tip Size
- 3 boxes washable Crayola markers
- 8 boxes Crayola crayons (24 pack)
- 8 glue sticks (if you can send more than 8, that would be great)
- 6 boxes baby wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 pair Fiskars scissors (purchase left handed scissors if needed)
- 1 plastic school box (no handles) medium 8" x 4.5"
- 1 4-pack of Play-Doh
- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 12 oz Germ X or Purell Brand Hand Sanitizer
- 1 box quart ziplock bags
- 1 box gallon ziploc bags
- 1 pair of on-ear headphones
- 24 Ticonderoga Pencils or USA Brand Pencils
- 1 pkg Plastic Sheet Protector Sleeves
- 1 insulated water bottle w/lid
- Please do not write your child's name on pencils.
- *Please see back for additional info

When sending a lunch box, make sure the thermos top is secure and place in the box with the top up.
NO CARBONATED DRINK IN THERMOS, PLEASE, THEY EXPLODE
Please write your child's name in permanent ink inside jackets, sweaters, backpacks, and lunchboxes to assure they are returned in case they are misplaced.

PK-5 PE REQUIREMENT - Please Label "P.E."
Tennis shoes (please help your child learn to tie the shoes) Girls wear shorts under dresses
PE SUPPLIES: CLOROX WIPES

FINE ARTS SUPPLIES - Please Label "Luna"
1 Crayola Washable Watercolor Paint

Listed on back are some additional items that are not required; however, these items would be helpful for Kindergarten classes if you would like to donate.

(SEE MORE SUPPLY LISTS AT: <https://www.ugisd.org/>)

USPS works to keep carriers safe during dog(bite) days of summer

Hounds and high temperatures are just two of the potential hazards facing letter carriers every day.

The United States Postal Service recorded 411 dog-bite incidents in Texas in 2023, leaving it second only to California (727) for the second year in a row.

A USPS spokesperson had no immediate data on incidents in Gladewater and White Oak. Houston saw the greatest number of carriers menaced by dogs in 2023 with 56 reported incidents, followed by Dallas (39), San Antonio (26) and Fort Worth (23).

According to USPS, when it comes to unsecured dogs, "All it takes is one interaction for a letter carrier to possibly suffer an injury. The U.S. Postal Service consistently encourages responsible pet ownership. The national dog bite campaign is an effort to promote dog bite awareness to keep our customers, their dogs and letter carriers safe while delivering the mail."

Carriers are trained to remember all dogs, even nonaggressive ones, can bite. The 'dog vs. mailman' trope goes way.

"Dogs are generally protective of their turf and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure safe mail delivery," USPS reported. "Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will

minimize any potentially dangerous interactions.

"Pet owners also should remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child."

According to USPS reports, the average cost per insurance claim for a dog bite is \$64,555.

"When a postal employee suffers an injury, the owner could be responsible for medical bills, lost wages, uniform replacement costs, and pain and suffering for the employee."

Another high-hazard for postal employees during the summer is, of course, the heat – especially in Texas.

Meanwhile, "Our carriers deliver the mail throughout the year during varying temperatures and climatic conditions," according to Debra Jean Fetterly, USPS spokesperson for Texas 1 District. "This includes during the summer months when the temperatures rise throughout the country."

According to Fetterly, carriers are reminded to ensure they're hydrated, wear appropriate clothing, including hats, get in the shade whenever possible, and to take sufficient amounts of water and ice with them out on their routes. Carriers are further instructed to contact 911 if they experience any symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Top 10 Dog Bite States:

State	2023	2022
CALIFORNIA	727	675
TEXAS	411	404
OHIO	359	311
PENNSYLVANIA	334	313
ILLINOIS	316	245
NEW YORK	296	321
FLORIDA	193	220
NORTH CAROLINA	185	146
MICHIGAN	183	206
MISSOURI	180	166

Top 10 Dog Bite Cities in Texas:

City	2023	Rank
HOUSTON	56	1
DALLAS	39	2
SAN ANTONIO	26	3
FORT WORTH	23	4
CORPUS CHRISTI	15	5
EL PASO	14	6
AMARILLO	10	7
AUSTIN	8	8
GRAND PRAIRIE	7	T-9
GARLAND	7	T-9


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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapters 501 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, notice is hereby published regarding the planned expenditure of Type B sales tax proceeds on an eligible project, as defined in chapters 501 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council has approved an incentive to install twelve taps on Sanders, to Thompson Builders LLC; for the purpose of completing the building project. WOEDCO will reimburse the city for the costs.

The White Oak Economic Development Corporation and the White Oak City Council has approved an incentive to extend the sewer line on Superior Rd, to White Oak Radiator Service, Inc; for the purpose of supplying city wastewater service, WOEDCO will reimburse the city for the expense.

Funding for said project shall occur after the expiration of 60 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

OUT OF DATE RECORDS TO BE DESTROYED

The Upshur County Shared Service Arrangement (UCSSA) which is comprised of the Big Sandy, Gilmer, Gladewater, Harmony, New Diana, Union Grove, and Union Hill Independent School Districts, proposes to destroy all out-of-date Special Education records contained in the eligibility folders of students who were dismissed from the program through July, 2017. Also included in this purging will be records of students who were tested and did not qualify for special education services as well as records of those who qualified but were not placed. These records are presently maintained in the UCSSA office located at 406 N Bledsoe Street, Gilmer, TX. 75644, and include referral information, educational, psychological, medical, admission review and dismissal committee minutes, individual educational plans, and classroom observation data. It is our responsibility to inform you that these records may be needed for social security benefits or other purposes and that it may be to your benefit to obtain them. Those who prefer that their records not be destroyed should send a written request to: Chelle Hammond, Compliance Specialist or Angie Hargett, Office Manager, Upshur County Shared Service Arrangement, 406 N Bledsoe, Gilmer, TX. 75644 before September 1, 2024. For additional information, call (903) 843-5575.

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Sports Roundup ...



The City of Gladewater recently provided the final amount needed to build the Gladewater Pickleball Courts at Lake Gladewater. Renovations are underway and hopefully will be completed in a few weeks. Donations are also being accepting for park maintenance and upgrades. If you wish to donate please reach out to Tyler Sorrells or Adam Pugliese.

“Coot’s Corner” By Coot Putley

RESPECT ...

This may sound like the old man shouting “get off my lawn” but I need to get something off my chest. I love to attend live sporting events. I have noticed something happening that really bothers me.

It is a tradition to play or sing the “Star Spangled Banner” before a game. That song deserves respect and should be treated that way. I don’t appreciate it when someone takes so much liberty with it that you can’t recognize the tune or understand their “interpretation” of the lyrics. Just say or play the

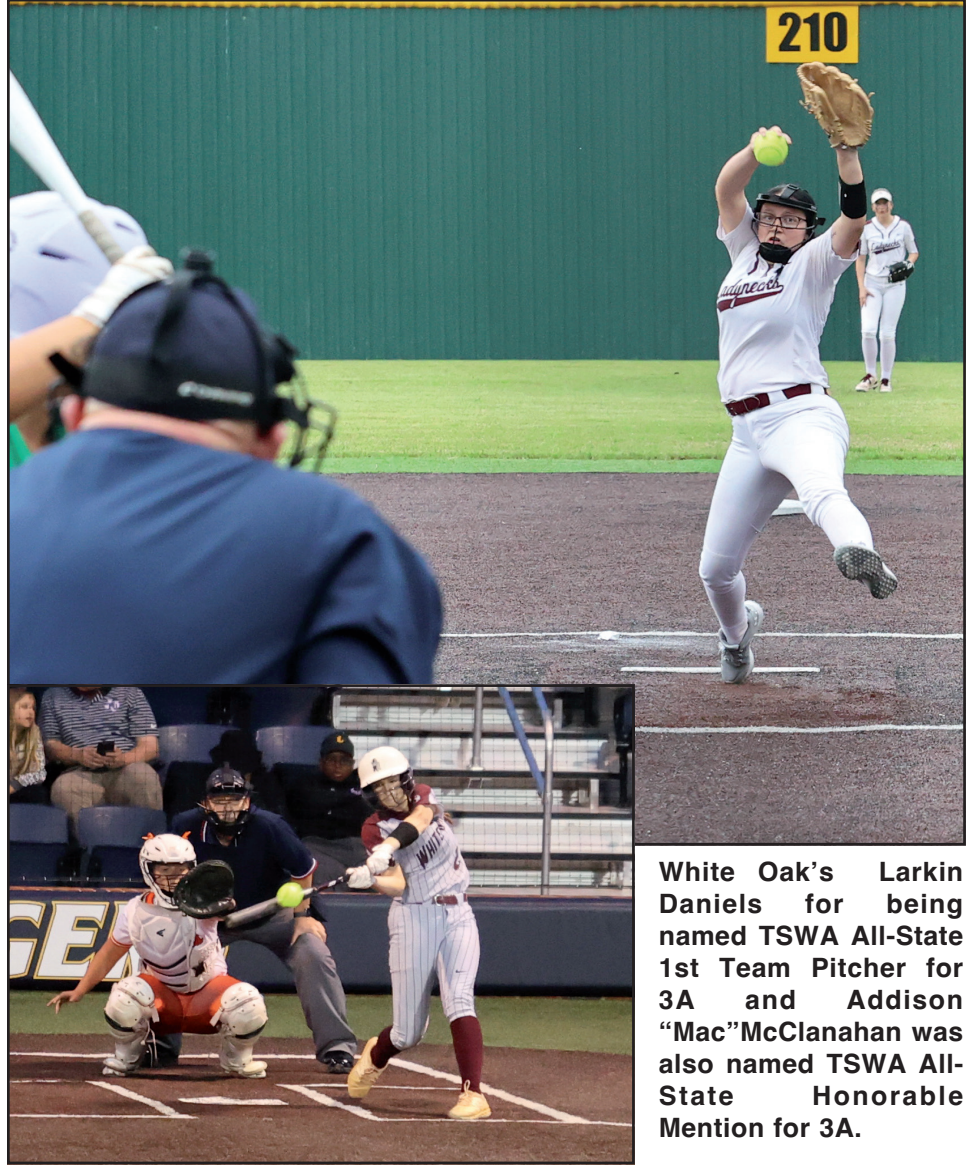
anthem and let us reflect on its meaning. We are able to attend a ballgame because we live in the land of the free.

Some have decided to express fan loyalties during this song. The first time I observed this practice was in Baltimore. Many in the crowd yell “O” to honor the Orioles. Lately people in the metroplex have begun to yell “STARS” to show their support for the local hockey team. I appreciate their loyalty, but there is a better way to express it than to be disruptive dur-

ing the presentation of our national anthem.

Sadly, some don’t even appear to notice the song is playing. They just go on walking to their seats or getting their concessions or talking and laughing. So, I have a request for you. The next time you’re at a ballgame or anywhere else the “Star Spangled Banner” is playing, please stop whatever else you’re doing. Put your hand over your heart and be grateful for a few minutes for the sacrifices others have made for you.

That’s one man’s opinion – what’s yours?



White Oak’s Larkin Daniels for being named TSWA All-State 1st Team Pitcher for 3A and Addison “Mac” McClanahan was also named TSWA All-State Honorable Mention for 3A.

Gladewater ISD 2024-2025 School Supply Lists

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| <p>Gladewater Primary School</p> <p>ECSE</p> <p>2 Dry Erase Markers
8 Glue Sticks
1 Bottle of Elmer’s Glue
1 package multi-colored construction paper
1 Plastic School Box
4 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Box of Ziploc Bags (Gallon Size)
2 Boxes of 8 Count Jumbo Crayons
1 Spiral Notebook
3 Poly Folders with Brads and Pockets
2 Packages Baby Wipes
1 new package of Diapers or underwear and more as Needed
1 Set of Extra Clothes
2 bottles of hand sanitizer
2 Ticonderoga beginner pencils
Clear or Mesh Backpack (no wheels)
Reusable Water Bottle</p> <p>Pre-K</p> <p>4 Box Crayons (Crayola Brand)
1 Package Multi-Color Construction Paper
8 Glue Sticks (Elmers Purple)
2 Packs of Dry Erase Markers (Black)
2 Spiral Notebooks (Wide Rule)
1 Plastic School Supply Box
1 Pair of Round Tip Scissors
4 Cans of Playdough (Play-Doh Brand)
2 Poly folders with Pockets and Brads (Plastic)
1 Bottle of Elmer’s Liquid Glue
1 Box of WaterColors (8 Colors)
1 Plastic Nap Mat and Blanket
1 Extra Set of Clothes</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>1 Package of Baby Wipes
1 Box of Ziploc Bags (Gallon Size)
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Black Sharpie Marker</p> <p>Boys</p> <p>1 Package of Disinfecting Wipes
1 Box of Ziploc Bags (Quart Size)
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Can of Shaving Cream (NOT GEL)</p> <p>Kindergarten</p> <p>6 boxes of Crayola brand crayons (24 count)
2 12-count boxes of #2 pencils (USA or Ticonderoga preferred)
20 Elmer’s glue sticks
Fiskars scissors for kids (blunt tip - metal blades)
Plastic supply box with snap close lid
3 boxes of Kleenex
Crayola brand watercolors (8 colors)
6 cans of PlayDoh
10 black dry erase markers
2 Crayola markers (basic colors, broad tip)
2 magic erasers
1 1-inch binder with clear outer pocket
Zippered binder pouch
2 plastic folders with brads
Transparent backpack (large enough for a folder/binder)
Over the ear headphones (no wireless)
Change of clothes (seasonal;</p> | <p>including underwear and socks; to be kept at school)
Primary journal for grades K-2 (with lines and story space)</p> <p>First Grade</p> <p>2 Primary journals with the box for pictures
2 Composition notebooks
4 Boxes Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
48 Pencils
1 1-inch binder
2 Boxes Kleenex
2 Rolls of paper towels
1 Plastic School Box with Snap Lid
8 Elmer’s Glue Sticks (no bottle glue or scented glue sticks)
2 Packages of black dry-erase markers
1 Dry-erase eraser
1 Pair Fiskars 7 Inch Scissors
2 Pink erasers
4 Plain folders with pockets and brads (red, yellow, blue, green)
1 Pkg Baby wipes
5 Highlighters: green, pink, yellow, orange, blue
1 Clear or Mesh backpack</p> <p>Girls: 1-quart size Ziploc bags
Boys: 1-gallon size Ziploc bags</p> <p>Weldon Elementary School</p> <p>*ATHLETIC/RUNNING SHOES (FOR GYM)*
BACKPACKS MUST BE CLEAR OR MESH</p> <p>2nd Grade</p> <p>60 # 2 Pencils
4 Boxes 24 count Crayons
1 Box Markers
1 Pair Scissors
8 Glue Sticks
1 Plastic Supply Box
4 Vinyl Folders with Brads and Pockets
4 Composition Books
1 Pair Over the Ear Headphones
4 Box of Kleenex
6 Expo Markers
1 Pack Highlighters
1 Pack Cap Erasers</p> <p>Boys: 1 Box Quart Baggies
Girls: 1 Box Gallon Baggies</p> <p>3rd Grade</p> <p>60 #2 Pencils
2 Box 24 count Crayons
1 Boxes of Markers
1 Box Colored Pencils
2 Pair Sharp Point Scissors 8 Glue Sticks
1 Pencil Pouch
1 Pack of highlighters
1 Pack dry erase markers
4 Vinyl Folders with Brads and Pockets
2 Packages cap erasers 6 Composition Books
2 Packages Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
2 Pairs Headphones
1 Box Gallon Baggies</p> <p>Boys: 1 Roll Paper Towels</p> | <p>Girls: 2 Box Kleenex</p> <p>4th Grade</p> <p>60 # 2 Pencils
2 Box 24 count Crayons
1 Box Markers
1 Box Colored Pencils
2 Pack Highlighters
4 Large Erasers
1 Pair Sharp Point Scissors 4 Large Glue Sticks
1 Pencil Pouch
1 Pack Dry erase markers
3 Vinyl Folders with Brads and Pockets
6 Composition Books
3 One Inch Binders
2 Packages Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
2 Pairs Headphones
3 Boxes of Kleenex</p> <p>Boys: 1 Box Quart Baggies
Girls: 1 Box Gallon Baggies</p> <p>5th Grade</p> <p>60 # 2 Pencils
1 Box 24 count Crayons
2 Box Colored Pencils
1 Pair Sharp Point Scissors
4 Large Glue Sticks
1 Pencil Pouch
6 Vinyl Folders with Brads and Pockets
2 packages cap erasers
6 Composition Books
2 One Inch Binder
4 Packages Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
2 Pairs Headphones
3 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Package of 6 Dividers</p> <p>Boys: 1 Box Quart Baggies
Girls: 1 Box Gallons Baggies</p> <p>Gladewater Middle School</p> <p>**BACKPACKS MUST BE CLEAR OR MESH**</p> <p>ELAR – ALL GRADE LEVELS
Notebook Paper (2)
Composition Books (2)
Pencils (4 packs)
Pencil Sharpener
Kleenex (2)
Glue Sticks (4)
Erasers
Ear Buds</p> <p>SCIENCE - ALL GRADE LEVELS</p> <p>Composition notebook
2 glue sticks</p> <p>MATH-6TH & 8TH GR.
Composition Notebook
Red pens
Colored pencils
Notebook paper
#2 pencils
Highlighters
Glue sticks (12)
Ear Buds</p> <p>MATH – 7th GR.
3 in. 3-ring binder
Dividers
Notebook paper
#2 Pencils
Highlighters
Colored pencils</p> |
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WHITE OAK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST (2024 - 2025)

<p>3rd Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (48) #2 Ticonderoga pencils <input type="checkbox"/> (1) large supply bag with zipper OR supply box <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 24-count Crayola crayons <input type="checkbox"/> (2) pink erasers <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pkg. washable markers <input type="checkbox"/> (10) glue sticks (large or small) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pointed tip scissors <input type="checkbox"/> (1) packs wide-ruled notebook paper <input type="checkbox"/> (3) boxes of Kleenex <input type="checkbox"/> (2) packages of 4 Expo Dry Erase markers-black only <input type="checkbox"/> (4) colored plastic folders w/pockets & brads-red, yellow, green, and blue <input type="checkbox"/> (4) spiral notebooks (wide-ruled/single subject) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) pairs of earbuds OR headphones (computer lab & classroom) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) yellow highlighters (no gel) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) student dictionary (Merriam Webster preferred)</p> <p>BOYS: Box of sandwich bags & box of gallon ziploc bags GIRLS: Large pack of baby wipes & box of quart ziploc bags WISH LIST: extra Kleenex boxes, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, & pencil top erasers</p> <p>• \$10/Student Planner & Homework Folder • PAY AT MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT (CASH ONLY)</p>	<p>4th Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (3) sets of earbuds for computer lab and each classroom <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper <input type="checkbox"/> (6) wide-ruled composition notebooks (NOT spirals) <input type="checkbox"/> (48) #2 pencils (Ticonderoga only). Please sharpen. No mechanical. <input type="checkbox"/> (3) boxes of Crayola crayons 16-24 ct. <input type="checkbox"/> (6) large glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pkg. of red pens <input type="checkbox"/> (2) pkg. of 4 fine tip dry erase markers BLACK <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Fiskars scissors <input type="checkbox"/> (2) handheld pencil sharpeners NO BATTERY OR ELECTRIC <input type="checkbox"/> (3) boxes 12-ct. colored pencils <input type="checkbox"/> (4) large pink erasers <input type="checkbox"/> (3) LARGE boxes of Kleenex tissues <input type="checkbox"/> (1) three-ring notebook 1-1/2" <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pkg. subject dividers (5 subjects) <input type="checkbox"/> (5) pocket folders with brads (1 of each color-RED, BLUE, GREEN, ORANGE, & YELLOW) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pkg. of 200 3x5 lined index cards</p> <p>BOYS: Lysol or Clorox wipes & a box of gallon ziploc bags GIRLS: 1 pkg. Band-aids & a box of quart ziploc bags WISH LIST: 2 pkg. AA batteries for FlashMasters, extra Expo markers, Scotch thermal laminating pouches (8.9 in x 11.4 in; 3 mil)</p> <p>• \$10/Student Planner & Homework Folder • PAY AT MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT (CASH ONLY)</p>	<p>5th Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (4) sets of earbuds for computer lab & three classrooms <input type="checkbox"/> (1) box Crayola crayons <input type="checkbox"/> (1) box washable markers <input type="checkbox"/> (2) folders with pockets & brads <input type="checkbox"/> (1) large box of facial tissue <input type="checkbox"/> (2) boxes 12-ct. colored pencils <input type="checkbox"/> (72) #2 pencils (Ticonderoga only). Please sharpen <input type="checkbox"/> (1) pkg. of 25 pencil top erasers <input type="checkbox"/> (1) scissors <input type="checkbox"/> (3) pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper <input type="checkbox"/> (6) writing composition notebooks - NOT spirals <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Clorox wipes <input type="checkbox"/> (4) large glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 4-pack fine tip dry erase markers (black) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 2 pack red ink pens <input type="checkbox"/> (1) box of Band-aids</p> <p>BOYS: box quart ziploc bags GIRLS: box gallon ziploc bags WISH LIST: Post-It Notes, Black Dry Erase Markers, Pencils, and Glue Sticks</p> <p>• \$10/Student Planner & Homework Folder • PAY AT MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT (CASH ONLY)</p>
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Summer safety tips

Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water and keep yourself and your family members well-hydrated, especially during hot summer days. These are important tips offered by the Texas A&M Forest Service.

- Sun protection: Apply sunscreen with a high SPF before going outside and reapply as needed. Wear hats, sunglasses, and light clothing to protect yourself from harmful UV rays.
 - Fire safety: Be cautious when using grills, fire pits, or outdoor cooking equipment. Keep them away from flammable materials, and never leave them unattended.
 - Pest control: Summer brings out insects and pests, so make sure to keep your home clean and free from food debris. Seal cracks and crevices to prevent them from entering.
 - Stay informed: Stay updated on weather forecasts, especially during severe weather conditions. Follow local news or use reliable weather apps to receive timely alerts.
 - Enjoy the summer responsibly: Have fun, relax, and create wonderful memories, but always prioritize safety and take precautions to ensure a happy and healthy summer season!
- Remember to share these tips with your friends and family to keep everyone safe this summer!

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- TXism: "___ Cadillac bumper"
- one way to spell the capital of Iran
- TXism: "useless as a screen ___ a submarine"
- "I ___ news" in Concho County on U.S. 83/87
- once an apt AM station in Post, TX
- historic "___ Farm & Ranch" in Corpus Christi
- a few of the thinnest coins
- WWII atomic bomber: ___ Gay
- TXism: "green ___"
- "Popeye the ___"
- Mayberry's Pyle
- TX Orbison's early group (2 wds.)

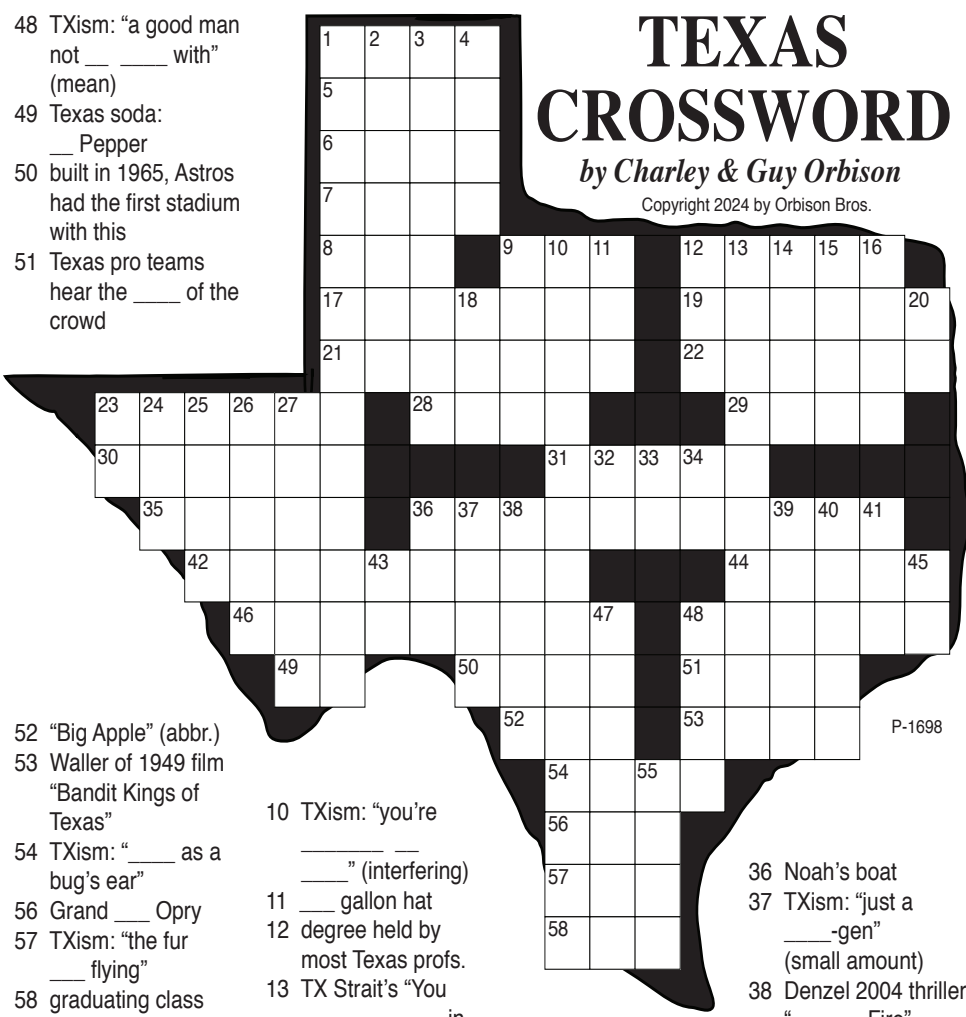
- TXism: "a good man not ___ with" (mean)
- Texas soda: ___ Pepper
- built in 1965, Astros had the first stadium with this
- Texas pro teams hear the ___ of the crowd
- "Big Apple" (abbr.)
- Waller of 1949 film "Bandit Kings of Texas"
- TXism: "___ as a bug's ear"
- Grand ___ Opry
- TXism: "the fur ___ flying"
- graduating class members (abbr.)

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- ___ gallon hat
- degree held by most Texas profs.
- TX Strait's "You ___ in Love" (1983)
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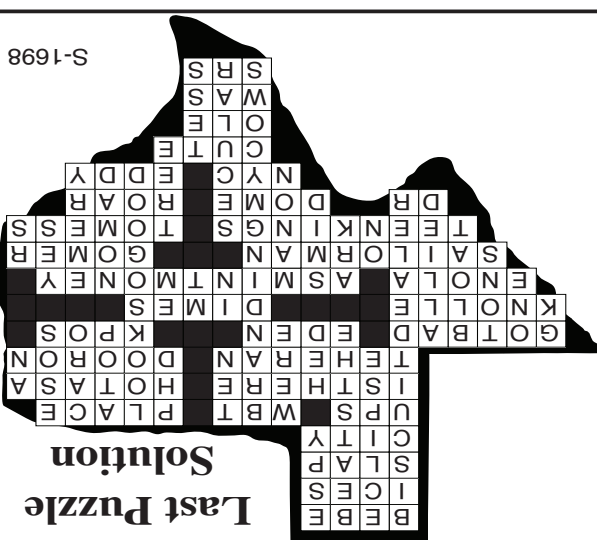


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- TXism for "waitress" (2 wds.)
- Texas was 1st state to see this in 2024
- Luka ___ buzzer with a last second basket
- this Cecil stole a mess of bases for Rangers (1987-90)
- TXism: "___ seein' eye to eye" (agree)

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- hole in ___ at Colonial Country Club
- Sam Houston statue weighs 25 of these
- gas swell in cattle
- D-Day, an invasion of ___ forces
- TXism: "cashed ___ his chips" (died)
- ___ Pleasant (abbr.)
- TXism: "size ' ___ up"
- Noah's boat
- TXism: "just a ___-gen" (small amount)
- Denzel 2004 thriller: "___ Fire"
- wanderer
- nail file abrasive
- TXism: "is the pope Catholic?"
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "Rave ___"
- former Cowboy Staubach (init.)
- nonreligious
- pecan is the state ___
- actress Harper of Texas-based film "No Country for Old Men" (2007)

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Local districts were well-represented at the 2024 Texas Future Farmers of America State Convention last week in Austin as White Oak ISD, Gladewater and Union Grove all sent delegations to Houston. WOISD's Meredith Anderson was named State Champion of the Agricultural Education Proficiency Award. Anderson was also recognized as a Senior Ambassador, selected as Top Team Leader, the group earned Top Convention Team and 17 White Oak FFA members served as Courtesy Corps members. Likewise, White Oak's Barrett Williams was awarded a scholarship recognizing his dedication and work ethic, and four WOISD students were recognized for being exceptional in their Supervised Agricultural Experience, recognized by Texas FFA as state semi-finalists: Merritt McMahon, Kynlee Bright, Brody Miller and McKenzie Faust. Fourteen White Oak FFA members qualified for their Lone Star FFA Degree. Meanwhile, Union Grove ISD's Jeremiah McGee was installed as a state officer, and three Gladewater FFA members also served in the Courtesy Corps.



The University of Texas at Tyler broke ground on the expansion of the UT Tyler Longview University Center last week. The new facility allows for the expansion of bachelor's and graduate degree programs in Longview and Gregg County. The LUC Groundbreaking Ceremony was conducted by (from left) City of Longview mayor Kristen Ishihara, UT System Board of Regents chairman Kevin Eltife, UT Tyler President Julie V. Philley, MD, Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt, and UT Tyler LUC director Dr. Rodney Ellis.



Elected officials give themselves \$1,200 raises

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Nicholson said the district's proposed 5% pay raise for all workers except the chief appraiser "irks me" as "we're not even giving that (much of a raise) to our (county) employees."

Contacted for comment by *The Mirror*, the chairman of the UCAD board of directors, Brandon Dodd, said Monday that Chief Appraiser Amanda Thibodeaux's pro-

posed budget was a "work in progress," and that the board had told her it would have to work through "those items that Gene (Dolle) is up in arms about."

"There are quite a few changes that will be in that budget" when the board approves it in August, Dodd said. "One shouldn't jump to the conclusion" that the 5% pay raises and two additional employees would

be approved, he said.

Dodd, who said he met recently with Williams, Dolle and Ashley, said law had required giving the initial proposed budget to the county by a certain date. He said he had assured the county officials the proposal was a work in progress, and that he had told Dolle in an "in-depth" conversation that "the final budget will be different."

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