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Gov. Abbott signs new voter bill into law

The controversial Texas elections bill was signed into law Tuesday in Tyler by Gov. Greg Abbott, with the bill's author - Sen. Bryan Hughes - in attendance.

The 76-page bill was passed in the second legislative special session after being delayed twice by lawmakers leaving the Capitol. Senate Bill 1 is called the "Election Integrity Protection Act of 2021." It takes effect just before next year's primaries.

The election bill addresses the following:

Bans drive-thru voting & 24-hour voting

The bill bans drive-thru voting, which was first used in Harris County during the pandemic, then rolled out by other counties. It also bans 24-hour voting, another measure used in Harris County, and sets very specific hours for early voting.

Sets new hours for early voting

Early voters can have access to the polls from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The new legislation also requires counties with a population of 55,000 or greater to offer at least 12 hours of early voting each day during the second week of early voting. That's for state elections.

For local elections, the bill increases required early voting hours from 8 to 9 each day.

Creates criminal penalty for some mail-in ballot applications

Local elections officials can now face felony charges if they send unsolicited mail-in ballot applications to voters. It's still OK for political parties to do so, though.

Adds ID requirements for mail-in voting

Those who do want to vote-by-mail must now provide their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number when they're applying for a mail-in ballot and when they send it back in.

Creates paperwork & expands oath for voter assistance

Anyone who's helping someone fill out their ballot will now have to complete paperwork documenting their relationship to the voter.

The law also changed language in the oath assistants take. It now prevents them from answering questions. Instead, assistants are limited to "reading the ballot to the voter, directing the voter to read the ballot, marking the voter's ballot, or directing the voter to mark the ballot." Stepping outside those guidelines could lead to a perjury charge.

Sets new rules for poll watchers

Partisan poll watchers will have to have training. They can also be kicked out if they violate the state Penal Code.

It's also illegal to obstruct a poll watcher's view "in a manner that would make observation not reasonably effective."

Checks voter eligibility monthly

Each month, the Texas Secretary of State's Office is required to run its voter registration list against DPS's database to remove anyone who is not a U.S. citizen.



20 9-11-2001 years

Nearly 3,000 people died on Sept. 11, 2001, when 19 terrorists working for al-Qaida hijacked four planes and launched coordinated attacks on American soil.

What transpired that day 20 years ago this Saturday stunned the nation and the world. Almost everyone who was old enough can tell you where they were or what they were doing when news broke of the first plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Here's a timeline of the tragic events, as told by the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

● At 8:45 a.m. on September 11, 2001, an American Airlines Boeing 767, Flight 11, collided into the World Trade Center's north tower in New York City immediately killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in the 110-story skyscraper.

● Only 18 minutes later, a second Boeing 767, United Airlines Flight 175, flew into the south tower. Both towers afire, burning debris covered the surrounding buildings and the streets below while hundreds jumped from the towers to their deaths in an attempt to escape.

● About 30 minutes later, a third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, crashed into the west side of the Pentagon near Washington, D.C..

● A fourth plane, United Flight 93, crash-landed into a field in Pennsylvania killing all 40 souls on board. Meanwhile, both World Trade Center towers collapsed into a terrifying and deadly inferno

of rubble.

At the hands of 19 militant terrorists associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda headed by Osama bin Laden, more than 3,000 people (including more than 400 police officers and firefighters) were killed and more than 10,000 others were wounded during the attacks on 9/11. It was the deadliest terrorist act in U.S. history and the most devastating foreign attack on American soil since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Survivors and family members of survivors have come forward with stories of bravery and triumph. Tens of thousands have suffered. The initial Victim Compensation Fund (in operation from December 2001 to June 2004) received 7,408 applications from 75 countries and made 5,560 awards totaling over \$7 billion for both deaths (2,880) and personal injury (2,680) claims. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$8.6 million with an average award of \$2,082,128, all tax-free.

● On January 2, 2011, sitting President Barack Obama signed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 in honor of NYPD detective and first responder James Zadroga who died in 2006 from respiratory problems attributed to the inhalation of toxic dust from the World Trade Center disaster site.



Late field goal lifts Eagles to 31-29 win

By Terry Cannon
Editor

A second straight loss was staring him in the face and Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran had a lonely decision to make with his team down by a point and just 20 seconds left Friday night at Pine Tree.

Would he go for a first down on fourth and four or send in a freshman kicker - who had never kicked a field goal in a varsity game in his young life - to try and win the game?

He summoned 9th grader Seth Baggett, whose only experience on a varsity field came earlier in the game on an extra point. What could go wrong?

As it turned out, not a thing.

Baggett not only banged the 28-yard field goal through the uprights, he did it with such authority it would have been good from 38 yards to lift his club to a 31-29 victory.

The kick stunned the Pirates and their faithful and sent the Lindale side of the field into a wild celebration. Baggett, predictably, was mobbed by his teammates on the sidelines.

Just how you had it planned, right coach?

"He's solid," Cochran said. "He'll be able to tell that story to his grandkids. It was a good experience for him and for our team."

For the second week in a row, the Eagles failed to put a team away in the second half when they had a chance. Against Kaufman in

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NET Health passes resolution in wake of Delta variant's spike

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Health District passed a resolution this past week which they hope will reinforce their previous recommendations pertaining to the increase in COVID-19 cases since early July, officials announced.

Officials cite the increase in COVID cases as a result of the Delta variant's arrival in East Texas which has contributed to the "stress experienced by area hospitals treating the sick in our community, COVID-related and otherwise," officials said.

Although there has been a recent local uptick in COVID-19 vaccinations, the percentage of East Texans aged 12 years and higher who are fully vaccinated are generally 40 percent or less, with some

counties only around 33 percent.

To augment vaccinations, other preventive measures that should be taken include the use of face coverings in public settings, staying home when sick, good hygiene practices, and social distancing.

A combination of these mitigation efforts is imperative in order to relieve the burden of disease in the East Texas area, officials said.

The resolution reads, in part:

● To help counteract the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19, the NET Health Board of Directors recommends all eligible persons obtain the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

● To help counteract the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19, the NET Health Board of Directors strongly recommends schools utilize face coverings for all individuals on campus and at school-related activities, as long as this area remains in the moderate to substantial benchmark per the COVID-19 community spread level document for the NET Health jurisdiction.

● To help counteract the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control guidelines, the Board recommends local businesses strongly encourage masking for customers 2 years of age and older and for employees, except while eating or drinking, as long as this area remains in the moderate to substantial benchmark per the COVID-19 Community Spread Level document for the NET Health Jurisdiction.

City Council sets date to adopt 2021-22 budget

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Public hearings for the 2021-22 tax rate and city budget for the city of Lindale were held Tuesday night by the Lindale City Council in city hall during the first council meeting of September.

No one spoke at either of the public hearings.

According to figures from the city of Lindale this year's budget of \$17.4 million will be funded from a nine percent increase of property taxes from last year's budget in the amount of \$284,525.

This year's proposed tax rate is .456891 cents per \$100 valuation, with a maintenance and operations rate of .224156 and a debt service rate of .232735.

The city will adopt the new tax rate at the regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Council members also approved this year's budget for the Lindale Economic Development Corporation.

LEDC President Susan Gill made the presentation for the budget to the council. She said the budget was adopted on Aug. 5 by the LEDC board.

The LEDC budget was unanimously approved.

In other action, the council:

● Took bids for a bank depository for the city;

● Amended the water and sewer rate ordinance calling for a 3.4 percent increase. City Manager Carolyn Caldwell noted that during budget discussions this rate was approved by the council. It was approved unanimously.

● Approved the surface sealing of County Road 474 and North Park Drive. The overlay is a new product which is applied to seal cracks, along with other materials, which should last longer, city officials said. Drying time of the new overlay is estimated at 35-45 minutes.

● Approved acquiring water rights for the LEDC from Lindale Rural Supply for service to Crook Rose Inc. located off Harvey Road.

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More than 600 new laws in effect

More than 600 new laws signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott went into effect Sept. 1. The new state laws — including one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, the right to carry handguns both concealed and openly without a license, changes to election law and a bill allowing restaurants to sell alcohol to go — were passed during the regular session of the legislature, which ended May 31. The House and Senate adjourned their second special session Thursday night.

“The 87th Legislative Session was a monumental success, and many of the laws going into effect today will ensure a safer, freer, healthier, and more prosperous Texas,” Abbott said. “I look forward to my continued work with the legislature to build upon these successes and create an even brighter future for the Lone Star State.”

Some of the more controversial laws, such as the abortion bill and the election law, face judicial challenges from opponents, although the U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to hear an appeal to the abortion bill, which bans the procedure if a woman is more than six weeks pregnant.

State deploys additional resources to Ida victims

Abbott announced Wednesday that additional resources and personnel have been deployed to assist in the response and recovery efforts in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Those resources include 116 guardsmen from a battalion tactical command and several platoons with high-water vehicles and other heavy equipment.

“Texas remembers the generous support offered by Louisianans during Hurricane Harvey four years ago, and we have recognized their need for additional help as they recover from the destruction of Hurricane Ida earlier this week,” Abbott said. “We will continue to help our neighbors in need, just as they did for us.”

Grants available for prescribed burning in East Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service has nearly a half-million dollars available in grants to offset the costs of prescribed burning on private lands in Central and East Texas.

“Texas has seen above-normal rainfall this year, resulting in greater herbaceous fuel loading in our fire environments,” said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Coordinator. “With more fuels, it is important for land managers to look ahead at what areas have the heaviest undergrowth and consider planning prescribed fire operations in those locations at a time when weather conditions are moderate.”

Prescribed fire is a land management practice that helps with habitat restoration, soil nutrient restoration and reducing wildfire risk by eliminating brush, weeds, dried vegetation and downed trees, according to a forest service press release.

The application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 30. Interested landowners can search eligibility and fill out an online application by visiting <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations rise again

After a decrease last week in COVID-19 cases in Texas, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported a rise to 126,379 new cases in Texas as of Friday, up about 20,000 from the previous week. Total number of deaths was 1,649, up 22% from the previous week. A total of 13,790 lab-confirmed patients were in Texas hospitals, up slightly from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

Nearly 4,200 Texans died of COVID-19 in the last month, largely due to the delta variant and overwhelmingly among the unvaccinated; the overall death toll since the pandemic began is over 56,000.

The number of Texans as of Friday who are fully vaccinated continues to trickle up, now totaling 13.8 million, or 47.4% of the state’s total population.

Zebra mussels now invaded 34 Texas lakes

With the designation of Lake Worth in Tarrant County on the Trinity River as “infested” with invasive zebra mussels, 28 Texas reservoirs are considered fully infested, with another half dozen lakes containing the pest. Zebra mussels negatively affect reservoir ecosystems by filtering out algae that native species need for food and attaching to and thus incapacitating native mussels. They are also notorious for clogging water intakes in power plants, which spend millions of dollars removing them.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says boaters play a critical role in preventing zebra mussels from spreading to new lakes.

“Each boater taking steps to clean and drain their boat before leaving the lake and allowing compartments and gear to dry completely when they get home can make a big difference in protecting our Texas lakes,” Brian Van Zee, TPWSD inland fisheries director, said.

Transporting zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species, knowingly or not, can result in legal woes for boaters. It is illegal in Texas and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Boaters are also required to drain all water from their boats and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water.

May we never forget...

Just a few weeks ago our son Josh, our only child, was leading helibase attacks on three major wildfires out West. He is waiting now for his second assignment. In November he will travel with a national group of firefighting volunteers who will go to Kenya on a fire mission to train firefighters who have little training and less equipment.

How this all started has deep roots in East Texas, in American tragedy, and in the character of our son and many more young people like him. Josh was a junior volunteer firefighter in high school. He enjoyed helping out our neighbors and he learned a great deal.

As a senior he was the Photo Editor for my high school journalism program. He won his fair share of state and national awards including being named to the ILPC All State Journalism Staff. On 9/11 in 2001, as I was teaching a class full of eager young minds, Josh ran from my staffroom into my classroom shouting that a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center Towers in New York. Every morning Josh watched the news as he worked on his photos. That day, he broke the news to White Oak High School.

Within minutes we were all watching the scars of American history being slashed into a generation’s consciousness. It impacted many of them profoundly, including our precious son.

At Christmas a cousin was on a business trip to New York. She stopped an NYC firefighter, thanked him and told him eloquently about the impact their courage and sacrifice was having on young people all across this nation, including, specifically Josh. Whatever she said touched this man who had survived so much that he reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver coin with an angel stamped on it. He turned to our cousin and said, “This angel was in my pocket that day. My Angel protected me. Give it to the kid in Texas to watch over him to do the same.”

Suzanne Bardwell



My child who had a journalism scholarship to TCU and a promised CNN Republican Presidential Convention internship chose instead to go to Stephen F. Austin University and become a Forester with a wild land firefighting specialization. He has fought fire all over America from mountains to marshland. I am often asked how I handle the danger he is in when he is on assignment. I pray... a lot. I also know that he has an angel watching over him wherever he goes, whatever he does.

A hero is an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances. We need to remember that. We all have the capacity to be heroic whether it is in the stairwell of a collapsing building, in a combat zone, on a medical frontline during a pandemic, in a raging wildfire, or on the streets of our hometown. We all need an Angel in our pocket and we all need to honor and pray for those who serve us. More importantly, we all need to seek ways we can serve and to do it with humility and gratitude.

This 9/11 I continue to pray for the families who lost so much on that day whether it was at the Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, or on a plane flown by terrorists and filled with everyday heroes. Many on 9/11 in 2001 gave their all and we honor their sacrifice and that of their families. We honor those who have fought in lands not their own for decades. We honor those who live a life of service and most humbly remember those who sacrificed all in that service.

“Greater love has no man than this...” John 15:13a

May we never forget.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

What goes up ...

Housing prices are up. Way up! The robust market reflects a variety of factors, including population growth, job opportunities, and interest rates. During the pandemic, demand increased as people looked



to upsize to allow more room for at-home work and/or school. Remote work also allowed many households to relocate, while stimulus funds helped many with down payments. At the same time, the pandemic slowed construction due to production shutdowns, logistics bottlenecks, and resulting shortages (and price increases) of some building materials — and a tight labor market didn’t help. In

other words, in our highly complex modern economy, the basics of supply and demand are alive and well.

Several recent reports indicate the strength of this trend. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 10-City Composite Home Price Index shows June home prices up 18.5% over a year prior. This index tracks repeat sales of similar homes over time, thus reflecting appreciation over time rather than a change in the mix.

Reports from The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) indicate increases are widespread, with 94% of 183 metropolitan areas tracked experiencing double-digit median sales price increases in the first quarter compared to last year. Nationally, the median sales price of single-family existing homes rose

22.9% to \$357,900, an annual increase of \$66,800. Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown saw one of the fastest rates of increase, a whopping 45.1%.

Stories of buyers paying far above asking prices are common, and tight supplies leave few options. It’s a difficult market unless you happen to be a seller and don’t need to buy something else. Moreover, the recent strong gains are pricing some buyers out of the market. Even with stimulus help and low interest rates, affordability is a problem, particularly for first-time buyers or those with lower incomes. The job market is recovering and wages are rising, but not nearly as rapidly as home prices.

In addition, fears of a bubble are causing some concern, and the real estate crisis aspect of the

Great Recession is certainly not forgotten. This time, however, the price growth is due more to a supply-demand imbalance than to speculative factors.

There are signs conditions are beginning to normalize. The US now has about six months of housing inventory, meaning that the current for-sale inventory would last about that long given the current sales rate if no additional new houses were added to the market. That’s up from just over three months last fall, which is about as low as it has ever been.

Healthy real estate markets are good for the economy, and rising prices increase the wealth of homeowners. At the same time, expensive housing obviously presents financial challenges for buyers. We seem to be heading toward a happy medium. Stay safe!

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Fighting COVID, one shot at a time; Teen millionaire in Ohio

A couple of musings worth, hopefully, at least 50 cents:

Take a look at the photo accompanying today's essay (no, not the wrinkled prune wearing a baseball cap) and you'll see evidence that another person used their good sense to help mitigate the spread of COVID.

The card belongs to our no-longer-reluctant Mary Vandiver who, after weeks of cajoling from yours truly finally stopped by Eagle Pharmacy and received her first Pfizer vaccine.

(I'd like to take full credit for Mary finally seeing the light, but alas, I can't. Our super co-publisher Suzanne Bardwell deserves some accolades as well for her recent columns pointing out the advantages of being vaccinated.)

There are so many wrong-headed reasons being thrown about as to why people shouldn't get a COVID vaccine, from not being convinced it will work to how it infringes on personal freedoms, yada, yada.

But there are so many good reasons to get it, starting with (duh) it will help keep you safe while the unvaccinated remain in the cross hairs of the pandemic.

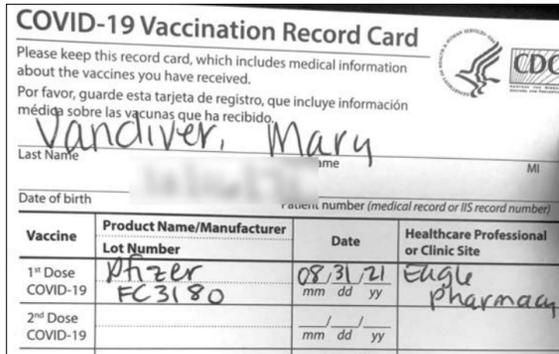
For our Mary, her reasons (other than to finally shut me up) were basic.

"I didn't want to end up on a ventilator," she said. "We don't know what the future will be like in five or six years so I figured it was the right thing to do."

Her experience at the pharmacy was very easy, she said. The staff was helpful, answered questions and made her feel comfortable.

Back at the first of the year the Lovely Bride and I had a similar experience when we received the Moderna vaccine. The only thing remotely difficult about the endeavor was waiting in line for about half an hour. A month later, we went back for our second dose and it was even easier.

This anti-vaccine momentum gathered steam during the latter stages of the former president's term and has remained attached to a certain



segment of society like barnacles on a ship's hull.

A few weeks ago, when this former president finally acknowledged to a group of his supporters they should get the vaccine, he was booed. Sometimes, the roots of ignorance run very, very deep.

It's worth repeating over and over – it's not a political thing. It's a health thing.

Get the shot and help save yourself and the ones you love.

For some reason, Booger Man was always there

I have been noticin' here lately that young parents are havin' a little more difficulty makin' their kids mind.

Now, I'm not talkin' about big kids. Heck, when they get to a certain age, you're goin' to have trouble with all of them. I'm talkin' about little bitty kids. I don't care where you go now-a-days, there is always some little kid runnin' around causin' havoc, and it seems like their mom or dad can't do anything with them. Oh, they'll yell things at them like, "Billy, I'm not goin' to tell you again," or "If you keep this up, I won't take you to McDonalds." Man, are those some mean threats, or what?

The one I really like is, "OK, do you want to go into time-out?" The first time I heard that one, I didn't know what they were talkin' about. I found out from a young parent that it is somethin' like havin' to sit in the corner.

Heck, when I was a kid and your folks yelled time-out, you'd better look out. It meant that they were takin' time out to go find somethin' with which to beat the tar out of you.

You'd better not have run off to hide either, because when they found you, and they would, you'd get it twice as bad.

Of course, parents now know a lot more about parentin' than our parents, or even we did. If you don't believe that, ask them, they'll tell you. They study books, videos, or take a class on the subject.

Then armed with all that knowledge, they still let the little rats walk all over them. I miss the good old days when you told a kid "no" once, and that was it.



It seemed simple, but I guess I'm just old and stupid.

Another thing that kids don't know about anymore is the Booger Man. Boy howdy, back when I was a kid, you'd better not do anything wrong, or the Booger Man would get you. Now, to be honest with you, I never really knew just who the Booger Man really was.

Oh, I've been told that he was the Devil, but to me the Booger Man was worse than that. Don't get me wrong, a red man with horns, a tail, carryin' a pitch fork is pretty scary, but to me, my idea of the Booger man was scarier.

Do you know how when somebody tells you somethin', your mind makes a picture of that somethin' and it sort of sticks with you? Well, that's the way it was with me.

Yep, I pictured the Booger Man as a man made out of boogers. Talk about scary. I know, that's pretty weird, but who can figure out the mind of a kid.

The way the Booger Man thing worked was this; nobody wants to spank a little-bitty kid. So the parent would tell the kid, "Don't do that or the Booger Man will get you."

Now at first, this might not have any effect on the kid. He'll go on his merry way doin' whatever little kids are goin' to do. (Notice I said "he". Little girls

were never told this because they were always sweet little things, or so their parents thought. We boys who had sisters knew better.)

Anywho, the parents had planted the Booger Man seed in our brains, and it started to grow. As all parents know, little seeds like this grow better when it gets dark. Then as soon as they put you in bed, and turn off the light, it blooms. That's the way it was with me.

I would lie in bed and Momma would turn the light out (this was back before night lights were invented). Then all of a sudden the Booger Man would be in the room with me. Oh, I couldn't see him. He was too clever for that. I could get a glimpse of him every once in a while out of the corner of my eye, but when I'd turn to look at him, he'd disappear.

A favorite hidin' place of his was under the bed. He'd hide under there and wait for my hand to fall off the side of the bed, and then he'd grab it and pull me under there with him.

Of course, I was never stupid enough to let my hand fall off the bed. Heck, I still can't bring myself to let my hand fall off the side of the bed. Do you parents wonder why your kids jump off their bed instead of just swingin' their legs down? Well, that's because the Booger Man will grab your legs, too.

Another hidin' place was in the closet. He would make himself almost visible in there. He'd take the form of "white things." As soon as the light would go out, I'd look at the closet and if the door was open, I could see him. I'd yell for Momma, and here she'd come.

"There are white things in the closet," I'd say. I never told her I knew it was the Booger Man. She'd shut the closet door, but I knew he'd have escaped and crawled under the bed, or in some corner, just out of my sight. So I'd swallow hard and start sayin' my prayers.

Now, I knew prayers would keep the Booger Man at bay, and I also knew that I was supposed to close my eyes to pray, but I always kept one eye open, just in case.

Then after I said my "Amen's," I'd pull the covers over my head. The Booger Man can't get you if you are under the covers. Oh, I knew the Booger Man was out there hoverin' over me, just waitin' for me to smothercate (that's when you smother and suffocate at the same time), so he could get me, but I had him fooled.

I had my nose just barely out from under the covers so I could breathe. Then sometime durin' the night, I would finally fall asleep. You guessed it, the next mornin', the Booger man was gone. At least he was gone for the time bein'. I knew he'd be back that night if I was a bad boy. So I'd try to be good, like I was told, so he wouldn't show back up. You're not goin' to believe this, but he always showed back up. Go figure.

It's not really a sign of the Apocalypse, but word has come from Ohio concerning a teen-age millionaire who would like to quarterback the Ohio State Buckeyes.

You may recall a few weeks ago we discussed the pending good financial fortune (literally) for Quinn Ewers, the former star quarterback for the Southlake Carroll High School Dragons.

He took advantage of this past spring's NCAA's ruling which paved the way for college athletes to earn money from their name, image and likeness (NIL). He couldn't do that while still being a student at Southlake Carroll, so he finished early, skipped his senior year and enrolled at Ohio State in early August.

This past week, Ewers signed a deal with sports marketing company GTSM worth an estimated \$1.4 million. Earlier, Ewers signed a deal with beverage company Holy Kombucha. And, in case you're keeping score, he signed another deal with a Columbus, Ohio car company.

Had he remained at Southlake Carroll, Ewers was supposed to be the No. 1 high school prospect in the country this year. In two years as the Dragon starter, Ewers threw for 6,445 yards, 73 touchdowns and eight interceptions while adding 12 touchdowns on the ground.

The National Federation of State High School Associations has expressed its disapproval of NIL deals.

"Our high schools across the country are standing up right now to say we want to protect this," said NFHS director Karissa Niehoff. "Without legislation, I think our associations are going to be safe. But if we have a legislature that gets their nose under the tent, without having the right conversations and without really thinking this through at the high school level we are going to see a lot of problems."

Ewers participated in his first practice at Ohio State on Aug. 16 and according to head coach Ryan Day, he's a "long way" from being college ready.

It appears Ewers' financial future is sound, even if his football future may not be.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Sept. 10, 2020
The 10th ranked Lindale Eagles traveled to Midlothian to take on the No. 4 ranked Heritage Jaguars and fell, 28-21, in a game that wasn't decided until the final two minutes.

With the Eagles driving for what would have been the tying touchdown, Midlothian managed to intercept a pass to seal the win. The loss put the Eagles at 1-1 on the year with Van's Vandals coming to town in a renewal of the fierce rivalry between the two schools.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Sept. 8, 2016
The Smith County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Tax Rate, which reflected priorities including road improvements; increased funding for law enforcement and jail operations; improved operational efficiency; continued improvement to facilities and technology; and hiring and retaining qualified employees who are providing the highest level of service to the citizens of Smith County.

The Commissioners Court also adopted a Tax Rate of .33000, which is the same as FY2016. By comparison, approximately 90 percent of Texas counties have a higher tax rate than Smith County.

10 YEARS AGO, Sept. 8, 2011
Lindale ISD Trustees approved a new tax rate for the district which included a tax cut for LISD home and property owners. The maintenance and operation tax rate of \$1.06 per \$100 valuation remained the same as the previous tax year.

The interest and sinking rate was reduced from 41.5 cents to 39.5 cents and would be applied to the \$42 million bond passed by voters in 2009.

The board also approved a \$25.5 million budget for the 2011-12 school year.

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BBB urges preparedness for disasters

September is National Preparedness Month, a full month dedicated to encouraging the public to assess and prepare for local disaster risks and unplanned emergencies.

The 2020 National Household Survey conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency found that a growing number of people invest in disaster preparation activities. Approximately 68 percent of respondents have taken at least moderate steps toward and have set aside funds in preparation for an emergency.

Better Business Bureau serving Central East Texas urges families to prepare for the unexpected and by implementing an emergency preparedness plan.

"Whether it's a hurricane, winter storm, or other type of disaster or emergency situation," Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB serving Central East Texas said. "You can avoid making hasty and potentially dangerous decisions by being as proactive as possible. In other words, have an emergency plan and an emergency kit."

Your emergency kit should include items such as:

- a gallon of water per person per day for three days,
- a three-day supply of nonperishable food for each family member,
- a flashlight with extra batteries,
- first-aid kit,



- a whistle to signal for help,
- dust masks,
- a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities,
- a power inverter or solar charger for your cell phone

In addition to having an emergency kit ready, discuss with family and friends how to contact one another, where to meet if you can't go home and what to do in specific situations like a tornado or fire.

Make sure all family members know where to meet and who to contact in case you get separated. A relative or friend in another area is an ideal emergency contact person. Make sure everyone in the family knows how to send and receive text messages. Consider downloading smart phone apps which provide emergency information. You might also consider enabling location sharing with family members and emergency contacts.

Families may also want to consider including such items as prescription medications,

infant formula and diapers, pet food and cash. Remember to check your supplies every few months and replace expired items.

Better Business Bureau, with tips from FEMA (check out Ready.gov for more), offer you these tips on how to prepare for a disaster: Catalogue your valuables. Take pictures of your valuables and place them in a safe. This can help the insurance company assess the dollar amount for your losses.

Protect important documents. Place copies of important family documents such as birth certificates, passports, insurance policies and photos in a waterproof, portable container near your escape route.

Start with trust. Whether you're shopping for insurance before a disaster strikes or looking for a company to clean damaged areas, remove debris and rebuild, review the company's Business Profile at bbb.org.

Know where to turn. FEMA, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have many resources available to help families prepare for what to do before, during and after disasters happen.

For more tips on how to prepare before and react to a disaster, go to bbb.org and ready.gov. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please call the BBB Hotline 903-581-8373, or go to BBB Scam Tracker.

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ETBU officials report record enrollment

MARSHALL -- East Texas Baptist University reported the second-highest recorded student enrollment in the University's 109-year history with 1,688 total students, university officials announced.

Also, ETBU officials reported an 84 percent undergraduate retention rate -- (2 percent higher than the five-year average).

In addition, the total graduate enrollment exhibits the highest graduate enrollment in University history, up by 13 percent from 2020.

"The enrollment is a result of our labor, and most certainly, an answer to our prayers—a blessing we can attribute to the battle fought through our hands and from our knees in communication with the God who provides and purposes His followers according to His perfect plans," ETBU President J.



East Texas Baptist University celebrates the second-highest recorded student enrollment in the University's 109-year history with 1,688 total students, and an 84 percent undergraduate retention rate. (Courtesy photo)

Blair Blackburn said.

He cited the dedication of others in the university as a factor in the growing student numbers.

"When I reflect on our University's foundation, mission, and core commitments, I am deeply appreciative to serve alongside a University Family who is committed to the fulfillment of God's vision for our students: both those who are here now and those who will one day call our Hill their home," Blackburn said. "As we navigate

how to best be a light for Christ in the shadowed parts of our world, we must lean into the Truth of God to produce within us a greater trust in Him and His plans for us."

The first-time freshman enrollment total is 403, which is tied for the third-highest first-time freshman class (with Fall 2020). Four out of the last five

years have had a freshman enrollment totalling 400 or more. New transfer student enrollment rises to 116 students, up 10 percent over last year.

"The new student enrollment for freshmen and transfer students is reflective of the great things that God is doing on our campus," Vice President for Enrollment Jeremy Johnston said. "We have 403 new freshmen on campus, marking the fourth time in five years that ETBU enrolled over 400 new freshmen in the fall."

This semester also marks the largest dual student enrollment in ETBU history, with students enrolled in ETBU classes at Marshall High School, Elysian Fields High School, Waskom High School, and Grace Community School in Tyler, he said.

"ETBU seeks to inspire and impact students through a transformative educational experience," ETBU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Sanders said. "A graduate degree is a more personal and professional step on that journey of education and service. I am thrilled to see our graduate student population continue to grow as we work to strengthen the resources and opportunities available for our growing student body."

Brookshire's offering coupons to help with hurricane relief

Brookshire Grocery Co. is launching a relief campaign for customers to donate to the American Red Cross for people who are affected by Hurricane Ida, said publicity spokesperson Morgan Countryman.

Through Sept. 14, all Brookshire's, Super 1 Foods, Spring Market and FRESH by Brookshire's stores will have \$1, \$3, and \$5 coupons available for customers to make monetary donations at checkout.

The donations will go to the American Red Cross relief efforts for those affected by the hurricane.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to those in Louisiana and Mississippi who are being affected by Hurricane Ida," said Brad Brookshire, Brookshire Grocery Co. Chairman and CEO. "Our Company is dedicated to giving back and supporting our communities and people. A year ago, we stood by our customers, friends, and neighbors to recover from hurricane Laura, and we will do it again. I know that with our customers' support we can make a significant impact on relief efforts."

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Friday Aug. 27, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 800 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13700 block CR 411, settled at scene. Lt Lazarine and Officers Fortunas and Philpot responded to a warrant service at 300 block S Industrial St, arrest made. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a welfare concern at 400 block Eagle Spirit Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a reckless driving at 100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 16200 block FM 849, false alarm. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Gillham responded to a verbal disturbance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Gillham responded to a hit and run at 55 block Miranda Lambert Way, report taken. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 13300 CR 472, settled at scene.

Saturday Aug. 28, 2021

Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 400 block Eagles Spirit Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, Lt Lazarine, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Fortunas and Trombley responded to a recovered stolen vehicle at 555 WB I-20, report taken. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 14100 block CR 463, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 556 EB I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a verbal disturbance at 300 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a public service at 300 block Asher Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a welfare concern at 552 WB I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious person at 552 WB I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 18700 block Hwy 69 N, citation issued.

Sunday Aug. 29, 2021

Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 200 block W South St, false alarm. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 300 block Smith Cir, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a disturbance at 400 block Noah Ln, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to an accident at 552 W I-20, report taken. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Stadium St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 300 block S Main St, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block Stadium St, settled at scene. Cpt



Chambers and Sgt Houghton responded to a business alarm at 16200 block FM 849, false alarm.

Monday Aug. 30, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 2400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 500 W South St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Capps and Allen responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Bowers St, settled at scene. Chief Somes responded to a public service at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a city ordinance violation at 400 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Cannery Row, unfounded. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Jackquet and Allen responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious person at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 554 W I-20, settled at scene.

Tuesday Aug. 31, 2021

Officer Capps responded to an abandoned vehicle at 555 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas and Officers Trombley and Capps responded to an assist other agency at CR 431 & CR 313, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 13700 block Harvey Rd, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a fraud at 300 block Summertree Cir, report taken. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 13400 I-20, unfounded. Officer Fortunas responded to a transport at 100 block Ballard Dr, arrest made. Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to a possession of a controlled substance at 900 block S Main St, arrest made. Cpt Chambers and Officers Fortunas and Trombley responded to a disturbance at 200 block W South St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene.

Wednesday Sept. 1, 2021

Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 900 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 700 block S Mian St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 12600 block Blueberry Dr, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a business alarm at 900 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a warrant service at 13300 block CR 472, arrest made. 126 responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Thursday Sept. 2, 2021

Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 800 block Bentwood Cir, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to public service at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 13300 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a fraud

at 100 block S College St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to public service at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspi-

cious circumstance at 700 block Wood Springs Rd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincere-

ly held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establish-

ing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

FED PLEAS, SENTENCING

Former Texans plead guilty in money fraud matter

Three former Texans now living in Louisiana have pleaded guilty to federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, public information officer for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei.

Ronnie Duane Booth, 38, and Mary Elizabeth Beaman Booth, 40, both formerly of Forney, pleaded guilty on Aug. 24, 2021 to aiding and abetting an unlicensed money transmitting business.

Tracey Brookshier, 52, formerly of Kingsville, pleaded guilty to the same charge on August 25, 2021 before U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

"Defrauding elder persons of their life savings deprives them of a secure future and causes significant emotional distress to both the victim and their families," said Ganjei. "EDTX is committed to holding accountable those who unconscionably prey on our senior citizens and other vulnerable populations."

According to information presented in court, the three defendants were part of a scheme which involved call center fraudulent solicitations of various kinds, including home mortgage modifications, personal loans, repayment of Social Security benefits, and IRS demands for payment. Victims were contacted by an overseas call center and instructed to make payments through various

money service businesses or by mailing payments to specified addresses.

The Booths and Brookshier were recruited to pick up those payments from the money service businesses or receive them in the mail. They would then deposit them into accounts as instructed by others involved in the scheme.

One such co-conspirator, Jeremy Christopher Jones, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering in June.

Brookshier admitted to being responsible for collecting and depositing approximately \$126,000 in victim proceeds, Mary Booth admitted to being responsible for picking up and depositing approximately \$155,000 in victim proceeds, and Ronnie Booth admitted to picking up and depositing approximately \$91,000 in victim proceeds. The overall scheme involved approximately \$3.2 million in victims' payments and almost 2000 victims, many of whom are elderly.

The defendants each face up to five years in federal prison. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing 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 a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

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Freshman kicker Seth Baggett was mobbed on the sideline after kicking the game winning field goal this past Friday in Lindale's 31-29 win over Pine Tree.



Lindale High School's cheerleaders perform a routine on the sidelines this past Friday night at Pine Tree.



Lindale running back Kasey Villarreal picks up some of his 92 yards on the ground against Pine Tree this past Friday. He carried the ball 19 times and scored a touchdown in Lindale's 31-29 victory.



(left) Quarterback Sam Peterson takes off around the right side and scores from five yards out for Lindale's first touchdown in the Eagles' 31-29 win over Pine Tree this past Friday.



(left) LHS junior defensive lineman Christian King puts pressure on the Pine Tree quarterback during fourth period action this past Friday in the Eagles' 31-29 win over the Pirates.



The Pride of Lindale Marching Band performs at halftime this past Friday in Pine Tree.

Lindale Junior High girls win tournament

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles' volleyball teams hosted a tournament this past weekend and won the event by beating Van and Canton as well as Kilgore.

The 7th grade B team bested Van and Canton, while the 7th grade A team, 8th grade B team and the 8th grade A team topped Van and Kilgore.

In the first game for the 7th grade B team, Lindale won 25-10 and 25-8 over Van while winning the second, 25-17 and 25-16 over Canton.

Leading servers for the games were Jordyn Weesner, Brooke Gissell, Kimber Simpson and Claire Means. Emory Philpott, Brooke Lewis and Madison Devisscher were leading passers. Leading setters were

McKenzie Clark and Caydence Thompson while the leading hitters were Jaimie Phillips, Caydence Thompson and Jordyn Weesner.

For the 7th grade A team in game one against Van, the Lady Eagles won 25-9, 25-6 and 25-6 and won by 25-17, 11-25 and 25-6 in game two over Kilgore.

Leading server was Grace Koustoubardis while the leading passers were Ella Watkins and Ava Grogan. Ella Hutchens was the leading setter as well as the leading hitter.

The 8th grade B team scores were 25-21 and 25-12 in game one against Van and 25-17 and 25-22 in game two over Kilgore.

Leading servers were Kenlie Collins

and Kirby Kleam, while Lauren Stanton was the leading passer. Abigail Warrington was the leading setter, Lauren Stanton was the leading hitter and leading blocker and Mollee-Kate DeWolfe won the Leadership Award. Abigail Warrington won the Hustle Award.

For the 8th grade A team, scores were 25-22, 25-15 in game one against Van and 25-14 and 25-22 in game two over Kilgore.

Macy Hodde was the leading server while Menah Harley was the leading passer. Macy Luster was leading server, Alyssia Romero was the leading hitter, Sadie Arriola was the leading blocker and Macy Hodde won the Leadership Award. Alyssia Romero won the Hustle Award.

Helpful ideas when packing school lunches

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health



Along with the new school year comes the daily challenge of preparing a healthy and nutritious lunch for your child that they will eat – AND that doesn't break your budget.

With a little preparation, you can pack lunches that your kids will eat and you can feel good about sending with them.

Packing Tips

-- Never leave perishable foods out of refrigeration for more than 2 hours. If the food is exposed to temperatures above 90 degrees (such as a hot car or summer picnic), refrigerate it within 1 hour.

-- Invest in an insulated lunchbox and thermos.

-- Don't forget to pack utensils, napkins, and a healthy beverage.

-- Start a lunch meal-plan calendar.

-- Try packing small amounts of a variety of foods.

Keep a supply of shelf-stable foods for easy packing: crackers, packaged pudding, canned fruits or meats, dried fruits, or beef jerky.

Lunches should include protein, whole grains, and a fruit or vegetable.

Be sure to check with your school or daycare about any specific meal requirements and allergy restrictions.

A well-packed lunch is essential to overcoming the mid-day lull and ensuring your child has the energy to power through the rest of the school day. Make sure your lunches include protein, whole grains, and a fruit and/or vegetable.

A great way to know if you are providing too much or too little food is to watch your child's growth.

If they are on track at the doctor's office, you can feel confident that you are providing the right amount of food for your child.

For more information, contact the 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.

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City of Lindale issues 93 building permits

From July 1 through Aug. 26, the city of Lindale issued 93 building permits for home and business construction, according to figures released by city officials.

- Business permits include:
- Crow Towing Service, 13658 County Road 433, certificate of occupancy issued on July 1;
 - Fed Ex Ground, Lindale Industrial Park, concrete flatwork issued July 16;
 - Crayon Clubhouse Learning, 1521 S. Main St., Lindale, certificate of occupancy issue on July 20;
 - City of Lindale cemetery, sidewalk and driveway, issued Aug. 3;
 - J&R Custom Marine, 207 College St., Lindale, certificate of occupancy issued Aug. 3;
 - Sweet Necia's Sweets, 13398 Choice Circle, Lindale, certificate of occupancy issued Aug. 4;
 - Health Revolution, 309 Rustic Road, Lindale, certificate of occupancy issued Aug. 6;
 - Trinity Mother Frances Health, 3203 S Main St., Lindale, commercial building issued on Aug. 9;
 - Lindale ISD Early Childhood Center, plat submittal issued Aug. 9;
 - Vista Real Estate, 75 Miranda Lambert Way, commercial certificate of occupancy issued Aug. 12;
 - Eagle Chiropractic, 821 Hickory Street, Lindale, certificate of occupancy issued Aug. 20;
 - Jeff Grier Insurance Agency, commercial certificate of occupancy issued Aug. 26.

Longtime Smith County employee honored for service

Patti Simmons was honored during Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Aug. 31 for 30 years of service to Smith County, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

She worked in the District Clerk's office for six months before working for the late 321st District Judge Ruth Blake for seven years. When Judge Blake retired, Simmons went to work for County Court-at-Law 3 Judge Floyd Getz, where she has been for more than 22 years. She works as the court coordinator for juvenile matters.

"I can honestly say that this career has been so humbling and I thank God for all the people that have crossed my path over the years," Simmons said. "It will be bitter sweet leaving here."

Simmons plans to retire when Judge Getz does, at the end of his term.

"She's been with me since day one and has been an absolute blessing to me in so many ways," Getz said. "I can honestly say that she is family."

He said Simmons still works with the

same energy and dedication that she did when she began working for him.

Rafael Villa was recognized for 20 years of service to the Smith County Sheriff's Office.

Villa began working in the jail before moving to patrol and has worked there ever since.

Sheriff Larry Smith said Villa is a man of few words.

"He is high in action and short on words," Sheriff Smith County. "He has done a great job for the last 20 years."

Thomas Yarbber was recognized for five years of service with the Sheriff's Office.

He began his career here in the jail before moving to patrol.

Other county employees celebrating a work anniversary who were not in court include:

- 15 Years: Matthew Moseley, District Attorney's Office;
- 10 Years: Lisa Bennett, Sheriff's Office;
- 5 Years: Noah Coltman, District At-

torney's Office; and Joshua Decur, Belinda Ford and Tina Loveless.



Smith County Commissioners honored Patti Simmons for her years of service to the county during a recent meeting. She was presented with a plaque by County Court-at-Law Judge Floyd Getz. (Courtesy Photo)

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mark Wayne Hicks, Deceased, were issued on September 1, 2021, in Cause No. 45,495P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: SHARON MARIE HICKS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Kyle G. Waggoner, Attorney at Law, at PO Box 1152, Mineola, Texas, 75773.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DAVE MAURICE DOTSON, Deceased, were issued on July 6, 2021, in Cause No. 45482P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to DERRICK MAURICE DOTSON.

The address for the Independent Executor is:
 c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON
 The Goodson Firm, P.C.
 115 W. Ferguson Street
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Date: August 31, 2021.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
 Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of ALTAMONT FRANCIS, Deceased, were issued on July 22, 2021, in Cause No. 32992P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to JOHN FRANCIS.

The address for the Administrator is:
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LYDIA STOCKS REAVIS, Deceased, were issued on August 24, 2021, in Cause No. 45486P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to VICKI LYNN GOTCHER.

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LEGALS

Date: August 31, 2021.

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 Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of KENNETH EDWARD SANDERS, Deceased, were issued on August 25, 2021, in Cause No. 45689P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to MICHAEL TERRANCE SANDERS.

The address for the Independent Executor is:

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Date: August 31, 2021.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
 Attorney for the Estate

Notice to Creditors

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joe Wayne Tomlin, Deceased, were issued to Gwendolyn Gay Tomlin September 1, 2021, in Cause 45653P, County Court, Smith County, TX. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to Gwendolyn Gay Tomlin c/o Richard Patteson, Attorney, 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, TX 75702 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Sophomore running back Patrick Daniels picks up second half yardage Friday night against Pine Tree in Lindale's thrilling 31-29 win over the Pirates.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Late field goal lifts Eagles to win

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week one, Lindale squandered a double-digit lead and lost 39-36.

Against Pine Tree, the Eagles built a two-touchdown lead and were driving for another when the drive stalled inside the Pine Tree 35.

"(Finishing teams off) doesn't

have to be a weakness of ours the entire year," the coach said. "We are learning lessons in these games that will benefit us the rest of the season."

He was impressed with the attitude of his club after Pine Tree got close then took the lead.

"I thought our kids handled the momentum swing well," he said.

"They simply refused to lose, which is what we talked about at halftime."

Prior to the game-winning boot, the Eagles and Pirates traded body blows for four quarters. Lindale took an early 8-0 lead only to have Pine Tree answer on a pick six with just over eight minutes left in the second quarter.

With 3:18 left in the second quarter, Kasey Villarreal scored from a yard out and with Baggett's extra point the Eagles had tied the game at 15.

The Eagles scored twice on their first two possessions of the second half to build a 28-15 lead but Pine Tree clawed back in the game with a score in the opening minute of the fourth period.

Then with 5:29 left, Pine Tree claimed a 29-28 lead on a 75-yard scoring run.

Lindale got the ball back on its 37 with 2:23 left which set the stage for Baggett's eventual heroics.

This week, the Eagles have their annual tussle with blood-rival Van on the road.

The Vandals took down No. 7-ranked Malakoff last Friday, 33-24, for their second win of the season.

"(Van) is good across the board," Cochran said. "They are hard to prepare for, they are well coached and their kids are gritty. They've got some really good players over there."

Leading the way for the Vandals were quarterback Jackson Rainey, wide out Luca Kozhev and running back Alex Zifer.

Rainey completed 20 of 33 passes for just over 200 yards and three scores to Kozhev.

On the ground, Zifer collected 71 yards on 16 carries and caught two balls for 16 yards.

Defensively, the Vandals were led by Braydon Hullumn and Colton Miller who led the team with eight tackles apiece and Beau Barton who had two sacks to go along with his seven tackles.

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ABIGAIL ALEXANDRIS is the daughter of Michelle and Arthur Alexandris. She is a member of the art club and the University Interscholastic League competition teams for history, spelling, mathematics, and choir. Abigail believes she is impacting the world through her hand-crafted greeting card business, which provides quality, yet affordable, greeting cards to her local community. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and study aerospace engineering. Abigail's future goals include earning a doctorate in engineering and working as an aerospace technician or drafter.

COLLIN CHRISTIAN is the son of Vivian and Clayton Christian. He is the tuba squad leader in the marching band, first chair tuba player in the symphonic winds band, and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Collin is an active volunteer with his church and the David Powell Food Pantry. He believes he is impacting the world by disciplining younger children at his church. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College and study occupational therapy. Collin's future goals include working as an occupational therapy assistant and assistant youth pastor.

NATHALIE KRAMER is the daughter of Mary Beth and Chad Kramer. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Future Farmers of America, where she serves on the citizenship committee, public relations team, quiz team, and the veterinary science team. Nathalie believes she is impacting the world by not being afraid to be herself, speaking truth, and serving as a listening ear for friends and family. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and study psychology. Nathalie's future goals include working in the field of forensic psychology.

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