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Lindale's Countryfest returns Oct. 8

One of the most popular family events on the East Texas fall calendar – Countryfest – returns to downtown Lindale on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Sponsored by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce, there will be fun things to do for all ages, including bounce houses, games and pony rides for the youngsters and the Crossroads Classic Car Show, held adjacent to Picker's Pavilion.

And of course, delicious food will be available all day.

The car show, which benefits the Lillie Russell Memorial Library, will feature several dozen classic cars, trucks, Jeeps and motorcycles shown by enthusiasts from across the area.

It's one of the most popular items featured at Countryfest each year, as is the Harvest Hustle 5K run. Registration for the run begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Cannery stage with the race beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Countryfest has continued to grow exponentially during the past three and a half decades.

It outgrew its original space on the E.J. Moss Intermediate School campus and moved downtown and utilized Picker's Pavilion as well as the surrounding areas.

Youngsters will be able to enjoy most of their activities for free this year. There will be carnival games, inflatable rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, laser tag and a kid's art walk.

In addition to the car show, there will be the annual live and silent auction sponsored by the Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club.

Live music will be on The Cannery stage throughout the day as well.

KC Theatre will present 'Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe' Oct. 6-9

Kilgore College Theatre is proud to present "Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe" by Eric Coble, Oct. 6-9 in Van Cliburn Auditorium.

The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 6-8, with a matinee performance at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

The play is appropriate for all ages, but children age 7 years and younger will not be allowed.

The box office will open one hour prior to each performance and discounted ticket pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.kilgore.tix.com or by calling (903) 983-8126.

For more information, e-mail the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu.



Kinzie Walker was crowned Lindale High School's Homecoming Queen this past Friday prior to the Eagles' game with Henderson. Her father Ken and last year's queen, Baylee Bergbower, joined her as well. Photo by Terry Cannon

Eagles trounce Henderson; Travel to Athens on Friday

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Despite a flurry of flags this past Friday, Lindale opened its District 9-4A season with a rousing 44-17 rout of Henderson's Lions, setting up the Eagles' first road trip of the year in Athens on Friday.

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

A total of 30 penalties were called between the two clubs this past week at Eagle Stadium with winless Henderson claiming 21 of those. But Lindale managed to persevere, building a 21-3 lead at the half and maintaining control through the final quarter when the reserves were utilized.

Quarterback Clint Thurman found Brett Maya with a 26-yard touchdown pass to get the Eagles on the board with 4:25 left in the opening period and with a minute gone in the second quarter, sophomore back Devin Daniels bulled over from two yards out to boost the Lindale advantage to 13-0.

Henderson stemmed the tide a bit with a field goal at the 3:08 mark, but the Eagles virtually salted the game away with a four-yard score from Cason Watts with just 11 seconds to go before the half.

A 75-yard drive to open the third period resulted in another Devin Daniels score, this one from 16 yards out to increase the Eagles' advantage to 28-3.

"I was proud of the overall effort of our kids," the coach said, citing the specific contributions on offense of brothers Devin and Patrick Daniels, who helped Lindale control the clock and time of possession by picking key rushing

yards.

Devin Daniels carried nine times for 78 yards and scored two touchdowns while Patrick Daniels added 72 yards on eight carries and one score.

Cochran also praised the play of Cason Watts "who is getting better every week."

Henderson, which has allowed more than 43 points per game this year, was stymied by a swarming Lindale defense the entire night.

Head Coach Chris Cochran and his staff installed a 3-3 stack defense this season and didn't know how long it would take to be successful.

"Coming into the regular season we were a bit uncertain how successful we would be but so far we are very pleased," he said.

Lindale has allowed just 23 points per game, which includes matchups against high flyers Kaufman (24) and Carthage (31).

"A new system isn't going to

work if it doesn't fit the personnel," Cochran said. "But our kids have bought into it. They play hard each and every week and it shows."

Last week's defensive player of the game Carson Plunkett, tormented the Lions with five solo tackles and two sacks. He has 19 total tackles through five games.

Cochran cited Ryan Stanton (34 total tackles), Jake Curbow (27), Ryan Betts (26), Wyatt Parker (26) and Christian King (18) as other key contributors. King has been able to play only six quarters this year due to a groin injury. But he's expected back and near-full strength as the Eagles travel to Athens on Friday.

The Hornets fell to Jacksonville, 34-17, this past Friday in Jacksonville. At 2-3 on the season, Athens has defeated Life Waxahachie (48-18) and Brownsboro (34-17). In addition to Jacksonville, the Hornets have lost to Kaufman (35-21) and Rusk (45-42).



Linebacker Carson Plunkett (30) brings down the Henderson quarterback for one of his two sacks on the night for Lindale in its 44-17 win over the Lions. Photo by Terry Cannon

Lindale council adopts budget, new tax rate

Lindale City Council members approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and a new tax rate to fund the budget during their regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Lindale's new ad valorem tax rate will be .42295 per \$100 property valuation. The maintenance and operations rate will be .202627 and the sinking tax rate was set at .220323.

The new budget year begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30, 2023.

Prior to the council's vote a public hearing was called, but no one spoke on the issue.

Concerning the budget and the tax rate, voice votes were taken on each issue. Each passed unanimously among present members including Gavin Rasco, Sallie Black, Ginger Sims and Rick Thelen.

In other action, the council:

- Discussed the repainting of the Lindale Rotary Club's pavilion at Pool Park. Club President Charlene Burton discussed the matter with the council, saying that the club has received bids and that she was asking the city's approval because the pavilion is on city land;

- Opened a public hearing concerning the annexation of 14020 County Road 4111, consisting of approximately 3.9 acres. No one spoke during this public hearing;

- Approved an ordinance to adopt rules to appropriate the exercise of the assessment power of the Texas Transportation Code;

- Heard from Dalton Brown with the Brannon Corp. concerning the painting of the downtown water tower who said the low bid was from Viking Industrial from Omaha, Neb. The funds will come out of the city's hotel/motel budget said City Manager Carolyn Caldwell;

- Renewed a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Music Office's directory.



Deadline nears to register to vote Nov. 8

Eligible Texans have until Oct. 11 to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. The secretary of state's office is running a "VoteReady" campaign to educate Texans about the ID requirements for voting in Texas, as well as ID requirements for those eligible to vote by mail.

"I want to ensure that all Texans are informed, prepared and ready to make their voices heard," said Secretary John Scott.

The race for governor highlights the ballot, but voters have plenty of other choices to make down the ballot. For more information, go to votetexas.gov. Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.

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The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Spotlight on freedom to read, to think

Banned Books Week was last week and in a nation that touts freedom of speech it might be interesting to see which books are the most commonly discarded from schools and other public book shelves.

Some may surprise you.

Here is a partial 2021 list of banned classics according to the American Library Association:

- The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- Ulysses* by James Joyce
- Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- 1984* by George Orwell
- Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
- A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison
- Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell
- Native Son* by Richard Wright
- The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- The Lord of the Rings* by JRR Tolkien

These books along with thousands of others have been banned, burned and denied public access in not only the United States but throughout the world. Many are a standard part of high school and collegiate required reading. The ALA supports intellectual freedom by highlighting challenges to freedom of access to literary works.



Speaker opposes drive to end tenure

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, said Friday he opposes a push by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to end tenure for new professors at the state's public universities and to revoke it for faculty who teach critical race theory, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Phelan, speaking at the Texas Tribune Festival, said the feedback he has gotten indicates ending tenure would make it more difficult for universities to recruit professors. That includes those with conservative viewpoints, who benefit from tenure's protection against being fired for openly sharing their ideology.

Brian McCall, chancellor of the Texas State University system and a former Republican member of the Texas House, said eliminating tenure would "put the state at such a disadvantage," the Statesman reported.

"Tenure exists for a reason, and that is to get thought out," McCall said. "We're not running Vacation Bible School. We're teaching physics and various things that are science and not subject to certain opinions."

Critical race theory is a college-level approach to studying racism in society. It is not taught in Texas public schools below the college level.

Cartels designated as terrorist organizations

Amidst a growing national fentanyl crisis, Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order designating Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations.

"Fentanyl is a clandestine killer, and Texans are falling victim to the Mexican cartels that are producing it," said Governor Abbott. "Cartels are terrorists, and it's time we treated them that way."

The Biden administration recently awarded nearly \$1.5 billion to support efforts to address the opioid crisis and support individual recovery efforts. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is receiving nearly \$53 million as a result.

Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

TCEQ expands lead testing in schools

A new online portal will help schools and child-care facilities test their drinking water for lead, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The free statewide program "trains participants to collect samples, tests their drinking water for lead, and helps them take action to reduce lead in drinking water," according to the agency's news release.

TCEQ offers free sampling materials, training in collecting samples, laboratory testing and support for participants. Any Texas public school or state-regulated child-care facility is eligible. For more information, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpsr3ddf>.

Any level of lead in blood is considered unsafe and can be harmful to children's health, according to the CDC.

Fire crews sent from Texas to Oregon

With no active wildfires reported in the state as of Sunday,

Gary Borders
Capital Highlights



thanks to recent rainfall, a Texas A&M Forest Service wild-fire handcrew has been dispatched to the Cedar Creek Fire in Oregon. The 20-person crew is working in the Willamette National Forest on a fire that thus far has consumed more than 112,000 acres.

"Mobilizing the handcrew to out-of-state incidents provides an opportunity for qualified personnel and trainees to gain unique experiences," said Crockett Pegoda of the TFS. "In Texas, we were fortunate to receive support from other states this year. It's great that we can reciprocate that support."

There are 94 large fires burning across the United States with more than 15,000 wildland firefighters and support personnel committed to these incidents, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. Nearly three dozen TFS firefighters are responding to wildfires in California, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Life expectancies dip during COVID-19

A new CDC report indicates Texas had one of the largest dips in life expectancy, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Unsurprisingly, with more than 1 million COVID-related deaths to date, every state in the U.S. saw a decline in life expectancy in 2020, when the pandemic began.

In Texas, life expectancy dropped from 78.6 years in 2019 to 76.5 years in 2020. The decline in Texas was larger among men at 2.4 years than women at 1.7 years. The state ranked eighth in decline in life expectancy.

The Express-News interviewed Dr. Fred Campbell, an associate professor of internal medicine at the Long School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio. He said it was a complex issue but that "accessibility and affordability of the state's healthcare system is primarily to blame."

"They died from the pandemic, and they died from self-abuse, and they died from a lot of other medical conditions that were not taken care of properly," he said. "...When you have to make that decision about affording to go to the doctor and affording to feed your family, that's what happens,"

COVID-19 cases still waning

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week dropped to 25,081 with 151 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,910 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

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Another example of brain power outage

Virtually every day, my tired old think box is rattled with more examples of supposedly educated people doing or saying very uneducated things.

It's bad enough we are still inundated with screeds of The Defeated President (TDP) and his sycophants on a certain cable "news" channel, but we are also forced to endure willful ignorance from all directions.

One would imagine that someone who has risen to the position of a U.S. District Judge might possess a reasonable amount of intelligence. That's what you hope for, at least.

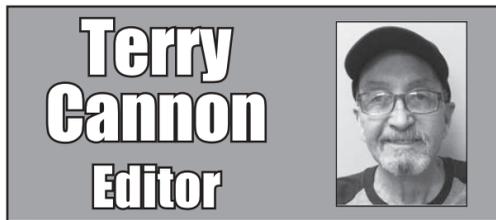
But in the case of U.S. District Judge David Counts, it seems that logic and clear thinking are not things he subscribes to after he wrote a 25-page opinion concerning the case of Jose Gomez Quiroz and his ease – despite being under indictment – of obtaining a firearm.

(Just in case my feelings on gun control need revisiting, here we go again: No, I am not against owning firearms as long as they are for hunting or personal protection. An AR-15 doesn't fit in either of those categories and need to be seriously regulated because the only thing they are used for is to shoot other human beings.)

In the case of Quiroz, he was indicted in June, 2020 on charges of burglarizing a home in Pecos County, Texas. He failed to show up for a hearing and was charged in 2021 with jumping bail.

Fast forward to December, 2021. With his charges on the two above mentioned crimes pending, he ordered a .22 caliber, semi-automatic M1911 pistol from American Tactical Imports to be sent to a hardware store in Alpine.

Despite filling out and lying on a federal form which asked if he was under indictment, he was able to get his gun after



a seven-day waiting period on Dec. 30.

Yet a few days later, after the National Instant Criminal Background Check System flagged his purchase, Quiroz was arrested and charged with violation of federal law for the illegal receipt of a firearm by a person under indictment and for making a false statement that he was not under indictment.

A jury convicted him on June 23, 2022. Enter Judge Counts, who set aside the conviction because, as he interpreted the history of federal laws prohibiting indicted people from owning firearms, the law was essentially out of date.

In 1938, Congress passed a law regulating firearms for those under indictments for violent crimes.

Counts (appointed not surprisingly by TDP) even said the 1938 law was designed to "eliminate the guns from crooks' hands, while interfering as little as possible with the law abiding citizen."

The law was amended in 1961 to include all federal crimes and the Gun Control Act of 1968 expanded the indictment in any court for just about any crime which was combined into the single law under which Quiroz was indicted.

As far as a historical precedence is concerned, this 1968 law wasn't good enough for our judge.

"The government fails to explain why regulations enacted less than a century years ago count as 'longstanding,'" he wrote.

To be fair, perhaps Counts was overthinking the alleged over reach of the government's attempts to regulate ownership of guns.

But then again, it could be the judge was just responding to the tenor of our times, which the shouts of "don't you dare think of taking my assault weapon away from me" are blasted from every direction.

As I've said before in this very space, the Founding Fathers would be appalled at how the Second Amendment has been bent and twisted into a shape they would never recognize.

A recent example from the U.S. Supreme Court, I believe, illustrates my point.

The high court ruled in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs. Bruen that the government must "justify its regulation by demonstrating it is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation."

Clarence Thomas, writing for the high court, essentially said firearms can't be regulated at all.

Well, there we have it. Back my original point in today's essay. Ignorance, willful or otherwise, is running rampant.

I do fear for the future of my children and grandchildren because the road we are traveling is incredibly dangerous, made more so by people who should simply use common sense.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, Sept. 30, 2021

The Lindale Eagles erased a 14-6 halftime deficit to the Mabank Panthers on the road to eventually claim a 30-13 District 9-4A victory.

It was the first win in district for Lindale and the second of the season against three losses.

The win set up the Eagles for an important home game against the No. 5-ranked Chapel Hill Bulldogs.

Mabank owned its halftime margin thanks in large part to a blocked Lindale punt early in the game, which resulted in a three-yard touchdown run from Mabank's Caleb Goforth.

Late in the first quarter, Lindale's Patrick Daniels swept around left end from 14-yards and the Eagles were on the board.

The Eagles committed to running the ball in the second half and controlled the game. Daniels scored again with just over three minutes to go in the third period and with Seth Baggett's extra point, the Eagles had tied the game, 13-13. Early in the fourth, quarterback Sam Peterson found Cody Swaim with a 21-yard scoring strike to push the Eagles lead to 20-13.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Sept. 29, 2017

Sales tax receipts for the city of Lindale remained in the plus category for the previous 30-day period as the state comptroller's office reimbursed local merchants by 6.04 percent.

The percentage was based on \$2,209,256 in sales compared to \$2,083,542 from the same period the previous year.

10 YEARS AGO, Sept. 27, 2012

Lindale City Council members voted to purchase computer tablets for city employees to help the city go paperless.

City Secretary Carolyn Caldwell discussed the purchase of the tablets during the council's regular meeting. The tablets would allow city staff to place information on an iCloud storage device which houses and syncs a range of data, including emails, contact and calendars and for city council members it would store information such as meeting agendas, city ordinances, city documents and other pertinent information.



Chief discusses Christmas Parade plans

Lindale Police Chief Dan Somes was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club this past week. He discussed plans the department will undertake during the club's annual Christmas Parade, including traffic management, street detours and spectator protection. Charlene Burton introduced the chief. (Courtesy photo)

This shoeshine almost turned into revisiting oysters

Not long ago, I was reminded of my trip to New Orleans by a friend of mine.

It had to do with shrimp, shoeshines and oysters. (What a combination, right?)

When I used to work as a salesman in the sporting goods business, I peddled guns, ammo and other things for hunting and fishing. One year, the Shooting, Hunting and Outdoors Trade Show was in New Orleans.

(You didn't think I could make a livin' writin' this junk, did you?)

Anywho, like I said, I was at the S.H.O.T. Show, which most of the time was in Las Vegas, but this particular year it was in New Orleans.

Now, if you like to eat, New Orleans is the place to go. And man, I love to eat. Oh, they have other stuff to do there, but for me, it all takes a back seat to eatin'.

Boy howdy, I had some mighty fine meals. I was warned by my wife Janet to watch what I ate. I'm supposed to be on a low fat diet, you know. Well, I watched it all right. I watched it go from my plate to my mouth.

My buddy Matthew Davis (I've written about Matthew before. He's the one who, while tryin' to siphon water through a garden hose, sucked a slug halfway down his throat) and I went out one night to a restaurant that is famous for its barbecue shrimp, and you know how much I like barbecue.

Anywho, I don't know why they call it barbecue shrimp because it's not like regular barbecue. It is a big bowl of great big shrimp in a pool of buttery sauce. Man, you talk about a heart stopper.

Well, after Matthew and I sucked down a boxcar load of raw oysters (I just can't get enough of those things), the little waitress came over behind me and proceeded to fix me up with a big bib. Matthew watched her with interest.

"Hey Rusty," he said. "I see they've seen you eat before."

"Funny," I replied, as the waitress walked away.

"How come I don't get one?" he asked.

"Cause you didn't get the shrimp," I replied. He



opted for some kind of veal

someh' or the other.

Well, when that waitress sat that big bowl of shrimp down in front of me, I could tell Matthew was wishin' he'd ordered 'em too. They were some big ol' shrimp, and they were still dressed in their heads and shells.

I had to peel 'em and eat them, thus the bib. Man, I had that buttery sauce all over me. I had it runnin' down my arms. I had it all in my beard. Heck, I even had it up in my eyebrows. Boy, it was good. Matthew wouldn't even look at me. He said it made him nauseous.

After I finished, you couldn't have fit another shrimp in me, even with the help of a shoehorn. When the waitress showed up to retrieve the bib, I just sat there in a stupor.

"Man, that was good," I said.

"It must have been," Matthew said as he looked at the mess on the table. "I haven't seen that much carnage since the beach landing scene in Saving Private Ryan.

"I need to go wash up," I grunted.

"You're telling me," he said.

After a couple of false starts, I rocked enough to get up out of my chair. When I walked into the restroom, I noticed some sort of contraction on the floor beside the sink.

"What's that thing?" I said to a fellow washin' up at the sink. He looked to where I was pointin'.

"Oh, that's a shoe polisher," he said.

"Really," I said.

"Yeah," he replied as he dried his hands.

"How's it work?" I asked.

"Here, let me show you," he said.

Now, the thing was a metal box about the size of a four holer toaster, and had two cone shaped brushes, one stickin' out on either end of

the thing. Stickin' straight up from the box was a handle with a ball on the end.

The ball was located not quite waist high. On top of the ball was a button. Well, this fellow stuck one of his feet under one of the brushes and pushed the button. That brush came to life spinning and proceeded to polish his shoe.

"Man," I said. "That's pretty cool."

After he left, and I finished washin' up, I decided to give the polisher a try for myself. I stuck my right foot under the brush on the right side and pushed the button.

Boy howdy, that thing went to town. That shoe had never looked so shiny. I was wearin' my Sunday school shoes. That's what we used to call your good shoes. We used to only wear our good shoes to church, you know.

Now, these shoes have those little fake holes all over the toes, and they have two tassels on top. I always thought those little tassels looked kind of sissified, but my wife bought 'em for me, so I wear 'em.

Well now, I couldn't go back out in the restaurant with just one shiny shoe, so

I stuck my left one under the other brush and pushed the button. Lookin' back, I guess I should've been holdin' on to that ball handle, because when that brush started whirlin', it grabbed one of my shoe tassels.

When that tassel went around, the machine jerked my foot and stopped the brush. It must have been a pretty powerful motor because when the brush stopped, the machine started to turn over. Well, like I said, that ball on the handle wasn't quite waist high, and since I didn't have a grip on it, it came for me at a rather fast rate.

What happened after that is still a little fuzzy. I'm not gonna tell you where that handle hit me, you'll have to use your imagination. I can tell you that my eyes bugged so far out of my head that they pushed my glasses clean to the end of my nose.

"As I bent over there gaspin', I got the feelin' that my shrimp and oysters were jockeying for position as to which one would get to resurface first. Fortunately, I kept them down. After a few minutes, and a bucket of sweat and tears, I untangled my shoe from the soprano makin' polisher. I exited the restroom and staggered back to the table.

"Man," said Matthew. "You look sort of green. But by golly, your shoes sure look good."



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New hours for We Care Thrift Store

Officials with the We Care Thrift Store, located behind the Lindale First United Methodist Church, have announced new hours for the fall.

Beginning Oct. 1, the store will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Money raised at the store goes to benefit the David Powell Food Bank.

Literacy and Learning Latte Bar set for Lillie Russell Library

Officials with the East Texas Educators Association have announced the opening of the Literacy and Learning Latte Bar for 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 in the Hand Community Room of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library.

Proceeds from the latte bar will benefit the Anna Louise Fisher Memorial Literacy in Learning Enhancement Grant and will fund additional literacy programs at the LRML.

The library is located at 200 East Hubbard Street in downtown Lindale.

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Be heart friendly and switch off the lights

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family, Community Health

You're ready for bed, so you turn off the lights and pull down the shades. Sure, a little light may stream from the sides of the window, or beam from your alarm clock, or TV modem, or cell phone.

No big deal, right?

Think again. It turns out that even tiny amounts of nighttime light—from any source -- may be harmful to your heart.

One recent study found that older adults ages 63 to 84 who were exposed to even moderate amounts of ambient light during bedtime were more likely to be obese, have diabetes, and have high blood pressure -- all risk factors for heart disease -- compared to adults who were not exposed to any light during the night.

Another study involving adults in their 20s showed that light exposure during sleep can also increase insulin resistance.

Studies suggest that light exposure at night can disrupt the body's normal circadian rhythm, the 24-hour internal body clock that controls your sleep/wake cycle.

This can trigger a cascade of metabolic or biochemical changes that affect

glucose and cardiovascular regulation, boosting the risk of heart disease. Research suggests that not getting enough bright light during the day increases one's sensitivity to light at night and that some people may be genetically predisposed to light sensitivity at night.

Increasing exposure to natural sunlight during the day is just as critical to protecting your heart and your sleep health as limiting exposure to artificial light.

Getting exposure to sunlight during the day, particular early morning sunlight, is important. This signal is critical for the regulation of circadian rhythms, which impact many core functions of the body, including blood pressure and metabolism.

This daytime light helps you improve your sleep at night—which, in turn, can have a positive effect on your overall health and wellbeing.

Here are some ways to reduce the amount of light in the bedroom. Turn off lamps, computers, tablets, cell phones, and other light-emitting electronics before going to bed. Some devices, particularly cell phones, emit wavelengths of blue light that can mimic daylight and interrupt sleep.

Studies have also linked blue light exposure at night to increased cardiovascular risks, including obesity. As a result, some health experts recommend using a blue-light filter if avoiding the device altogether is not possible.

If you have light coming in from the windows, cover it fully or, at a minimum, move your bed so the light isn't shining in your face. For the safety of older people, researchers do recommend a small, warm-colored nightlight—like red or amber -- to reduce the chances of falls at night.

Other sleep tips: going to bed and waking up at the same time daily and reducing caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol intake before bed. If you still have trouble sleeping at night, consult your healthcare provider.

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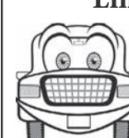
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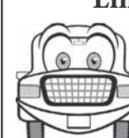
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Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Dailey responded to an accident at 554 E I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Gillham responded to a hit and run at 500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Gillham responded to a parking violation at 300 block N College St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 3400 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block Stadium Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 1100 block E Park Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Shurley and Orłowski responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block Corrigan Trls Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley and Orłowski responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 200 block Charles Dr, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officers Wells and Jackquet responded to an assist Ems at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley, Jackquet and Orłowski responded to a failure to identify at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a loitering 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a business alarm at 400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Wells, and Orłowski responded to an assist smith county at 15700 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Wells and Orłowski responded to a warrant service at 200 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Wells responded to a shot fired at 400 block W Hubbard St, unfounded. Officer Wells responded to an accident at 2400 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Mumej responded to an assist Smith County at 14200 block CR 452, settled at scene.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 200 block Cooper St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Mumej, Wells and



Orłowski responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made.

Monday, Sept. 19, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 15300 block FM 16 W, arrest made. Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a lost property at 200 block Patience Ave, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 200 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Trombley, Shurley and Orłowski responded to a disturbance at 300 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a stolen vehicle at 552 E I-20, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officers Wells, Mumej and Orłowski responded to a stolen vehicle at 3200 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to an assist smith county at 12400 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022

Officer Jackquet responded to a city ordinance violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Orłowski responded to a parking violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, Report taken. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a criminal trespass at 13300 block CR 472, trespass warning issued. Officer Wells responded to an assist smith county at 13300 block CR 472, report taken. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a loitering at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022

Officer Dailey responded to an assist smith county at 11600

block CR 35, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Dailey and Ramsey responded to an accident at 553 E I-20, report taken. Officer Dailey responded to a public service at 200 block Shelly Ln, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Dailey responded to a welfare concern at 300 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Dailey responded to an assist other agency at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 553 E I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and officer Leevey responded to a disturbance at 200 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022

Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Ramsey and Dailey responded to a welfare concern at 14000 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Dailey responded to a hit and run at 3200 block S Main St; report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a fraud at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Ramsey and Dailey responded to an accident at 300 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Dailey responded to an assist other agency at 551 E I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Dailey responded to an accident at 553 E I-20, report taken. Chief Somes and Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1800 block Wood Springs Rd, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a residential alarm at 200 block Heritage Ct, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Orłowski responded to an assist smith county at 1500 block Avery Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a disturbance at 200 block W South St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to an accident at 1600 block Wood Springs Rd, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 14000 block CR 4200, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officers Leevey and Orłowski responded to a suspicious person at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Tyler man convicted on cocaine charges, gets 45 years in prison



Damonte Shears

Damonte Shears, 33 of Tyler, has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for cocaine possession and intent to deliver by a jury in 241st District Court in Tyler, said Smith County District Attorney's office spokesperson Emily Starkey.

Shears was convicted on Wednesday, Sept. 21. He was prosecuted by Bryan Jiral and Emil Mikkelsen of the Smith County DA's office.

Prosecutors presented evidence that Shears ran from Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Don Appleman on foot and discarded a large amount of crack cocaine and ecstasy during the chase.

East Texas Anti-Gang detectives

testified that the amount of cocaine was consistent with drug dealer amounts and not personal use. Detectives said the street value of the drug was more than \$10,000.

Gang expert Chris Miller with the Smith County DA's Office identified Shears' as a ranking member of the Rolling 60s Neighborhood Crips through his tattoos, social media posts, and Miller's prior knowledge of Shears.

"Shears made his living selling poison and profited from the addiction of others," Mikkelsen told the jury.

Repeat offender sentenced to life for 2018 aggravated robbery

Gabriel Johnson, 45, was sentenced to life in prison by a Smith County jury on Thursday, Sept. 22 for aggravated

robbery, said Smith County District Attorney spokesperson Emily Starkey.

On Nov. 19, 2018, Johnson on parole at the time of the crime for narcotics possession, robbed Razzoo's restaurant manager just after closing. Johnson accosted the manager at gunpoint as he exited the restaurant, forced him back inside and tied him up in the restaurant's office.

Johnson then stole \$2,500 from the safe and instructed the manager not to move or he would kill him.

During the sentencing phase of the trial, prosecutors Noah Coltman and Elizabeth Anderson informed jurors of Johnson's extensive criminal history including six prior felony convictions.

Johnson will have to serve 30 years in the Texas Department of Corrections before being eligible for parole.

Tips on finding quality freelancers

In an uncertain economy, freelancers can be a good choice for small businesses who may not need a permanent, full-time staff member. Many types of work, from writing to graphic design to bookkeeping, can be performed on a freelance basis. To find and hire a freelancer who will do quality work, the Better Business Bureau recommends the following tips.

Hiring a freelancer may be an efficient and effective way to work through a short term project and/or one which may have budgetary constraints." Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB in Central East Texas said. "Just keep in mind, all freelancers are not equal, so do your homework and check references."

Know the difference between an independent contractor and an employee. Knowing the difference is vital since the answer can affect how you withhold taxes. Unlike employees, freelancers are independent contractors who control when and where they work, and furnish their own equipment and tools. That said, situations vary, and should be handled accordingly. In the United States, you can find more information about differentiating between employees and freelancers at IRS.gov.

Research prices and create a budget. The prices freelancers charge for specific projects can vary greatly based on many factors such as location and years of experience. Remember, a

lower rate could mean lower quality. Instead, start by setting a budget and then take your time shopping for a qualified candidate. Most freelancers are willing to discuss your project and will provide you with a free estimate. Use BBB's Get-a-Quote to get a get pricing or request a consultation from an Accredited Business.

Create a clear description. To find a freelancer who is a good match for your project, you must get clear on what you need. Start by writing out what work you need completed, your timeline, a description of your business, your budget, and any other pertinent details. A detailed description will help you clearly communicate your needs and expectations.

Know where to find talented freelancers. Before posting your job online, ask around your business network for recommendations. It's possible someone you know already found a talented freelancer, which can eliminate much of your search. If that doesn't work, then post your job to a freelance marketplace or job board. Be prepared to receive (and weed through) a lot of emails. Narrow your search by pre-selecting communicative freelancers who have the appropriate skill set and can work within your budget.

Interview potential candidates. Be ready to share information about your needs and be frank about your expectations. It will quickly become apparent if

this is a person with whom you will feel comfortable working. These freelancer interview questions from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) are a good place to start. If you have a few options and are having trouble making a choice, consider offering paid test projects to freelancers you are interested in hiring. It's a great way to see the person's work first-hand before committing to a longer-term working relationship.

Sign a contract. Contracts provide legal protection for both parties and should clearly outline the project's scope, deadlines, when deposits and payments are due, cancellation policies, and confidentiality requirements. If you need guidance on writing a freelance contract, see these resources from Freelancers Union.

Get the tax forms right. Before the freelancer begins working in the U.S., have them fill out a W-9 form which will request their correct name and Taxpayer Identification Number. Keep the W-9 on file for four years in case any questions arise from the worker or IRS. If you paid the freelancer \$600 or more by the end of the fiscal year, complete a Form 1099-NEC for nonemployee compensation. You must provide the freelancer and the IRS with a copy of this form by January 31 of the year following payment. For more information on tax forms for independent contractors, see these IRS resources and forms.

TxDOT reminding candidates of where signs can be placed

With political campaign season in full swing, the Texas Department of Transportation advises political parties, candidates and their supporters of where campaign signs can be placed along Texas roadways.

"We want to remind everyone that TxDOT has guidelines regarding placing signs in the right of way," said Jeff Williford, public information officer for the Tyler District. "We know that a lot of signs will start showing up as we get closer to election day, but if a political sign is placed in the right of way, we are required to remove it without notice."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Where can I place political signs? You can place your signs anywhere so long as they are not in the highway right of way or in a location that poses a safety hazard (e.g. blocking sight to a driveway). Always make sure to check with local authorities (Cities, Counties, Homeowner's Associations, etc.) as they may have their own restrictions.
- When can I place political signs? Cities and counties may have their own time restrictions for political signs, however TxDOT does not enforce any timing restrictions.
- There is a sign on private property posing a safety hazard If you believe a sign or signs create a safety hazard, contact local law enforcement as they can have the owner remove or relocate their sign(s).
- Signs cannot be placed on the right of way as per Texas Transportation Code (TTC) §393.002. "A sheriff, constable, or other trained volunteer authorized by the commissioner's court of a county may confiscate a sign placed in violation of Section 393.002."

(TTC §393.003). For state-maintained highways, your local TxDOT district office also has the authority to remove signs located on state owned right of way.

For more information regarding signage, visit TxDot.gov/Do Business/Right of Way/View Campaign Sign Laws.



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Lindale, Kilgore, Jacksonville win league openers

Now that the first week of District 9-4A has been completed, league favorites Kilgore and Lindale sit atop the standings while Jacksonville, seen as a possible playoff contender before the season, also won following action this past Friday night.

Lindale dominated winless Henderson, 44-17; Kilgore whipped Palestine, 32-0 and Jacksonville doubled up Athens, 34-17.

Another preseason district favorite, Chapel Hill, had the night off.

Lindale is now 3-2 on the year and will travel to Athens this Friday, while Kilgore hosts Jacksonville and Palestine visits Chapel Hill. Henderson will have its bye week.

In its rout of Palestine, Kilgore jumped out to an 18-0 lead at the half and never looked back in posting the shutout.

The Bulldogs' defense stifled the Wildcats at nearly every turn with their first two drives ending in three and out punts. Meanwhile, Kilgore scored on its first two possessions of the game, with the first being a 31 yard field goal and the second a 73-yard touchdown pass from Da'Marion Van Zandt to P.J. Wiley.

Kilgore added a couple of more touchdowns in the third to secure

the win.

Meanwhile in the Tomato Bowl in Jacksonville, the Indians broke a 10-10 tie with just over nine minutes left in the third quarter with a touchdown to grab a 17-10 lead over the Hornets.

On Athens' next possession, the Indians forced a punt which then turned into a 20-yard touchdown run with six minutes and change

left in the third.

Late in the third, the Hornets found the endzone to trim the Jacksonville lead to 24-17, but with just over 10 minutes left in the contest, the Indians put the game away with another rushing touchdown.

A Jacksonville interception on the next possession ended an Athens threat and a field goal with four minutes left salted away the win.



The Lindale Eagles break through the spirit banner prior to kickoff this past Friday against Henderson during the Eagles' Homecoming game. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



The Pride of Lindale Band performs during the Eagles' game against Henderson this past Friday at Eagle Stadium. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Lindale Junior High girls win own volleyball tourney

All four Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles' volleyball teams won first place in the Lindale Tournament played this past weekend at the junior high school.

The 7th grade B team ousted Kaufman, 25-1 and 25-15 and Sulphur Springs, 25-6 and 25-20; the 7th grade A team defeated Gladewater 25-12 and 25-9 and Sulphur Springs 25-15 and 25-23; the 8th grade B team downed Kaufman 25-1 and 25-20 and Sulphur Springs 25-9 and 25-13 and the 8th grade A team won over Gladewater 25-15 and 25-16 and Canton 25-16 and 25-20.

For the 7th grade B team, Jaci Whitson, Preslie Roberts and Jesse Chandler were the leading servers, Preslie Roberts, Saniyah Clayton and Jazmin Castaneda were leading passers, Saniyah Clayton, Jesse Chandler and Audrie McPherson were leading setters and Jaci Whitson and Joclyn Grogan were the leading hitters.

Kenlee Keith and Evie Provo were the leading servers for the 7th grade A team, while Makynli Zemer and Baylee Brooks were leading passers. Kenlee Keith was the leading setter and Zaidyn Chamberlain and Makynli Zemer were the leading hitters.

For the 8th grade B team, Brooke Gissell was the leading server while the leading passers were Caydence Thompson and Brooke Lewis. Caydence Thompson was the leading setter and hitter, while Cambry Andreason and Brooke Gissell were the leading blockers. Claire Means won the Leadership Award and Ma'Kaylin Smith and Cambry Andreason shared the Hustle Award.

Emory Schmidt, Ava Grogan and Grace Koustoubardis were the leading servers for the 8th grade A team, while the leading passers were Kaidance Smith and Kennedy Terry.

Grace Koustoubardis was the leading setter and Ella Hutchens and Keirsan Sanders were the leading hitters. Ella Hutchens was the leading blocker.

The Hustle Award was won by Kennedy Terry and Emma Watkins won the Leadership Award.

Time is ripe for planting mustard greens

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

Cooked greens with ham hocks, smoked tasso, or salt pork and potlikker are eaten all over the South. Growing up in the Pineywoods of East Texas, I noticed that folks ate different greens according to geography and culture.

My people ate mostly turnip greens. But when I lived in southeast Texas and south Louisiana, I noticed that most of them preferred mustard greens, including my Cajun wife.

That's great news for a gardener because mustard greens have the largest leaves, and it takes less picking to fill a pot. The key to great mustard greens is to grow them in cool weather and harvest young tender leaves so they won't be bitter.

Mustard greens are cool-weather plants that bloom and die when the weather is hot. The greens' flavor gets stronger with heat as well. And like most greens, the texture gets tougher.

Mustard greens can tolerate frosts but not hard freezes, so they should be planted now. Mustard is easily direct seeded into the garden. Once the seedlings are established and have true leaves, thin them to 4 to 6 inches apart.

Mustard greens require at least eight hours of direct sun each day, but like most greens they can tolerate as little as five to six hours of direct sun. Just remember that any amount of shade reduces production. Plant mustard greens in a rich, well-drained soil.

Ideally, till in several inches of compost and apply 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square feet of bed or every 35 feet of row. In small plots use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. The ideal soil pH for growing mustard greens is 5.5 to 7.0.

Mustard greens can be grown either in raised beds or rows several feet apart. Scatter the seed on tilled soil that has been raked smooth. Gently rake the seed into the soil, making sure that it is no deeper than a quarter of an inch below the surface of the soil. Water gently and keep the soil moist until germination (sprouting) occurs. Then reduce the frequency of watering so that the plants gradually get tougher.

The keys to growing good mustard greens are cool temperatures, high fertility, and frequent harvesting. Leaves that become old and tough will be bitter and hot tasting.

To keep leaves fresh and tender, shear the entire plant with hedge

clippers every two to three weeks and side-dress with a high-nitrogen fertilizer (21-0-0, etc.) at 1 cup per 35 foot of row.

Slugs as well as flea beetles can be a problem, especially during warm weather. Pick off the buggy leaves and treat the plants with an insecticide labeled for greens, if necessary, following all label directions.

Mustard greens are ready to harvest just thirty-five to fifty days after seeding. Any part of the plant is tender and edible from the time it germinates, so feel free to pick leaves to eat or to use entire plants that are thinned at any time. Either pick the large but still tender, pest-free older leaves from the bottom of the plant or cut the entire plant just above the ground. It's much better to pick mustard too soon rather than too late, as it will tend to get strongly flavored with age.

Wash and prepare, or refrigerate, immediately. For those that don't like cooked mustard greens, consider using a tender leaf on your sandwich or hamburger instead of lettuce and mustard.

Recommended mustard green varieties for Texas include 'Florida Broadleaf', 'Green Wave', 'Southern Giant Curled', and 'Tendergreen'. Mustard greens are native to the Mediterranean.

Summer bulbs will produce beautiful gardens

By Brandon Pate
Smith County Master Gardener

Planting summer bulbs will provide you with a great looking garden with flowers to enjoy all season long.

The Canna Lily is one of my favorites. With its lush, tropical foliage and brightly colored blooms, this sun lover can grow one and a half to eight feet tall. Using a few different sizes, allows the gardener to create a dramatic multi-level bed.

Plant Cannas in a variety of colors including yellow, orange and red. Mix it up with foliage colors which come in green, variegated and black leaf varieties, just to name a few.

Another popular summer bulb that will do well in full sun to light shade, is the Colocasia. Commonly

referred to as the Elephant Ear, this bulb can grow up to six feet tall and the broad leaves can reach two feet in length.

Colocasia will bloom, but they are more prized for the gorgeous foliage which ranges in color from a rich, emerald green to chartreuse and even black.

Summer bulbs are easy to care for and will adapt to any garden soil, if it is well drained.

After the first fall frost, dig up your bulbs and divide them to create an even larger garden next year or share them with friends and family. Transform your garden by adding bulbs and see the difference it can make.

And you can find amazing bulbs for our region at the Smith County Master Gardener sale each fall called "From Bulbs to Blooms."

This year's sale will start Oct. 3 with online shopping and finish up with pickup day Oct. 15 at Pollard United Methodist Church, 3030 New Copeland Road in Tyler.

Pick up your bulbs and then do a little more shopping. We'll have our fantastic Garden Guide/2023 Calendars, more bulbs, educational materials, door prizes and a great lecture from Greg Grant, our Smith County Horticulturist and bulb specialist.

For more information regarding "From Bulbs to Blooms" Sale and Conference visit our website at www.txmg.org/smith/events.

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

Needed: Volunteers for Master Gardeners

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

The award-winning Smith County Master Gardener program (txmg.org/smith/) is seeking applicants to join a highly trained corps of enthusiastic volunteers who assist the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service with providing educational horticulture programs in Smith County.

Consider the following:

- Do you enjoy gardening?
- Do you like to share your interest in gardening with others wanting to learn?
- Do you like answering questions, public speaking, teaching, and talking on the phone?
- Would you like to learn more about the culture and maintenance of many kinds of ornamental and edible plants?
- Would you like to participate in intensive horticulture training?
- Do you have time to attend a three-month training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each Thursday, starting Jan. 5, 2023?
- Are you willing to complete 72 hours of prescribed volunteer work for the Smith County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service within one year after the training and continue volunteering each year?

If you answered yes to all these questions, the Texas Master Gardener program (txmg.org) is for you.

The Smith County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is accepting applications for county residents who would like to receive expert horticulture training in order to use their knowledge and experience teaching others about many aspects of gardening.

The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer program through which trained volunteers provide science and research-based gardening information to the residents of Smith County.

This is done through various programs and activities such as workshops, conferences, speak-

ing engagement, school gardens, written articles for publications and social media, bedding plant trials, the Tyler Botanical Garden, and answering individual requests for gardening information at the Smith County Master Gardener Help Desk.

Participants become certified Master Gardeners after completing both the 3-month training and 12-month internship. Certification lasts for one year and is renewed through ongoing volunteer participation, continuing education and paying annual dues to the Smith County Master Gardener Association.

According to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Youth Protection Standards, all Master Gardeners are required to pass an initial background check, with updates every three years.

As mentioned above, classes begin Jan. 5, 2023 and will continue through March 30, 2023.

The \$200 fee includes the 450-plus page "Texas Master Gardener Handbook," handouts, refreshments, speakers' honoraria and travel expenses for visiting specialists.

For a complete schedule, information packet, and application call the Smith County Extension office at 903-590-2980 or come by the Cotton Belt Building, 1517 W. Front St., Suite 116, in Tyler.

The deadline for submitting applications is Oct. 31, 2022 at 5 pm. Not all applicants will be accepted into the program. Those accepted will be notified by Nov. 18, 2022. Class size is limited, and preference will be given to qualified Smith County residents with gardening experience, dedication to education, enthusiasm, and time to volunteer.

An orientation meeting for potential Master Gardeners will be held at the Smith County AgriLife Extension office on Thursday Oct. 20 from 1-3 p.m. If you are interested in applying, or have questions, call (903) 590-2980 to reserve a spot at the orientation and make plans to attend.

TPWD officials seeking input on fish habitat, improvements

Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division are requesting ideas from angling organizations, local governments, non-governmental organizations, river authorities and tribal organizations on freshwater fish habitat and shoreline-based angler access improvement projects to be completed in public waters statewide during fiscal years 2024-2025.

Project ideas and recommendations inform development of a statewide plan for investing approximately \$500,000 over that period.

Launched in fiscal year 2022, the Inland Fisheries Division's Habitat and Angler Access Program is currently implementing 21 projects throughout the state during its initial two-year cycle.

These include fishing piers,

kayak launches, shoreline stabilization, native vegetation restoration, aeration systems and fish attractors. Learn about each of the 21 active projects supported by the HAAP on the project website.

In preparation for the next two-year HAAP cycle, the Inland Fisheries Division requests ideas on additional potential fish habitat and angler access improvements in public waters throughout the state.

In order to be considered for the 2024-2025 cycle, project ideas and recommendations should be shared with TPWD through email at FishGrants@tpwd.texas.gov by Nov. 11, 2022.

Those sharing recommended projects should be prepared to provide the following:

- Project name
- Project location (waterbody, city, county)

Controlling authority (e.g., city or county parks department, river authority, US Army Corps of Engineers, etc.) of the public waterbody

Contact information for the partnering organization and a contact person

Brief description of the project
Potential partner dollars and in-kind support

Visit the HAAP program website to learn more.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATSY REE ENAS, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration were issued on the Estate of **PATSY REE ENAS**, Deceased, Cause No. **46,708-P**, now pending in the Probate Court of Smith County, Texas, filed on or about **August 4, 2022**, by **RANDAL WAYNE ENAS**, Independent Executor/Executrix of said estate. Claims against the estate should be mailed in care of John E. Trube, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 6594, Tyler, Texas, 75711.

All persons having claims against said Estate now being administered are hereby required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: September 20, 2022
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APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE BY **BBA RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC. DBA 69 RESTAURANT AND BAR** TO BE LOCATED AT 10591 US HWY 69 N, TYLER, SMITH COUNTY, TX 75706
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Lindale Texas will be holding public hearings to receive comments on a **PROPOSED REZONING**.

The properties involved in the proposed request involves consideration of a change of zoning located at **305 E. Hubbard St. Lindale Texas**.

Petition for Zoning District classification amendment for the properties with the legal description being:

Hubbard Street Addition Blk 22, Lot 2, being 1.374 acres

The proposed amendment involves consideration of the zoning classification from "R-1C Single Family Residential Standard District to MU-3 Downtown Mixed-Use District."

PUBLIC HEARINGS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CITY COUNCIL	OCTOBER 18, 2022	6:00 PM	105 BALLARD DR

Vested interest ...

Precinct 5 K-9 Blaze now more secure with bullet proof, knife proof vest

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Thanks to the generosity and fund raising efforts of

an East Texas dog boarding facility, Smith County Precinct 5 Constable Deputy K-9 Blaze's job has become

safer.

Bed, Bath and Bonz, located at 20110 U.S. Highway 69 South in Tyler, held a fundraiser recently to supply bullet proof and knife proof vests for K-9 units in Smith County.

Blaze, handled by Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Alvin Gordon, has been on the job for two years and is tasked with locating drugs and other illegal contraband as well as assisting in man-hunts. A Belgian Malinois, Blaze, is just over four years old and weighs approximately 70 pounds.

He received his vest on Sept. 16.

Blaze is a regular at Bed, Bath and Bonz, whose owner Robin Sawyers has a half-Belgian Malinois, half-German Shepherd named Ranger. She's familiar with

the personality and needs of the breed.

"Actually, we got Blaze after he was kicked out of a couple of other kennels," Sawyers said with a laugh. "But I know they require a lot of special considerations. We go outside and play ball until it wears him out so he can relax."

She's been associated with the facility when it opened in 2005 and became owner in 2016. Prior to that, she was a vet tech at a Tyler veterinary clinic where she became interested in the K-9 program.

"We've always felt a sense of wanting to give back to the community," she said.

The dogs and their handlers are unique, to be sure, but Sawyers said there are others who deserve consideration.

"A lot of people don't



Thanks to Bed, Bath and Bonz, Smith County Precinct 5 K-9 Deputy Blaze now has a bullet proof and knife proof vest.



Smith County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Alvin Gordon displays awards he and his K-9 partner Blaze won at 2021 competition for drug sniffing dogs. Photos by Terry Cannon

understand the amount of dedication the families have to have when these dogs come into their lives," she said. "(The dogs) require so

much attention and care so anything we can do to help out we are glad to do it."

BLAZE'S TALE

While there are specific hours that Blaze and Gordon are on duty together, they also are inseparable when off the clock as well as Blaze is definitely part of the Gordon family.

But when it's time work, Blaze is all business. Gordon and Blaze will review commands and practicing obedience training every morning, while working to identifying drugs.

These practice sessions help make sure Blaze stays alert and recognize smells he should and doesn't alert to ones he shouldn't.

"Every dog is different," Gordon said. "You have to recognize their personality traits and how to use them."

In March 2020, Gordon went to work for the Constable's Office after serving with the Lindale Police Department for six and a half years. K-9's are in service 6-12 years, depending on whether they are single or multipurpose dogs.

After their service days are over, they will usually retire with the handler's family.

The Gordons have a 12-year old girl as well as 8-year-old twin girls and Blaze is simply part of the family. Gordon noted the girls understand he's a working dog and he still has some boundaries.

"For the most part, his temperament with them is awesome," Gordon said. "They can walk up to him and pet him and its fine."

Gordon has been destined to become a K-9 officer. From always having a dog growing up to his lifelong fascination with law enforcement, the combination of the two interests has led him to his dream job.

"As far back as I remember, I've always wanted to do it. It's one of the next stepping stones in my life I really want to achieve," Gordon said.

And much like other proud moments in his life, Gordon can readily recall the first time Blaze sniffed out his first perpetrator.

"We had just gotten out of training," he said. "DPS called and said they needed assistance with a dog to locate drugs. He found it in the rear door of the vehicle. It was heroin and marijuana."

K-9's are trained to locate specific smells, so if something else is mixed in with illegal drugs or contraband, they won't be distracted by other things.

"Once up on (U.S. Highway) 271, we had someone stopped and the owner of the car said all he had was his lunchbox in the car," Gordon said. "But (Blaze) found the meth in the lunch box under the sandwich."

The inescapable fact for Blaze is that while he's on duty, he's liable to encounter some really bad people.

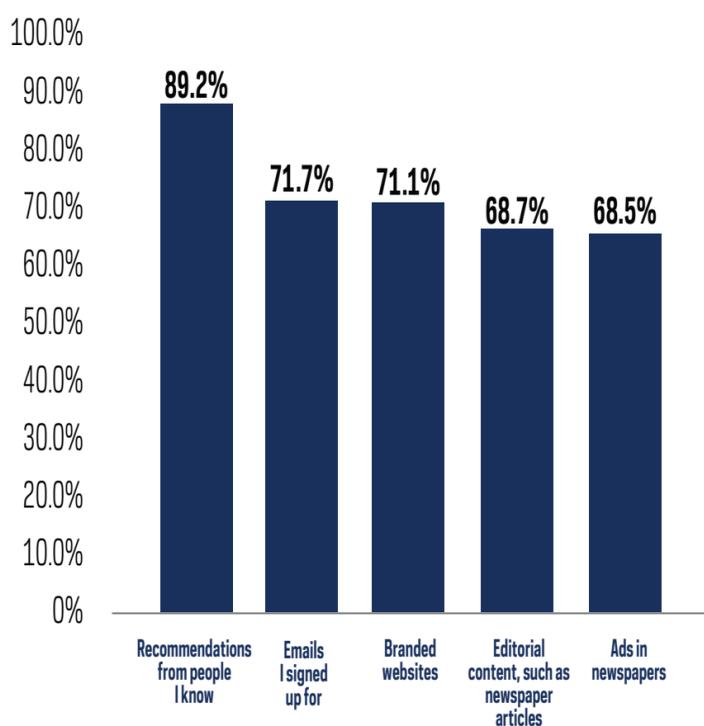
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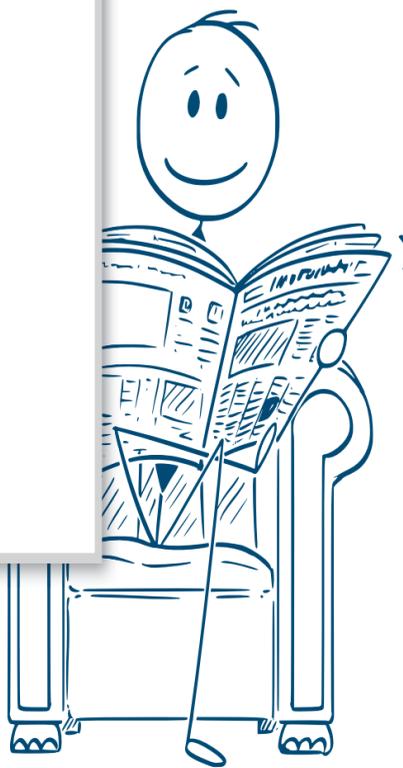
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