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## Constable gets 6-month jail term following guilty verdict

Precinct 2 Constable Joshua Black was found guilty by a Smith County jury this past Thursday (Sept. 16) of official



BLACK

oppression in connection with offering supervised visitation services to a woman to see her child in

exchange for sexual favors.

On Friday, the same jury sentenced him to six months in jail plus a \$4,000 fine after two hours of deliberation. A court order was then issued by 114<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Austin Reeve Jackson removing Black as constable.

According to the indictment handed down in November, 2020, Black was accused of offering to provide a woman with supervised visitation services in exchange for sexual favors.

Presentation of evidence began on Wednesday (Sept. 15). Black pleaded not guilty to the charge, which is a Class A misdemeanor.

In November 2020, Black was elected to a two-year term at Precinct 2 constable after being appointed to the position in 2019 to fill the unexpired term of Andy Dunklin, who became Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

Black was arrested on Thursday (Sept. 9) and released that day on a \$1,000 bond.

Smith County DA Jacob Putman said the most recent prostitution charge is connected to another alleged victim after the original investigation produced additional evidence leading to the additional charge.

He is now facing two counts of prostitution in the Smith County Court at Law No. 2.

Smith County Court at Law No. 2 Judge Taylor Heaton denied the defense's writ of habeas corpus on Wednesday and ordered that Black's trial begin on Monday (Sept. 13).

However, Putman's office requested the case to be continued on Thursday (Sept. 16) due to a COVID-19 related matter.



Lindale running back Patrick Daniels picks up some second half yardage against Gilmer this past Friday in Eagle Stadium.

Photo by Terry Cannon



Lindale vs. Mabank  
7:30 p.m.  
Friday in  
Mabank

## Eagles fall to Gilmer, begin district Friday

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

Make no mistake: the first four games of this football season for the Lindale Eagles have been important, but not essential to navigating the on-ramp to where the team needs to be headed.

That would be the District 9-4A District race, which begins in earnest this week with a trip to Mabank.

The Eagles, sitting at 1-3 on the season following last week's 49-35 setback to the No. 2-ranked Gilmer Buckeyes, understand that the record from now until Nov. 5 means more than their current standing.

While winning is obviously preferred, Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran has stressed to his club that another district title is more important than having a great record in pre-district.

"No one likes being 1-3," Cochran said. "But this week it starts over. It's like I told (the players) 'we are 0-0' going into this game.' The last four have prepared us for the next six."

### GILMER GAME

Even though the Buckeyes built a 14-0 lead after one period, the Eagles didn't wilt. Cochran noted he and his coaches were more than pleased with the team's perseverance.

"Our kids are going to fight," he said. "I wished we had executed better in the first half but I thought they executed our game plan – on both sides of the ball – but we still have to find a way to finish games and get the ball in the endzone."

Lindale's special teams put the team on the board in the opening minutes of the second period as defensive lineman Christian King picked up an errant snap on a Gilmer punt and rumbled in for the touchdown.

Seth Gamble's extra point trimmed the deficit to one touchdown, but the Buckeyes wasted little time in restoring their two-score lead with a 77-yard strike on the first play following the Eagle score.

The lead ballooned to 28-7 with just over four minutes left in the half, but the Eagles' defense held firm and forced a punt deep in Gilmer's territory. The Eagles took over at the Buckeyes' 23.

Four plays later, running back Nashad Lee scored from two-yards out to make it 28-14 at the half.

In the third period, Gilmer increased its margin to 35-14 but with just over nine minutes left, quarterback Sam Peterson hit Jacob Seekford with a 55-yard scoring pass to make it a two-score game again.

Peterson hit Judson Long with a 35-yard scoring pass with time running down in the third period and the Eagles were within 35-28 heading into the fourth. They cut it to 42-34 with a 21-yard scoring pass from Peterson to Evan Alford, but were to get no closer.

### MABANK GAME

The Panthers are 4-0 coming into the district opener, having defeated Bullard (30-17), Kemp (48-6), Wills Point (49-0) and Canton last Friday, 35-21.

In 2020, Mabank was 1-5 in district play and 4-6 overall. Four offensive and eight defensive starters are back this year.

Operating out of a split-T offense, the Panthers are content to run the ball.

"They are the 'three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust' type offense," Cochran said.

"We'll have our hands full and going into their place won't be easy."

## New tax rate to fund \$17.4 million budget passed by city council

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

A new tax rate which will fund the city of Lindale budget for fiscal year 2021-22 was approved by city council members during their regular meeting Tuesday night at city hall. The new tax rate will be 0.456 per \$100 valuation, with the maintenance and operations tax rate .2241 and the debt rate .2327. The new budget will be \$17.4 million.

Voice votes were required for the tax rate approval/disapproval. Rick Thelan, Place 1, Yvette Martin Place 2, Ginger Sims Place 3, Bob Tardiff Place 4 and Bryan Summerville Place 5 all voted in the affirmative.

Council members had to first ratify the property tax rate then approve an ordinance adopting the new budget for FY 2021-22. It is approximately a five percent increase from the previous fiscal year.

The new budget year will begin Oct. 1, 2021 and end on Sept. 30, 2022.

Mayor Pro-tem Ginger Sims chaired the meeting in Mayor Jeff Daugherty's absence.

In other items, Council members:

- Reviewed and approved the city's investment policy.

City Finance Director David Craft noted this policy must be approved each year.

- Updated the city's pay scale as reflected in the new city budget.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell noted that the police department received a \$2-plus raise as well as asking the council to increase the city road crew salaries to \$18-20 per hour.

- Approved the re-subdivision of two lots in the Woodlands subdivision to form a single lots, located at 13954 Beechwood Circle.

- Approved the final subdivision plat of Eagle Meadows located at County Road 463 and Woodsprings Road, creating 10 lots out of 3.43 acres. This area is located across from Lindale Junior High School.

- Reconfirmed the reappointment of Charlie Rand, John Droblyn and Perry Mac Hutchens to the Lindale Economic Development Board of Directors for three-year terms.

## Smith County Commissioners approve Trane tax abatement

The Smith County Commissioners Court on Tuesday (Sept. 14) approved a 10-year tax abatement to Trane Technologies for the reconstruction and expansion of a manufacturing facility destroyed by Winter Storm Uri, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Felecia Herndon, Executive Vice President/Finance of the Tyler Economic Development Council, said Trane plans to invest \$76.7 million to construct a new 190,000-square-foot building to replace the collapsed building, which was 115,000 square feet. In addition to rebuilding four assembly lines, the investment will create three additional assembly lines, Herndon said.

Smith County Commissioner Cary Nix worked on an assembly line at Trane several years ago and called the company a Tyler

institution and a great asset to Smith County.

"We are glad to have them," he added.

Trane is the single largest manufacturing employer in Tyler/Smith County, Herndon said. They are committed to retaining the 400 existing jobs that were housed in the building.

"The Tyler Economic Development Council has a long-standing relationship with Trane and its Vice President of Operations, Ted Crabtree," Herndon said.

"We previously worked with Trane in 2017 on its state-of-the-art headquarters office facility and are excited to assist with this new expansion.

"Once complete, these two projects, alone, will result in new investment of \$82 million, 450 new office jobs and the retention

of 400 manufacturing jobs for Tyler/Smith County."

Crabtree thanked the Smith County Commissioners Court for being great community partners during the last few months. "The community support has been great," he said.

Although it did not happen the way they would have wanted, the collapsed building provides Trane an opportunity to expand for the next generation.

"We want to be a great community partner for the next 65 years," he said.

Crabtree said they hope to have the project complete by January.

Trane opened its Tyler facility in 1956 as an air conditioning plant, which is one of the single largest Trane facilities in the world, according to Herndon.

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## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Haitians flood into Del Rio, bridge closed

Thousands of Haitian refugees fleeing political unrest and a severe earthquake have flooded into Del Rio on the Texas-Mexico border, prompting the city's mayor to declare an emergency and close the bridge with more than 15,000 migrants crowded beneath it.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz blamed the situation on President Joe Biden, reported the San Antonio Express-News.

Border agents are working to process those who crossed, while the Biden administration on Saturday accelerated flights to deport migrants back to Haiti. Abbott called it a "border crisis" and ordered Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and the Texas National Guard to maintain a presence around ports of entry in an attempt to deter additional entries. Despite the influx of migrants at Del Rio, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said there were 2% fewer overall encounters of migrants along the border in August than July.

Abbott backtracked on an order to shut down entry points along the border, which the state does not have the legal power to do, unless granted permission by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, according to the Houston Chronicle. The federal government, not states, has ultimate authority over the country's borders.

### COVID cases drop, but deaths increase

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the state decreased about 7% from the previous week, with 111,565 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. However, new deaths were up slightly, with 1,800 reported as of Sunday.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas dropped slightly, with the Texas Department of State Health Services reporting 12,246 inpatients, down 7.8% from the previous week. However, with 3,618 of those hospitalized in intensive-care unit beds, the total number of available staffed adult ICU beds declined to just 277 statewide, with only 86 pediatric ICU beds available in the entire state.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated continues to creep upward, with 14.46 million reported in the state, according to DSHS. That is 49.6% of the state's total population.

### Third special session focuses on redistricting

The Texas Legislature convened Monday for its third special session with the focus on redrawing political boundaries for House and Senate districts, as well as for the state's congressional seats and for the State Board of Education. Before the session began, proposed state senate districts by Republican leaders drew fire from the other side of the aisle, according to the Texas Tribune.

State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston proposed a map that redraws two districts — hers and that of Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, to include comfortable majorities of voters who backed Donald Trump in 2020. Both districts saw voters narrowly favor Joe Biden in the 2020 election.

State Sen. Beverly Powell, D-Burleson, said the reconfigured map gives Republicans in her district an unfair advantage. "The proposed State Senate map is a direct assault on the voting rights of minority citizens in Senate District 10 and, if adopted, it would be an act of intentional discrimination," she said in a statement.

Redistricting promises to be a fiercely fought battle, as it is every 10 years.

### Up to \$5 million for rural hospitals

Rural hospitals in Texas are set to receive up to \$5 million in federal funding to help underserved Texans, the Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

"As we work to address health disparities throughout the state, this funding will help break down barriers to accessing care while connecting rural Texans with health care providers in creative ways and improving overall health outcomes within their communities," said Trey Wood of the HHSC.

The funding is coming from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Texas is one of four recipients of the grants, designed to "address health disparities, improve health outcomes, and meet the unique needs of Texans living in rural areas using telemedicine," according to HHSC.

### Texas horned lizard making comeback

A coalition of zoos and wildlife scientists has released into the wild 204 captive-raised hatchlings of the once ubiquitous Texas horned lizard, more commonly known as the horny toad. New evidence indicates that previously released lizards are successfully reproducing, according to a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department news release.

The horned lizard is one of 1,300 Texas species of concern, which are rare or declining and need special efforts to prevent being listed as endangered under state or federal regulations.

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## ...moms, love & light

The long and winding road of life is full of bumps with stretches of smooth sailing every so often. The drive to and from Lubbock is like a NASCAR event. Once you get past the DFW patrols it is the Wild West autobahn. I promise you will only get stopped if you are going over 90...or you look suspicious, and that would be the West Texas version of suspicious. I stayed with the speed of light flow last Thursday and headed down I-20 for the day long trek to visit my brother's family and my Mom.

My dedicated brother Phil and his precious wife Julia take very good care of our much loved Mom. Because of our work commitments Mom needs a presence I can no longer provide. That makes me sad, a little or a lot guilty, and very appreciative of the loving care that my family provides.

Phil let me know Mom was a bit down so I shrugged off my long list of work and community commitments to surprise her with a visit... and my pedal was to the metal getting there. Mom's 95th birthday is next week and Jim and I will be in Florida at the National Newspaper Convention. Jim, as Texas Press Association President, will represent Texas finally fulfilling a lifetime career dream.

Time with Mom needed to be carved out of my usually written in stone schedule. I took a birthday cake and presents for everybody because my niece, nephew, brother, sis-in-heart and Mom have birthdays in August, September and early October...and we had a party. Sis-in-heart grilled, I pampered Mom with a facial, manicure and pedicure and did my best to light up her world in my too short visit. I know she lit up mine. There really is no love like a mother's. None.

Phil and I bonded over my 'new' used car manual, he's more techie than me and I needed H-E-L-P! We also nostalgically watched episodes of "Baa Baa Black Sheep". Just so happens my rock hero Peter Frampton was in one of the episodes, what a hoot! So was kicking back with my brother.

Life in the family fast lane is always a struggle whether you are newly married, young parents, the parents of teens or the adult children of aging parents. And, that doesn't take into account when you are the parents of adult children who choose radically dangerous careers. Throw in work bumps and scrapes, deadlines and exhaustion, and life just starts to slip on by. Sometimes, we just have to stop and grab it

## Suzanne Bardwell



and hold it close.

Mothers deserve our love and care because they gave us the gift of life. When we are blessed with great Moms our lives reflect what those mothers so sacrificially gave us. I pray that my light shines bright in honor of the love I have known from both of my parents.

On Sept. 26 my Mom will turn 95, imagine that, 95 years of a life well-lived and full of love. If you would like to help me put some light back in her eyes and help her celebrate this milestone birthday, drop a card in the mail to: Juanita Brown, 3103 Quail Road, Lubbock, TX. 79407.

And, if it's not too much to ask, could you keep my son Josh and his helitack crews in your prayers? He is on wildfire assignment in California on the Dixie Fire.

A mother's job is never done, is it?



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Resilience!

Like almost any American over the age of 25, I vividly remember September 11, 2001. The images of planes striking buildings and people fleeing in terror—and the resulting acts of heroism—are indelibly etched.

The human consequences defy measurement, and the economic costs were substantial. Property damage and cleanup costs were extensive. The stock market was shuttered for days and plummeted upon reopening. Air travel was also halted and required considerable time to recover. Thousands of lives were lost, along with their potential creativity, earnings, and

productivity. The events of 9/11 caused \$100 billion in losses in New York City alone, with the fallout affecting companies around the world. Consumer and business confidence dropped, causing further economic harms.

Spending increased in some industries in the aftermath. Investments in private security and the military increased for a few years. Research and development to deter future issues was also encouraged.

Rules for many activities changed, such as more stringent requirements for airport screening. While less obvious on the surface, the attacks brought a new risk into focus—the idea that terrorists could cause such damage on US soil. Consequently, we have implicitly raised the discount rate on everything, thus affecting the level of

investment and how resources are allocated.

For the overall economy, however, the events of 9/11 presented only a transitory setback. We were already in a recession at the time (the aftermath of the dot-com bubble), and it continued a few more months before things turned around. The losses were far less severe than the Great Recession which, in turn, pales in comparison to the steep COVID-19 downturn.

The reason for this remarkable ability to recover from even horrific events such as 9/11 is the adaptability and resilience of people and markets. Things changed, but we adapted. Flying became different in 2001, but we still fly. We have strong institutions such as the Federal Reserve ready to take swift and decisive action as needed to

help curtail downturns and support recoveries.

As we struggle with the lingering pandemic and its deleterious effects on our lives and livelihoods, the tragedy of 9/11 offers a compelling and uplifting lesson. Rarely have we had our collective confidence and emotions so thoroughly shattered. Things changed, but we endured and achieved new heights. Many aspects of our daily sojourn have been temporarily (and in some instances permanently) altered over the past 18 months—how we work, how we travel, how we shop, how we interact with one another, and even how we play. What has not changed, however, is the institutional strength and human ingenuity that has brought us through past challenges and will do so again. Onward! Stay safe!



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# Favorite reptile from long ago making comeback

A news item that surfaced last week from the Metroplex sent me into my personal Wayback Machine – again.

It seems that some pretty smart people at Texas Christian University (no surprise there, huh?), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Fort Worth Zoo have managed to attach some radar tags – harmonic ones, to be precise – to a group of Texas horned lizard hatchlings – about 200 in all -- which were then released into the wild.

As soon as I read this, the machinery in my Wayback Machine began to whirl. Horned Toads were an important part of my life while growing up in East Dallas because they were a part of my “interesting” menagerie of animals.

In my younger days, I was the caretaker of such creatures as tortoises, birds, snakes, hamsters and yes, Horned Toads.

Tortoises, or box turtles, were plentiful too but rather boring. I never found snakes to be as fearsome as other people as long as they are the non-venomous ones.

Hamsters were great and kept me entertained most of the time.

But Horned Toads, now, they were really special.

Looking like something out of the Jurassic age, Horned Toads were plentiful in our yards and flower beds. Aside from their dinosaur-like appearance, Horned

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Editor




Toads actually shot blood out of their eyes.

No, really. I wouldn't make that up.

With their spiked heads and menacing eyes, they looked fearsome but in reality were quite docile. You could even put one to sleep by turning it over and stroking its belly. Their main food source was the carpenter ant – or red ant -- and they loved it when we found an ant bed and let them snack away.

At one time or another, practically all my neighborhood friends had at least one Horned Toad. Once you found one, you'd put it a shoebox for a couple of weeks until the novelty wore off then you'd turn 'em loose.

Keeping them for an extended period of time only help accelerate their decline along with the dreaded fire ants which pushed out the lizards' main food item, the red ant.

Pesticides to eradicate the red

ant along with urban sprawl took away their rural habitat so it was just a matter of time before they faded into memory.

According to the TP&WD these horned wonders are one of 1,300 “species of concern” in our state which has spurred an effort to bring them back.

There's evidence to suggest the previously released lizards are reproducing. And to prove the folks in Washington can get at least a couple of things right, a landmark bipartisan proposal now moving through Congress, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, would bring the resources needed to save this species and hundreds like it.

The folks at the Fort Worth Zoo – a great place to visit, by the way – have developed the breeding protocols needed to breed and care for these lizards in managed collections.

Other zoos around the state have used this knowledge and have Horned Toad breeding programs of their own, but the Fort Worth Zoo has the longest-running program and recently greeted its 1,000th horned toad hatchling.

Optimism remains high that with this continue research and restoration work the horned lizards will become self-sustaining once more, hopefully in time for my grandkids to find some in their flower beds.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Sept. 24, 2020  
Lindale's Miranda Lambert brought home the top prize for Music Event of the Year during the 55th annual Academy of Country Music Awards held in Nashville.

The hometown superstar was also nominated for Female Artist of the Year and Album of the Year for “Wildcard.” Lambert also performed her recent No. 1 single “Bluebird” from the historic Bluebird Café in Nashville. She was accompanied by songwriters Luke Dick and Natalie Hemby, who were also nominated for Group of the Year as part of the Highwomen.

Due to restrictions made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic, performances were spread out across a variety of venues in Nashville. In addition to the Bluebird, singers performed from the Grand Ole Opry and Ryman Auditorium.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Sept. 22, 2016  
Lindale High School's Speech and Debate team traveled to Mabank this past weekend and each member claimed at least one win, said team coordinator Rory McKenzie.

Results of the tournament were:  
1st Policy Debate - Emma Cook and Jeremy Guidotti; Angel Anthony Wyatt  
5th Policy Debate - Haley Bass and Deyonte Range; Angel Ronak Desai  
7th Policy Debate - Autumn Ellgass and Carlee Pascual; Angel none  
8th Policy Debate - James Grady and Nalany Hernandez; Angel Brina Kuslak  
9th Policy Debate - Avalon Custer and Alicia Mullings; Angel Mara Griffin  
11th Policy Debate - Matthew Grady and Alec Morton; Angel Grant Root  
14th Policy Debate - Robert Beaudoin and Joel Easom; Angel Robert McWhorter  
Others: (Ineligible to Place because they were a team of three) -- Jude Ratcliff, Luke Sims, and Nathan Stanley; Angel Peyton Pascual

1st Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Morghan Davis; Angel Ashlyn Ellgass  
5th Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Evan Howell; Angel Ashley Ray

1st Extemporaneous Speaking -- Haley Bass; Angels Evan Bewersdorf and Ashlyn Ellgass  
4th Extemporaneous Speaking -- Deyonte Range Angels Evan Bewersdorf and Ashlyn Ellgass

10 YEARS AGO, Sept. 22, 2011  
Sales tax allocations from the state of Texas to the city of Lindale increased 4.14 percent from August 2010 to August 2011, according to figures from State Comptroller Susan Combs' office.

For the year to date, Lindale received \$1,483,327 in sales taxes compared to \$1,443,294 from the previous year.

# Maximum fun with the minibikes

I guess kids have a lot more money than we did back when I was a kid. Just look at the toys they've got. Now, I'm not talkin' about little bitty kids, I'm talkin' about junior high aged kids. That's middle school aged for all you out there under 20.

When I'm drivin' down the road, especially in the country, I see kids riding around on those four wheelers. Man, do you know how much those things cost? They ain't cheap.

For the price you have to pay for some of those things you could buy a good used Jeep. And a Jeep has a heater. Don't get me wrong, if they would have had four wheelers back when I was a kid, I'd sure want one, not that I could have afforded it.

Of course, we did have something back then much better than a four wheeler. They are not around anymore. Nope, they've gone the way of the dinosaur. They've gone the way of the Dodo Bird. (That's pronounced “Dough-Dough Bird.” I know because I pronounced it the other way once in school, and it won me an all expense paid trip to the principal's office, plus the added bonus of a mouth full of soap.)

Of course, what I'm talkin' about is the minibike. Where, oh where has the minibike gone? Where, oh where can it be? Now, I know a lot of you youngsters out there have never even heard of a mini-bike. Well, ol' Uncle Rusty is gonna tell you all about 'em.

First, the reason that there are no more minibikes is that there is this thing called lawyers. If you do not know what that is, ask your mom or dad. Chances are that in this day and time, one of them is a lawyer.

Now, back to the minibike. Simply speaking, a minibike was two small wheels upon what sat a lawnmower engine and a kid with no sense. These things had two speeds, stop, and look out Jack I'm comin' through!

Actually, you could go slower speeds than that, but I never knew anybody that did. That is, of course, unless your mom was watching you. They should have been called mini motorcycles because they worked relatively the same way. They had a hand throttle, and hand brakes like a motorcycle, but there was only one gear.

Oh, they made some fancy models that had gears and junk

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like that, but I'm talkin' about the plain ol' minibike. Now, here's the part that's gonna floor you kids out there. The things cost less than those fancy tennis shoes you're probably wearing.

No kiddin', you could buy a plain Jane minibike for less than \$100. Of course, not many of us had \$100, so very few of us had a minibike, not that I could have had one even if I did have the money. You see, I had one obstacle growin' up that I never could overcome. It was called a mother.

Even though mothers are the dearest things in the world, they are the biggest fun killers that ever lived. They are probably worse than lawyers, if the truth were known.

It didn't matter how much fun something was, if there was the least bit of danger involved, you could bet that your mother wouldn't let you do it. That is if she knew about it.

Dads, on the other hand, used to be boys at one time, so they remember what it was like. But dads have never won out over moms, and I guess they never will.

Anywho, back to the minibikes. Now, although I didn't have a minibike, I knew several kids that did. One of them was our preacher's kid, Gary Baker. Gary had the cheapest model made, but it was a real go-getter. Man, it would move. Actually, you weren't really going that fast, but since you weren't riding but a few inches from the ground, it seemed like you were ginnin' (for you Yankees out there, that means goin' fast).

Minibikes were probably meant to carry only one person, but what's the fun in that? Two kids could ride one, but there were no foot rests for the kid in back, so he, or she, had to either ride with their knees bent with their feet almost touching their rear end, or with their legs spread out on either side of the driver.

The first method was the pre-

ferred way, especially if you were riding through the woods. I remember once when my left leg caught a tree. This caused the leg to stop its forward motion. It also caused my other leg to turn around toward the tree, which caught the driver of the minibike to be trapped behind the second leg and to be jerked off the minibike with me.

Fortunately, no bones were broken, but I did walk funny for a while. But that wasn't the worst accident that I had. Oh, no. The worst was the first time I ever drove one.

Nobody wanted to just ride; heck, everybody wanted to drive. That's the only way you can be in control, you know. And I don't know about you, but I like to be in control.

Anywho, Gary decided to let me drive his minibike. Big mistake. Not that I'm a bad driver, it's just that things seem to happen when I'm in control. And they are not always good things.

Anywho, after I had watched Gary, I knew pretty well what to do. He wasn't really confident about turnin' me loose on his bike, so he decided for my maiden voyage, he would tag along as a passenger. The place for my drivin' debut was a field with a few trees here and there. Well, we took off. We were goin' along pretty good, and my confidence was building. I was lookin' good and feelin' cool.

Then a tree appeared. It jumped up right out of nowhere. I swerved to miss it, and I did. Fortunately, I ducked just in time to miss a low hanging limb. Unfortunately, Gary did not. It caught him right on the forehead and snatched him right off that bike.

My shirt, which Gary was

hanging on to, was plucked from my body cleaner than a chicken leg at a Sunday dinner. I looked back to see what had happened and saw Gary piled up under the tree. I turned back around just in time to see a dried creek bed in my path.

By the time my brain had told my hands to let off of the gas and squeeze the brake, it was too late. Down I went into the creek bed, and up the other side at full blast.

As I reached the top of the other side, I kept goin' up. This was the first time in my life that I could ever remember being airborne on top of a motorized vehicle.

Everything was moving in slow motion. Things appeared smaller below me. Then they started to get larger. The slow motion all of a sudden stopped and everything seemed to start moving at an accelerated speed. Then I touched down.

Did I mention that minibikes did not have any suspension system? Anywho, although my backbone did it's best to impersonate an accordion, I managed to hang on. My rear end was no longer in its proper position though.

It had been replaced by my stomach, which was bouncing along pretty good on the seat of the minibike, my legs hanging on either side of the back tire. I flopped around for what seemed like ages, but was probably no more than a few seconds.

Finally, with nobody to control the contraption, it fell over, throwing me into a heap. I vaguely remember the idling of an engine as I tried to untangle my arms and legs. I also, remember Gary, who now looked like Herman Munster with his swollen forehead, looking down at me.

I was grateful that I had survived, but I knew mom was going to be mad if she found out. I said “if” she found out. She never did. That is until now. I bet she's lookin' down from Heaven right now thinkin', “Boy, when you get up here you're gonna get it.”

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# Lindale students earn President's List honors from Southern New Hampshire

Officials with Southern New Hampshire University have released the names of students who earned President's List honors for the summer 2021 semester with two from Lindale included.

Morgan Perry and Jillian Henderson of Lindale were named to the President's List, having earned a 3.7-plus grade point average.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by

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## OBITUARIES

James "Jimmy" Lyon



Funeral services for James N. "Jimmy" Lyon, age 79 of Mineola, were held Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at the First Assembly of God Church

in Mineola with Pastor Jerry Williams officiating.

Interment will follow at Bethesda Cemetery in Lindale.

Jimmy passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, in Tyler. He was born Dec. 25, 1941, in Lindale to the late James and Doris (Mallory) Lyon. Jimmy was a

lifelong resident of Lindale and lived in Mineola for the past seven years where he was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

He enjoyed the outdoors, his cows, yard work, and attending Indian powwows. Jimmy also enjoyed reading, watching westerns, and making Indian crafts. He retired as a Quality Control Inspector after 40 years of service with Bonar Packaging in Tyler.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Jo Lyon; children, Darin Lyon and wife, Rebecca, Stephanie Brewer and husband, Jim, Heather Judd and husband, Jeff, and Camille Ivey and husband, Kayne; 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild; and numerous other

loving family members and friends. Serving as pallbearers were Kayle Ivey, Danny Riley, Dale Nolf, Kyle Williams, Jeff Judd, and Jim Brewer.

In lieu of flowers that family has asked that donations be made to Pleasant Hills Children's Home, P.O. Box 1177 Fairfield, Texas 75840.

Shirley Holder Parris

Memorial services for Shirley Louise Fulton Holder Parris, 75 of Brownwood and formerly of Lindale, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at Heritage Funeral Home in Brownwood, Texas.

She will be cremated and will be interred at Locker Cemetery after the service.

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Trombley, Capps and Allen responded to a stolen vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, arrest made. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 300 block Summer Tree Cir, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 900 block E South St, unfounded. Sgt Houghton responded to a loud noise disturbance at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 800 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 500 block S Boyd St, settled at scene.

Monday Sept. 13, 2021

Chief Somes, Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to an accident at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Dailey and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to an assist other agency at 200 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Allen and Jackquet responded to a public intoxication at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, arrest made. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 400 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a city ordinance violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to residential alarm at 400 block W South St, false alarm.

Tuesday Sept. 14, 2021

Officer Fortunas responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and

Officers Trombley, Capps, and Allen responded to an accident at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a lost property at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an evading arrest at 16100 block CR 4191, arrest made.

Wednesday Sept. 15, 2021

Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Philpot, Wedgeworth and Ramsey responded to an accident at 1400 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Joyce St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a 911 hang up at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a verbal disturbance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Thursday Sept. 16, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an accident at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious person at 900 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 600 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block Sunset Dr, unfounded.

Saturday Sept. 11, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 600 block Jack Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a hit and run at 500 block S Mian St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to an accident at 13700 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a warrant service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block Asher Ln, settled at scene.

Sunday Sept. 12, 2021

Officer Capps responded to a damaged property at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers

Lindale residents indicted by county grand jury

A Smith County Grand Jury handed down 71 indictments during an August term, including two from Lindale said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez. Roy Baker, 40, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance on Jan. 21, 2021 and Sunni Koustoubardis, 37, was indicted for an accident involving injury on Sept. 12, 2020.

FED PLEAS, SENTENCING

Tyler lawyer gets 18 months for failure to pay employment taxes

A Tyler attorney has been sentenced to prison for federal employment tax violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei. John Bennett White IV, 61, pleaded guilty on Feb. 1, 2021, to failure to pay employment taxes and was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge J. Campbell Barker. "Although Mr. White withheld payroll taxes from his employees' paychecks, he spent the money on himself rather than pay it forward to the government," said Ganjei. "Mr. White also concealed assets in the names of other people and altered the law firm's books to hide his fraud, all to the detriment of his honest, tax-paying, fellow Americans." According to court documents and statements made in court, White was an attorney and firm manager for a Tyler law firm, J. Bennett White, P.C., where White had significant control over the finances of the firm and had a duty to account for and pay over the employment taxes on behalf of the firm's employees to the IRS. Between the second quarter of 2007 and the fourth quarter of 2015, White made sporadic and partial efforts to pay his firm's employment tax liabilities. For multiple quarters during the same period White caused employment taxes to be withheld from the law firm's employees' wages, but willfully failed to fully pay those trust fund taxes of to the IRS. White filed Forms 941 reporting the law firm's employment taxes for each of these quarters. White paid the full amount owed the IRS for 24 of those 38 quarters. White made partial payments on 10 occasions and no payment for seven quarters. In total, White caused a tax loss of over \$300,000. Instead of paying employment taxes, White paid other creditors and his own personal expenses.

This case was investigated by IRS Criminal Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan Locker.

Henderson man gets federal jail time for burglary of post office

A Henderson man has been sentenced to federal prison for violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei. Paul Wayne Kennedy, 39, pleaded guilty on April 19, 2021, to burglary of a United States Post Office, possession of stolen mail, possession of stolen money orders, damage to government property, theft of government property, and access device fraud. Kennedy was sentenced to 33 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle. "Securing Postal Service facilities and safeguarding the U.S. Mail are top priorities for the Postal Inspection Service," said Thomas Noyes, Inspector in Charge of the Fort Worth Division. "Suspects thinking they can target the U.S. Postal Service and avoid capture are committing an egregious error in judgement. We will commit all available resources to investigations of this nature, relentlessly pursue offenders and bring them to justice. Both suspects in this investigation have now been sentenced, made possible by the many hours of work and cumulative efforts of U.S. Postal Inspectors, multiple local law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Texas." According to information presented in court, between the afternoon of Dec. 23, 2019 and the morning of Dec. 26, 2019, Kennedy burglarized post offices in Price, Texas; Bronson, Texas; Bon Wier, Texas; and Evans, Louisiana and attempted to burglarize post offices in Newton, Texas, and Singer, Louisiana. At each location he burglarized, Kennedy stole mail, packages, and property belonging

to the U.S. Postal Service. At the Price, Texas, and Bronson, Texas, post offices, Kennedy was able to gain access to the safes and steal money and U.S. money orders. His accomplice, Angela Moore, 37, of Longview, accompanied Kennedy during the Price burglary and the Newton attempted burglary. Later, on Dec. 27, 2019, Kennedy attempted to use a debit card that he stole during the Evans burglary at the Margaritaville Casino in Shreveport, Louisiana. Kennedy and Moore were indicted by a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Texas on June 18, 2020. Kennedy was also indicted by a federal grand jury in the Western District of Louisiana on June 17, 2020. Moore pleaded guilty to possession of stolen mail and was sentenced to 6 months in federal prison on May 13, 2021. This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of the Louisiana State Police, the Rusk County Sheriff's Office, the Sabine County Sheriff's Office, the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, and the Henderson Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathaniel C. Kummerfeld for the Eastern District of Texas and Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Nickel for the Western District of Louisiana.

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# Lady Eagles down Van in volleyball

It took four sets, but the Lindale High School Lady Eagles finally subdued the Van Lady Vandals on the road this past Friday night. Set scores were 27-25, 18-25, 28-26, and 25-21. Maddox Lay led the Lady Eagles attack with 10 kills, and defensively added 7 digs and 1 block. Brenley Philen had a busy night with 8 kills, 8 blocks, 6 digs, 1 assist, and 1 ace. Reagan Cates recorded 8 kills and 1 block. Brooke Tweedell put down 6 kills from the right side, and had 3 blocks, 3 digs. Ellie Watkins added 4 kills and 8 digs. Defensively, Alondra Romero had a standout night with 18 digs



Brooke Tweedell



Ellie Watkins



Reagan Cates

and 1 assist. Setter Tatum Woodard had 20 assists, and 7 digs. Anna Ivy had 11 assists, and 3

digs. Preslie Walters rounded out the defense with 6 digs, and was strong from the service line.

# Junior high girls take three of four from Henderson

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles volleyball team took the road on Monday, Sept. 13 and took three of four matches from Henderson. The 7th grade B team registered a 25-8, 25-8 victory, while the 7th grade A team won, 25-13 and 25-10. The 8th grade B team fell 25-20, 20-25 and 10-15 and the 8th grade A team won, 25-13 and 25-17. For the 7th grade B team, Emory Philpott-Cook, Cambry Andreason and Caydence Thompson were leading servers while Morgan Myrick and McKenzie Clark were leading passers. Kyndal Thurmon was the leading setter and Jordyn Weesner was the leading hitter. Grace Koustoubardis was the leading serv-

er for the 7th grade A team, while Kaidence Smith was the leading passer. Ella Hutches was the leading setter and Tessa Dennis was the leading hitter. For the 8th grade B team, Bayleigh Yarbrough was the leading server, Abigail Warrington was the leading passer and leading setter. Kenlie Collins was the leading hitter and won the Leadership Award. Lauren Stanton won the Hustle Award. Alyssia Romero was the leading server for the 8th grade A team and Abigail Palecek was the leading passer. Macy Luster was the leading setter, Alyssa Potts was the leading hitter and Sadie Clay was the leading blocker. Alyssia Romero won the Leadership Award and Menah Harley won the Hustle Award.

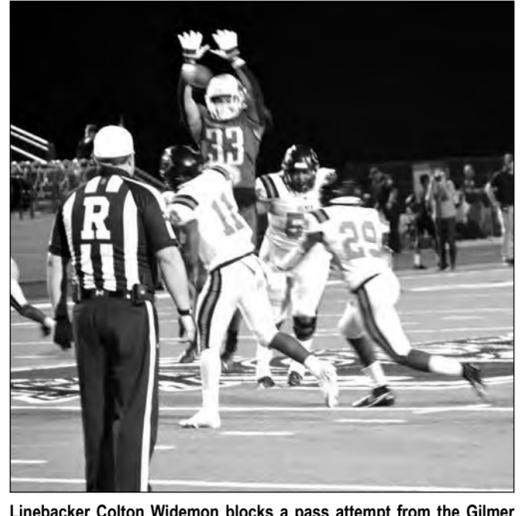
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Lindale linebacker Ryan Stanton takes down a Gilmer running back during first half action this past Friday at Eagle Stadium. The Buckeyes won, 49-35.



The Lindale High School Cheerleaders show their spirit during Friday's home game against the Gilmer Buckeyes.



Linebacker Colton Widemon blocks a pass attempt from the Gilmer quarterback during the Eagles' game with the Buckeyes this past Friday in Lindale.



While the offense was on the field, Lindale coaches discussed strategy with the defense during Friday's game with Gilmer.



Longtime LISD supporter Larry Wilson, center, was honored by Suddenlink Communications and Dave Campbell's Texas Football during the first half of Lindale's game with Gilmer this past Friday at Eagle Stadium.

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**CITY OF LINDALE, TEXAS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 14.2021**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINDALE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES:

WHEREAS, it has become necessary and desirable to revise the rates for water and sewer service supplied by the City of Lindale to customers in order to both provide reasonable compensation to the City of Lindale therefor and provide water and sewer service at reasonable rates to customers of the City of Lindale; and

WHEREAS, the rates hereinafter set out have, after investigations by the City Council of the City of Lindale, been found to be fair and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFOR, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lindale, Lindale, Texas:

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Water and Sewer rates will increase 3.4 %

A copy of this ordinance can be obtained from the City of Lindale website. www.lindaletx.gov

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION  
Pursuant to Chapter 13, 2502

of the Texas Water Code, LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land within the service area of LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No 10758, in Smith County, into two or more lots or it's for the purpose of Sale or development, whether immediate or future including resub division of land for which a plan has been led or recorded or requests more than two water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with Section F-3 (NON-STANDARD SERVICE FOR SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPERS) contained in the LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S tariff/policy. LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION is not required to extend water utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision policy. Applicable elements of the Subdivision include: Evaluation by LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S water supply system and payment costs for the evaluation. Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity. Forfeiture of reserved water supply service capacity for failure to pay applicable fees. Payment of costs of any improvements to LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S system that are necessary to provide

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the water service. Construction according to design approved by LINDALE WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection and designated time allotment. LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S tariff and a map showing LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S service area may be reviewed at LINDALE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S offices at 15934 County Road 431, Lindale, Texas 75771: tariff/policy and service area map are also led and a matter of record at the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and may be reviewed by contacting the TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services: Water Utility Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711 or Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3226

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**Divide & Conquer Living Estate Sale for the Mr. Bruce Fox with Downsizing Consignments from the Billie (Mrs. Jim) Jenkins Estate**

**815 Shepherd Lane ~ Tyler, Texas 75701**  
**Thurs., Sept. 23 ~ 7:00-5:30 Fri., Sept. 24 ~ 8:00-5:30**  
**Sat., Sept. 25 ~ 8:00-2:00**

*Inside Loop 323 and off SSE Loop 323, turn north (inside the Loop) onto Copeland Road. Turn right onto Shepherd Lane. We look forward to seeing you!*  
This 4200 sq. ft. home, listed by Taylor Fitzgerald, is for sale; the following contents and consignments must go: din. table & 6 chairs; barley twist buffet; table for 10 (no chairs); glass top table/4 chairs; round table/4 chairs; over 1500 books (very old, leather bound, sets, etc.); art by the late A. C. Gentry; other fine art; Borsato porcelain figurines (Italy); Waterford ornaments; 2 fab. wall units; leather wingback chairs; fab. rustic cabinet; 2 china cabinets; great rugs; crosses; lg. sectional; lg. ottoman/coffee table; other coffee tables; cabinets; lg. hutch; server (top folds out); sofa; crystal; sofa table; misc. chairs; end tables; porcelain birds; Asian selections; decorative panels; cost. jewelry; purses; men & women's clothes & shoes; men's hats; sterling flatware; silverplate; Lenox china; light fixtures; lamps; lamp shades; rockers; blue & white selections; vintg grocery cart; yellow cabbage glasses; brass selections; fox collection; bird cages; sm. appliances; dishes; cookbooks; sm. Front Gate white wicker table; Robert E. Lee High Sch. yearbooks; decorative pillows; porcelain birds; crosses; golf books; Harley Davidson books; World War II plane books; WW II etchings; LIFE magazines; pipe collection; vintg. furniture; vintg. telephone; hand-painted Italian pottery; Native Amer. pottery; Norman Rockwell selections; sewing machine & notions; linens; quilts; vintage tablecloths; luggage; drop leaf table; artf. arrangements; artf. palm trees; telescope; vintg. cameras; holiday selections; games; toys; puzzles; many 33 and 78 records; CD's, videos; movies; file cabinets; off. supplies; beach chairs; washer; refrig.; desk; office chair; office supplies; golf clubs; bar ware; wine rack; wood carvings; electronics; hand tools; sooooo much more! *There is a neat surprise in this home!*  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM (AMS) DEPLOYMENT PLAN, AMS SURCHARGE, AND NONSTANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 52389**

On August 4, 2021, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is Docket No.52389. This application, if granted, will affect all SWEPCO Texas retail customers other than those who receive service at transmission-level voltage, who receive unmetered service, or whose service is metered by certain types of interval demand recorder (IDR) meters.

SWEPCO is seeking approval from the Commission for its AMS deployment plan pursuant to PURA § 39.5021 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 25.130 and 25.133. In its 2019 regular session, the Texas Legislature approved House Bill 1595, which extended mechanisms that support deployment of AMS to SWEPCO and directed that if SWEPCO elects to deploy AMS, it shall deploy the network as rapidly as practicable to allow customers to better manage energy use and control costs. SWEPCO is therefore submitting an application for Commission review and approval consistent with the support and direction of the Legislature as provided in House Bill 1595.

SWEPCO also requests approval of an AMS Surcharge for recovery of the reasonable and necessary costs that SWEPCO will incur under its proposed deployment plan. The proposed effective date for the surcharge is the first day of the Company's April 2022 billing cycle. The proposed AMS Surcharge would be in place for four or eight years beginning with the April 2022 billing cycle. There would be one set of AMS Surcharge rates for the first four years, and a different set of rates for the second four years. The Company's proposed monthly AMS Surcharge rates for each rate class are as follows:

Rate Class Description	AMS Monthly Surcharge Rate Per Customer First Four Years	AMS Monthly Surcharge Rate Per Customer Second Four Years
Residential	\$2.92	\$2.42
General Service	\$6.40	Not Applicable (N/A)
Lighting and Power	\$8.32	N/A
Cotton Gin	\$10.47	N/A
Metal Melting Distribution (<69 kV)	\$9.16	N/A
Oil Field Large Industrial Power	\$7.93	N/A
Large Lighting and Power Primary	\$15.32	N/A
Municipal	\$6.36	N/A

The AMS Surcharge will apply to electric service to residential customers and non-residential customers, other than those who are served at transmission voltage, take unmetered service, or are served by certain types of IDR meters. The costs recovered through the AMS Surcharge will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission.

Furthermore, SWEPCO proposes to allow a customer to choose to receive electric service through a non-standard (non-advanced) meter and to assess fees consistent with 16 TAC § 25.133 to recover the costs associated with providing the non-standard metering service from a customer who elects to have a non-standard meter. The following fees will only affect those customers that request that an advanced meter not be installed at their service location or any other retail customer who requests non-standard metering service after advanced meters are installed:

- Non-refundable, one-time up-front fees**  
 Retain existing meter that meets applicable safety and accuracy standards:.....\$131.68  
 Digital, non-communicating meter requested before advanced meter installed: .....\$194.11  
 Digital, non-communicating meter requested after advanced meter installed: .....\$233.39  
**Recurring monthly fee:..... \$22.97 per month**

Persons with questions or who want more information regarding this application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the application is also available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. All requests to intervene or other communications regarding this proceeding should reference Docket No. 52389.

The preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at [http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New\\_PUC\\_Web\\_Filer\\_Presentation.pdf](http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf). For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or [helpdesk@puc.texas.gov](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/search/filings?ControlNumber=52389>

If you are unable to file your request for intervention electronically, you may file your request for intervention by mailing a hard copy of your request to the Commission. The Commission should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by the intervention deadline. Mail the request for intervention to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Central Records  
Attn: Filing Clerk  
1701 N. Congress Ave.  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also send a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is sent to the PUC.

The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is November 5, 2021, and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

# The preventable economic effects of COVID-19

By Dr. Ray Perryman

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to exact a major toll in terms of human health and wellbeing, as well as the economy. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have risen recently due to the delta variant, and the spike has caused substantial disruptions and hardships to families across the state (including many children), compromised safety as schools seek to reopen and address the massive educational gap that has surfaced during the pandemic, complicated efforts to return to more normal work environments, and added further strain to an already fragile healthcare complex.

Despite these concerns, there has been massive resistance by some policy-makers and individuals around the country to basic protective measures, such as appropriate masking requirements and policies, measures to encourage higher vaccination rates, and reasonable distancing protocols. In addition to these obvious consequences, this approach is also resulting in preventable losses to the economy through reduced employment and decreases in productivity. The Perryman Group (TPG) has recently quantified these adverse effects.

Responses such as sensible federal, state, and local actions to address high-risk situations, corporate or venue policies, and personal

**The Losses to the United States Economy Stemming from Preventable Decreases in Employment and Productivity Associated with Inadequate Protective Measures for COVID-19**

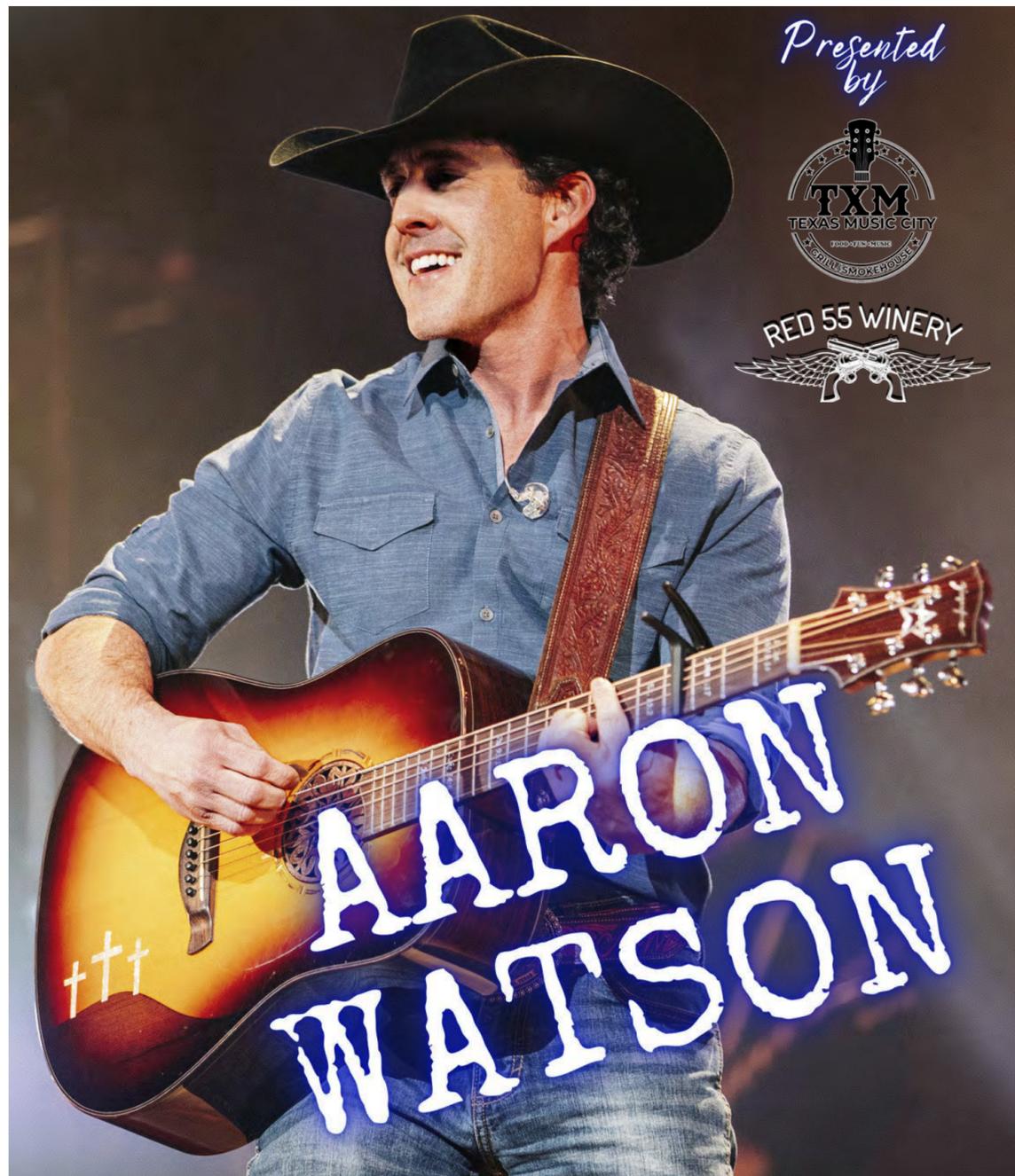
	Total Expenditures	Gross Product	Personal Income	Employment
Agriculture	-\$6.617 b	-\$2.357 b	-\$1.209 b	-16,498
Mining	-\$10.175 b	-\$4.160 b	-\$2.113 b	-7,792
Utilities	-\$21.533 b	-\$4.506 b	-\$2.092 b	-6,356
Construction	-\$22.053 b	-\$11.999 b	-\$9.358 b	-88,535
Manufacturing	-\$99.219 b	-\$35.606 b	-\$23.327 b	-156,913
Wholesale Trade	-\$21.344 b	-\$16.966 b	-\$9.951 b	-68,471
Retail Trade (includes Restaurants)	-\$27.639 b	-\$22.095 b	-\$13.016 b	-321,607
Transportation & Warehousing	-\$14.560 b	-\$9.364 b	-\$6.463 b	-66,375
Information	-\$13.925 b	-\$9.898 b	-\$4.490 b	-19,231
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	-\$153.650 b	-\$61.046 b	-\$21.504 b	-102,069
Business Services	-\$49.267 b	-\$36.799 b	-\$32.357 b	-251,137
Health Services	-\$23.217 b	-\$19.508 b	-\$16.074 b	-188,671
Other Services	-\$35.493 b	-\$18.302 b	-\$14.824 b	-231,239
Government	-\$44.634 b	-\$35.477 b	-\$27.655 b	-286,387
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>-\$543.326 b</b>	<b>-\$288.084 b</b>	<b>-\$184.432 b</b>	<b>-1,811,282</b>

actions such as distancing, masking, and vaccination could significantly decrease losses over current levels. The Perryman Group estimates that preventable decreases in US output (gross product) due to the inadequate reaction to COVID-19 total \$288.1 billion on an annualized basis. Employment losses were found to reach 1.8 million jobs.

Although the amounts differ markedly by industry, the typical worker who is unable to return to work due to the current situation

results in a loss of \$53,072 in profits for their employer and \$159,050 to the national economy (gross product) on an annualized basis.

In addition to the tragic human costs in terms of illness and loss of life and compelling social ramifications, inadequate responses to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases also causes quantifiable harms to the US economy.



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## TFFC hosts 'The Sunfish Showdown' Sept. 25

ATHENS – The Texas Freshwaters Fisheries Center (TFFC) will be the site of “The Sunfish Showdown” tournament slated for September 25. The event, held in conjunction with National Hunting and Fishing Day, will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and provide fun for the whole family.

“The sunfish showdown is our way of celebrating our states’ rich hunting and fishing heritage through teaching opportunities and fun bluegill fishing, which are many folk’s first fish,” said TFFC event coordinator Katelyn Barkalow. “This event is supported by several of our Texas Parks and Wildlife Department team members showcasing their hard work to protect our natural resources in different ways from fish hatcheries to law enforcement so that we may continue to pass down these Texas traditions.”

The Sunfish Showdown tournament is a mentor-based fishing tournament where a child is teamed up with an adult to participate in the event. Prizes for the biggest fish, most fish caught, and smallest fish caught will be awarded following the tournament. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to win some hourly door prizes.

The TFFC will also celebrate hunting that day by hosting a hunters education class on site, which requires pre-registration to participate. Texas Game Wardens will be on hand to help and “Lone Star Law” will also be making an appearance at this year’s event.

“The Sunfish Showdown is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our fishing and hunting traditions while openly welcoming all Texans to come enjoy, experience, and learn about fishing, aquatic outdoor recreation, and our state’s diverse aquatic resources available and on display throughout the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center,” said Tom Lang, Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Director. “There’s nothing we love more at TFFC than connecting new people from all walks of life to the diversity of Texas’ fisheries resources and recreational opportunities.”

The TFFC is located in Athens and includes a working fish hatchery, numerous aquariums focusing on underwater wildlife in the state’s freshwaters and is home to the Toyota ShareLunker program.

, which invites anglers to donate thirteen-pound-plus-sized largemouth bass for research and breeding purposes. The TFFC also houses the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame which honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to freshwater fishing in Texas.

The Texas Game Warden museum, where visitors can learn about the history and current TPWD game warden operations, is also located at the TFFC. In addition, the TFFC also facilitates the annual Fish Art Contest in Texas which is part of a conservation education program designed to spark the imaginations of students while providing valuable lessons about fish and the importance of conserving Texas’ aquatic resources.

Current operating hours at the TFFC are Wednesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to wear masks, maintain appropriate social distances from others outside their party, and use hand sanitizer and wash their hands regularly.

For additional information about the TFFC and to plan your visit, check out the TFFC website and Facebook page.

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**GUNNER BROWN** is the son of Becky and Stacy Brown. He is a member of the National Honor Society, band, and the debate team. Gunner believes he is impacting the world, as an upperclassman, by mentoring younger students in their music programs and debate topics. He plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and study engineering. Gunner’s future goals include working as an engineer.



**ALEXANDRA KEELS** is the daughter of Airiel and Dustin Keels. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Future Farmers of America, and the student council. Outside of school, Alexandra works as a customer service manager for Whataburger. She believes she is impacting the world by using her voice to spread positivity and helping others see the brighter side of life in the midst of difficult situations. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and study animal science. Alexandra’s future goals include working as an animal physiotherapist.



**AARON RODEN** is the son of Michelle and Nathan Roden. He is a drum major and squad leader in the marching band. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, tennis team, Tyler Rotary Young Citizens club, and the youth group at First Baptist Church in Lindale. Aaron believes he is impacting the world by leading others with a truthful, understanding, and Christian attitude. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and study architecture. Aaron’s future goals include designing and building his own house.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the twelfth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members of the 2021-2022 Student Board. View more profiles @ [www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust.com](https://www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust.com)

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