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Lindale wide receiver Jacob Seekford stretches across the goal line for the Eagles' first touchdown this past Friday at home against Van.



Lindale vs. Gilmer 7:30 p.m. Friday @ Buckeye Stadium

## Lindale clips Van, face Buckeyes Friday in Gilmer

By Terry Cannon Editor

The annual renewal of the blood feud with the Van Vandals in Lindale last Friday night turned out to be a game of two halves, prompting Eagles' Head Coach Chris Cochran to remind everyone that rivalry games are called that for a reason.

Lindale, which raced out to a 27-7 lead at the half, held on for a 33-28 victory to improve to 2-1 on the year and send the Vandals to 1-2 after three weeks.

Lindale's win ended a four-year losing streak to the Van Zandt County school.

"I'm not going to say we lost focus," Cochran said in the aftermath. "This is just what happens when two rivals play each other. It's a lesson for all of us - rivalry games are always tough."

Lindale was clearly the better of the two teams in the first half, but Van junior quarterback Jackson Rainey directed a spirited comeback to narrow the gap in the third and fourth quarters.

But despite his numbers - 190 yards passing and 162 rushing - Rainey must have had trouble sleeping that night due to the nightmare wearing 23 for the Eagles, defensive back Airik Williams.

The senior defender intercepted three of Rainey's passes in the first half, returning one for a 69-yard score with just a few minutes left in the first half to provide the Eagles' with a 20-point margin at the break. "He had some kind of night," Cochran said. "I've put him up for almost every award across the state."

Williams, a varsity starter since his sophomore season, added seven

Photo by Terry Cannon

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NET HEALTH		September 15th 2020			
NORTHEAST TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT					
September 15th	Total Cases	New Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Confirmed	3538	29	650	2830	58
Probable	640	33	300	335	5

112 East Texas Patients are in Tyler Texas Hospitals. These patients include COVID-Positive & COVID-Suspected Patients from Multiple Counties

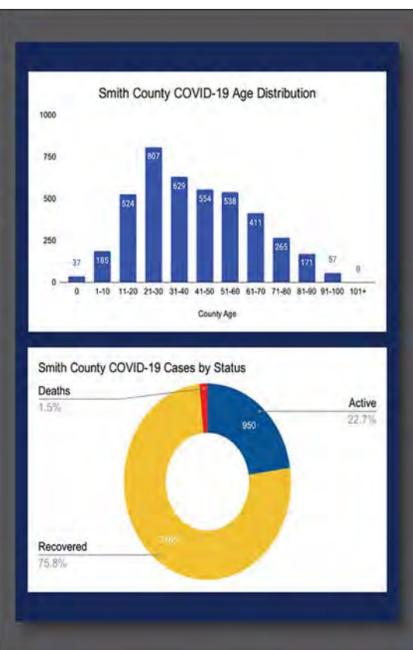
SMITH COUNTY	CASE COUNT	DEATHS
Tyler	2695	39
Whitehouse	216	10
Lindale	234	5
Bullard	66	3
Hideaway	28	2
Flint	143	1
Troup	60	1
Arp	31	1
Kilgore	6	1
Winona	40	—
Mineola	8	—
Gladewater	6	—
Overton	5	—

Individual cases associated with a city may be outside of the city limits

Gender	Male	Female
County Jail Inmates	1581	1957

Active Cases	Deaths
64	1

Total count of antigen tests being considered probable until a lab confirmed positive PCR test is received. Future dashboard updates of probable cases will include retroactive COVID-positive antigen reports.



## Grand Jury indicts former LISD assistant football coach

Smith County Grand Jurors have indicted former Lindale ISD assistant football coach for an alleged improper relationship with a high school student, county officials said.

Blake Lawson Maddox, 24, of Tyler was indicted on Sept. 3 in 241st District Court. He was arrested on Feb. 4 and released on a \$20,000 bond on that same day.

Maddox allegedly touched the victim and sent explicit photos through social media. The victim said she had been in contact with

Maddox at school and through social media and that they had met at a private residence more than once where they kissed.

The victim also said he had touched her inappropriately.

LISD officials became aware of the alleged improper relationship on Jan. 28, which prompted an investigation by school administrators.

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt said Maddox resigned and investigation results were given to the district's police

department and the Smith County District Attorney's office.

This was to be Maddox's first year as an employee of the district. District officials have not commented on the matter since Maddox's arrest.

"The mission of Lindale ISD is to provide a safe and secure environment for all students and staff," Surratt said. "I am proud of the prompt attention and the work of Lindale High School administrators and of the efforts of the Lindale ISD Police Department."

## NET RMA names new director

Officials with the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority have announced Tyler native Glenn Green has been named the organization's new executive director.

Green previously served as district engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation and has more than 35 years of state highway experience.

"I've been impressed with how NET RMA is fulfilling its vision of providing transportation solutions that enhance the quality of life and economic environment in our area," said Green. "As Northeast Texas continues to thrive and grow, NET RMA is going to play a critical role in advancing the area's transportation infrastructure that will connect area residents to each other and to businesses across the region."

During Green's time at TxDOT, he collaborated with local leadership on the establishment of NET

RMA in 2004. He also worked on the development and construction of Toll 49 from its inception through all five segments before it became a tolled facility, then with NET RMA through the transfer of ownership.

In his role as district engineer at TxDOT, Green led district operations and engineering oversight of all activities in the Tyler area, including transportation planning for all long- and near-term projects, right-of-way design, construction, inspection, maintenance, emergency response operations, and safety and environmental functions.

"Glenn's transportation experience and familiarity with the infrastructure needs across NET RMA member counties is an invaluable perspective that will be essential to the success of the organization," said Andrea Williams-McCoy, NET RMA board member representing Bowie County. "I am confident Glenn will guide NET RMA to reach its full potential in serving the needs of our communities in Northeast Texas."

## Death of Smith County woman investigated

Smith County Sheriff's Department deputies are continuing their investigation into the death of Jennifer MacWhirter, 58, of Bullard who died shortly before midnight on Tuesday, Sept. 8, public information officer Larry Christian said.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, deputies responded to a business in the 13000 block of County Road 192 in Tyler regarding a suspicious activity call.

Upon arrival, deputies observed a deceased individual

at this location who had been performing custodial services at that location.

While outside preparing to load a pickup with trash, Christian said, the victim was pinned between two vehicles and died as result of her injuries.

The driver's side door of the truck was open and pushed all the way into the front quarter panel.

Also, the truck was still running and in reverse.

At this time, authorities believe the death was accidental, Chris-

tian said.

Smith County Investigators arrived on scene for this investigation and shortly thereafter, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Andy Dunklin ordered an autopsy and for MacWhirter to be transported to Forensic Medical in Tyler.

For more information on the Smith County Sheriff's Office visit [www.smithcountysheriff.com](http://www.smithcountysheriff.com).

The Sheriff's Office also has a FB page and can be followed on Twitter at @SmithCSO.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

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Capital  
Highlights



## Pandemic messes with Texas, prompts new message

Even during a pandemic, it's best to not mess with Texas.

Texas Department of Transportation officials noticed more personal protective equipment -- face masks, wipes and gloves -- on the side of roads and highways, so they called in the big guns for a new round of "Don't mess with Texas" commercials. The celebrities featured include George Strait, Matthew McConaughey and Eva Longoria.

"Find a trash can, or keep a litter bag in your car, and wait to toss it until you get home," Longoria said via her Instagram page. "#DontMessWithTexas actually means don't litter!"

"Capital Highlights" reader Anna Blythe, who reads the column in the Weimar Mercury, wrote recently that she thinks the "Don't mess with Texas" campaign needs a reboot. She said she's seen much more litter in recent years along Interstate 10 from Baytown to Flatonia.

"I hate to see all the trash on our roadways in our great state of Texas," Blythe said.

About 362 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas roads every year with items discarded from vehicles accounting for half the mess, TxDOT officials report. Those caught littering can face a fine of \$500. If the tossed litter weighs more than five pounds, the fine can increase up to \$2,000.

For alert readers also wanting to appear in this column, which celebrity appeared in the first "Don't mess with Texas" commercial in 1986? Email the answer, along with your name and the newspaper in which you read the column, to ccobler@texaspress.com.

### Cotton-packaging problems

Plastic is a serious problem for cotton farmers, too.

During the past three years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has found an increase of plastic in samples that likely originated from the round module wraps used to package cotton, the Texas Farm Bureau reports.

Every bale of cotton is graded by the USDA in classing offices across the country. In 2018, the USDA classing office in Corpus Christi received more plastic-contaminated bales than any other classing office in the country. When small pieces of plastic tear from the wear and embed themselves in the cotton lint, that lowers the crop's quality and price. Roadside litter can contribute to the problem. Plains Cotton Growers CEO Steve Verett says the industry is working to fix the problem: "We have to recognize we can't risk the reputation of being one of the premium fibers in the world. That's what we've lived off of for many years in the U.S., and we can't let this plastic wrap issue become our Achilles heel."

### Ag land values remain strong

Despite the recession, the value of Texas agricultural land has increased, according to a new U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

The average value of the state's agricultural land, including buildings, is up 2.4 percent this year at \$2,170 an acre in the USDA's 2020 Land Values Report.

Across the country, average ag land values are either lower or unchanged from 2019's record highs, according to Morning Ag Clips.

The amount of farmable land has decreased because of urban sprawl. Because of this, farmland is appreciating in value, which is good for investors but can be a mixed bag for farmers. In Texas, 236,000 farmers and ranchers paid \$698 million in property taxes, or about \$3,000 each, according to an article by Pew Charitable Trusts. Ag land can qualify for certain tax exemptions.

### Some news is hard to digest

Those with a hankering for Luby's square fish or a LuAnn plate may have to seek comfort food elsewhere for the first time in almost a century.

Bob Luby opened his first restaurant in San Antonio in 1947. Seventy-three years later, Luby's home-style cooking may be no more.

Luby's Inc., now a Houston-based restaurant company, is liquidating its assets, its board of directors announced. The decision also could mean the end for the company's other restaurant, Fuddrucker's.

Stockholders have yet to approve the liquidation plan, and it's possible a buyer could keep the restaurants open. Cafeteria-style restaurants have been buffeted by the pandemic, as some of the 80 Luby's and Fuddrucker's locations were closed soon after the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Add some color to your world

The first day of fall is Sept. 22 on the calendar, but that doesn't mean much across most of Texas.

As the summer heat drags on, perhaps planning a visit to see the fall colors will help. Texas Parks and Wildlife offers a guide for fall foliage. Visit twpd.texas.gov for tips on seeing the bigtooth maples of Lost Maples State Natural Area, the yellow cottonwoods at Caprock Canyons and the East Texas hardwoods of Lake Bob Sandlin, Cooper Lake, Daingerfield and Martin Creek Lake.

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## ...and then the phone rang

After a work jam-packed weekend complemented by family emergencies, I settled down Sunday evening to work on our newspapers and get depressed by the Cowboys in the Ram Wonderland bazillion dollar stadium. My goal was to get my work done so I could move on Monday to the next deadline. And then, the phone rang.

My cowboy cousin called to ask if I remembered what I had done three years ago that day. At that point, I wasn't sure what my name was. And then he reminded me...I spoke some special words at his Mom's graveside service. And I was broken in that moment missing my aunt Gwendol Marie Brown Steele. One of the best friends I have ever had. She was the keeper of encouragement and family stories. For all of us.

She was my Daddy's much loved baby sister. When she was a young teen Daddy taught her how to box and then would con his friends into sparring with her. She never failed to surprise them. Tall and lanky with black hair and big brown eyes, Aunt Gwen had a smile that was infectious. She never seemed her age. She was my role model.

She would come for coffee nearly every day after my uncle died. She would grab a cup and fold herself onto the porch swing with a leg athletically propped. On one of those mornings she gave into my keeping a brown clasp envelop with her funeral wishes. She also had words she wanted me to speak directly to those who loved her:

"Today, I ask that you come not to mourn, but to celebrate my life. I have gone to be with our Lord and all of our loved ones. My love will always live with each of you within your hearts."

And it has.

That is the amazing thing about healthy love that runs deep, it

**Suzanne  
Bardwell**



abides. Aunt Gwen and I shared a favorite Bible verse, it is the one I want carved in stone above where I someday lie... "the greatest of these is love".

And of course there has never been a more powerful truth. In essence, I Corinthians 13:13b explains the meaning of life...to love and be loved.

Once we get over the shock of losing someone we love dearly, we are able to embrace the gift of their love and the memories that we cherish. Celebrating life is something we should all strive for. I am grateful to my aunt for all she taught me, her generosity of spirit, her laughter in the middle of darkness and her admonishment, "we are tough people, we always get through the hard stuff. Just get up and keep going until you come out on the other side".

Now dear cousin Billy, I remember exactly where I was three years ago and what I said. What I remember most clearly though is the joy your Mom brought me throughout my life. What a gift we can be when we are generous, laugh freely and love deeply. I am reminded that it is time to celebrate life. It is always time to celebrate life, and love and laughter.

## TCR deeds Texas property to Japanese government

Despite its claim to be a Texas company building a Texas project to benefit the people of Texas, public documents show Texas Central Railway has deeded property from Texas landowners to the Japanese government through an offshore entity set up in the Cayman Islands.

Based on a series of recently recorded real property transactions in counties along the affected route, it appears the Japanese government required Texas Central to put up the land as collateral for the sizeable loan owed to them.

In each county (Leon, Waller, Madison, Harris, Grimes, Dallas, Ellis, etc.), Texas Central filed a "Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing" relating to property owned by Texas Central in that county. The beneficiary of these Deeds of Trust is an offshore entity named "Japan Texas High-Speed Railway Cayman GP." Texas Central did not disclose the existence of this offshore beneficiary to any



of the landowners it convinced to sign an option contract. Nor did it disclose its plans to use the property purchased through the option contracts to secure a loan from the Japanese government.

Adding to the serious concern of several elected officials from the local to federal levels, Texans Against HSR chair and president, Kyle Workman, explained that this latest deceptive action is one in a long string that landowners need to be made aware of. "Texas Central has long touted itself as a Texas company and a Texas project. Yet, some of the first Texas property it acquired was immediately deeded to an offshore shell company created by the Japanese

the regulatory protections of US and Texas law."

While Texas Central Railway continues to claim it will begin construction next year, the company has recently laid off the majority of its staff, admitted the cost estimate for the project has ballooned to \$30B, expressed its intent to seek federal funds for a project they have called "private" and "not needing any public funds," and is now being required by the federal-level Surface Transportation Board to file a full application including financial and ridership information, which the company has refused to make public thus far.

Additionally, the Federal Railroad Administration is set to publish its Record of Decision (ROD) related to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for this HSR project on Friday. This ROD does not give the company the needed permission to construct; however, it is considered a final federal action for the project, allowing lawsuits regarding FEIS NEPA violations to begin.

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Bigger than GDP

According to a new report from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the amount of federal debt held by the public is projected to exceed gross domestic product (GDP) for the first time next year. This assessment is consistent with current and



projected patterns and, thus, likely to occur.

The CBO is projecting a federal budget deficit of \$3.3 trillion in 2020, more than triple the shortfall recorded in 2019. Most of the spike is due to the economic disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the initial

legislation enacted in response. Such a deficit would be about 16% of GDP, the largest since 1945. The deficit is financed by increasing federal debt held by the public, which the CBO expects to be 98% percent of GDP in 2020, over 100% in 2021, and 107% in 2023, which would be the highest in the nation's history.

Gross domestic product is the final value of all goods and services produced in the US economy, which can be thought of as somewhat parallel to a household's total income but on an economy-wide scale. From an economic perspective, the fact that debt will be larger than GDP is frankly not all that significant. Many households with a mortgage, for example, have experienced periods when the amount

of their debt exceeded annual income (lenders anticipate this situation in making home loans) - and, unlike the government, households are not able to legally print money. For the US to have debt greater than GDP is not, in and of itself, a major concern.

Clearly, the pandemic sped up the pace, but the trajectory of debt growing faster than GDP has been in place a while. The current situation merely causes the lines to cross a couple of years sooner. The US has long been mismanaging finances, allowing deficits to spiral during a lengthy expansion. Ultimately, getting a handle on deficits is essential for fiscal health, but now is not the time to focus on them.

The US economy is in a precarious position, with many of

the temporary COVID relief measures expiring even though the virus is not yet controlled and millions of Americans remain out of work. Pressure is mounting, and many are facing evictions, foreclosures, food insecurity, business closures, loss of health insurance, and other severe dislocations. The economy was structurally sound going into the pandemic, but without support could experience growing problems. Folks who had no problem exploding spending and cutting taxes during a decade of prosperity should not suddenly be gripped by austerity at a time of unprecedented crisis. The simple fact that the debt will exceed GDP next year is no reason to ignore a genuine national emergency. Stay safe!





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# Timely celebration of U.S. Constitution

Today, Sept. 17, is the beginning of Constitution Week, which was initiated by the Daughters of the Revolution in 1955. With the support of the U.S. Congress and President Dwight Eisenhower, this ties in with this month's annual observance in honor of one of the most significant documents in recorded history.

Ratified by 11 states by 1788 – and finally by North Carolina and Rhode Island in 1789 and 1790, respectively – it seems almost inadequate to reserve a single month (as well as the DAR's week) for this remarkable set of laws.

But, just as it has during the past 230 years, the Constitution has proven to be the sturdiest and, at the same time, most flexible document humans have yet to devise.

And during our country's history, demagogues and political bullies have discovered just how concrete-solid it is.

Eagerly pulling on their jackboots, some of these elected officials have made it their life's mission to try and trample on the Constitution, only to find out it's stronger than Kevlar.

Joe McCarthy, the classic demagogue of the 20th century, loved the limelight so much that he bellowed from the rooftops to a Cold War-jittery nation of communists in every corner of government and even in the U.S. Army. These smear tactics resulted in finally being censured by the Senate. Today, "McCarthyism" is synonymous with reckless bullying.

Richard Nixon made a name for himself in his 1946, 12th District race against Jerry Voorhis in California by using the same unseemly methods. Thus a political career was born employing incredibly distasteful tactics.

He faced scrutiny as Eisenhower's vice president because of some alleged shady dealings and, of course, searing public outcry for his role in Watergate. Nixon discovered not only was the Constitution a living, viable thing but it could wield enormous power when needed.

Today, unfortunately there are many holding elective offices in Texas and the nation who feel the country would be better off if the "pesky" Constitution didn't get in their way.



But just as it has for the past 230 years, the Constitution will guarantee that dictators aren't welcome here, even though some are striving mightily to be just that.

"There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that functions to this day," said DAR President General Denise Doring Van Buren. "While Independence Day is a well-recognized and beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life."

The DAR's mission to celebrate the Constitution is threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve it.

By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties.

"In communities across America, Daughters will erect hundreds of community displays, sponsor municipal proclamations, ring bells

and stage programs to raise awareness of the Constitution's tenets and importance. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this powerful document, which has enabled our democracy within a republic for more than two centuries. We hope that all Americans will learn more about the Constitution and its immense impact on our nation," Van Buren said.

The DAR has more than 185,000 members in about 3,000 chapters across the U.S. and abroad.

Members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)

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## Canceling this event just isn't fair

Well, I heard they canceled the fair for this year. Man that is just sad.

I can almost smell the cotton candy, candied apples, foot long hot dogs, and diesel fuel.

It's a great time to blow your money on a bunch of fun and junk. And all you'll have to show for it is a bellyache and some great memories.

Of course the fair has changed a lot since I was a kid. Back then they had more sideshows. Yep, for a solid quarter you could see the world's most active fat man, 800 and some odd pounds of spirited flesh.

We'd pop our quarters down and walk into the tent only to see a huge man, sittin' on a stump, wearin' what looked to be a diaper. His belly hung down to his knees.

When everybody that had paid got inside, the fat man would stand up, walk over to a bicycle, throw a leg over it and walk it for about six feet. He'd then dismount and go back and sit on his stump and thank us for comin'. The show was over.

Now, I know what you are thinkin', "boy what a rip-off," and you are right, but you know you are goin' to get ripped off before you go in. But you've got to pay to see how they're goin' to rip you off.

I love it. There used to be a lot of freak shows, too. I now know that term is not politically correct now-a-days, but so what; neither am I.

I loved the freak shows. I've seen Siamese twins, a lady with rubber skin, a human skeleton, and all sorts of other wonderful people. My dad said that when he was a kid he saw a two-headed man.

He said one head was eatin' a watermelon and the other was spittin' out the seeds (and you thought I was the only one in my family that told tales). I once paid a quarter to see a bearded lady and after we got inside the tent, we were told that for an extra dime she would prove she was really a woman.

I nearly ripped my pocket off tryin' to get to my dime. Then she lifted her beard and showed us that she didn't have an Adam's apple.

Ripped off again. The sideshow that I remember the best was one that I attended with my best friend, and blood brother, Greg Hunt and another friend, Steve Cooper. Greg and I had been sellin' soda bottles for a long while, savin' up the three cents they each brought to spend at the fair.

When fair week arrived, they



should have just gone ahead and let school out because nobody's mind was on learnin'.

It was on the fair. Tuesday night was Kid's Night, so that's when most of us would go. There were a few lucky souls whose parents let them go on Monday, although they had to pay to get in on that day. These kids were grilled for information the next mornin'.

"Are there any new rides? How about the haunted houses? Were they scary?" they would be asked. But there was only one question that I wanted an answer to.

"Are there any good side shows?" I asked.

"Yeah," said my friend Mark.

"They have this one where a girl turns into a big monkey."

"Go on," I said.

"No really," he said. "It looked real, too."

Well, I was useless the rest of the day. All I could think of was that Monkey Girl.

That night my mom dropped us off at the fair's gate.

"You boys be on your best behavior," she said.

"Yes ma'am," we answered, not that we had really heard what she had said.

We ran to the gate and gave the lady the tickets they had passed out at school. "Hey, ma'am," I said to the lady. "Where's the place where the girl turns into a gorilla?" She pointed and away we went.

When we got there, there were several of our friends from school waitin' outside the tent. We stood outside the tent and listened to the barker's speech.

"Sounds pretty good," I said.

"Yeah," agreed Greg.

"Let's not go in yet," said Steve.

"Let's wait 'till it gets dark."

"Oooooo, yeah," we all said.

We did wait around long enough to see a bunch of kids come runnin' out screamin'.

"Oh man, I can't wait," I said.

We ate some foot long hot dogs, played some games and rode some rides, nothin' that spun

around though. My stomach couldn't take that.

Before long, it was dark. We listened to the barker once more, just to set the mood, and then paid our money and went in.

We were instructed to stand behind a rope. In front of the rope was a small stage. At the back of the stage there was an iron bar door, and way back behind that was a cage.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said a man dressed in a safari suit. "What you are about to see before you is a phenomenon of which there is no comparison. From the darkest jungles of Africa, I present you with.... Tanya!"

A spotlight came on the cage and standin' in it was a girl dressed in a little bitty bikini.

"Wow!" exclaimed Greg. "That ain't no girl, that's a full grown woman!"

"No joke," I said. Steve just stood there mesmerized. She was beautiful.

"Tanya," continued the safari man, "is remarkable in the fact that she is able to transform her beautiful body into a ferocious 400 pound gorilla right before your eyes. Now, if you would all be really quiet, I will put Tanya in a trance."

Man, you could have heard a pin drop.

"Tanya," said the man. "You are going into a deep sleep." She closed her eyes. "Tanya, you will now transform yourself into a gorilla"

Now, I don't know how they did it, but as the spotlight dimmed, it looked like hair was growin' all over Tanya.

"Would you look at that," said Steve.

"Wow," said Greg. About that time all the lights went out except the one over the stage.

"Oh no!" exclaimed the safari man. "We've had a power failure, but don't worry. She cannot escape from her cage."

We couldn't see the gorilla inside that cage, but it was sure raisin' Cain in there. Then the cage door swung open. Then some big

hairy hands grabbed the iron bar door and started rattlin' it.

"Oh my gosh!" yelled the man. "She's escaped! I'm getting out of here!" and behind a curtain he went. We were all frozen with fear.

About that time, the iron door flew open and slammed back against the wall. On stage, and into the light appeared a huge gorilla. We looked up at it, too scared to move.

All around us people were screamin' and runnin' over each other to get out. Then, the gorilla jumped off of the stage, right in front of us and roared. I don't know what came over me, but I reared back and punched that gorilla as hard as I could right in the face.

The face caved in like it was made out of plastic or somethin' and the gorilla fell back against the stage and then slid down and fell over on the ground. It was out cold.

Then all of a sudden I was bein' lifted off of the ground and was bein' shook. Not by the gorilla, but by the safari man.

"Are you crazy, kid?" he yelled. "What's the matter with you? I ought to beat your head in!"

"I-I-I-I-don't-don't-don't-sorry-sorry-sorry-scared-scared-scared," I stammered.

"Get out of here!" he screamed and dropped me.

I ran outside, still shakin'. Greg and Steve were right behind me. The people who had been in the tent with us were standin' out there and when I emerged, they started clappin'. They were laughin' and slappin' me on the back. I was a hero.

A girl walked up to me, and said, "That was the bravest thing I've ever seen."

"Awwww," was all I could think of to say.

"Will you ride the Round-Up with me?" she asked.

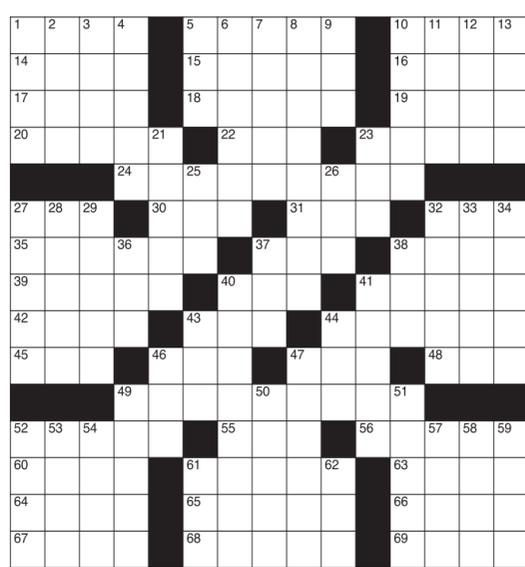
"Uh, the Round-Up?" I asked.

"Ain't that the one that spins real fast and then tilts up?"

"Yes," she smiled. "Why, does that bother you?"

"Me? Ha! Heck no," I lied.

We climbed on and rode. I climbed off and promptly threw up my foot long hot dog. The girl's face went from adoration to disgust in a nanosecond. My hero status had lasted about 10 minutes, and then I was back to my old, pathetic self. Ripped off, again.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Aurochs
- 5. Central Dravidian language
- 10. Split pulses in Indian cooking
- 14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
- 15. Well known constellation
- 16. About aviation
- 17. Bowfin genus
- 18. Proper
- 19. Expression of annoyance
- 20. Cabbies
- 22. Bro or sis
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 24. Where football coaches work
- 27. Old TV part
- 30. A way to color
- 31. Touch lightly
- 32. Surround
- 35. Breached
- 37. Aristocratic young woman
- 38. Dry ravine
- 39. Hebrew measurement units
- 40. Supporter
- 41. Type of sword
- 42. Influential Irish playwright
- 43. Witch
- 44. Flower cluster
- 45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
- 46. Psychedelic amphetamine
- 47. Actors' group
- 48. Cool!
- 49. Salts
- 52. Group of SE China
- 55. Illuminated
- 56. Semitic Sun god
- 60. Water (Spanish)
- 61. Employed
- 63. Japanese ankle sock
- 64. Fishing fly
- 65. Some pheasants are this
- 66. Literary name for Ireland
- 67. Must have
- 68. A way to write
- 69. One point east of southeast

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. American state
- 2. Hindu model of ideal man
- 3. Type of acid
- 4. Drenches
- 5. "The Raven" writer
- 6. Emerged
- 7. Alpha Centauri: \_\_ Centaurus
- 8. Democratic Presidential candidate
- 9. Hostelry
- 10. Fathers
- 11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
- 12. Member of a Semitic people
- 13. Lesotho monetary unit
- 21. Lots
- 23. Jewish address for "Sir"
- 25. Male parent
- 26. A way to get
- 27. Body part
- 28. Seam in an organ
- 29. Landlocked African country
- 32. Process for producing ammonia
- 33. Fluid accumulation in tissues
- 34. Bugged down
- 36. Native American tribe
- 37. Unfashionable person
- 38. Female grunts
- 40. Well known
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Norse mythological site
- 44. Tell on
- 46. \_\_ Farrow, actress
- 47. Cotton fabric
- 49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
- 50. Clouds
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
- 53. Phil \_\_, former CIA
- 54. Japanese seaport
- 57. Female horse or zebra
- 58. 1st month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 59. Trigonometric function
- 61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
- 62. Insecticide

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## UT Tyler department chair gains NSF grant



Dr. Kim Nimon, interim chair of the Department of Human Resource Development at the University of Texas at Tyler, has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to develop an interdisciplinary curriculum that helps address the gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, said UT Tyler director of information

Beverly Golden.

Nimon is working in collaboration with researchers at UT Dallas and the University of North Texas.

"As we rely more and more on technology in our day-to-day lives, cybersecurity is essential to combat threats from hackers. This research will ultimately help address the need for a more robust workforce of professionals with the broad knowledge to counter and prevent those attacks," said Dr. Amir Mirmiran, UT Tyler provost.

There is a shortage of cybersecurity professionals, and while progress has been made in recent years, there is still an urgent need for professionals with competence in specialty areas such as artificial intelligence. Interdisciplinary education is becoming a necessity for most applications. Solutions often require not only cybersecurity expertise but also expertise in engineering disciplines and/or social, behavioral and management sciences, according to the

research proposal.

"The goal of this research is to better understand how we can provide an interdisciplinary curriculum for a majority of areas and how we broaden access to cybersecurity education beyond the typical classroom courses," Nimon said.

The current curriculum includes prerequisites for computer science courses, and what is unique about our project is that we plan to make these classes more accessible to an interdisciplinary crowd of graduate students, she added.

The project will develop five courses to help train graduate students in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence techniques being explored for cybersecurity. To address the challenge that some students won't have the necessary prerequisites, the project will build in what's called smart pedagogy.

"As a student is going through these courses and find that they don't have the knowledge that they need, they will be diverted down a path to develop that knowledge. We call it just-in-time learning, and then they move back into the mainstream course," said Nimon.

The research will examine if students can benefit from student-led learning as well as they can from instructor-led education. If so, the idea would be that the courses and content could be made available on the web for self-paced learning.

## OBITUARIES

**Evelyn Maureen Brown Long**  
Graveside services for Evelyn Maureen Brown Long, 84, Austin and formerly of Lindale were held Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Mrs. Brown passed away on Sept. 10, 2020. She was born on Oct. 30, 1935 in Lindale.

**William "Bill" Pilkington**  
William "Bill" Pilkington was known by friends as "Bill" and "Pap" to family members. Bill passed away peacefully to be with his wife, Ruth, on September 10, 2020. Bill had been a devoted and loving husband for 63 years.

Born in Nacogdoches on March 17, 1929 to Marguerite and William Pilkington. He graduated from John Tyler High School in 1946. Shortly thereafter, with Ruth at his side, he went to work for AT&T as a lineman and helped install phone lines in

Panola County while living in Carthage. Later he was promoted to Dallas and back to Tyler, where he retired from AT&T. After AT&T, he went to work for East Texas Chest Hospital, now UT Health in Owenton, where he was in charge of installing and maintaining their phone equipment. He was a member of Hideaway Lake since 1969. He was an avid golfer and member of the MGA for years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marguerite; sister, Nancy Thomason; and brothers, Jerry Pilkington and George Thomason. Those left to cherish his memory are step-son, Larry Glatts; grandchildren, Jeff Glatts, Courtney Glatts, and Christine Glatts; great grandchildren, Chaney Turner, Trever Christianson, and Jeremiah Glatts and great great grandchild, Scarlett Turner.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. Please consider making a donation to the East Texas Food Bank in lieu of flowers.

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ton, and Capps responded to a suspicious person at 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officers Shurley, Houghton, and Capps responded to a possession of marijuana at 18000 block N Main St, report taken. Officers Shurley, Houghton, and Capps responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm.

Monday, Sept. 7, 2020  
 Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a 911 hang up at 300 block Hilltop St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a hit and run at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officers Houghton, Capps, and Shurley responded to an agency assist at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, primary agency took command of scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officers Shurley, Houghton, and Capps responded to a disturbance at 500 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Houghton responded to a suspicious person at 2100 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020  
 Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a public service at 400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officer Leevey responded to a residential alarm at 1500 block Camden Ct, false alarm. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block Oak Hill Ln, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a welfare concern at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson responded to a public service at 1200 block Forest Trails Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a theft at 1500 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Leevey responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Leevey responded to an accident at 300 block Baker St, report taken. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Leevey responded to an accident at I-20 E MM 553, report taken. Sgt. Wilson responded to an accident at I-20 E MM 555, report taken.

Sgt. Wilson and Officer Capps responded to a disturbance at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Capps responded to an agency assist at 14600 block Cr 475, primary agency took command of scene. Officers Shurley, Houghton, and Capps responded to a suspicious person at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020  
 Officer Ramsey responded to a burglary report at the Police Department, report taken. Sgt. Flores and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at I-20 W MM 553, report taken. Sgt. Flores and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt. Flores and Officer Ramsey responded to a theft at 2600 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt. Flores responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Barton responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17000 block I-20 W, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Barton responded to a suspicious person at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Barton responded to a residential alarm at 100 block Hudson St, false alarm.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020  
 Lt. Lazarine responded to a business alarm at 300 block E Hubbard St, false alarm. Capt. Chambers, Sgt. Flores, and Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal trespass at 1000 block S Main St, report taken. Chief Somes, Sgt. Flores, and Officer Ramsey responded to a found property at the Police Department, report taken. Officer Barton responded to a business alarm at 300 block S Main St, false alarm. Officers Wedgeworth and Barton responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Barton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1200 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Barton responded to a public service at 100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Barton and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1300 block Lakeside Ct, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 14000 block FM 849, settled at scene.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020  
 Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 100 block N Main St, report taken. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made and report taken. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson, and Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a welfare concern at I-20 E MM 555, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a public service at 13300 block Cr 472, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson, and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a welfare concern at 500 block Mt. Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a lost property at 500 block Circle Dr, report taken. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block W South St, unfounded. Officers Shurley and Houghton responded to a suspicious person at 400 block W South St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt. Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officers Capps, Shurley, and Houghton responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block Corrigan Trails, settled at scene.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020  
 Officer Trombley responded to a lost property at the Police Department, report taken. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to a theft from a vehicle at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Officers Shurley, Hough-

## Edgewood man sentenced to 65 months for drug trafficking

A 52-year-old Edgewood man has been sentenced for federal drug trafficking crimes in the Eastern District of Texas, according to Davilyn Walston, public information officer for U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Cox.

Timothy Dwayne Henson pleaded guilty on Jan. 7, 2020, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 65 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle.

On Sep. 9, 2018, law enforcement executed a search warrant at his residence in Van Zandt County and recovered methamphetamine. Henson admitted to being involved in a conspiracy to obtain and distribute methamphetamine, and that he was directly responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams of methamphetamine.

Henson was indicted by a federal grand jury on Aug. 8, 2018 and charged with federal drug trafficking crimes.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Jackson.

According to information presented in court, on two separate occasions in July 2018, Henson sold methamphetamine during controlled purchases in Van Zandt County.

## Six from Lindale among grand jury indictments

Smith County Grand Jurors recently handed down 179 indictments with six of those involving Lindale residents, said grand jury coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

The indictments were from Aug. 13 to Sept. 3.

Those indicted from Lindale

are:

- Emmanuel Burgos, 34, DWI on June 14, 2020;
- Chauncey Mercer, 55, possession of a controlled substance on Dec. 12, 2019;
- Matthew Sockwell, 36, abandon endanger to a child with intent to return on Dec. 5, 2019;
- Gregory Bennett, 57, assault/family violence on June 5, 2020;
- Jerry Burns, 35, assault/family violence on June 19, 2020;
- Shane Brown, 50, evading arrest on June 26, 2020.

## Lady Eagles maintain No. 2 state ranking

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles volleyball team held onto its No. 2 ranking in Class 4A this week with a 14-0 record as votes were tabulated by the Texas High School Girls Coaching Association.

Another 4A East Texas team, Bullard, is ranked No. 6 with a 10-1 record. The Lady Panthers' lone loss came to Lindale earlier this year.

- Class 3A
1. Ingram Moore 13-4
  2. Bushland 8-1
  3. Lexington 16-1

4. Rains 12-0
5. Eustace 10-0
6. Brownfield 10-0
7. Sabine 13-1
8. Scurry-Rosser 11-1
9. Gunter 11-1
10. Boyd 11-1
11. Hardin 13-2
12. Bushland 8-2
13. Goliad 10-5
14. Sonora 8-1
15. Mineola 8-1
16. Redwater 7-1
17. Chapel Hill 8-1
18. Prairiland 10-2
19. Groesbeck 8-2

20. Maypearl 11-2
  21. Wall 11-2
  22. Troy 11-2
  23. Lorena 9-2
  24. Peaster 9-3
  25. Central Heights 10-4
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1. Needville 15-0
  2. Lindale 14-0
  3. China Spring 13-0
  4. Decatur 13-0
  5. Graham 12-1
  6. Bullard 10-1
  7. Andrews 10-1
  8. Springtown 9-1
  9. Stephenville 16-2

10. Hereford 8-1
11. Kennedale 5-1
12. Farmersville 13-2
13. Boerne 9-1
14. Bellville 11-2
15. Sinton 10-2
16. Krum 14-3
17. Shepherd 9-2
18. Sealy 13-3
19. Argyle 12-3
20. Wimberley 12-3
21. Navarro 8-2
22. Gonzales 7-2
23. Mt. Vernon 6-1
24. Pecos 5-0
25. Carrizo Springs 7-2

## Lindale Lady Eagles now 14-0 with two more district wins

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles, ranked no. 2 in the state among Class 4A schools, improved their season record to 14-0 with two more District 16-4A wins this past week.

The Lady Eagles defeated Cumberland Academy on Friday, Sept. 11 and on Tuesday (Sept. 8) downed Chapel Hill. LHS is now 2-0 in district.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the varsity Lady Eagles swept aside Cumberland Academy in the Lindale gym, 25-16, 25-2 and 25-8.

Skylar Wyllie served 14 points including an ace, she also added 10 kills. Shelbi Steen had 12 kills and 2 digs. Alondra Romero recorded 5 kills, 3 digs, and 15 service points including an ace.

Kalaya Pierce put up 29 assists, 2 digs, 1 block, and a kill. The Lady Eagles are now 14-0 overall and 2-0 in 16-4A district play. The Lady Eagles travel to Henderson Tuesday with game time set for 6:30.

Lindale's junior varsity won in two sets 25-20 and 25-14. Kayli Vickery led with 7 kills and a block. Kennedy Weesner was also solid with 5 kills and 4 aces. Keatyn Bills added 4 kills in the win. The Lindale Freshmen A Team won in two sets with scores of 25-20 and 25-4.

Maddie Little led with 4 kills and 2 aces. Landri Laing had 3 kills. Tatum Woodard and Dylan Adams contributed 2 kills apiece.

Maddie Luster came away with 4 aces.  
 CHAPEL HILL

Lindale High School started its district season on a winning note by defeating the Chapel Hill Lady Bulldogs in straight sets in the LHS gym on Tuesday night, (Sept. 8).

Lindale is now 13-0 on the season. Shelbi Steen led with 14 kills. Skylar Wyllie added 9 kills and a block. Alondra Romero also added 5 kills, 1 ace, a block and a dig.

Setter Kalaya Pierce had a solid showing with 28 assists, a dig, and an ace.

The junior varsity Lady Eagles came out strong with a 25-12, 25-17 win. Kayli Vickery was strong at the net with 6 kills and a block. Maddox Lay added 3 kills. Anna Ivy had 9 assists and 2 kills.

The LHS freshman team also won 25-11 and 25-17. Ana-Russell Johnson had 3 aces and 2 digs. Fynlie Tidwell led the attack with 3 kills. Whitney Dao and Maddie Little also added 2 kills and 2 aces respectively. Setter Maddie Luster had 1 kill and 5 assists.

## Lindale Junior High School opens season with 4 games

The Lindale Junior High School Eagles football teams began their season this past week with a win, a tie and two losses.

The 7th grade White team fell to Brownsboro, 22-

6, while the 7th grade Blue beat Brownsboro, 16-6.

On the 8th grade side, the 8th grade White team tied Van, 0-0 and the 8th grade Blue team lost to Van, 47-0.

## Junior High School girls win, split two volleyball matches this week

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles defeated Cumberland Academy and split four matches with Henderson this past week in volleyball action in the LJHS gym.

### CUMBERLAND MATCH

The 7th grade B team won, 25-16 and 25-23 and the 7th grade A team defeated Cumberland, 25-8 and 25-17.

Over on the 8th grade side, the B team took a 25-6 and 25-15 win while the A team won, 25-17 and 25-18.

For the 7th grade B team, Shiloh Smith and Baleigh Yarbrough were leading servers, Kirby Kleam and Alyssa Potts were the leading passers and Kaniya Pierce and Addilyn Bills were leading setters. Kaniya Pierce was the leading hitter as well.

The 7th grade A team was led by Macy Luster as leading server, Alyssia Romero as leading passer and Abigail Palecek as leading setter.

For the 8th grade B team, Trinadee Jackson was the leading server and leading setter. Gaby Fran was the leading hitter and Aubrey Travis won the Leadership Award. Taeler Schilling won the Hustle Award.

Harlee Redfern was the leading server and leading setter for the 8th grade A team, while Reagan Hope was the leading passer, and Haylee Rodriguez was the leading hitter. Elise Pierce won the Leadership Award and Harlee Redfern won the Hustle Award.

### HENDERSON MATCH

The 7th grade B and A teams defeated Henderson while the 8th grade B and A teams fell to the Lady Lions.

For the 7th grade B team, the Lady Eagles took a 25-11 and 25-16 victory with Annastyn Mize, Shiloh Smith, Kenlie Collins and Eliana McGuire as leading servers. Leading passers were Annastyn Mize, Kenlie Collins, Eliana McGuire and Brinley Wehr. Kirby Kleam was the leading setter and Abigail Warrinton was the leading hitter.

Macy Luster was the leading

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**Charter Board Comprehensive Summary report presented by the Commission to the City Council.**  
**Charter Board recommends taking the following changes to the Voters on May 2, 2020.**

**NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION**

**Election Day: May 2, 2020**

A charter amendment election shall be held in the City of Lindale May 2, 2020 at which the ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "yes" or "no" on the following propositions:

**Proposition 1**

**Shall Section 2.02 of the Charter be amended to conform to recent changes in State law imposing procedural requirements on the City Council's authority to annex area adjacent to the City or approve the exchange of area with other cities by ordinance?**

**Charter language of Section 2.02 if approved:**

Additional territory may be annexed by the City according to rules provided by this Charter, not inconsistent with the requirements prescribed by Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code.

A) The City Council may by ordinance approve the extension of the boundaries of the City and annex area adjacent to the City, subject to the procedural requirements of State law.

B) The City Council may by ordinance approve the exchange of area with other cities, subject to the procedural requirements of State law.

**Impact:** To make the City's annexation authority conform to recent changes in State law.

YES NO

**Proposition 2**

**Shall Section 3.01C) of the Charter be repealed, removing the limits on the number of terms or years that the Mayor and Council Members may serve?**

**Charter language of Section 3.01 if approved:**

Section 3.01 Composition of the City Council

A) Except as otherwise provided by the Charter of the City, all powers conferred on the City shall be exercised by a City Council to be composed of a Mayor and five Council Members, numbered Place 1 through Place 5, nominated and elected in the manner provided in Article IV of this Charter, unless otherwise prescribed by law. The Mayor and Council Members so elected shall serve until respective successors have been elected and qualify.

B) Except as otherwise provided in Section 15.01 of Article XV, Transitional Provisions, the Mayor and Council Members shall each be elected for a term of three (3) years, the Mayor and Place 2 Council Member shall be elected in the same year, the Place 1 and Place 3 Council Members shall be elected in the same year, and the Place 4 and Place 5 Council Members shall be elected in the same year.

**Impact:** Eliminate term limits for the Mayor and Council Members.

YES NO

**Proposition 3**

**Shall Section 3.02 B) of the Charter be amended to require the vote of four council members to override the Mayor's objection (veto) to an ordinance, resolution or other action passed by the City Council?**

**Charter language if approved:**

Section 3.02 B) Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Before the fourth day after an ordinance, resolution or other action is passed by the City Council and placed in the office of the City Secretary, the Mayor must sign it or return it to the City Council with his objections. If the Mayor does not sign or object before the fourth day after the ordinance, resolution or other action is placed in the City Secretary's office, the ordinance, resolution or other action takes effect. If the Mayor objects, the ordinance, resolution or other action may take effect if four Council Members approve the ordinance, resolution or action on reconsideration and the votes are entered in the journal proceedings.

**Impact:** A majority of the Council Members will no longer be able to override the Mayor's objection to an ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council. The affirmative vote of four Council Members will be required to override the Mayor's objection (veto), making it more difficult to override the Mayor's objection to an ordinance or resolution. In addition, the Mayor's objection (veto) will extend to any official action of the City Council and will not be limited to ordinances and resolutions.

YES NO

**Proposition 4**

**Shall Section 3.12 be amended to define a quorum for a regular meeting as three Council Members and for a special meeting as four Council Members?**

**Charter language if approved:**

A quorum shall consist of three Council Members for a regular meeting and four Council Members for a special meeting. Provided however, if the number of Council Members is reduced by vacancies to less than four then a quorum for a regular meeting or special meeting shall consist of all remaining Council Members; but a less number than a quorum may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent Council Members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

**Impact:** A quorum will no longer be defined to include the Mayor, but Council Members only. This change reduces the number of Council Members who can meet outside of an open meeting, without violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. Four Council members will be required to constitute a quorum for a special meeting, unless the total number of Council Members is reduced by vacancies to less than four, then the remaining Council Members will constitute a quorum.

YES NO

**Proposition 5**

**Shall Section 3.14 be amended to allow a special meeting to be called by two City Council Members?**

**Charter language if approved:**

Special meetings shall be called by the City Secretary upon the written request of the Mayor, City Manager or two Members of the City Council. All City Council Members shall be given notice of the time and the location of such meeting at least 12 hours prior thereto whenever practicable and therein shall be stated the subject to be considered at the special meeting and such may provide for the taking up of any other business provided at such meeting.

**Impact:** A special meeting of the City Council may be called by two Council Members instead of three, making it easier for Council Members to call special meetings.

YES NO

**AVISO DE ELECCION PARA ENMIENDA A LA CARTA CONSTITUCIONAL  
DIA DE LA ELECCION: 2 DE MAYO, 2020**

**Proposicion 1**

**Se modificará la Sección 2.02 de la Carta para ajustarse a los recientes cambios en la legislación estatal que imponen requisitos procesales a la autoridad del Ayuntamiento para anexas la zona adyacente a la ciudad o aprobar el intercambio de zona con otras ciudades por ordenanza?**

**Lengua de carta de la Sección 2.02 si se aprueba:**

El territorio adicional puede ser anexado por la Ciudad de acuerdo con las reglas proporcionadas por esta Carta, no incompatible con los requisitos prescritos por el Capítulo 43 del Código de Gobierno Local de Texas.

A) El Ayuntamiento podrá, mediante ordenanza, aprobar la ampliación de los límites de la Ciudad y del área anexa adyacente a la Ciudad, con sujeción a los requisitos procesales de la ley estatal.

B) El Ayuntamiento podrá, mediante ordenanza, aprobar el intercambio de zona con otras ciudades, con sujeción a los requisitos procesales de la legislación estatal.

**Impacto:** Hacer que la autoridad de anexión de la ciudad se ajuste a los cambios recientes en la ley estatal.

YES NO

**Proposicion 2**

**Se derogará el artículo 3.01C) de la Carta, susueliminando los límites en el número de términos o años que pueden servir el Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo?**

**Lengua de carta de la Sección 3.01 si se aprueba:**

Sección 3.01 Composición del Ayuntamiento

A) Salvo disposición en contrario de la Carta de la Ciudad, todas las facultades atribuidas a la Ciudad serán ejercidas por un Ayuntamiento que estará compuesta por un Alcalde y cinco Miembros del Consejo, numerados el Lugar 1 al Lugar 5, designados y elegidos en la forma prevista en el Artículo IV de esta Carta, a menos que la ley prescriba lo contrario. El Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo así elegidos servirán hasta que los respectivos sucesores hayan sido elegidos y califiquen.

B) Salvo disposición en contrario en la Sección 15.01 del Artículo XV, Disposiciones Transitorias, el Alcalde y los Miembros del Consejo serán elegidos por un período de tres (3) años, el Alcalde y el Miembro del Consejo del Lugar 2 serán elegidos en el mismo año, el Consejo Place 1 y Place 3 M las brasas serán elegidas en el mismo año, y los miembros del Consejo del Lugar 4 y lugar 5 serán elegidos en el mismo año.

**Impacto:** Eliminar los límites de mandato para el Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo.

YES NO

**Proposicion 3**

**Se modificará la Sección 3.02 B) de la Carta para exigir el voto de cuatro consejeros para anular la objeción del Alcalde (vetar) a una ordenanza, resolución u otra acción aprobada por el Ayuntamiento?**

**Idioma de la carta si se aprueba:**

Sección 3.02 B) Alcalde y Alcalde Temporal

Antes, el cuarto día después de que una ordenanza, resolución u otra acción sea aprobada por el Ayuntamiento y puesta en el cargo de Secretario de la Ciudad, el Alcalde debe firmarlo o devolverlo al Ayuntamiento con sus objeciones. Si el Alcalde no firma u objeta antes del cuarto día después de que la ordenanza, resolución u otra acción se coloca en la oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad, la ordenanza, resolución u otra acción entra en vigor. Si el Alcalde se opone, la ordenanza, resolución u otra acción puede surtir efecto si cuatro miembros del Consejo aprueban la ordenanza, resolución o acción sobre la reconsideración y los votos se introducen en los procedimientos del diario.

**Impacto:** La mayoría de los miembros del Consejo ya no podrán anular la objeción del Alcalde a una ordenanza o resolución aprobada por el Ayuntamiento. El voto afirmativo de cuatro miembros del Consejo deberá anular la objeción (vetar) del Alcalde, lo que dificultará la anulación de la objeción del Alcalde a una ordenanza o resolución. Además, la objeción del Alcalde (vetar) se extenderá a cualquier acción oficial del Ayuntamiento y no se limitará a las ordenanzas y resoluciones.

YES NO

**Proposicion 4**

**Se modificará la Sección 3.12 para definir un quórum para una reunión ordinaria como tres miembros del Consejo y para una reunión especial como cuatro miembros del Consejo?**

**Idioma de la carta si se aprueba:**

Un quórum estará compuesto por tres miembros del Consejo para una reunión ordinaria y cuatro miembros del Consejo para una reunión especial. No obstante, si el número de miembros del Consejo se reduce mediante vacantes a menos de cuatro, entonces un quórum para una reunión ordinaria o una reunión especial consistirá en todos los miembros restantes del Consejo; pero un número menor que un quórum puede aplazar de vez en cuando y obligar a la asistencia de los miembros ausentes del Consejo de tal manera y bajo las sanciones que puedan ser prescritas por la ordenanza.

**Impacto:** Ya no se definirá un quórum para incluir al Alcalde, sino solo a los miembros del Consejo. Este cambio reduce el número de miembros del Consejo que pueden reunirse fuera de una reunión abierta, sin violar la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas de Texas. Cuatro miembros del Consejo deberán constituir un quórum para una reunión especial, a menos que el número total de miembros del Consejo se reduzca en vacantes a menos de cuatro, entonces los miembros restantes del Consejo constituirán un quórum.

YES NO

**Proposicion 5**

**Se modificará la Sección 3.14 para permitir que dos miembros del Concejo Municipal convoquen una reunión especial?**

**Lengua de carta si se aprueba:**

Las reuniones especiales serán convocadas por el Secretario de la Ciudad a petición escrita del Alcalde, el Gerente de la Ciudad o dos Miembros del Ayuntamiento. Se notificará a todos los miembros del Ayuntamiento la hora y la ubicación de dicha reunión al menos 12 horas antes de la misma siempre que sea posible y en la misma se indicará el tema que se examinará en la reunión especial y podrá prever la adopción de cualquier otro er negocios proporcionados en dicha reunión.

**Impacto:** Dos miembros del Consejo podrán convocar una reunión especial del Ayuntamiento en lugar de tres, lo que facilitará a los miembros del Consejo la convocatoria de reuniones especiales.

YES NO



Peepaw's BBQ & Catering

Peepaw's BBQ & Catering, owned by Chris and Becky Foote, has gone full time and celebrated the increased operating hours with LACC members at a ribbon cutting Sept. 11. The food truck is located next to Tonya Allen DDS on Hwy. 69 N. from 11-7 on Fridays and Saturdays and on CR 452 on Thursdays, unless they sell out, of course. (Photo by Susan Duncan)



Sunny Bee's Womens Fashion

A new women's fashion store Sunny Bee's, at 1414 S. Main St. Suite A4 in Town Square, opened Sept. 12. LACC members joined the owner Bre Flournoy and her family for the official ribbon cutting, Sept. 10. (Photo by Susan Duncan)

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**  
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To the Registered Voters of the CITY OF LINDALE, Texas (Para los votantes registrados de la ciudad de Lindale, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020 for voting in a special election for Charter Amendments. (See below for proposed Charter Amendments.)

(Notificación en español para el sitio de votación se abrirá a las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. Noviembre 3, 2020 para votar en la Especial Elección.)

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Beginning on October 13, 2020 and ending October 30, 2020. Voting times are as follows: (Comenzando el 13 de Octubre, 2020 y concluyendo el 30 de Octubre, 2020. Los tiempos de votación son los siguientes)

October 13-October 16 (Del 13 de Octubre al 16 de Octubre)	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 19-October 23 (Del 19 de Octubre al 23 de Octubre)	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 24 (Del 24 de Octubre)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
October 25 (Del 25 de Octubre)	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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# Lindale clips Van, face Buckeyes Friday in Gilmer

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solo tackles and 131 yards on punt and kickoff returns.

Williams' heroics obviously were a high point for Lindale, but Cochran also praised the overall excellence of junior quarterback Sam Peterson.

Van's game plan was to try and stop rugged Lindale running back Jordan Jenkins, which was successful to the extent that the Vandals limited him to 69 yards on the ground and two receptions for 39 yards, with one of those catches going for a first half touchdown.

But Peterson and receivers Jacob Seekford and Daniel Franke took advantage of Van's buildup at the line of scrimmage to accumulate 170 yards and two TD's.

"Sam graded out very well for us," Cochran said. "When they took away Jordan, he stepped up. He also punted the ball well for us."

Peterson, who won the starting job for the final four games of the 2019 season, completed 12 of 21 for 197 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran nine times for 32 yards.

"We're going to see that type of defense on Jordan all year," Cochran said. "So it's important for our other guys to step up. We've got to get the safeties out of the box."

Up next on Friday, the Eagles will travel to Gilmer to tangle with a Buckeye team that's averaging just over 50 points a game and is coming off a 73-26 rout of the Atlanta Rabbits.

"What a test for us," Cochran said. "They are legitimate, to say

the least. They can fly, their secondary is extremely good, their wide receivers are very talented and their quarterback throws it really well."

Gilmer QB Brandon Tennison threw for 394 yards and four touchdowns in the rout of the Rabbits.

"They've got multiple threats and they use a lot of players," Cochran said. "Every one of their running backs is dangerous and they just keep on coming."

Cochran also said Buckeyes' coach Alan Metzel has consistently gotten the most out of his players. In 2019, Gilmer was a Division II regional finalist in compiling a 10-4 season record and a 3-1 district mark.

"We knew when we had scheduled this game it would be one of those good, old East Texas matchups," Cochran said.

Due to COVID-19, schedules had to be revamped, thus the game two weeks ago against Midlothian Heritage, one of the top Class 4A teams in the state.

Now with two wins out of three starts, Cochran is looking forward to Gilmer's challenge this week.

"We were hoping to be at least 2-1 coming into this week and we've managed to accomplish that," he said. "It's awesome for our kids to play on the road against such a great team."

After Gilmer, Lindale will begin its league schedule with a home date against the Mabank Panthers.

"The key for us is to take it one week, one step at a time and make sure we are getting better each week."



Van quarterback Jackson Rainey is brought down after a short gain by Lindale defender Corey Sanders during the Eagles' 33-28 win over the Vandals at Eagle Stadium. Photo by Terry Cannon



Lindale defensive back Airik Williams cools off after one of his three, first half interceptions this past Friday against Van. Photo by Terry Cannon

## US News ranks UT Tyler as National University and Top Public School

The University of Texas at Tyler was ranked in the U.S. News and World Report 2021 Best Colleges Guide as a National University, listed among the most competitive and prestigious institutions in the country.

The magazine released its new rankings today. UT Tyler was also honored with rankings in several other categories, including Top Performers in Social

Mobility, Top Public School and Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs.

"I am pleased to see our goal of becoming a National University come to fruition," said President Michael Tidwell. "The hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff are key to this new honor, but this new achievement would have been impossible without the generous philanthropic contributions

of the Tyler community."

UT Tyler was one of only 209 universities in the nation recognized as a Top Public School.

Since 1983 U.S. News has been providing education rankings and helping parents and students find the perfect school. Full results and methodology of the U.S. News 2021 Best Colleges rankings can be found at usnews.com.

A member of the prestigious

UT System, The University of Texas at Tyler focuses on student success and innovative research in the more than 80 undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered to nearly 10,000 students. Classified by Carnegie as a doctoral research institution and by U.S. News and World Report as a National University, UT Tyler has campuses in Tyler, Longview, Palestine and Houston.

## Text to 9-1-1 Capability in East Texas celebrates anniversary

ETCOG's public safety division is celebrating its one-year anniversary after launching Text to 9-1-1 in September of 2019. Text to 9-1-1 is a service that allows citizens to send a text message directly to emergency operators for assistance in the event that they are unable to make a voice call.

Simple Steps to Texting 9-1-1 in an Emergency

Enter the numbers 911 in the "To" field.

The first text you send should be a short explanation of emergency with the location of that emergency and the type of help needed.

Push the "Send" button to send the text to 9-1-1.

The 9-1-1 call-taker will text back any specific questions that will help them in getting you the emergency response quickly. Please make sure to answer all questions.

Remember to text in simple language and do not use abbreviations or emojis.



## Early voting period for Nov. 3rd election extended

Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation extending the early voting period for the November 3rd Election by nearly a week.

Under this proclamation, early voting by personal appearance will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and continue through Friday, October 30, 2020. The proclamation also expands the period in which marked mail-in ballots may be delivered in person to the early voting clerk's office, allowing such delivery prior to as well as on Election Day.

"As we respond to COVID-19, the State of Texas is focused on strategies that preserve Texans' ability to vote in a way that also mitigates the spread of the virus," said Governor Abbott. "By extending the early voting period and expanding the period in which mail-in ballots can be hand-delivered, Texans will have greater flexibility to cast their ballots, while at the same time protecting themselves and others from COVID-19."