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## New Lindale librarian ready to continue positive connection to community

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

For the first time in nearly two decades the Lillie Russell Memorial Library has a new director, but won't be changing direction.

Shannon Reid, a native Texan who was lured to Lindale from Arkansas, has taken over from longtime director Carrie Custer and understands the value of the library to the community.

"I am so grateful to be here and meeting everyone," she said. "It's been wonderful seeing how this library plays such a big part in our community."

A Waskom native, Reid recently served as director of the library in West Fork, Ark., a small town in the scenic northwest portion of the state.

"(Both cities) are similar," she said. "They are growing and are a type of hub for the community."

In addition to her director duties in West Fork, Reid was also the children's librarian, while overseeing the library's renovation and construction project which added square footage to the facility.

While there, she took continuing educational classes from the Arkansas State Library.

Education and books have been a normal part of her life as several members of her family are teachers. Reid earned a bachelor's

degree in communications from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

While living in Austin, she found rewarding work at a children's museum and interestingly enough, also worked for the reality television show Storage Wars Texas, which appeared on the A&E Network from 2011 to 2014. Reid feels this experience helped her with future endeavors.

"The skills I learned (on the show) transferred a bit to what I would wind up doing," she said.

After the TV experience she found a job with the Thinkery in Austin, a children's museum which provides play-based, hands-on learning.

A 40,000 square foot facility, it has indoor and outdoor activities designed to help children and families learn while they play.

During this time, she took library science courses which should serve her well as Lindale and the library grow.

"I know Lindale has been growing rapidly and we are already talking about what the library may look like in five to 10 years as Lindale continues to grow," she said. "I am eager to learn about the library history and meet our patrons so I can know what our common needs are in this community."



New Lillie Russell Memorial Library Director Shannon Reid is getting acclimated to her new job and the Lindale community.

Photo by Terry Cannon



### LINDALE'S FOCUS IS CLEAR: WIN OUT AND GRAB NO. 1 SEED

Lindale High School sophomore running back Clint Thurman takes off on another long gainer against Athens recently during the Eagles' 64-29 victory. Lindale travels to Palestine Friday for another District 9-4A contest.

Photo by Terry Cannon

## Lindale takes on Palestine Friday; Kilgore Bulldogs arrive on Nov. 5

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

With a playoff spot secured, Lindale High School's coaches hit the road this past bye week and did some scouting in preparation for the final two weeks of the District 9-4A season.

The Eagles will travel to Palestine on Friday to take on the Wildcats then host the Kilgore Bulldogs on Nov. 5 to conclude the league schedule.

Four straight district wins – over Mabank, Chapel Hill, Henderson and Athens – put the Eagles in a position to play for at least a share of the district championship providing they defeat Palestine.

While it might be natural for a team to look past one opponent to mentally prepare for a potentially bigger game down the road, Eagles' Head Coach Chris Cochran made it a point this week to keep his team focused on Palestine.

"This is a big game because it's the next one," he said. "Our guys had a good bye week, they worked hard and we were able to get some people healed up and get their legs underneath them."

Palestine, 46-29 winners over Athens last Friday, comes into the contest with a 3-2 district record and, according to Cochran, is on an upward course.

"They've gotten better each week," he said. "Coach (Lance) Angel is a first class guy and he's always going to do things the right way."

Cochran is confident his club's preparation will result in the Eagles' fifth league victory.

"I feel like we'll play harder than (Palestine) for four quarters," he said. "That's always the goal, regardless of who we are playing. I think our kids are going to embrace the opportunity to get it done."

While qualifying for the playoffs was a focus of the coaches and

players before the season, simply getting to the postseason wasn't the main goal. Winning another district title and making another long run in the state playoffs has been stressed since the steamy, sweaty days of summer practices.

A stiff pre-district schedule proved to be a positive experience, despite a 1-3 record against foes such as Kaufman, Pine Tree, Van and Gilmer.

Cochran is a believer that iron sharpens iron and felt by scheduling quality opponents prior to the district campaign would prepare his club for the rigors of a competitive district race.

After eight weeks of competition, the Eagles have shown a balance that has flummoxed opponents.

Offensively, quarterback Sam Peterson is playing at an All-District level with 1,557 yards passing and 484 yards rushing. He's thrown for 17 touchdowns and run for three more.

A balanced running attack features six backs, each capable of ripping off five to 10 yards a carry. Sophomore Patrick Daniels leads the group with 584 yards on 117 carries. Kasey Villareal, who was slowed with a foot injury earlier this year, has rushed for 227 yards on 55 carries. Judson Long (16 rushes for 73 yards), Nashad Lee (15 for 82) and Clint Thurman (13 for 110) have added to the balance.

Peterson's passing targets have been consistent as well. Evan Alford leads the way with 35 catches for 540 yards and four touchdowns. Jacob Seekford has 23 catches for 464 yards and four TDs while Cody Swaim has added 24 receptions for 228 yards and three touchdowns.

On the other side of the ball, junior defensive back Brett Maya has swiped three passes and has 19 solo tackles. Senior defensive lineman Colton Widemon has 17 solo tackles with nine of those being for losses.

## NET Health announces COVID booster shots now available

North East Texas Health officials have announced booster doses for the Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines are available for residents of the area.

"There are now booster doses approved for all three available COVID-19 vaccines," says George Roberts, NET Health CEO. "Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of the virus in all our communities."

COVID vaccines are being provided by NET Health at the Majesty Event Center, located at 900 West Bow Street.

The clinic is open 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Fridays. Parking is accessible from North Palace Avenue.

For anyone who has yet to receive their first COVID vaccine, anyone between the ages of 12 - 17 can only receive the 2-Dose Pfizer vaccine.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and older can receive the 2-Dose Pfizer vaccine, the 2-Dose Moderna vaccine, or the 1-and-done J & J vaccine.

For individuals who previously received the 2-dose Moderna or the 2-Dose Pfizer vaccine who are in one of the three categories above, booster shots are also recommended for those who were vaccinated at least 6 months ago.

For individuals who previously received the 1-Dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended

for those who were vaccinated at least 2 months ago.

Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, endorsed the CDC's recommendation for a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccines in certain populations.

Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration's along with CDC's recommendation allows individuals who received the 1-Dose J & J, the 2-Dose Pfizer, or the 2-Dose Moderna vaccine to become eligible for a booster shot after their initial series.

These groups are eligible to receive a booster dose of their preferred COVID vaccine:

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Gas prices topping \$3 across state

The price of a gallon of gasoline tops \$3 across much of the state, which is up more than \$1.20 from a year ago, according to AAA. The average price for regular gas in Texas stood at \$3.03 per gallon on Sunday as crude oil prices continue to creep up, closing above \$80 per barrel. Crude oil price is one of a quartet of factors that influence the cost of gasoline, reported The Dallas Morning News. The cost of refining, distribution expenses and taxes also affect the price at the pump.

"Things have really picked up steam in terms of national gas prices in the last two-and-a-half to three weeks," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum at fuel savings app GasBuddy, told the newspaper. "The national average had been stable for a long period of time, but suddenly the price of oil surged, and the price of gasoline followed along with it."

Cheaper prices can be found, although it takes some searching. Gasbuddy.com reported prices hovering around \$2.45 per gallon at locations in Dallas, Houston and Round Rock, but these appear to be exceptions to the prevailing price increases.

### Scott appointed Texas Secretary of State.

John Scott has been appointed Texas Secretary of State, in which he serves as the state's chief election officer. The veteran Fort Worth attorney served previously as a deputy attorney general for civil litigation when Abbott was attorney general. He subsequently served as the chief operating officer of the state Health and Human Services Commission, with a \$50 billion biennial budget and 56,000 employees.

Scott briefly represented former President Donald Trump in a lawsuit challenging the 2020 election results in Pennsylvania, along with state Sen. Bryan Hughes. Both withdrew from the case a few days later, reported the Texas Tribune.

The secretary of state slot has been vacant since May, when Rita Hughes resigned after the state senate declined to consider her confirmation. Since the Legislature isn't scheduled to meet again until 2023, Scott will serve in an interim capacity until then.

### DSHS launches COVID-19 vaccination push

The Texas Department of State Health Services has launched a new statewide COVID-19 media campaign to encourage Texans aged 12 and over to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The campaign features Texans describing in their own words why they were initially hesitant to get the vaccine and later changed their minds.

"Any Texan who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 because of safety or other concerns can be assured that the authorized vaccines are safe and effective," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "The data gathered shows the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks of rare side effects. Most importantly, vaccination is proven to greatly increase our protection against severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and even death."

One ad features a woman who contracted a moderate to severe case of COVID-19. That experience led her to change her mind and get vaccinated following her illness to try and prevent a reinfection that could make her sick again or threaten those around her, according to a DSHS press release.

Another ad features a man who resisted vaccination because of his distrust in the safety of the vaccines and of those who encouraged their use. But as millions across the state, nation and globe have become fully vaccinated and adverse events remain very rare, he reviewed the data and has since been vaccinated.

Meanwhile, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 30,276 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week. That is down nearly 75% from about a month ago. New deaths also dropped to 1,267 in the past week, reflecting national trends as the delta variant wave appears to be finally waning. State hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients dropped to 4,382 as of Sunday, down two-thirds from a month ago.

Texans who are fully vaccinated topped 15.3 million, according to DSHS, with more than a million having also received an additional dose.

### TPWD predicts a productive hunting season

It could be a fruitful season for Texas waterfowl hunters with millions of ducks in the Central Flyway.

"Duck production in prairie potholes of North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan and Alberta were reported to be below average due to extensive drought this summer," said Kevin Kraai, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader. "With that said, there are still millions of ducks in the Central Flyway, and we are on the heels of multiple excellent breeding seasons for ducks over the last few years."

Wetter-than-average conditions during the first half of the year are leading to more surface water for ducks and geese. Hunters should purchase their 2021-2022 hunting license before hitting the field.

In addition, TPWD biologists says deer hunters can expect an excellent 2021-2022 white-tailed deer season. Late spring rains alleviated drought conditions at the end of 2020, leading to accelerated growth of weeds and flowering plants attractive to deer. The Edwards Plateau, at the crossroads of Central, South and West Texas, has the highest deer population in the state.

## ...hands

There are so many things we want to hold onto as we grow older. Sentimental, with deepening meaning, a trinket from the past can bring smiles and tears. As I dusted, I picked up the little ceramic box with a pink-cheeked cherub on top that had been my grandmother's. For decades of my life it sat on a white dresser that was my Mom's when she was a little girl. As I picked it up I longed for the security and possibilities of youth. The scent of lemon Pledge furniture polish reminded me of Mam'maw just as much as the sweet cherub that is at least 85 years old.

That pink-cheeked cherub reminded me of sacrifices made in love. My 5 foot nothing Mom and her sister-in-heart, my tall, laughing Aunt Gwen would take their children trick or treating around to neighbors and relatives when we were kids. That took some doing as we lived in the country 16 miles from the nearest town. I still have a scar on my cheek where my Casper the Friendly Ghost mask snapped its rubber band. Our neighbor Mary, who made popcorn balls that dazzled our little tastebuds gave me an extra one that year. The injury was well worth the treat. That Halloween homemade sweet dried my tears right up.

Although many of the people I have loved the most have left this world for a much better one, I still have the memories. And with age comes a deep longing for simpler, joyful times. We can only revisit those days in our memories, sweet and distant as they may be. Hopefully those memories enable us to build happy memories for others. After all, shared joy is one of the great gifts of our far too short lives.

The best part of my current long days is when my sweetheart holds my hand before we finally give in to sleep. With the schedule we often have, it is more a skidding to a stop at long last. The hands of those I have loved most in this world hold a special place in my heart. I can see my mother's hands as she cooked, as she studied her Bible, as she worked tirelessly...the hands of my Mam'maw who would rock me in a chair that squeaked as she sang "Up on the Rooftop" regardless of the time of year...the hands of my Nanny who was a nurse and

## Suzanne Bardwell



always focused on a task...the roughened hands of my father broken by ranch work, accidents and hard labor.

Many years ago I was blessed to attend the Walk to Emmaus religious retreat. It was there that "becoming the hands and feet of Christ" became very real to me. My own hands, that have been tenderly held by my parents, my sweetheart, and my only child, looked different to me after that 'walk'. Hands, that I pray will be remembered long after I am gone for their loving touch and the work they produced.

As another Halloween rolls around remember that All Saint's Eve is the very next day. A day to remember those we have lost. But we haven't really lost them have we? We have our memories and their love lives in our hearts.

We have much to be thankful for, much to be joyful for with the love we have known. May our hands do great work and bring love and light into our tiny corner of this great big wonderful world. May we bless others with the service of our hands and hearts. As we stand on the foundation of those who have gone before, let us recall what their hands struggled with...deprivation, worldwide war, financial adversity, hard work, illness and loss. Those hands also knew great accomplishment and great love. Why would we be hopeless or helpless? If their hands survived to love and touch others as they did, how can we do any less?

I love the now faded scar on my cheek. It reminds me of the hands that cared enough to take rambunctious kids trick or treating after an exhausting day of hard work and far too little rest...hands that gentled and soothed...hands that built my world...hands that looked like mine.



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Looking Around You

Three Americans have received this year's Nobel Prize in Economics. One half went to David Card (University of California, Berkeley)

"for his empirical contributions to labour economics," and the other half was awarded jointly to Joshua D. Angrist (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

and Guido W. Imbens (Stanford University) "for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships."

In plain English, these economists demonstrated the value of observing the world around us and, in the process, really changed our thinking about solving social problems, with profound implications.

Each year, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Prize (formally the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel) in recognition of ideas and research that increase our understanding of important issues in economics and related areas.

I've often said that a problem with economics is that, unlike traditional sciences, you can't put the economy in a laboratory and test outcomes under varying conditions. However, the work of these researchers has enhanced our understanding of the best available alternative—"natural experiments."

Natural experiments occur when one part of the economy or society (such as a specific country or state) is for some external reason treated differently than others. By studying outcomes under diverse

conditions, it is possible to make valid inferences. For example, one country might enact stricter immigration laws than its neighbors. If we carefully analyze the situation using appropriate methods, we can decipher knowledge regarding the effects of such policies.

David Card studied the effects of minimum wages, immigration, and education. His analysis during the 1990s challenged the accepted thinking of the day through conclusions such as increasing the minimum wage does not necessarily lead to fewer jobs and that incomes of people who were born in a country can benefit from new immigration (though those who came earlier might be negatively affected).

Joshua Angrist and Guido Imbens worked to solve methodological problems with natural exper-

iments, helping develop ways to use them to more precisely isolate cause and effect. This enhanced understanding facilitates the use of such experience in answering questions such as the optimal years of school for future success. I must mention that another great thinker and former Deputy Treasury Secretary, Alan Krueger, worked with these three on their seminal efforts and would likely have shared the accolade had he not suffered a tragic death in 2019.

Looking around at what happens in the economy can teach us a lot. I have often used this approach. While we can't put the economy or society in a lab, we can observe situations where the world provides us with the next best thing and draw conclusions with implications for policies to enhance prosperity for all.

## 2021 Holiday mailing deadlines announced

It looks to be another odd year for holiday celebrations. The biggest question likely on most minds is, do we make merry in person or virtually? No matter your plans, the Postal Service is ready to do its part to handle your special holiday greetings and gifts. But we also need you to do your part, and that is to make sure you get those packages and good wishes to your Post Office location on time.

### 2021 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25 to domestic addresses and APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office) addresses\*:

- Nov. 6 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) USPS Retail Ground service
- Dec. 9 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- Dec. 15 — USPS Retail Ground service
- Dec. 16 — APO/FPO/DPO (except ZIP Code 093) USPS Priority Mail Express Military service
- Dec. 17 — First-Class Mail service (including cards)
- Dec. 17 — First-class packages (up to 15.99 ounces)
- Dec. 18 — Priority Mail service
- Dec. 23 — Priority Mail Express\* service

### Busiest Time

The busiest time of the season for the Postal Service begins two weeks before Christmas. It's expected that

customer traffic at all Post Office locations will steadily increase beginning the week of Dec. 6, with the week of Dec. 13-18 anticipated to be the busiest mailing, shipping and delivery week of the season.

### Skip the Trip and Ship Online

Consumers don't even have to leave home to ship their packages, simply visit usps.com. The Postal Service anticipates Dec. 19 will be the Postal Service's busiest day online with 12.5 million consumers predicted to visit usps.com for help shipping that special holiday gift. And usps.com is always open.

More tips for a successful holiday mailing and shipping season:

- Use free Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes. They are available at local Post Office locations or online at usps.com/freeboxes.
- Make it easy with Click-N-Ship. You can create shipping labels and pay for postage online at usps.com/ship.
- Schedule a free Package Pickup when the carrier delivers your mail. It's free regardless of the number of packages. Or, pickups can be scheduled at usps.com/pickup.\*
- Mail and packages that weigh more than 10 ounces and/or are more than a half-inch thick using stamps as postage cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up. Instead, take them to a window clerk at a Post Office.



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# Literally, it's the sweetest day of the year

All things considered, it's a miracle that those of a certain age (re: pretty old) still have any teeth in their heads after years of partaking in the sugary, brittle, gooey confections of youth.

Man, we could consume our weight in Milk Duds, Slo-Pokes and Milky Ways. And when we finished those delicacies, we could move on to those little peanut butter bars which were pretty sparse on peanut butter but loaded with guilty flavor. Or another bag of M&Ms, or a roll of SweeTarts, or a Snickers bar.

Unless you were some sort of weirdo, the sweet tooth you acquired as a youngster remains with you today. It won't do you any good to deny it: you still love the taste of Butterfingers, Baby Ruths, Kit Kat Bars or Whopper malted milk balls.

One of life's great pleasures is taking in a movie with Rolos stashed in your pockets, which you can pair with some salty, buttery popcorn. Grab a soda and you're in business.

Super markets and convenience stores have long understood the magnetic lure of candy because they stack 'em right by the cash register. What's that there? A Three Musketeers? Shoot, might as well add it to my grocery pile. Oh, did I see an Almond Joy? Maybe I can eat that on the way home and no one will be the wiser.

The candy in our young lives



was mostly out of reach – literally – because of finances or parental roadblocks. “Don't eat that! It will ruin your dinner!”

But there was one day, one glorious day, when we didn't have barriers to obscene candy gathering and consumption.

Yep, it was Halloween, which (unless you've been under a rock for a few decades) arrives Oct. 31. It's been a while since our neighborhood attracted a lot of candy seekers on Halloween but at one time we stocked up on those mini candy bars and little lollipops.

Of course you had to make sure you had enough still in the house when the Halloween crowd arrived. There was always one person in our house (hmm...who could that be?) who taste-tested those sweet wonders and drastically reduced the supply.

(For several years, the Lovely Bride would put in a supply of candy but wouldn't tell me where it was. How devious!)

Along with Valentines' Day (more candy!), Halloween is a “not-really-a-holiday” day that is nonetheless celebrated as if it

has some sort of religious significance. If you doubt that, look into the eyes of youngsters during the next couple of days and you'll see Skittles and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

The trick (so to speak) for us back in the day was to remember the houses in the neighborhood that could be counted on to hand out the really good stuff, such as Hershey bars and Kisses or Tootsie Rolls and Tootsie Pops.

We avoided the houses that handed out popcorn balls, little bags of candy corn or those orange things called Circus Peanuts.

Suckers and lollipops were OK, but our candy-ravenous horde usually swooped in on the houses that provided chocolate, and lots of it.

The conveyance – or treat bag, if you will – was equally important. There was no reason to leave the house with anything smaller than a paper grocery bag. By the end of a good night, it would be half full.

Once we returned home, especially if Halloween fell on a Friday or Saturday, we'd rush

into the house and into our rooms and slam the door. Plopping in the middle of the floor, we'd empty our treasure bag and sort through the “definite keepers,” the “good stuff,” the “sort of good stuff” and the things we would never try, like a peanut patty or those cheap little powder-filled sticks that tasted like strawberry flavored sawdust.

This was also the time of the night for some serious trading. If you had an extra box of Raisinets maybe you could score some more Sugar Babies. A Clark Bar could be swapped for a Zagnut bar (one of the most underrated candy bars – ever!)

Jawbreakers were somewhere between “the sort of good stuff” and the things we'd never try. If they were small enough, you could keep one going for at least an hour but those big ones that were the size of baseballs were definitely on the never try list.

We could put a pretty good dent in our bounty during the next few days after Halloween, but even as much as we loved our candy we grew somewhat tired of it and had a good portion left over, which meant it was melted and unrecognizable.

So when this Sunday arrives, try to remember what it was like when you were young and were on a mission to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Just don't offer those little goblins any Circus Peanuts. They'll just get thrown away.

# Knowing how to hit life's targets

Have you read that book “Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus?”

You haven't? Well, to tell you the truth, I haven't either, but my wife Janet has. You men out there listen up. Go out and buy your wife that book.

Why? Well, I'll tell you why. That book is an excuse for every idiotic thing you've ever done. Right after Janet read that book, she'd make comments like; “Oh, I know why you did that. It's in the book.” Then she'd smile at me like I was a little kid or something, pat me on the head, and then leave me the heck alone.

I don't know if it was a man or woman that wrote that book, but they ought to have won the Pulitzer Prize.

Now I'm pretty sure the book tells stuff on women, too, but I've already got them pretty well figured out. If I wrote that book on the subject of men and women, it would be titled “Men are Rifles, Women are Shotguns.”

I'll explain further. I remember one night several years ago, my daughter Michelle called. As she spoke to me, it was clear that she wasn't just sittin' in a chair carrying on a conversation with her daddy. I could tell she was doin' somethin' else.

“What are you doin'?” I asked. “I'm taking the clothes out of the dryer?”

“Where's my grandson, Grady?”



“I'm holding him,” she replied. Now, she was doin' all of this while holdin' a phone between her ear and her shoulder. That's because women can do a whole bunch of stuff at the same time.

Now-a-days they call it multi-taskin'. I call it shotgunning. You know, a shotgun is a scatter-shooter. You point it and pull the trigger, and shot goes off in all directions. Women are shotguns.

Heck, I've seen Janet talkin' on the telephone, stirrin' chili with one hand, washin' dishes with the other, all the while usin' her foot and a towel moppin' somethin' that had spilled.

Men, on the other hand are rifles. With a rifle, you carefully aim at your intended target, take a deep breath, let out half of it, and slowly squeeze the trigger. The bullet leaves the barrel, travelin' its intended path, strikin' the target.

One shot, one kill. If you turn a man into a shotgun, all heck will break loose. What you get is a bunch of stuff that never gets done.

Wives, listen up. If you give

your husband a list of stuff that you want done, he looks at the list and this is what happens. His eyes glaze over, he starts breathin' heavy, and the next thing you know, he's gone huntin', fishin' or, golfin' or in my case, hidin'.

Y'all just don't understand. Our little ol' minds can't comprehend more than one thing at a time.

Now, Janet understands this. Well, to a point. She has a list of stuff she wants me to do, but I never see it. She keeps it hid somewhere, and if I ever find it, it will be destroyed, believe me.

But, she doesn't tell me everything that's on that list. I get them one at a time. And she doesn't tell me to do them. Men don't like to be told what to do. I know I don't. But if you ask me to do somethin', well, I'll bend over backward to do whatever I'm asked.

I've heard women threaten their husbands. “You better do this, or I'll do so and so.” I don't know about other men, but if you threaten me, I'll bow up on you. I am not motivated by fear.

Anywho, back to Janet's list. Like I said, she brings them out one at a time after, and only after, I finish the previous one. If she brings out two at the same time or even another one before I'm finished with the first, I go glassy eyed. I've got to kill the first one first and then go after the next.

You don't point in amongst a bunch of quail and pull the trigger. Even though you've got a lot of shot leavin' the barrel, if you aren't trained on one bird, you're not goin' to get anything.

I know, I said men were rifles, but a man knows that there's just one target at a time, even with a shotgun.

Oh yeah, and when I'm finished with a project, Janet brags on me, and tells me how good a job I've done. I know she's just butterin' me up for the next project, but who cares, I'm easy.

Now, don't get me wrong. I wish I could do a bunch of things at one time, but I can't. And I'm pretty sure there are some men out there that can, but I probably wouldn't hang out with them. They'd drive me crazy.

So ladies, here it is in a nut shell. Remember, we aren't that smart. If you want things done, ask us to do them, but only one task at a time. Then, reward us.

The bigger the reward, the less likely, you'll have to do the next task yourself. Plus, the rewards can be fun for you, too. Heh, heh.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Oct. 29, 2020  
The Lindale Lady Eagles, who wrapped up the District 16-4A championship last week to advance to the bi-district playoff round, held on to their No. 2 rankings in the Texas Girls Coaches Association standings.

Lindale is 26-0 on the year and finished district with a 12-0 mark. Needville remains No. 1 in Class 4A with a 29-0 record. Other East Texas teams ranked in Class 4A include Gilmer at No. 13 (21-4) and Bullard, at No. 21, (19-4).

FIVE YEARS AGO, Oct. 27, 2016  
A missed Lindale extra point in overtime allowed the Corsicana Tigers to claim a pulsating, 21-20, District 17-5A win at Eagle Stadium.

Lindale fell to 0-3 in district while Corsicana is now 2-1 in league play.

The Eagles sent the game into overtime with just 26 seconds left in the fourth period on a swerving, 16-yard run from quarterback Montana Meador to bring about a 14-14 tie.

Corsicana had the ball first in overtime and used four plays to score on a one-yard run from senior running back John Woods.

The Eagles then had to convert a fourth and 1 on their possession with Meador getting a new set of downs with a three yard run on fourth and one. On first down, Lindale running back Jordan Robinson – who was a workhorse for the Eagle offense all night – bulled his way in for a 13-yard score to bring the Eagles to within one.

TEN YEARS AGO, Oct. 27, 2011  
Lindale City Council members approved a user fee for the Rice Building of \$100 during their regular meeting at city hall.

The measure passed unanimously with council member Robert Nelson abstaining. The fee would be applied to groups wanting to use the facility on Hubbard Street for meetings or events.

In other action, the council approved the re-nomination of council member Ginger Sims to the Smith County Appraisal District Board and approved a resolution supporting the display of “In God We Trust” on the back wall of the city council chambers at city hall.

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
“There are heroes among us,” is an often repeated phrase.  
Our family recently encountered several of them at the Lindale Countryfest when my brother fell and hit his head on a concrete floor.  
Within seconds several ladies and gents

appeared to administer assistance with their expertise. One checked his heart while another held his head and wiped the blood from his nose. Another placed an oxygen mask on him.  
They all showed compassion and a willingness to help while waiting on an ambulance.

Many others helped in different ways. After several tests in the ER, he was released with a black eye and a swollen lip.  
Our heartfelt thanks, albeit somewhat late, to all who came to assist my brother.  
Heroes all!  
Jim Turvan,  
Hideaway

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# Parks officials forecast good duck hunting season

With millions of ducks in the Central Flyway and promising conditions in many parts of the state, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists suggest these factors could indicate a good waterfowl season is ahead for Texas hunters.

For the second straight year, the May Breeding Waterfowl Survey was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns in both the United States and Canada. Instead, TPWD biologists largely relied on fellow biologists in the breeding grounds of Canada and the United States prairie states to help with the Texas forecasts for this season.

“Duck production in prairie potholes of North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan, and Alberta were reported to be below average due to extensive drought this summer,” said Kevin Kraai, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader. “With that said, there are still millions of ducks in the Central Flyway and we are on the heels of multiple excellent breeding seasons for ducks over the last few years.”

The special youth-only duck season

occurs in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit Oct. 23-24, followed by youth-only duck season in the South Zone Oct. 30-31 and the North Zone Nov. 6-7.

Regular duck season in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit opens Oct. 30, in the South Zone on Nov. 6 and the North Zone on Nov. 13. Consult the 2021-22 Outdoor Annual, which was made possible in part by support from Chevy Silverado, for other season dates and bag limits, including those for “Dusky” duck.

“We are already hearing good reports of birds building in many of flooded rice fields and coastal marshes along the Texas coast,” Kraai added. “Most successful hunters will be mobile and always have been. Hopefully, we will continue to see more great cold fronts, lots of cold temperatures and snow to the north of us, and frequent and timely rainfall to attract more birds to Texas.”

Coastal Texas has experienced many extended periods of rainfall, as well as periods of dryness, this summer and early fall. Overall, conditions are in

better than average condition across much of the coast. Landowners and managers are currently busy pumping and managing water, and growing foods in the rice prairies. Ducks and geese will concentrate quickly on these locations and hunting success should be excellent in these areas.

East Texas has seen above average rainfall most of the summer. Soil moisture is high and any new rainfall this winter will begin to pond quickly creating conditions important to duck populations. Reservoirs are higher than normal for this time of year and the shallow shorelines and river mouths will be a big draw to ducks very soon.

The playa wetlands of the Panhandle experienced a greater amount of rainfall this summer compared to 2020. Unfortunately, some of the hottest and driest weather of the season was in late August and September.

Temperatures exceeding 100 degrees, coupled with high winds, have caused a loss in surface water over the last few weeks. Canada geese will likely still be abundant in this area due

to their newfound attraction to waters in urban areas. Hunters hunting grain fields closest to towns with multiple city lakes and ponds will have higher success.

Habitat conditions in the Winchester Lakes region in Knox and Haskell counties are once again very good. This area had timely rain events and many of the natural wetlands are currently holding water. This water, mixed with the grain and peanut fields in the area, will be a huge draw for tens of thousands of small Canada geese and white-fronted geese. Hunters visiting the region this winter will see quite a show.

Early reports from Canada indicate the light goose and white-fronted goose hatch may be better than previous years. Light and dark goose season starts in the East Zone on Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 in the West Zone. The light geese conservation order season begins in the East Zone on Jan. 31, 2022 and on Feb. 14, 2022 in the West Zone. More information regarding seasons and daily bag limits can be found in the Outdoor Annual.

Hunters should purchase their new 2021-22 Texas hunting license prior to hitting the field. In addition, waterfowl hunters must have a migratory game bird endorsement, federal duck stamp, and be Harvest Information Program (HIP) certified. Biologists note the importance for those purchasing a hunting license to answer HIP survey questions correctly as these surveys allow biologists to get an accurate sample of hunters so harvest surveys can be delivered to hunters later in the year from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

It’s also required by law for hunters to have proof of their completion of a hunter education course.

Anyone hunting on Texas Public Hunting Lands are also required to purchase an Annual Public Hunting Permit. Texas has more than 1 million acres of land accessible to the public. More information about these lands and locations can be found on the TPWD website. Hunters using public lands can complete their on-site registration via the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

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business alarm at 1400 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley responded to a loud noise complaint at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 12500 block Blackberry Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an assist other agency at 100 E Van St, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet and Officer Shurley responded to a public intoxication at 500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 13300 block Country Meadow Dr, unfounded. Chief Sones, Cpt Chambers and Officers Jackquet and Shurley responded to an assist other agency at 300 block Cooper St, settled at scene.

Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Allen responded to an accident at 100 block N Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 100 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 700 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Jackquet responded to a hit and run at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Jackquet and Shurley responded to an assault at 500 block Noah, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 11200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene.

Wednesday Oct. 20, 2021

Chief Sones, Sgt Flores and Officers Philpot and Fortunas responded to an assist other agency at 700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a residential alarm at 1300 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 555 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to an assist smith county at 16300 block Esther Rd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and officers Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to an attempt to serve at 500 block Hamrick St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to an accident at 555 I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to a warrant service at 300 block Industrial St, arrest made. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13400 block I-20, unfounded.

Thursday Oct. 21, 2021

Chief Sones, Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Fortunas and Ramsey responded to a robbery at 137000 block Harvey Rd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 600 block College St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, report taken. Officer Gillham responded to a public service at 1100 block E Park Dr, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a business alarm at 17900 block Hwy 69 N, false alarm. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Shelly Ln, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to suspicious circumstance at 200 block Heritage Ct, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a warrant service at 500 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded.

Saturday Oct. 16, 2021

Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to a disturbance at 13400 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block N Main St, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 1400 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 200 block Bonnie St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block W Van St, unfounded. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Monday Oct. 18, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to a criminal mischief at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to a verbal disturbance at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Cannery Row, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 100 block N Main St, false alarm.

Tuesday Oct. 19, 2021

Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to a public service at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a criminal mischief at 200 block Cooper St, settled at scene. Cpt

Sunday Oct. 17, 2021

Chief Sones, Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Allen responded to a burglary in progress at 200 block W South St, arrest made. Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13300 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a city ordinance violation at 400 block Hill St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to an accident at 13300 block W I-20, report taken. Officer Shurley responded to a

# Sweet success of having honeybees in the garden

Judi Braman  
Smith County Master Gardener

Several years ago, my husband decided that we should add bees to our homestead. I liked the idea mainly because I like honey. That thick, liquid gold cannot be beat on bread that is warm from the oven or mixed into a fresh batch of yogurt with a few berries. My husband purchased a couple of packages of honey bees for our new hives. Packages of bees are typically made up of three pounds of bees and a caged queen. The cage protects the queen until the workers have time to adjust to their new home and family.

The first time that my husband collected a few frames of honey from our hives, the honey was dark amber in color and had a depth of flavor that I had never tasted in honey before.

Everyone who tried it would remark on its unique flavor. It was far more complex in taste than the clover honey that is commonly found on grocery store shelves.

What was it that made that honey taste so decadent? I had remained purposefully ignorant of beekeeping up to this point. I usually observed the bees from a safe distance.

Beyond helping with separating the honey from the comb and storing it for future use, I had little to do with the bees.

But now I was on a quest to find out just which flowers those bees visited to create that wonderfully complex flavor.

According to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, honey retains enough of the perfume of the flowers it comes from to give it a distinctive flavor. The nectar of each kind of flower contains a distinctive combination of oils and other substances which give the blossoms their special fragrance.

As a general rule, light-colored honey is milder in taste and dark-colored honey is stronger.

Here are color and taste descriptions of a few types of honey as described by the National Honey Board.

ALFALFA

Alfalfa honey is light in color with a pleasingly mild flavor and aroma.

BLUEBERRY

Blueberry nectar makes a honey which is typically light amber in color and with a full, well-rounded flavor.

BUCKWHEAT

Buckwheat honey is dark and full-bodied. Buckwheat honey has been found to contain more antioxidant compounds than some lighter honeys.

CLOVER

Clover honey has a pleasing, mild taste. Clovers contribute more to honey production in the United States than any other group of plants. Depending on the location and type of source clover, clover honey varies in color from water white

to light amber.

WILDFLOWER

Wildflower honey is often used to describe honey from miscellaneous and undefined flower sources.

The year that we harvested that rich, dark honey, I had planted a buckwheat garden for my chickens. I feel certain that the buckwheat blossoms were not the only contributor to our honey's flavor and color. But perhaps it is safe to say that my chickens were not the only ones who enjoyed the buckwheat that I planted.

The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

# Fall colors arrive with cooler weather

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist  
Texas A&M Extension Service

As the days get cooler and shorter, deciduous trees like baldcypress, blackgum, Chinese pistache, crapemyrtle, dogwood, ginkgo, hickories, maples, oaks, pears, sassafras, sumacs, and sweetgum put on an autumn show in all shades of yellow, orange, red, and purple. In many parts of the country, fall foliage plays an important role in tourism. I think it should here as well, since most of Texas has little fall color to view.

Many think that cool weather or frost causes the leaves to change color. While temperature may dictate the color and its intensity, it is only one of the environmental factors that plays a part in coloring up deciduous trees. To understand the whole process, it is important to understand the growth cycle of deciduous trees. During the growing season, trees store up carbohydrates to support next year's growth.

The process that starts the cascade of events resulting in fall color begins in early autumn when the days begin to get shorter

and the nights longer. When nights reach a certain length, the cells at the base of the leaf stalk form an abscission layer and slowly begin to block the transport of carbohydrates from the leaf to the branch.

During the growing season, chlorophyll, which makes leaves green, is constantly replaced. Chlorophyll breaks down with exposure to light, so the leaves have to constantly manufacture new chlorophyll to replace that lost. In autumn, when the connection between the leaf and the rest of the plant begins to be blocked off, the production of chlorophyll slows and then stops. In a fairly short time period, the green chlorophyll disappears entirely.

This is when classic fall colors are revealed. Green chlorophyll normally masks the yellow pigments known as xanthophylls and the orange pigments called carotenoids. Both then become visible when the chlorophyll is gone. These colors are present in the leaf throughout the growing season. Red and purple pigments come from anthocyanins. In the fall, anthocyanins are manufactured from the sugars that are trapped in the leaf.

Some years more are produced and in some years less.

Temperature, sunlight, and soil moisture greatly influence the quality of the fall foliage display. A growing season with ample moisture followed by a rather dry, cool, sunny autumn marked by mild days and cool frostless nights provides the best conditions for development of the best fall colors. Early hard freezes, heavy rain, and high wind can put an end to the show.

If you'd like to learn more about providing fall color in your garden, plan to attend the Smith County Master Gardeners' First Tuesday in the Garden Tuesday Nov. 2, from 12 noon- 1 p.m. in the IDEA Garden where Elizabeth Waldrop will present "Weaving and Autumn Tapestry Using Autumn Colors" and discuss how to energize your garden this fall. Seating is limited so bring a lawn chair.

The IDEA Garden is part of the Tyler Botanical Garden and is located in the southeast corner of the Tyler Rose Garden at the corner of Houston and Peach Streets. The garden and program are free and open to the public.

# Lindale ISD Alumni Association honors former trustee Cline

The Lindale ISD Alumni Association honored one Lindale High School graduate with the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award and the 2021 Distinguished Service Award prior to the Eagles' Homecoming game against Athens on Friday, Oct. 15.

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award and Distinguished Service Award recipient is Kenneth Cline, a graduate of Lindale High School, Class of 1957. He was born and raised in Lindale and attended all 12 years at the Lindale ISD.

His family accepted the award on his behalf at midfield at Eagle Stadium.

After finishing high school, Cline became a certified professional engineer

with degrees from Tyler Junior College and Texas Tech University. During his professional career, he served as County Engineer in Smith and Harrison Counties before retiring in 2000.

In 1999, he was recognized as the Urban County Engineer of the year by the National Association of County Engineers and is the only county engineer from Texas to ever receive that award.

"We are so pleased to be able to recognize this extraordinary man," LISD Alumni Association President Mitzi Bjork said. "We received several nominations for many deserving people and the awards committee felt it was time to honor Ken-

neth Cline with the distinguished awards. He most certainly earned the recognition."

At the time of his death, in May 2020, Cline was a member of the LISD School Board and had been for several years. He was also a charter member of the LISD Alumni Association Board of Directors, a deacon, teacher and Children's Church director at Red Springs Baptist Church.

Cline was not only a graduate of LHS, but one who repaid the community over and over through his service to the school, the county, churches, missions and individuals.

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# TJC Preview Day set Nov. 6

Potential Apaches and their families can get a free, firsthand look at Tyler Junior College during Apache Preview Day, set from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, on the TJC main campus, publicity officials announced.

"The best time to think about college is now," said Claire Mizell, TJC director of admissions. "Apache Preview Day offers a half-day showcase for future students to get an up-close look at our academic programs and vibrant campus life."

Information sessions will be held for financial aid and scholarships, housing, career planning, enrollment steps and the TJC Promise program.

Participants will be given a tour of TJC's main campus, have the opportunity to meet with faculty, deans and academic advisors, and take a look at campus activities and organizations. They can also apply for admission and submit their admissions and

financial aid documents.

They will also receive a TJC T-shirt and information packet.

To register, go to [TJC.edu/PreviewDay](http://TJC.edu/PreviewDay). Mizell added that TJC West, located at 1530 SSW Loop 323, will offer an open house from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 6.

"This will be a great opportunity for students interested in our TJC West programs to see and learn more before coming to our main campus for the rest of the Preview Day event," she said.

Established in 1926, TJC is one of the largest, most comprehensive community colleges in Texas, with approximately 12,000 students enrolled per semester.

Throughout its 95-year history, TJC has embodied the true sense of the term "community college," as reflected in its core values of unity, caring, integrity, empowering and excellence.

Notable graduates who got their start at TJC include:

- Jimmy Butler: NBA standout and Olympic gold medalist
- Bryan Hughes: State Senator
- Will Jennings: Grammy and Academy Award-winning songwriter
- Sarah McClendon: journalist and long-time White House correspondent
- Chris Tomlin: Christian recording artist and Grammy-winner

TJC offers more than 115 degree and certificate programs, including a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene and a Bachelor of Applied Technology in health-care technologies and medical systems, as well as extensive workforce training and technical programs.

In addition to academics, TJC has nationally ranked athletics and performing arts programs, all at about one-third of the cost of a four-year institution.



After 50 years, UT Health nurse still has job he "wants to do"

By Allison Pollan  
Director of Communications  
UT Health East Texas

After 50 years doing a job he loves in nursing, the advice Charles Beene would give up-and-coming nurses is simple: "Make sure if you want go into nursing it's what you want to do. You've got to like what you're doing and if you don't, then find something else."

Beene recently celebrated his milestone anniversary, along with his 77th birthday, with coworkers at UT Health Tyler, the hospital where he's worked for the majority of his career, save for a four-year stint at the Henderson hospital in the early 1980s.

Since 1985 he has served the Tyler hospital as orthopedic coordinator, making sure rooms are prepared and have the proper materials and equipment for surgery.

"It's a good job, I haven't had any complaints about anything," Beene said reflecting on his time at the hospital.

Beene knew he wanted to go into medicine after serving two years in the Army (1966-1968) as an operating room technician. From there he went to nursing school at Texas Eastern School of Nursing, where he and another student were the first male graduates, he said. After his 1971 graduation, he started at the Tyler hospital (then ETMC), which he has seen go through countless transformations.

He's watched not only the physical expansion of the hospital over the years, but has been witness to other changes as well, the biggest of which he says have been in terms of equipment.

"When I first started everything, was done by hand," Beene said. "Now we've got the robot and we're doing total knee and total hip replacements."

Beene said one of the most rewarding parts of his job is being looked up to by his peers for the knowledge he's gained over the years, something to which his coworkers attest.

"From my first day, Charlie was an amazing resource," said Jessica Bunton, main operating room charge nurse, who said she has worked with Beene her entire career. "Everyone in the OR loves Charlie. He is always the first to lend a hand to anyone who needs it, and I rely on him greatly throughout the day. He truly cares for all of our staff and his knowledge base will never be topped."

Beene said he might cut back his work schedule next year, but he hasn't decided. "I still feel like I can do my job, and as long as I can do my job, I'll work."

For coworkers like Tania Garcia, perianesthesia manager, that's good news.

"Charlie Beene takes pride in his job, and he goes above and beyond to make sure the orthopedic surgeons have what they need," Garcia said. "He is self-motivated and requires no supervision. You can always count on Charlie, we sure have for 50 years."

## U.S. World News World Report ranks UT Tyler Engineering 75th

Officials with the University of Texas at Tyler announced that the College of Engineering ranked 75th in the nation on the U.S. News and World Report's 2022 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs list.

The College of Engineering has made the publication's top 100 list for three consecutive years, rising this time from the previous ranking of 91. UT Tyler also ranked highest among Texas public institutions for undergraduate engineering programs. The rankings are based on surveys of deans and senior faculty members at peer institutions accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

"Receiving this level of recognition from the U.S. News and World Report, one of the nation's most respected ranking organizations, speaks to the quality and breadth of our programs and the dedication of our faculty to student success," said Javier Kypuros, Ph.D., dean of the College of Engineering. "Our graduates have gone on to head engineering firms, manage teams in fortune 500 companies, establish successful start-ups and lead professional associations, and they are among the highest paid of all UT System engineering alumni."

UT Tyler offers the only comprehensive college of engineering in East Texas, with degree programs in the four primary engineering disciplines – chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical. The college also offers a construction management program and has instructional sites on the university's main campus in Tyler and at the UT Tyler Houston Engineering Center in the Houston area.

Student organizations in the college have garnered top finishes in competitions such as Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Robotics and American Society of Civil Engineers Concrete Canoe competitions.

For more information about the UT Tyler College of Engineering, contact Amy Lively, [alively@uttyler.edu](mailto:alively@uttyler.edu) or 903.258.2520.

# UT Health Tyler to host drive through Halloween

UT Health Tyler will host drive through trick-or-treating at the hospital from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, to offer a safe Halloween alternative for children of all ages, publicity officials said.

UT Health caregivers will hand out candy to those who drive by the hospital's main entrance at 1000 S. Beckham Ave. Caregivers will line the sidewalks to pass out prepackaged candy directly through car windows.

They will be wearing masks and gloves.

Drivers should enter Hospital Drive from Beckham Avenue and exit at the East Garage. It will be one-way traffic in that direction during the event. Security officers will help direct traffic along the route.

"We know that families, especially children, are looking forward to Halloween. When we hosted this drive through last year, we had a great turnout. So, we again wanted

to offer this alternative for those in our community who may still be hesitant to attend larger Halloween events," said UT Health Tyler CEO Vicki Briggs. "We continuously look for ways to give back to the community, especially after all the support we have received over the past year. This activity also is sure to brighten the day for our caregivers. They love seeing all the fun costumes and happy faces as families drive by!"

# Signs you are low in Vitamin D

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension  
Agent Family and  
Community Health

What is Vitamin D? Our body uses it to absorb minerals like calcium and phosphorus. That makes your teeth and bones strong.

Vitamin D also supports your muscles, nerves, and immune system. You can get it from sunshine on your skin and from eating eggs, fatty fish, and fortified foods like milk and cereal.

Why Might You Need More

Vitamin D?

Maybe because your body doesn't:

- Get enough sunshine
- Get enough from food, especially if you're vegan or can't eat dairy products

-- Absorb Vitamin D as well as it should, or it gets rid of it too quickly

Sign You are Low in Vitamin D-

-- Slow Wound Healing-Wounds don't seem to heal as fast in people with low levels of vitamin D.

-- Osteoporosis- Not enough

vitamin D makes it harder for your body to use the minerals it needs to keep bones strong.

-- Muscle Pain-People who have pain and weakness in their muscles and bones often don't have enough vitamin D.

-- Osteomalacia- If your levels stay low for a long time, it can soften your bones. That can cause breaks and other problems, especially in your hips.

Other Related Conditions: Vitamin D levels could influence diabetes (types 1 and 2) high blood pressure, multiple sclerosis, and some types of cancer.

Breastfed Infants: There often isn't enough vitamin D in breast milk to keep infants healthy unless the mother takes a supplement.

People With Bowel Problems: Your body needs fat to use vitamin D. Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and other conditions that affect your gut -- like celiac disease and cystic fibrosis -- make it harder for you to absorb this fat.

People With Gastric Bypass: After the surgery, it's harder to absorb some nutrients including Vitamin B12, copper, zinc, calcium, and vitamin D.

People Who Are Obese: If you have a BMI of 30 or more (meaning you are obese), your vitamin D levels are more likely to be lower than someone who isn't obese. It's not that your skin makes less vitamin D, it's that the extra fat under your skin keeps more of it and changes the way it goes into your blood. Diet, lifestyle changes, and supplements can help.

Keep Tabs on Your Vitamin D: A simple blood test can let you know your vitamin D level. Consider a test if you're homebound, blocked off from sunlight, or have signs of low vitamin D like bone pain, muscle pain, or a condition like osteoporosis.

If you think your levels are low, don't overdo supplements to make up the difference. Too much can be harmful. If you are in doubt, always discuss this with your physician. 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](mailto: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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# OBITUARIES

Joshua Richard "JR" White Memorial services for Joshua Richard "JR" White were held Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale with Pastor David

Hicks His remains were interred at Harris Chapel cemetery in Lindale.

Mr. White died on Oct. 16 at Watkins-Logan VA Home in Tyler. He would have been 91 on Dec. 2 and had been a resident of Lindale since 1996.

JR was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy and served from 1948-1952 during the Korean War as a 2nd class Petty Officer.

During this time, he was stationed aboard the USS Eversole and sailed to Guam, Japan, Korea and Hawaii.

In 1957, JR felt the calling to become a minister and for the next 38 years preached throughout Texas and Oklahoma. JR was married to Joyce Anne (Craze) White for 68 years.

She survives him, along with their three children, Terone White and wife, Marcy and Darla Patterson,

both from Lindale and Vicki White and husband, Timothy Castonguay from Dallas. They have seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

JR was born in a goat camp tent in Dimmit County, Texas, the son of Joshua Lemon and Vida Byrd White and grew up in Gardendale, Texas and Crystal City, Texas.

He had five brothers and two sisters, all of which have gone on to be with the Lord. JR described his mother as a wise woman: self educated having only a third grade education, but a constant student of both law and medicine.

All our relatives considered her a tremendous source of wisdom.

The words he most remembers from his Dad were said to him while he was in Korea, "my family is my life and my life is my family". JR once asked his daughter, "Have you tried the camels yet? I did an elephant once and that was quite enough for me. I still prefer the sofa!"

"One powerful lesson I have learned is when forgiveness is exercised, not earned, I become more like Jesus. I do the thing that is undeserved, and maybe even unwanted. Whatever is left over is no longer on my conscience. I am free and at peace with myself. Now joy can

reign in my heart and I can truly say God is leading me along. I come out of that prison that has held me for so very long."

If you choose the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Heart to Heart Hospice www.hearttohearthospice.com

Mary Francis Henderson

Mary Francis Henderson, 95, passed away Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, at her home in Lindale.

She was born March 11, 1926, in Memphis, Texas to the late Thomas Ward and Nora Hasseltine (Hicks) Henderson.

Mary Francis was a 4th generation, lifelong resident of Lindale where she was a member of First Baptist Church Lindale and in later years, attended Bethesda Community Church, previously called Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

Mary Frances started her career in Tyler with the USDA and transferred to Alice, Texas where, while working, she attended Texas A&I (now

A&M) in Kingsville and graduated with a Bachelor of Business.

When her father passed away suddenly in 1966 she returned to Lindale, worked for the Federal Land Bank, and continued her father's ranching business.

She continued her education, earning a Master's in Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. Throughout her life she worked as a rancher, taught school, and eventually retired from the Federal Land Bank.

She was a member of the Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas Cattleman's Association, and the Swan Garden Club. Mary Francis enjoyed making beautiful quilts for her beloved family.

Throughout the years, she cultivated a love of the farm in her nieces and nephews, along with their children and grandchildren. Her family grew up enjoying the land she loved so deeply all her life. She and her brother have left a legacy on what is affectionately known as just "the farm" for all future generations to come.

The younger generations still think all you need to do is drop a hook in the stocked ponds and you'll automatically have a fish on the end of it.

She is survived by her brother, Thomas Jean Henderson of Lindale; sister, Nora Joyce Massey of Wichita Falls; nephews, Don Massey and wife, Valerie of Wichita Falls and Steve Henderson and wife, Cindy of Marble Falls; nieces, Gail Massey Dewoody and husband, Mark of Wichita Falls, Janet Ayers and husband, Tommy of Wichita Falls, Pam Sigman and husband, Ken of Tyler, Patti Hogan and husband, Delbert of Dallas; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the wonderful team at Hospice of ET. Special thanks to friends, Nell, Moody, Deborah, Betty and Dorothy, Luther, Iris, Carla, for caring and calling on her over the last few years. Her friends, along with her family, meant everything to her.

Graveside services for Mary Frances Henderson are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Bethesda Cemetery in Lindale with Bro. Kelly Burton officiating under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Bethesda Cemetery Association.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LAURA ELEANOR STOLZ, Deceased, were issued on October 1, 2021, in Docket No. 45764P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to John W. Warren. Claims may be presented to the following address:

John W. Warren  
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This lovely Azalea District home sold quickly; the following contents and consignments must go: gorgeous dining table; antique secretary; upholstered chairs from the Gertrude Windsor estate; exquisite beveled gold framed mirror; beveled Venetian style accent mirrors; cane & fabric Provincial chairs; Asian selections; antique vases; octagon barley twist coffee table; round inlaid wood table; fab. rosewood antq. armoire; roosters; harvest table; ladder back-rush seat armchairs; Desert Rose pottery; Western leather statues; beautiful headboard; liquor decanters; books; Tiffany-style stain glass light fixtures; framed vintage car art; Singer sewing machine; leather recliner; office chair; holiday items; nutcrackers; CD's; movies; Madame Alex. dolls; Cabbage Patch dolls; sm. appliances; kitchen selections; 3 styles of bar stools; vintg. luggage; patio table & chairs; ladders; gardening supplies; antq. wrought iron benches; sooooo much more!

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**EVENTS**

**Comfort - A Haunting** on High Street in Comfort's Historic District, Oct. 30. Young Trick or Treaters, 1-3 p.m. along High. Adult Costume Part at Food for the Soul, 7-11 p.m. Best costume wins \$100. Music dancing, fortunes told, food, adult beverages and more. Haunted Garden at The Rusted Feather, \$5. Proceeds benefit Comfort Park. More information at 830-995-3131.

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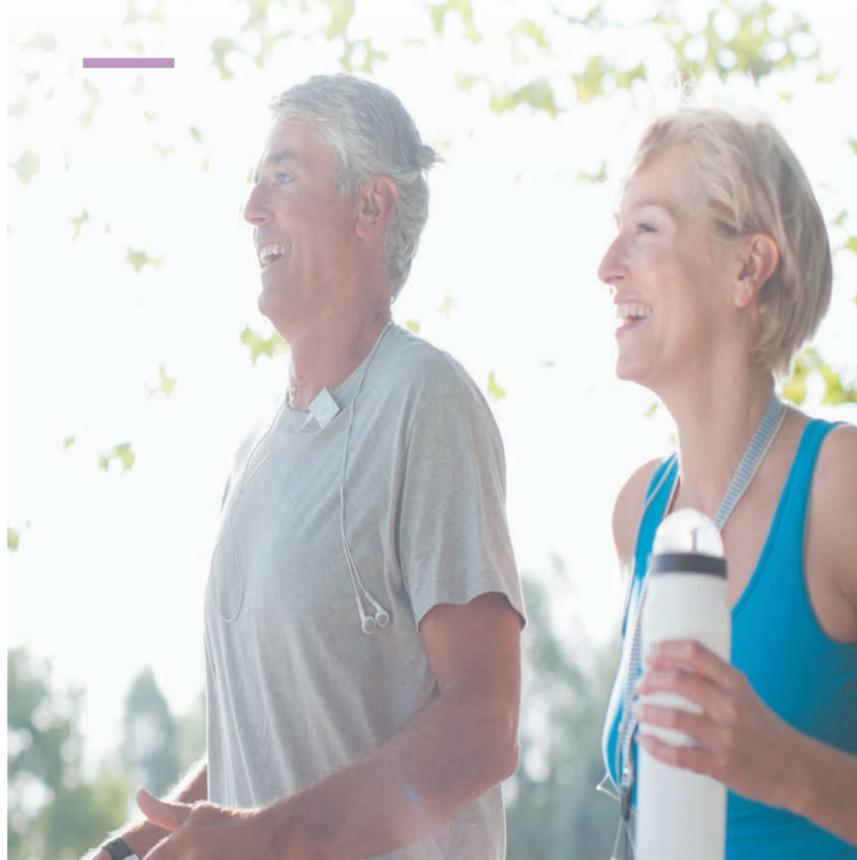


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## NET Health announces COVID booster shots now available

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- people 65 years and older and residents of long-term care settings
- people 18 years and older who have underlying medical conditions
- people 18 years and older who are at increased risk because their job regularly exposes them to COVID-19 or their living situation

CDC's recommendations also allow for a mix-and-match approach for booster shots. People should stick with the vaccine they received initially, but the CDC conceded that some individuals may need to mix-and-match due to preference or availability.

ty. COVID-19 booster shots are the same formulation as the current COVID-19 vaccines; however, for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster shot, it is half the dose of the vaccine of the initial series.

"Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose," Roberts said. "Some may prefer the vaccine type they originally received while others may prefer to get a different vaccine as their booster dose. The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends that people consult a healthcare provider if they have questions about their risks from COVID-19 and whether a booster dose would be beneficial

for them.

The CDC still recommends that moderately-to-severely immune-compromised people should receive a third dose of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose in order to strengthen their protection, whose immunity may have started to wane, and whom are at high-risk of exposure to COVID-19.

There is no fee and no associated costs to receive the COVID vaccine.

Anyone who has health insurance such as Medicaid or employee-covered health insurance is asked to bring your insurance card with you when you receive your vaccine.



The I-20 Corridor Study was initiated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) as a long range, holistic review of this nationally significant interstate corridor. Findings and recommendations will assist in guiding the future of the I-20 Corridor.

### Study Area Quick Facts

<b>635</b> MILES	<b>30</b> CITIES INVOLVED	<b>22</b> COUNTIES INVOLVED
<b>11</b> DISTRICTS INVOLVED	<b>1,377</b> BRIDGES INCLUDED	<b>5</b> METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS



## TxDOT launches online public survey for the I-20 Texas Corridor Study Dec. 10

TYLER – As part of the I-20 Texas Corridor Study, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is requesting public input through an online survey. The survey asks respondents to weigh in on their transportation priorities for I-20, their points of interest along the corridor, and issues or opportunities that should be addressed.

TxDOT's Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section of the Transportation Planning and Programming Division is conducting the I-20 Texas Corridor Study

to identify multimodal needs and prioritize improvements that facilitate the movement of people and goods from east to west Texas. The study area spans along I-20 from the I-10 junction in Reeves County to the Texas/Louisiana state line, a distance of 635 miles. Findings and recommendations from the study will be used to help guide the future of the I-20 Corridor.

"This is the first time TxDOT has taken a comprehensive look at the whole I-20 corridor.

## PATH director updates commissioners on progress of rental assistance funding

Andrea Wilson, executive director of People Attempting to Help of Smith County, provided county commissioners an update on the status of funds provided by the federal government during the court's weekly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

PATH has helped keep more than 1,650 families from getting evicted, and has aided 430 landlords in recovering rent by distributing Smith County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding, Wilson said.

She discussed the administration of Smith County's first wave of the U.S. Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding, which was more than \$7 million.

Only about \$500,000 of that remains after assisting residents in paying their rent and aiding landlords with back and future rent, caused by hardships created by COVID-19.

"It has been an effort to say the least," Wilson said.

PATH officials believed that a staff of three to four people could handle the volume of applications they would receive for the rental assistance, but it now takes seven people to go through and approve or deny all of the applications that come through their office, she said.

Wilson said 600 families have applied so far for the funding



through PATH.

Comparing the amount of ERA funding Smith County received to that of other areas, Smith County is well above the state average in the amount of funds it has given to local residents and landlords who have been hit the hardest by the pandemic, Wilson said.

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran agreed and said they have gone "incredibly beyond what other jurisdictions have done."

Wilson said they have started to see fewer applications come through their office.

Smith County recently received the second tranche of ERA funding, about \$2.25 million. The Commissioners Court approved making the deadline for applications for the rental assistance on Dec. 31, 2021. At that time, all collected applications will be

gone through and money distributed to those who are approved. All remaining money will be returned to the federal government.

Moran said it has been great doing this locally, with local people helping local people. But, he said, they needed to have some finality to the program.

Renters or landlords that want to apply for rental assistance funding due to COVID-19 after Dec. 31, 2021, can still do so through the state of Texas.

Smith County hired PATH to administer the funding and the Smith County Auditor's Office audits the transactions to keep track of how the money is being spent.

Wilson said at a previous meeting that PATH has a more than 20-year history of working to prevent evictions and helping families with their rent.

Qualifying applications must meet annual income limits, must have been impacted by COVID-19 and have housing instability. Applicants will be required to provide necessary documentation to PATH for eligibility.

According to guidelines, found at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>, an "eligible household" is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.

## Halloween at the Hatchery returns Oct. 28

ATHENS – The East Texas family tradition continues October 28 when "Halloween at the Hatchery" returns to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center after being cancelled in 2020 due to the public health crisis. The annual event provides a safe place to go trick-or-treating while raising money for three local beneficiaries, The Rainbow Room, East Texas Crisis Center and the Athens High School Fishing Team.

The outdoor event will feature family-friendly games, photo opportunities, and activities Thursday, Oct. 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. Local businesses and organizations will hand out free candy from booths positioned around TFFC's recreational fishing ponds and trails.