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Political slate taking shape

Four candidates have announced their intentions to seek office in the 2022 elections with one hoping to be reelected and the others seeking a judgeship in the County Court at Law 3.

Judge Floyd Getz is the current seat holder of the County Court at Law 3 and has been on the bench since 1999.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, County Court at Law No. 3 will hear family, civil, misdemeanor criminal, and contested probate cases. It currently hears juvenile matters.

Smith County DA announces bid to run for reelection

Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman has announced his intention to run for reelection to the seat he won in 2018, his campaign officials announced.

He made the announcement last week.

Putman won the Republican Primary in 2018 over Tyler attorney Alicia Barkley with 12,658 votes (56.1 percent) to 9,914 votes (43.9) percent for Barkley.

There was no Democratic challenger in the November, 2020 General Election.

Assistant DA files for County Court at Law 3 judgeship

Smith County Assistant District Attorney Sara Maynard announced her candidacy this past week for judge of Smith County Court at Law 3, campaign officials announced.

A Republican, Maynard is currently serving her third year as a prosecutor in County Court at Law 3 and has practice law for more than 25 years, officials said.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Dallas Baptist University and her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Houston Law Center.

Tyler attorney announces bid for Court at Law 3

Tyler attorney Clay White has announced his candidacy for judge of Smith County Court at Law 3, publicity officials said.

White, a Republican, is a shareholder at the firm of White-Shaver, P.C. in Tyler and is a board-certified personal injury attorney with 30 years of experience.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in speech and hearing and a Master's Degree in deaf education from Lamar University. He earned his law degree from South Texas College of Law in 1988.

Cheryl Wulf announces bid for Court of Law seat

Family law and personal injury attorney Cheryl Wulf has announced she is running for Smith County Court at Law No. 3 judge, publicity officials said.

Wulf, a Smith County native, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from South Texas College of Law. She began her legal career in Houston in 2003.

She opened a private practice in Smith County in 2011 and holds board certifications in family law and personal injury trial law.



A Sunday morning fire at the Lindale Posados Restaurant resulted in smoke and water damage. Restaurant officials said they are planning to reopen in two weeks.

Photo by Mary Vandiver

Posados fire cleanup under way

Cleanup operations began earlier this week when the Lindale Posados Restaurant, 3102 Main Street, suffered fire damage after what Smith County Fire Marshal officials said was caused by a lightning strike early Sunday morning.

"Smith County Fire Marshal Deputies Michael Malone and Caitlin Roberson, along with Fire Investigator Travis Johnson, investigated the fire. It has been ruled natural and was the effect of a documented lightning strike in the area," Smith County Fire Marshal Jay Brooks said.

The fire was contained to an isolated area and caused minimal damage to the business.

Posados owner John Corley and general manager James Grogan said the cleanup process began almost

immediately after the fire was contained by units from the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department as well as units from the Smith County Fire Marshal's office, Dixie, Red Springs and Mineola.

Fire officials were alerted to the fire shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday when a caller reported seeing smoke and flames coming from the roof of the restaurant. Lt. Troy Pritchard of the LVFD said no one was hurt in the fire and all of the restaurant's workers were safely evacuated. The restaurant hadn't opened to the public prior to the fire which was contained in approximately half an hour.

On the Posados Facebook page, Corley said it would be about two weeks before the restaurant was up and running again.



Lindale city officials, CHRISTUS health officials and spiritual leaders were on hand to officially turn the first shovels of dirt Tuesday for the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances 24-Hour Emergency Care Center in Lindale. Photo by Terry Cannon

Ground broken for new CHRISTUS 24-hour Lindale emergency room

A groundbreaking ceremony for CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital's new 24-hour emergency clinic was held Tuesday (July 13) with hospital, city and local business officials in attendance.

The new facility will be located adjacent to the Trinity Mother Frances Healthpark-Lindale, 3203 South Main Street. Hospital officials said the opening is planned for April or May of 2022.

Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty cited the importance of this clinic to Lindale and the surrounding areas.

"(The city council) knew we needed this for our city," he said. "This has been a high priority for the council and now, this will stop a lot of trips to Tyler (to get emergency medical care)."

A facility such as this, he said, will only enhance the community as it keeps growing.

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Smith County Elections hosts free Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training

Those wanting to register voters in Smith County can attend the latest Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training session held by the Smith County Elections Office on July 22, said County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

The session is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Hub, 304 E. Ferguson Street in downtown Tyler. It is scheduled last approximately an hour.

The Smith County Elections Office has been hosting the free trainings every month since March and is changing the time for July.

The Volunteer Deputy Registrar training is open to anyone who meets all of the qualifications to register to vote in Texas.

This is a training designed to teach individuals how to correctly register people to vote.

If you are interested in attending one of the trainings, reserve your spot by calling the Election's Office at 903-590-4777.

Lindale preps for new year

By Terry Cannon
Editor

While the summer sun bakes everything in sight, it would seem that not too many people are contemplating the coming football season – that is unless you are a high school coach or player.

Now that he's refreshed from an out-of-state vacation with his family, Lindale High School Head Coach Chris Cochran is ready to turn his full attention to getting his Eagles into game shape beginning with the first day of practice on Aug. 2.

The coming season for Lindale is unlike any in its history. The Eagles were one step shy of reaching the summit in 2020 when they lost the state championship game to Argyle last December.

Which is just one of the thoughts occupying Cochran's staff and players when a new – and relatively COVID free – year will commence with the first day of workouts.

Another important point to consider, and one certainly not lost in this year's opponents, is Lindale doesn't have an all-state running back in its stable.

That would be one Jordan Jenkins, who traded the blue and white of Lindale for the green and gold for Baylor University's Bears.

While Jenkins' departure is a big loss, Cochran is quick to point out that each year brings a challenge in the replacing-talent-department.

"We started talking about how different things are going to be back in January," Cochran said. "Our guys understand it's going to be a new year."

But, the coach added, one item remains intact: the key locker room presence.

"(The players) know the importance of having good leadership," he said. "We definitely have good leadership on this team."

A key component is returning quarterback Sam Peterson, a 6-4 dart thrower who might just be made of Teflon. Peterson is an accomplished runner as well as a good passer and defenders never missed a chance to hit him hard.

But last year, despite the punishment, Peterson maintained not only his composure but his rugged will to win. He seemed to shrug off each succeeding hard hit and return to battle.

"We won't have the same offense as last year," Cochran said, alluding to the loss of Jenkins. "We have to find our strengths and one of them is a quarterback who is 16-4 as a starter as well as (receiver) Jacob Seekford, three returning offensive linemen and some good young players who will be coming up."

Cochran feels this year's team, by design and necessity, will travel by air but should be able to move on the ground as well.

"Right now we envision that we will be able to throw the ball to any of four receivers and run it with some good, new backs," he said. "Our offense will be built for both."

One change that was welcomed, not only from just Lindale but society in general, is COVID hasn't played havoc with practice and game schedules as it did a year ago.

"It's really been good to get back into a routine," said Cochran. "This time last year we had a (July 4) holiday off but weren't able to come back."

Two scrimmages – Aug. 13 in Carthage and Aug. 19 at home against Crandall – will get things going for the Eagles. The regular season gets under way on Aug. 27 at Eagle Stadium against Kaufman.

A pre-district schedule featuring tough Pine Tree and always talented Gilmer, should test the mettle of his team before District 9-4A action begins on the road in Mabank on Sept. 24.

"The first six weeks we'll be tested big time," the coach said. "I hope everyone understands we probably won't be a finished product at that time but we will be well prepared for the district

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Gas prices at highest level since 2014

As Texans hit the roads this summer with pandemic restrictions eased and vaccinations widespread, the national average price of gas is expected to top \$3 per gallon, though the average in Texas for regular is \$2.799, according to AAA. Drivers should expect prices to keep rising as demand rises, according to the Consumer Energy Alliance.

"With oil's continued push higher, fueled by continued strong demand globally and production only slowly answering, gasoline prices have had no choice but following oil's rise last week setting a new 2021 high," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "...It appears the only way forward is for gas prices to continue to rise as Americans' insatiable demand for gasoline continues to act as a catalyst. And with hurricane season soon coming into its prime, we have plenty more catalysts for a rise in price, and few that could restrain the situation. Motorists should prepare to dig deeper for the second half of the summer, unfortunately."

TEA releases test results; widespread decrease in performance

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results for spring 2021 show that outcomes for in-person learners were appreciably higher than those who attended classes online during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of students not meeting grade level increased from 2019 across all subject areas and grade levels, with the exception of English, according to the Texas Education Agency.

School districts that had a higher percentage of students learning virtually had higher declines in STAAR results in all grades and subjects, TEA reported. For example, districts in which fewer than one-fourth of students were learning remotely saw a 9-percentage point drop in math performance from 2019 to 2021. In districts where more than three-fourths of students were learning remotely, the decline was 32 percentage points.

Higher ed gets \$94.6 million in emergency relief

Federal pandemic funding continues to trickle down to Texas colleges and universities, with the latest round bringing nearly \$100 million in emergency relief. Last year the state allocated \$175 million in federal funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support higher education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Investing in our higher education system is the single best way to bolster the workforce that Texas has become known for and accelerate our state's economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19," said House Speaker Dade Phelan.

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"Lindale will continue to be a great city and (CHRISTUS officials) don't know how much this means to our city," Daugherty said.

Jason Proctor, president of CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals, cited how a spirit of cooperation can make good things happen. "This is a great example of what a community partnership can do," Proctor said. "Having a mission is hard and sometimes we only learn when we have to go through the fire, which will be the thing that tests you the most. This facility will help everyone in that fight."

Proctor then cited the importance of the Holy Spirit in the building of the new facility.

"If we don't treat people in the way of Jesus, we will fail," he said. Hospital officials said the emergency facility will feature new exam rooms, a trauma room, a full-service imaging center and a laboratory. Lindale HealthPark, a 40,000 square foot facility, has been in the city since 2004.

Proctor noted the economic impact on the city would be significant. According to CHRISTUS figures, the new round the clock emergency care center will generate some \$6.5 million for the Lindale economy.

The emergency care facility will add 25 more jobs and will complement the 911 service for the area, Proctor said, adding that the facility will have additional medical specialists.

Medical staff at the new facility will include board-certified Emergency Medicine physicians and nurses, as well as the specialty providers in cardiac, orthopedics and sleep medicine that already see patients the HealthPark.

The HealthPark also contains a physical therapy suite, and the health and fitness center.

The new Lindale Emergency Care Center will also be accepting ambulance traffic, so patients can ask their ambulance providers if the new ER is the right place for their care, Proctor said.

...rescues & love

King the Wonder Dog sleeps the sleep of the innocent even though I know better. Nothing can wake this 85 lb. Rough Collie up. Nothing. Unless it is a cat silently walking the rail of our porch, or the jangle of car keys. That big boy doesn't want to miss out.

Kingster has the separation anxiety of a 2-year old. He gets absolutely undone when he is left at home. He hits the window barking. We interpret that hoarse bark as: "come back! You can't leave me like this!" "I can't survive without you!" Or the worst, "you may never come back for me and I will be alone".

When we do come back there is joy beyond counting. That's the thing about dogs. They love us unconditionally. They love us deeply. They love us passionately. Their bodies large or small shake with joy when they see their master coming in the door.

All of our dogs except one have been rescues. Even gorgeous King. He was four or five when we got him and he was in his third or fourth home. And that hoarse bark? Well, that is the result of a previous owner having his vocal cords cut. I can't imagine what this dog bred for show, who turned out to be too big to compete, has gone through.

Yes siree, King is big and I do mean B-I-G big. But he is well-behaved (for the most part), well trained and gorgeous. He came with his name which fits his regal looks. But frankly he should have been named Rowdy or Laddie. I call him Cowboy. Jim calls him a host of sweet silly names. It's a wonder that boy

knows what to answer to.

King the Wonder Dog has a toy box at home and at work. He is a pretty laid back dog until he wants to play. Then it is Katy bar the door.

You better get ready for some squeaky toy noise, a game of keep away and a lot of slobber. He will turn the box over. Study the spilled toys carefully and choose a favorite. Generally the one with the loudest squeaker or the torn up frisbee with a gazillion tooth marks.

That 85 lb. pup with the exuberance of a toddler wants Jim and me to throw the toy back and forth to each other while he tries to snag it in mid-air. When he does, we clap and tell him how smart he is. It is his favorite game.

You non-dog people are shaking your heads right now. You don't get it. I am telling you, you

Suzanne Bardwell



don't know what you are missing. A dog will love you in a way that no one or nothing else can, except for the One who created you. A dog who has been rescued knows it and will love you in a way that defies explanation. A dog's love runs the edge of the divine.

You know all of us were 'bred for show' to be the best 'us' we could be, but for whatever reason, most of us don't live up to our full potential. Most of us have been mistreated at some point, kicked around or rejected as 'not good enough'. Nearly all of us need rescuing in one way or another. And all of us are scarred

and scared at different points in our lives.

Dogs can teach us a great deal about love and healing, about life and about ourselves. Sometimes they teach us more. At least the dogs I have known and loved certainly have.

I look up and I see God. I look down and I see my dog. The love I get from both directions makes life so much easier to handle, so much more joyful.

That unconditional love from above and below goes a long way to rescuing my soul. There must be a reason the letters in their names are the same.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

June saw a strong acceleration in the pace of recovery in the job market. Total nonfarm payroll employment in the US rose by 850,000 according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and more than 1.7 million jobs have been gained in the last three months. Since the worst of the decline in April 2020, US employment has risen by 15.6 million. Nonetheless, it remains 6.8 million (4.4%) below the peak in February 2020.

A major driver of hiring has been the reopening of restaurants, bars, and entertainment venues and the resumption of travel. Employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 343,000, with more than half of the gain in food services and drinking places (194,000). Accommodations jobs were up 75,000; arts, entertainment, and recreation added 74,000. The recent recovery has occurred very rapidly and efficiently. However, some restrictions remain in various areas, and employment in leisure and hospitality is still down 2.2

million from pre-pandemic levels.

Even with the strong uptick, both the unemployment rate (5.9%) and the number of unemployed persons (9.5 million) held fairly steady. This fact isn't, however, a cause for major concern. Instead, it reflects the effects of an increase in the labor force as people are being encouraged to jump back into the market. The number of people indicating they couldn't look for work due to the pandemic dropped from 2.5 million in May to 1.6 million in June. Weekly initial claims for unemployment have also plummeted in recent months and are rapidly outpaced by hiring. Both the rate and number of people unemployed

are well below highs reached last spring, though they're substantially above rates prior to COVID-19 (3.5% and 5.7 million).

Moreover, as business picks up, workers are transitioning back to full-time hours. The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (meaning they'd rather have a full-time job) decreased by 644,000 to 4.6 million. Wages are also rising as companies compete for employees.

The not so good news is that about 42% (4.0 million people) of the total unemployed have been out of work for 27 weeks or more. That's not surprising given the severity of the downturn, but long-term unemployment is

often devastating to individual and household finances. Simultaneously, labor shortages are worsening in some industries, which could somewhat diminish future growth.

As I stated last March, this recession was not caused by a structural problem (the normal case). Consequently, the economy could not fully recover until we conquered the virus but could surge quickly thereafter.

We are now seeing that pattern unfold. Assuming we avoid spikes in severe cases, there is every reason to expect growth to continue (although the pace will likely be uneven). Bring on the jobs! Stay safe!!



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race because every one of those district games will be a challenge."

LINDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2021 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 27	***Kaufman	Home	7:30
Sept. 3	Pine Tree	Away	7:30
Sept. 10	Van	Away	7:30
Sept. 17	Gilmer	Home	7:30
Sept. 24	*Mabank	Away	7:30
Oct. 1	*Chapel Hill	Home	7:30
Oct. 8	**Henderson	Away	7:30
Oct. 15	**Athens	Home	7:30
Oct. 22	BYE WEEK		
Oct. 29	*Palestine	Away	7:30
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Sometimes painful, truth nonetheless is paramount

One immutable fact is that sometimes the truth does indeed hurt.

We try to protect ourselves from the bad things by forming a shell made from denial and justification but there are instances when the truth punctures that barrier and we're left feeling uneasy and confused.

Our nation's history contains a sizeable portion of myth and mythic figures but after the veneer of these illusions is stripped away, we are left searching for balance.

Was George Washington an evil person because he owned slaves or was he a great person who guided this nation during its most vulnerable time? He certainly didn't chop down a cherry tree and display his honesty by owning up the feat to his father.

That was a myth hatched from one of his early biographers who, for some reason, decided the Father of Our Country's life required embellishment.

Washington, like Thomas Jefferson, was a complicated person who should be revered but also looked upon as someone who was flawed. Jefferson, a Renaissance man of the first order, was also a slave owner who penned the Declaration of Independence. Ironically, the second paragraph of that historic document states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

A slave owner who said all men

Terry Cannon Editor



are created equal? How can that be reconciled?

Again, both were complicated men who contributed exponentially to the founding of the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

History will provide heroes and heroic deeds, but it should be the duty of everyone to examine these people and their actions beyond the myths.

This brings us to the recent dustup involving Texas politicians and three authors who had the audacity to suggest that perhaps ... just perhaps ... the Battle of the Alamo and its defenders wasn't as it seemed.

Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson and Jason Stanford penned "Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth" which caused quite a stir among the board of directors of the Bob Bullock Museum, a showcase for Texas history.

The authors, all Texans, were supposed to appear at a promotional virtual event at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 1. At 4 p.m. that day, they were told the event had been cancelled.

"A (museum employee) says they had to cancel following a social media campaign by right

wingers and an order from the board," said Tomlinson, also a columnist for the Houston Chronicle.

The museum's board of directors includes Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Speaker Dade Phelan.

"I think we're being censored, which is a shame because the mission of the Texas history museum is to promote examining our past," Tomlinson said. "We've done more than a dozen events, and this is the first time we've been shut down like this."

"As a member of the Preservation Board, I told staff to cancel this event as soon as I found out about it," Patrick said. "Like efforts to move the Cenotaph, which I also stopped, this fact-free rewriting of Texas history has no place."

The Cenotaph is a monument on the north end of Alamo Plaza and commemorates the Texian and Tejano soldiers who died at the battle. Activists wanted the monument moved because it doesn't reflect the role of slavery in the state's fight for independence.

What I find disturbing, and what should be unsettling for anyone interested in the truth, is

the efforts of politicians trying to shape history to fit their particular narrative.

Some indisputable facts about the Alamo are: Yes, it was a 13-day siege conducted by Mexican Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna and all the defenders died. This stubborn resistance provided Sam Houston enough time to prepare his army for the eventual showdown that came on April 21, 1836 near San Jacinto.

Santa Anna's army was routed and Texas won its independence, which obviously wasn't well received in Mexico. In fact, the Mexican government never recognized the treaty and sent soldiers north into Texas for the next 10 years.

Anti-slavery factions in the U.S. saw the fight for Texas independence as a fight for slavery and in fact, slaves were worse off in Texas than under Mexican rule because Mexico had outlawed slavery.

The Tejanos who fought for Houston and Texas were subsequently treated badly as well as the Anglo population grew.

As a youngster, I thrived on the myth that the Battle of the Alamo was a fight between good and evil and the good guys won, proving Texans are a special breed, not to be trifled with.

It was a bit jarring, then, to learn over the years there's more to the mythic tale Texans hold dear. Facts, those pesky things that some politicians and their minions hate, sometimes get in the way.

Yes, the truth does hurt at times but it's not fatal.

Life certainly isn't dull with her "idiot" around

By Janet Mitchum

I stood before the small group of people, feeling very nervous. All eyes were on me, as I tried to hide behind the small podium. I swallowed hard, my throat was dry.

Finally, I spoke.

"Hi. My name is Janet."

"Hi Janet!" the group said in unison.

"I'm..." I stammered, "I'm... well...I'm married to an idiot."

No, this did not happen. It's a reoccurring dream I have. Being married to Rusty makes me wish that there was some sort of organization like Idiots Anonymous.

If you are wondering, he is in the den reading. I know, it's even hard for me to believe that he can actually read. Of course, what he reads is not what most would consider anything of social value.

The books he reads are a lot like the movies he likes to see. If there is not a car chase, a shootout, or a spy chasing half naked women around, then you might as well forget Rusty wanting to see it.

I remember getting him to take me to see "The Way We Were" with Robert Redford and Barbara Streisand. He fell asleep. Not only that, but he snored. I finally

Rusty Mitchum Life & Times



had to poke him in the ribs to wake him up because the people around us were complaining.

But if it's an action movie, well you better hold on to your seat. He's just like a little kid. He will be wiggling around trying his best to help the hero out. He also has to tell you the name of every gun that is used on the show. He points out faults, too.

"You can't put a suppressor on a revolver," he sighs. Or heaven forbid, an actor call a magazine a clip. "It's not a clip," he says through gritted teeth. "It's a magazine."

Then he looks at me and shakes his head. "A clip and a magazine are two different things."

"Yes dear," I say. "You've told me a hundred times."

"Yeah, well somebody ought to tell the idiot who wrote this movie. Obviously he don't know nothin' about guns."

"But," I add. "I would be willing to bet he got an 'A' in grammar."

But then, someone's car will get blown up on the screen, and he'll forget all about the clip comment, and he'll get lost in the movie once more.

Being married to an idiot isn't all bad though. Simple minds sometimes do simple things that are simply sweet.

Once he was mowing the pasture, when he spotted some Black-eyed Susans growing down by the creek. He stopped the tractor to get off and pick me some.

What he did not know, was that one of the tractor's tires was right on top of the opening of a Bumble Bee's nest. He jumped off the tractor, picked me a big bouquet of the flowers, and then climbed back on the tractor.

I happened to be out in the

yard when he started the tractor back up. I heard him yelling and I looked out to see what was wrong.

The tractor was traveling in high gear, zigzagging across the pasture with Rusty standing up, one hand on the steering wheel, the other swatting at a swarm of Bumble Bees with my flowers.

By the time he made it to the house, the bees had abandoned their pursuit. Rusty stepped off the tractor. One of his ears, where he had been stung, was swelled up and the top was starting to droop. The top of his head had several lumps, and his bottom lip was the size of a hot link.

He walked up to me, and smiled. At least I think it was a smile. With his lip hanging as low as it was, it was really hard to tell. Then he handed me the bouquet, or what was left of it. Most of the yellow petals were missing, the stems were bent and broken at various angles, and mostly all that was left were the "black-eyes" of the flowers.

"I pucked dees fa ou," he said, with some difficulty.

I keep reminding myself, how boring life would be with someone normal. Oh well, he is an idiot, but he's my idiot.

East Texas Farm, Ranch Club meeting planned Thursday

The July meeting for the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club is scheduled for Thursday, July 15 at Texas Music City Grill and Smokehouse, 55 Miranda Lambert Way at The Cannery in downtown Lindale, officials announced.

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with a self order off the TXM food and beverage menu, followed by a presentation from club member Pete Weisenberger, an agricultural consultant and former agricultural banking and land/equipment appraiser.

His topic will be "Profit is Not A Bad Word."

Guests are welcome to all ET Farm and Ranch Club meetings.

Dues are \$25 and can be made payable to the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club, 2112 W. Front Street, Tyler, 75702.

The East Texas Farm and Ranch Club and Scholarship Fund Inc. is a non-profit organization which promotes charitable, educational and scientific purpose in the field of agriculture.

The club's goal is to provide pertinent information to landowners, ranchers and farmers concerning surface rights such as tax, water, oil and gas, cattle operations, farming updates, gardening as well as providing the chance to meet others who enjoy owning acreage.

Those interested in the various topics associated with East Texas

agriculture are urged to join the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club.

Anyone owning or operating a farm, ranch, vineyard or any other type of property who is interested in the advancement of any facet or agriculture education is eligible for membership. All small and large farm and ranches as well as local businessmen are welcome to join the club.

For more information, contact Debra Smith at 903-245-7266.

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ONE YEAR AGO, July 16, 2020

Isabelle Yoder, former student at Lindale High School, was elected Region VI State Vice President for the Texas Chapter of the Future Farmers of America for the 2020-21 school year. All officers were May, 2020 high school graduates and for the first time in the program's history all officers were elected virtually.

The president and vice president took a gap year to carry out their duties.

FIVE YEARS AGO, July 14, 2016

Lindale's sales tax receipts were once again higher than the Smith County average as well as the state numbers, according to Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar.

Local merchants were on the plus side with a 9.41 percent gain, which marked yet another month of positive results. Last month, the increase was 8.78 percent and two months ago, Lindale showed a gain of 9.66 percent.

The comptroller released his state sales tax revenue figures for June, which totaled \$2.2 billion, down 0.8 percent compared to June 2015.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2016 was down 1.9 percent

compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 56 percent of all tax collections. Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes, motor fuel taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes also are large revenue sources for the state.

10 YEARS AGO, July 14, 2011

During their regular monthly meeting at the Lindale ISD Administration Building, LISD Trustees learned there would be a shortage of school textbooks to begin the year. The Texas Education Agency's online ordering system was reconfigured resulting in the delay, which was to stretch into October.

LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt noted that even without new textbooks the district's teachers would continue with their lesson plans and instructions just as they had in the past.

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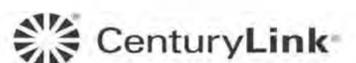
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Helpful stretches to keep you, family injury-free

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

'Tis the season for outdoor family activities --pick-up ball games, ultimate Frisbee, scenic jogs and other things.

But if your body is not prepared for these seasonal activities, hello pulled hamstring and neck spasms.

That's why you should make sure to take time to focus on stretching those tightly wound muscles because you can't keep it moving if, well, you can't move.

By increasing your flexibility, you can improve your athletic ability, increase range of motion, and reduce the chance of future injury. Remember to start slow and go at your own pace.

Here are some stretches to keep you and your family injury-free:

Cat-Cow: Start on all fours with the spine and neck level and a flat back. Begin with cow position: Take a long breath as you drop your



belly down towards the mat. Arch your back slightly and lift your chin upwards. Next move into cat pose: On your exhale, draw your belly up and round out your spine with your rounded back pointing up towards the ceiling. Repeat 5 - 10 times.

Arms Wide: Stand with arms outstretched and thumbs pointing down. Slowly push arms back as if you were squeezing a ball between your shoulder blades. Gently rotate your arms so the thumbs are directed upwards and hold. Return to first position and repeat.

Partner Back Stretch: Stand facing each other and hold hands. Step back a few paces

until your backs are slightly rounded (bend at the hips) and pull hands until you start to feel the stretch. Maintain the stretch for 30 seconds, slowly moving apart as you feel more comfortable with the stretch.

Partner Hamstring Stretch: One partner lies face up on the mat, left leg bent at the knee, right leg extended straight up towards the ceiling. Their partner holds the extended right leg and gently pushes (stress the gently) to increase the stretch, holding for at least 10 seconds. Afterwards, the lying partner pushes the heel of their right leg into their partner's hand for an additional 5 seconds.

Repeat with the same leg for a deeper stretch. Switch legs and then positions with your partner.

For more information, contact Claudann Jones, Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County.

Stay well and stay safe.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Jean McGraw

Dorothy Jean McGraw aged 90 passed from this world on June 30, 2021. She spent her final days with family and loved ones.

Born to Robert and Viola Mae McGraw in 1931, Dorothy hit the ground running and her life's journey was always an active one. As one of 11 children Dorothy learned the value of family, hard work, and responsibility during her youth in Blooming Grove, Texas.

Upon leaving home she set about raising her own family in Lindale while working in banking and real estate, volunteering in her church, and still finding time for gardening, sewing, and dancing.

Dorothy's love of flowers and butterflies never waned and she kept house plants and a garden wherever she lived. Her do-it-yourself spirit always applied as she planted and weeded her beds and mowed her lawn right up to the end and wouldn't have it any other way.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, siblings Jim, Nan, Mary Nell, Sonny, Jo, Raymond and special friend James.

Survivors include sisters Lena, Peggie, DiaAnn (Ray) and Doris; sister-in-law, Patsy; daughters, Suzanne, Sherry (Judson) and Cecilia (Eddie); grandsons, Marc (David), Kris (Christine) and Aaron; great grandchildren, Carly, Lucas, Corbin; her loyal companion, her dog Sissy; numerous nephews and nieces, and finally, her special friends Judy, Huey and all her dancing group.

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Saturday July 3, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 600 block Penny Ln, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1300 block Hamilton Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a loud noise complaint at 500 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a 911 hang up at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a found property at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 13300 block W I-20, report taken. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to fireworks at 400 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 700 block Stewart St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk



and Officer Wedgeworth responded to possession of drug paraphernalia at 700 block S Main St, citation issued.

Sunday July 4, 2021

Officer Trombley and Sgt Houghton responded to an accident at 800 block Edgewood Cir, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, trespass warning issued. Officer Jackquet responded to a city ordinance violation at 700 block Jack Dr, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a city ordinance violation at 1000 block S Boyd St, unfounded. Officer Jackquet responded to a city ordinance violation at 400 block N College St, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a city ordinance violation at 1000 block S Boyd St, unfounded. Officer Jackquet responded to a city ordinance violation at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a city ordinance violation at 700 block Circle Dr, unfounded. Officer Jackquet responded to a city ordinance violation at 300 block S Boyd St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Jackquet and Allen responded to a family violence at 300 block Linda St, report taken.

Monday July 5, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 100 block W Hubbard St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a possession of marijuana at 100 block W North St, arrest made. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to criminal trespass at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, trespass warning issued. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Tuesday July 6, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 17000 block I-20 WB, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 500 block Oak Hill Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Flores and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to a burglary of motor vehicle at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, report taken. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 19400 block of Hwy 69 N settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1300 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene.

Wednesday July 7, 2021

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13200 block Lauren Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Fortunus responded to a business alarm at 400 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Cheif Somes, Sgt Flores, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Fortunus responded to an accident at 1300 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 19500 block FM 16 W, settled at scene.

Thursday July 8, 2021

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to an assist smith county at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block Ballard Dr, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a disturbance at 100 block Timbe Park Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a hit and run at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 15500 block CR 463, settled at scene.

Smith County man pleads guilty to federal gang-related charges

Three individuals connected to the Aryan Circle prison gang, including one Smith County man, have pleaded guilty to federal violations, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei and Acting Assistant Attorney General Nicholas L. McQuaid.

Anthony Levi Cochran, 39, of Bullard pleaded guilty this past week to charges related to an October 2016 violent assault in the Eastern District of Texas. Specifically, he admitted to assault resulting in serious bodily injury in aid of racketeering, as well as conspiracy to sell firearms to a convicted felon. Cochran committed the assault as part of his membership in the AC.

Additionally, Breanna Beckley, 40, of Moberly, Mo., pleaded guilty on June 29, 2021, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, namely 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Shane Louque, 46, of Gonzales, La., pleaded guilty to the same charges.

Cochran was indicted by a federal grand jury on Oct. 7, 2020. He faces up to 20 years in federal prison. Beckley and Louque were also indicted

on Oct. 7, 2020, and each face up to life in federal prison. The length of the prison terms will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.

Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the U.S. Probation Office.

The Smith County Sheriff's Office is assisting in the Louque investigation.

"In the battle against organized, multistate criminal organizations, agency cooperation is essential," said Ganjei. "Criminals carry on their illegal and violent conduct in whatever jurisdiction benefits them the most, so we need to bring the fight to them, wherever they might be."

The AC is a violent, white supremacist organization that originated in the Texas Department of Corrections and operates in federal prisons across the country, as well as outside prisons in states including Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri.

The AC enforces its rules and promotes discipline among its members, prospects, and associates through murder, attempted murder, assault, and threats. Members, and oftentimes associates, are required to follow the orders of

higher-ranking members without question.

Cochran's offense conduct included planning and participating in the events surrounding a violent beating of another AC member who wanted to switch his gang affiliation, or "patch over," from the AC to a different gang.

Cochran and other AC members carried out the attack in order to "X," or remove, the AC member from the gang, because it violated the AC's rules to join another organization.

According to court documents, Beckley transported between 1.5 and 5 kilograms of methamphetamine in 2016, from Houston to buyers in Louisiana, such as Louque and other AC members. The drug conspiracy that Beckley and Louque pleaded to was uncovered as part of Operation Noble Virtue, an investigation into the AC that has targeted AC leadership.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Rapp of the Eastern District of Texas is prosecuting these cases along with trial attorneys from the Organized Crime and Gang Section of the Department of Justice.

Terrell man sentenced on federal drug charges

A Terrell man was sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei.

Cory Joe Phillips, 39, pleaded guilty on March 8, 2021, to possession with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison this past week U.S. District Judge J. Campbell Barker.

"We thank our law enforcement partners for their diligence in investigating drug trafficking crimes and protecting the public from those who deal illicit substances," said Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei. "Drug traffickers in the Eastern District of Texas will not escape justice."

According to documents and information presented in court, Phillips distributed methamphetamine in Van Zandt County on multiple occasions over a four-month period in late 2019 and early 2020. In one instance, Phillips was in possession of a 12-gauge shotgun.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Canton Police Department and the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen Hurst.

Youngster's reply earns Game Warden badge

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Kids Say the Darndest Things

A Polk County game warden received a call from county dispatch regarding a father and his 9-year-old son who had gotten stuck in their buggy deep in a deer lease. They attempted to walk back to their camp and got lost in the process. County dispatch was able to ping their location within a three-mile radius. Once in the area, the warden was able to follow the tracks to the father and son. Dad commented to the son, "Yeah, might be bad luck being the second time we've been stuck together," as the son responds, "but each time, dad, you were driving."

The warden responded, "You're a smart kid," and presented him with a Texas Game Warden badge.

Seedy Situation

Cargo was being inspected at a Dallas-Fort Worth Airport by Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialists and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Inspectors when they came across packages containing what they claimed to be steel nippers.

The package didn't have the expected weight and was opened for inspection. Inside the box was numerous bags of vegetable seeds and dried shrimp. A package contained Ipomoea Aquatica seeds (water spinach), which is a harmful aquatic species in Texas.

A second package claimed to be shirts. Wrapped inside the clothing was a bag that also contained Ipomoea Aquatica seeds. It is illegal to import or possess seeds in Texas.

The cases were referred to a Tarrant County game warden and the packages were seized as evidence. The individuals who imported the products were issued citations. The cases

are pending.

Swift Water Rescue

A Terrell County game warden responded to a call from the sheriff's office when a local rancher was caught in a flash flood. His truck had died and was starting to move downstream from the rising water reaching the hood of his truck. It was dark and there were no lights to light his way to safety, so he called 911 for help.

The warden responded along with a deputy and volunteers. Armed with swift water personal floatation devices (PFD), a throw bag, and rope they were able to make their way to the truck and extract the rancher to safety while being mindful of fencing downstream that could trap anyone who may lose their footing in the rushing water.

Everyone went home safely that night.

Cue the Mutombo Finger Wag

Two Jefferson County game wardens were patrolling Taylor's Bayou when they saw a man in a shallow-drive mud boat quickly approaching them in the narrow bayou. The wardens motioned for the subject to slow down and he shook his finger at them.

The wardens were able to position their patrol boat beside the subject and get his full attention, forcing him to come to a stop. The subject claimed he didn't understand they asked him to stop. After checking his safety equipment, the wardens initiated an investigation after noticing signs of intoxication.

The warden placed the subject under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and booked him into the Jefferson County Jail. The subject consented to a voluntary blood draw. Case is pending.

Early Bird Gets the Ticket

Galveston County Game Wardens were patrolling Galveston Bay and East Bay and

saw several shrimp boats maneuvering in a manner consistent with shrimping. One vessel had nets and doors in the water. When asked to retrieve the net, it revealed cod.

Several vessels were cited for shrimping before legal hours. Cases are pending.

Four-Wheeler of Misfortune

While patrolling Twin Buttes Public Lands in Tom Green County, a local game warden made contact with several individuals riding all-terrain vehicles. Some of the individuals were unable to produce a limited public use permit, as required to access the public lands.

The warden decided to check if some of the ATVs were stolen and discovered one individual was in possession of a stolen four-wheeler from a nearby city. The case was turned over to the originating jurisdiction for investigation.

Don't I Know You?

A Montgomery County game warden received a call from a local deer camp lessee who said he was texted photos of a truck entering the property without consent. While responding to the location, the warden provided sheriff's deputies with the location of the lease and the layout of the property.

The deputies walked into the property, due to heavy rains and the lack of 4X4 vehicles. They apprehended a suspect, who entered the camp illegally and was filling bags with hunting equipment. The warden arrived and aided in getting the suspect, the suspect's vehicle, and the officers out of the property. The warden had previously arrested the suspect for theft of property and stealing an ATV and other property from a nearby deer lease in 2017. The suspect was charged with burglary of a habitation and had a parole violation warrant for the earlier charge.





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Baylor University officials announced more than 2,800 graduates received their diplomas following the Spring, 2021 semester, including several from Lindale and Hideaway. Ceremonies took place in early May at McLane Stadium in Waco. Local graduates included:

LINDALE: Kelsi Nell Kilgore, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work, Cum Laude, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work; Peyton Grace Mizell, Bachelor of Arts, International Studies, Magna Cum Laude, College of Arts & Sciences; Baylor Michael Payne, Bachelor of Business Administration, Professional

Selling; Finance, Hankamer School of Business; Brandon Alec Thompson Ramsey, BA, Anthropology, College of Arts & Sciences. HIDEAWAY: Corban Gregory Sorrells, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing; Management, Hankamer School of Business.

Local students earn Dean's List honors at Baylor University

More than 4,700 Baylor University students have been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the Spring 2021 semester, including several from Lindale and Hideaway, university officials announced.

recognizes Baylor undergraduates who earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

lege of Arts & Sciences; Kelsi Kilgore, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work; Peyton Grace Mizell, College of Arts & Sciences; Kyle Daniel Monk, School of Engineering & Computer Science. HIDEAWAY: Isabella G. Johnson, Hankamer School of Business.

UT Health East Texas offers seminar on back pain

UT Health East Texas is offering a free, virtual seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 15, "Back Pain: Is It Always a Herniated Disc?" said publicity spokesperson Allison V. Pollan.

The seminar will be presented by David Olvera, MD, board-certified and fellowship-trained interventional pain specialist from UT Health East Texas Physicians Tyler. The seminar is free, and you registration can be made in advance at UTHealthEast-Texas.com/seminars to receive an email with the direct link before the presentation starts. Those registering will also have the opportunity to submit a question in advance through the message box. The presentation will premiere on UT Health's Facebook page, [Facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas](https://www.facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas).

Dean's List honorees include: LINDALE: Nalany A Hernandez, Col-

lege of Arts & Sciences; Kelsi Kilgore, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work; Peyton Grace Mizell, College of Arts & Sciences; Kyle Daniel Monk, School of Engineering & Computer Science.

As a partner with The University of Texas System, UT Health East Texas is uniquely positioned to provide patients with access to leading-edge research and clinical therapies while training and educating the next generation of physicians and other health professionals. The nationally recognized UT System also includes UT MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, as well as three other major university medical centers located throughout the state.

Men's health issues addressed by UT Health physician

By Dr. Tony Jameson
UT Health East Texas

Men's health issues are of legitimate concern and officials with UT Health East Texas are qualified to answer questions men may have regarding what's best for them.

Dr. Tony Jameson provides answers to some basic questions regarding men's health. How often should men visit their doctor? It is suggested that men should have an annual wellness examination with their primary healthcare provider. Most health insurance companies provide benefits for this service. However, if a man has an established health problem(s), then more frequent health visits may be necessary.

What are the most common men's health issues?

Perhaps the most worrisome health problem in men is obesity. Obesity is a leading cause of other potentially serious health issues like diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia and variety of other musculoskeletal problems. Other concerns are tobacco addiction, alcoholism, drug abuse and diets that are high in fat and processed foods.

What men's health screenings can be done at home?

There are several health screening tools that can be done at home. Monitoring one's blood pressure and weight are helpful. For overweight individuals, monitoring one's morning glucose (fasting) can be a helpful screening for pre-diabetes. Blood pressure and glucose monitors can be purchased at most drugstores or online.



Men should avoid harmful health habits like smoking and drug use, limit caffeine and alcohol intake and find hobbies that are relaxing and enjoyable. When possible, they should take vacation time to enjoy family and friends. It is also important that men live within their means and set aside food and income to use in case of an emergency. Being in debt can be very stressful and harmful to one's mental health. Being involved in service or volunteering can improve mental health as well.

Calculating one's body mass index (BMI) is a good screening tool for obesity. The formula to calculate one's BMI is (weight in pounds / (height in inches) x (height in inches) x 703. There are also many calculators found online to determine BMI. Those with a BMI below 18.5 are considered underweight, 18.5-24.9 normal, 25.0-29.9 overweight and 30.0 and above obese.

Which vitamins are essential for men's health?

A healthy and well balanced diet has most of the vitamins and minerals necessary to sustain normal health. If additional vitamins are desired, then a multivitamin with minerals is usually adequate.

How can a man improve his health? Among the most important things men can do to improve their health is to maintain a healthy body weight. Men should establish a regular schedule to exercise (about 60 minutes) at least three to four times weekly, commit to a healthy diet and get adequate amounts of sleep (recommend 7-8 hours) every night.

Tony Jameson, PA-C, is accepting new patients at UT Health East Texas Physicians at Lake Palestine in Flint. To schedule an appointment, call 903-825-3292 or visit <https://ut-health-east-texas-ardent-health-services.inquicker.com/provider/richard-jameson>.

UT Tyler poll examines attitudes toward leaders, lawmakers

The University of Texas at Tyler and The Dallas Morning News recently released a poll to Texas voters to examine how the public is responding to bills passed by the 87th Texas Legislature, new changes in immigration policy and the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, university officials announced.

The poll provides a glimpse of public attitudes during the time national leaders such as Vice President Kamala Harris, First Lady Jill Biden and former President Donald Trump were in the state or about to visit. It also comes just days before the Texas Legislature returns for a special session, which Governor Greg Abbott called to consider unresolved legislation.

Views on New State Laws
The public's assessment of the accomplishments of the 2021 legislative session is mixed. One reason is because the upcoming special session is a result of the legislature failing to pass its election bill (SB 7). Gov. Greg Abbott signaled that election integrity would be on the special session agenda; however, a quarter of all voters believe a new bill will reduce fairness in Texas' elections, and 41 percent believe that the bill will either preserve or restore fairness.

Voters are also still concerned that addressing the crisis from electricity and utilities outages during the winter was not more of a priority.

In February and April, a majority of voters felt enough was being done early on. This changed in the summer, with 51 percent of voters indicating that the response was not done well or not done well at all.

This switch occurred just after energy

companies requested customers use less energy as temperatures rose in June. The public's concern over the power grid is also apparent as 60 percent of registered voters lost confidence that the Texas power grid would not be subject to blackouts in the summer months.

The redirection of state funds after the session ended to continue construction of a barrier at the Texas-Mexico border has caught the public's attention. The public is largely split along partisan lines about providing more state revenue to the completion of the project (43 percent support, 35 percent oppose). Additionally, 30 percent of the public expect that they will definitely or probably personally donate toward the project via the designated website.

"These actions are occurring as 46 percent of Texans approve of how Governor Abbott is handling border security, compared to 32 percent of Texans who approve of how President (Joe) Biden is handling the issue," said Mark Owens, PhD, UT Tyler associate professor of political science, who directed the poll.

In contrast to the public's division on the necessity of a wall, Texans remain supportive of granting permanent legal status to immigrants who came illegally as children. "We have seen public support dip slightly after recent attention to unaccompanied minors crossing the border, but Texans still support this policy at 47 percent compared to 24 percent who oppose," said Ken Wink, PhD, UT Tyler College of Arts and Sciences associate dean.

The passage of HB 3979 led to conversations about the prohibition of teaching

critical race theory in Texas' K-12 public schools. Governor Abbott also added to his call for a special session intent to consider a stronger bill. However, a majority of the voters surveyed indicated that they believe teachers should be "permitted to discuss how examples of discrimination in our laws apply to inequalities today."

Vaccine Acceptance
Beyond policy, Texans are continuing to manage life in a pandemic. In his address to Congress, President Biden set a goal for 70 percent of adults to be vaccinated before July 4.

During that time, Texas has worked to reopen quickly, and the percentage of Texans who have received the vaccine has increased from 21 percent in February to 55 percent last week.

"As more Texans that have received the vaccine, the percentage of the public who say that they will not take the vaccine has also increased to 21 percent of the population," said Owens. "That is a 5 percent increase from February in aversion toward the vaccine."

Although the rate of vaccinations is slowing down, 40 percent of those who have not received the vaccine reported making an appointment in the past two weeks to do so.

As for the other 60 percent, it is clear the primary reason for hesitancy is a concern about the side effects (34 percent) and waiting to see how others they know react (16 percent). Other reasons for not setting an appointment yet included not having enough information (16 percent), busy schedules (6 percent), or no intention to take the vaccine (16 percent).



LEGALS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William H. Rather, Deceased, were issued on July 6, 2021, in Docket No. 45524P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: TERESA LANGLEY RATHER. The address of the Independent Executor is: c/o Adams & Coker, P.C. 4540 Kinsey Dr. Tyler, Texas 75703 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Date: July 8, 2021. ADAMS & COKER, P.C. Attorneys for the Estate

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