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Lindale falls to Kilgore; Chapel Hill next on Friday

By Terry Cannon
Editor

After spotting the Kilgore Bulldogs a 28-7 lead at the half, Lindale's Eagles fought back in the second half only to eventually lose to the District 9-4A leaders, 49-35, this past Friday in Lindale.

Lindale at Chapel Hill
7:30 p.m. Friday

But after lamenting the loss for a few hours over the weekend, Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran knows his club has little time to fret over what might have been because the Eagles will be on the road Friday in Chapel Hill in another key District 9-4A match, with the winner owning second place.

Kilgore, Cochran said, is undoubtedly a very good team, but... "There's no way you can beat a good football team with three turnovers and only getting one turnover," the coach said. "And you can't get whipped up front either and have a good chance to win."

After falling behind 7-0 after Kilgore's first possession, Lindale drove to the Bulldogs' nine when it lined up for a 29-yard field goal. The next play was "a gut punch," according to Cochran.

"When they blocked that kick and ran it back it changed the momentum. It was a 10-point swing," he said.

Instead of a 7-3 deficit, the Eagles fell behind 14-0. This eventually grew to 28-7 lead. Lindale's first touchdown, which cut Kilgore's lead to 14-7, was an 11-yard scoring run from quarterback Clint Thurman with 2:36 left in the first period.

In the second half, Lindale's offense came to life, spurred by the school-record passing performance from Thurman. The junior quarterback completed 29 of 44 passes for the school record 417 yards and two touchdowns.

Thurman also ran for 78 yards on 13 carries for 495 total yards. "Clint threw the ball really well," Cochran said. "He's not the type of player who cares about a record, he just cares about winning. This is one of the things I love about him. He's a winner. I love the way he plays the game."

Trailing 35-7 with a little over five minutes left in the third period, running back Devin Daniels scored from five yards out to bring the Eagles a little closer at 35-14. With a minute left in the third, Thurman connected with Marcus Field on a 46-yard scoring pass to make it 42-21.

On Lindale's next possession, Thurman found Field again, this time from 65-yards out. Patrick Daniels added a six-yard touchdown in the fourth for Lindale's final tally.

Despite being down by three scores at the half, Cochran felt his club



Quarterback Clint Thurmon tries to locate a receiver during the first half of last Friday's game at Eagle Stadium against the Kilgore Bulldogs. Thurman threw for a school-record 417 yards and two touchdowns, while running for 78 more yards on 13 carries.

would come out fighting.

"Our kids battled, just like they always do," he said. "I told them at halftime that I was looking at a bunch of fighters and knew they would keep playing hard."

Against Chapel Hill, the Eagles will be facing a skilled offense guided by sophomore quarterback Demetrius Brisbon Jr., who threw for five touchdowns last week in the Bulldogs' 62-21 demolition of Jacksonville.

Another sophomore, Rickey Stewart, rushed 13 times for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

Friday's game represents not only another key contest, but an important part of Lindale's overall journey in 2022, Cochran said.

"We are excited about where we are headed," he said. "There's still a lot in front of us and we have a chance to be a really good football team by the time the season is over."

Council OKs annexation

Annexation of nearly four acres into the city limits was approved by Lindale City Council members during the regular meeting at city hall on Monday (Oct. 3).

The annexation of 3.925 acres at 14020 County Road 4111 was approved following a scheduled public hearing. No one spoke during the time allotted for the hearing.

After approval, council members voted to OK an ordinance to the city charter concerning the annexation.

In other action, the council:

- Approved an agreement between the city and Smith County for a lift station at the Lindale Industrial Park, which will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. Smith County Commissioners approved \$897,325 for the lift station project on Monday, Oct 3. City officials submitted a request for the ARPA funds before the commissioners court in July;
- Reviewed and approved the city's investment policy;
- Agreed to purchase a GPS mapping system for the city's utility department;
- Approved an inter-local agreement between the city's police department and Harris County for use of public safety communication systems.

County OKs ARPA funds for Lindale

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public Information Officer

The Smith County Commissioners Court on Monday (Oct. 3) discussed and approved several projects to be paid for with its American Rescue Plan Act funding, including one for the city of Lindale.

Smith County was allocated more than \$45 million in ARPA funds by the federal government, intended as relief funding from the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn.

The Commissioners Court has held workshops to discuss water/sewer projects in rural areas, as well as other needed projects. They have considered benefit-to-cost ratio and their long-term impact to the community.

The court heard a presentation on Monday about a sewer/water project that would help the city of Winona, through a partnership with East Texas Municipal Utility District.

"I was convinced that this was the last water/sewer project that we absolutely needed to get done," County Judge Nathaniel Moran said. "It will have the biggest impact on a rural community in Smith County."

The city of Winona has struggled with TCEQ compliance for wastewater discharge for more than 10 years and has been fined more than \$90,000. Its inability to maintain TCEQ wastewater treatment compliance could slow or halt the economic growth and ability to receive funding in the future, according to a presentation by Lane Thompson,

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COUNTRYFEST/CAR SHOW 2022

A clown train from the Sharon Shriner's toted visitors around the Countryfest grounds this past weekend in downtown Lindale. And more than 200 cars were on display at the Crossroads Classic Car Show held this past weekend in downtown Lindale.

One of the new attractions at Countryfest was an axe throwing booth where participants tried to sink an axe into a target. Photos by Terry Cannon

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Fortune favors the brave...

Ideas matter. A lot. Sometimes more than anything else. They inspire revolutions, political and personal. They inspire change. They inspire...us. The recipe for innovation includes inspiration, passion, enthusiasm, courage and strength of will. Sometimes our inspiration surprisingly comes from pop culture. It did just

that in 1981 when an Australian 12-year old went to the movies to see "Raiders of the Lost Ark". That inspired kid grew up to make millions in movies playing the X-Men character Wolverine.

And I will unabashedly admit that I do love X-Men... especially Wolverine. His movie character was a dedicated soldier who was experimented on against his will to create a super soldier. Wolverine has to remember who he really was and what his convictions really are to become a hero. Remember, this is based on a comic series that exploded in the brand-name, superficial 'in' culture of the 1980s. X-Men is about gifted outsiders feared for being different who must choose a better way despite how others respond to them.

Now stick with me if you aren't a fan because there are some pretty important ideas these favorite movie characters sometimes convey that apply right here at home.

My good pal (supreme exaggeration) Hugh Jackman has taken his talent far beyond the comic driven X-Men franchise. By the way, I actually did meet him. In New York City in a blizzard as he was leaving his Broadway show "The Boy From Oz". And yes, I got his autograph and took his picture to prove it.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



This weekend I finally saw my old pal Hugh in the movie musical "The Greatest Showman" which he called a risky 'passion project' that was years in the making. The movie is about how P.T. Barnum brought people who were 'different' into the limelight and in this movie, into life as equal partners. I loved "The Greatest Showman". I am a sucker for good music, inspiring messages, risk-taking for a better world, and

of course, Hugh Jackman. Here are a couple of quotes from the movie that give you an

inkling of the thought provoking inspiration these characters spark in its viewers, especially this one.

"No one ever made a difference by being like everyone else."

And, my absolute favorite..."Hyperbole isn't the worst crime. Men suffer more from imagining too little than too much."

We must remember that it is often the visionary who makes the biggest difference in our lives and world.

There are lessons here for all of us. Right now, our mayor, city council, school board, GISD administration and a few key citizens are trying to create a new environment in Gladewater of cooperation, transparency and innovation. That means that 'We the People' need to allow for change, a few detours, maybe a few mistakes along the way, and the courage and will to do what needs to be done to address our economic, educational, cultural and infrastructure challenges.

I believe in this community and its leadership and together we can make a difference and build a better future for Gladewater. After all, "Fortune always favors the brave, and never helps a man who does not help himself." P.T. Barnum



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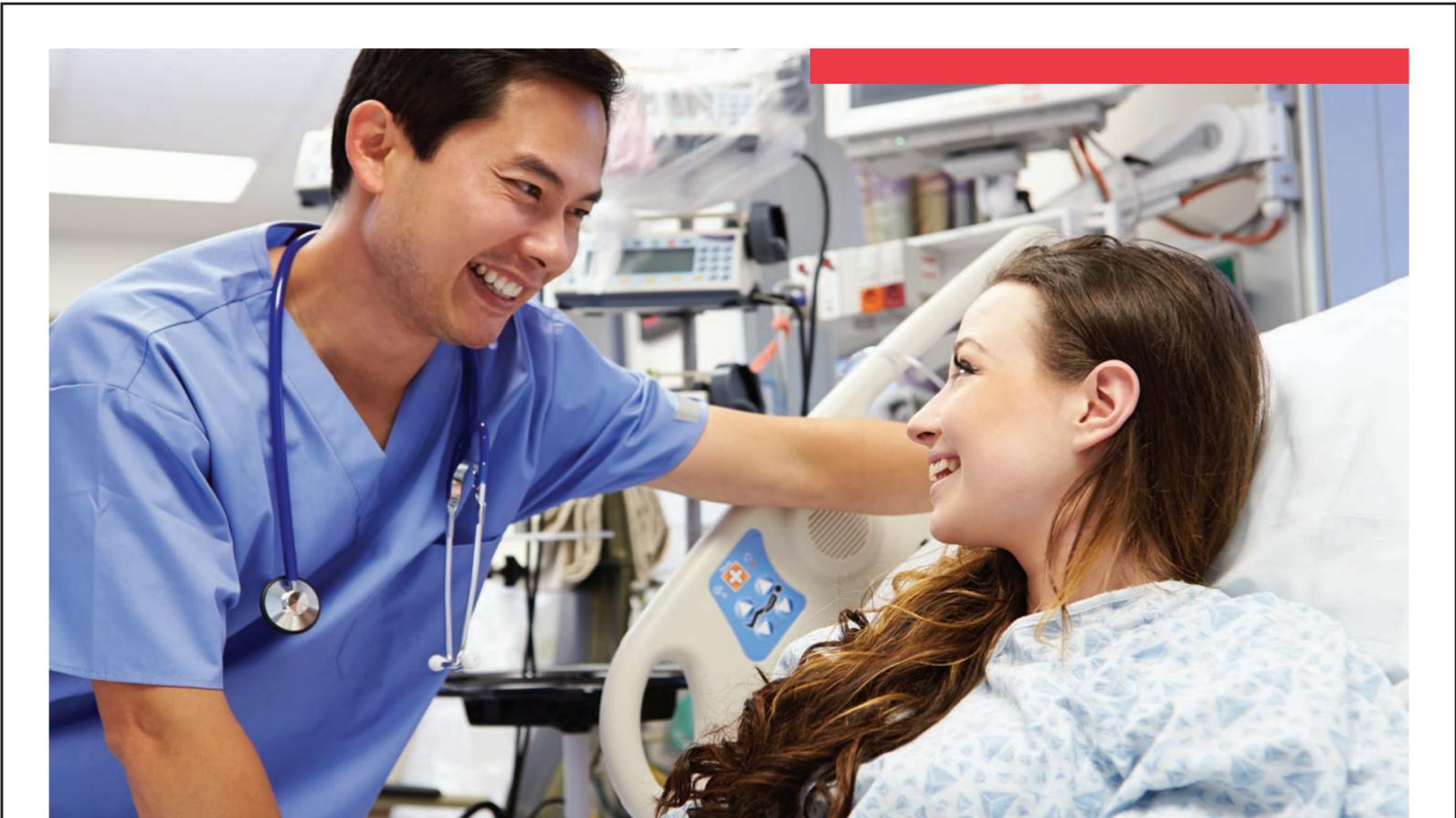
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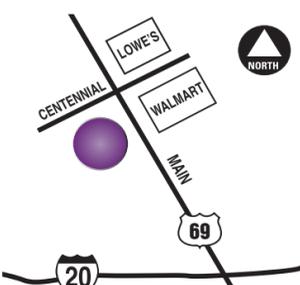
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Leadership works best from middle of the road

In last week's edition of this gazette, our late estimable mentor and guiding light Suzanne Bardwell penned these words in one of her "best" columns: "Democracies survive and thrive when different sides of the political aisle have to work together to compromise."

The bulk of the column discussed the dire need for newspapers (Oct. 2-8 being National Newspaper Week) and their key role in making sure the wheels of democracy operate smoothly.

But lamentably, the gulf between both sides of the political aisle has widened to such a degree in recent years that it's nearly impossible for government to function.

Despite dueling philosophies, there was a time when both sides of the political spectrum worked toward beneficial common ground.

The photo accompanying today's essay of Ronald Reagan, one of the best presidents of our time, and former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill illustrates this perfectly.

During Reagan's eight years, he had no adversary as determined as Tip O'Neill, yet they were genuine friends who understood that if the country was to continue moving forward, compromise was needed. The result was eight years of government that actually worked "for the people."

Nowadays?

The barrages from both sides has crushed all hope for compromise.

These extremes edges of both sides are dangerous. Our republic would not function under a socialist or communist ideology.

But perhaps more importantly, it can't work if those screeching voices from the lunatic right fringe are allowed to drown out common sense.

Unfortunately, this type of fanaticism turns into violence and lawlessness (see Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol insurrection) and political animosities boiling over into labeling opponents as immoral enemies.

This type of vitriol has gotten so poisonous that it threatens to cannibalize the once-proud Republican party. Once The

Terry Cannon Editor



Defeated President began labeling his foes in the GOP as "Republicans In Name Only," i.e. "RINOS" it somehow became a convenient weapon to level against someone if they didn't share his demagogue viewpoints.

What's the answer?

Perhaps it has its genesis in the words and ideas from two former political rivals, Joe Lieberman, former Democratic vice presidential nominee who later became an independent in his last term as a Connecticut senator, and Will Hurd, former Republican congressman from Texas.

What seems to be a novel idea in today's contentious political times, both men – philosophically opposite on many issues – are encouraging (gasp) civility and movement to the middle.

A recent exchange with Hurd and Lieberman with editor William McKenzie of "The Catalyst: A Journal of Ideas from the Bush Institute" illustrates compromise can be possible.

For example:

- Have convictions but be open-minded about translating them into policy.
- Have a vision for where you want to go but deal with the realities on the ground.
- Feel free to oppose the other party's ideas but respect them and their advocates.
- Employ common sense and show some backbone.
- Come to the middle to compromise.
- Don't start with a list of 100 things you want done. Start small and build out. -- Negotiate by addition, not subtraction.



Lieberman, in his book "The Centrist Solution: How We Made Government Work and Can Make It Work Again" says centrism isn't a philosophy, but a strategy for getting things accomplished.

Hurd's book is "American Reboot: An Idealist's Guide to Getting Big Things Done," and it points out pragmatic idealism is a way to apply one's beliefs to day-to-day realities.

Both men believe in listening to the other side and consider their opinions in a respectful manner, understanding that disagreement doesn't mean you must demonize your opponent.

GOP Sen. John Cornyn of Texas and Connecticut Democrat Sen. Chris Murphy accomplished this very thing with their bipartisan gun control legislation that made it through Congress following the Uvalde school massacre. To accomplish something significant as any type of gun control is remarkable in these times.

Bipartisanship was on display again with a recent national infrastructure bill shepherded through Congress by Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio and Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

Even President Joe Biden and Republican Mitch McConnell were in agreement this was good for the country.

These types of compromise and seeking middle ground not only benefit our citizens but serve as examples to totalitarian regimes who constantly belittle our way of governance.

Respect. Civility. Compromise. It's our responsibility as citizens to demand these ideals from our leaders.

Rusty Mitchum Life & Times



Slumber parties and exploding chili -- yikes!

Not long ago, I asked my wife Janet if she and her girlfriends ever camped out when she was a kid. She said no, but they had a lot of slumber parties, and she said that she bet that they had as much fun at her slumber parties as we did on our campouts.

Well, I sort of doubt that. In fact, if she and I had kept diaries of her slumber parties and my campouts, I bet they'd be something like this.

Dear Diary: We had a slumber party last night and had so much fun. Janet

Dear Diary: Me and my cousin Coy and Little Rusty and Wee Whoa and Greg Hunt camped out last night. We had a blast. Rusty

Dear Diary: We had a lot of good treats to eat at the slumber party. There were sandwiches, M&M's, popcorn, and my favorite, Rice Krispie treats. Janet

Dear Diary: We put a couple of cans of chili on the fire. One exploded and scalded the crud out of Wee Whoa. Luckily we got the other can off the fire before it blew. It sure did taste funny though. Rusty

Dear Diary: The first thing we did after it got dark was to go out and wrap Johnny's house. We used ten rolls of toilet paper. Johnny is so dreamy. Janet

Dear Diary: We rode our bikes into town and went by that creep Johnny's house. Some idiots had wrapped it. We stopped and got some of the toilet paper. Looks like we might need it. That chili startin' to work on us. Rusty

Dear Diary: I got to show off my new pajamas at the slumber party. Janet

Dear Diary: I had to throw my underwear away. Stupid chili. Rusty

Dear Diary: We played all sorts of games last night. We played Candy Land, Operation, Pick-up-sticks, and Twister. Twister's the best. I've never laughed so hard. Janet

Dear Diary: We played strip poker and the loser had to run down the street nekkid. Note to self: Learn how to play poker. Rusty

Dear Diary: We played the record player so loud that one of the neighbors called and complained to my parents about the noise. Janet.

Dear Diary: Mr. Parker called my dad and said he saw somebody that he swore looked like me runnin' nekkid down the road. Rusty.

Dear Diary: Mom came into the room and told us we had to keep the noise down. Janet

Dear Diary: Dad said he was gonna come to see if that was me runnin' nekkid down the road but decided that he really didn't want to know. Rusty

Dear Diary: We talked about boys. We made a list of who was dreamy and who were a bunch of creeps. My Johnny topped the list of the dreamy boys. A boy named Rusty was the only one we could think of for the creepy list. We laughed as we thought about the poor girl who would end up marrying him. Janet

Dear Diary: Well, the conversation finally made it to the discussion of girls. We all talked about this new girl at school named Janet. Va Va Voom! Unfortunately, she won't give me the time of day. But someday..... Rusty.

Dear Diary: We stayed up until two o'clock in the morning. That must be some kind of record. Janet.

Dear Diary: It's nine o'clock in the morning and I still haven't slept. You know, we've camped out nearly every weekend since I got that new sleepin' bag last Christmas, and I still haven't tried it out yet. Rusty

Dear Diary: The party was a success. Everyone had a wonderful time. Janet

Dear Diary: The campout was great. Nobody got hurt. Well, not countin' the chili can explodin' all over Wee Whoa, Coy droppin' his huntin' knife and stickin' it in the top of his foot, Greg's eyebrows getting singed when he threw the lighter fluid in the fire, or Little Rusty gettin' his lip hung in the zipper of his coat. Man, that looked painful. Well, at least I didn't get hurt this time. Rusty

Dear Diary: Note to self: At next slumber party wear new pedal pushers to show the girls. Janet

Dear Diary: Note to self: At next campout, wear extra clothes for strip poker. Oh yeah, and pack extra underwear. Stupid chili. Rusty

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, Oct. 14, 2021

With a 28-21 victory over the Henderson Lions, Lindale High School moved to the top of the District 9-4A season at the halfway point with a 3-0 record.

over and the Lindale Eagles sit atop the standings with a 3-0 record, a playoff spot seems assured for the third season in a row.

The Eagles sprinted to a 28-0 lead at the half and held on in the second half in securing their fourth win of the season. The offense clicked by scoring on four of its first five possessions. Evan Alford hauled in a 32-yard pass from quarterback Sam Peterson with 8:07 left in the opening period to cap an 11-play 78-yard drive.

Lindale's next possession, after the defense forced a three and out from the Lions, ended with Peterson finding Cason Wells from 35 yards for a touchdown with 5:31 left in the first quarter.

Both extra points were provided by freshman kicker Seth Baggett.

Peterson tacked on Lindale's third TD of the first quarter – after the defense forced a fumble from the Henderson quarterback – with a three yard plunge up the middle.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Oct. 12, 2017

Seven Lindale High School students were named to the 2017-18 University Interscholastic League All State Journalism staff.

Students included: seniors Adrienne Parks and Tyra Rodden; juniors Bailey

Spencer, Claudia Moore and Carter Colvin and sophomores Colleen Starkey and Emma Cox.

"I am so proud of all my UIL journalism competitors," said LHS Journalism Coach Neda Morrow. "They are a wonderful group of kids who work very hard all year. I am happy they made the all-state staff."

10 YEARS AGO, Oct. 13, 2012

With junior running back Trey Acy doing most of the damage with 193 yards rushing and three touchdowns, the Lindale Eagles laid a 51-13 beat down on the Wills Point Tigers to open District 14-3A play in Wills Point.

Acy scored on runs of 36, 64 and four yards as the Eagles built a 23-0 lead at the half then scored virtually at will in the second half to run their season record to 5-1.

Complementing Acy was senior quarterback Clay Price who had touchdown runs of 18 and 75 yards and added a six yard scoring pass to Lance Kane in the first half.

The Tigers didn't have an answer for Acy, who averaged just over 19 yards per carry. The Eagle defense was able to keep its shutout intact until the 8:36 mark of the third period when Wills Point quarterback Dalton King found Trey Smith on a 12-yard scoring pass.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I received in the Lindale paper last week -- in Suzanne Bardwell's editorial -- a list of classic books banned by the American Library Association.

It looks they want to control what we and our kids can read. When I went

to school, we read most of these and found nothing wrong with them and it didn't affect us mentally, physically, or spiritually.

Now we have much trash and other intimidating stuff on TV that definitely affects us, especially our children.

I guess the ALA really wants to try and control us by limiting our reading selections. Who knows what kind of junk or trash they want us to read?

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Chamber hosts local elected officials

Several local, county and state elected officials were on hand at the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce's luncheon this past week at Hideaway Lake Clubhouse. Those on hand included, from left, Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran, Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman and State Representative Cole Hefner. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

District Governor visits Lindale Rotary Club

Carolyn Franks, right, Rotary Club District Governor, was one of the speakers at the Lindale Rotary Club on Tuesday, Oct. 4. She is with Lillie Russell Memorial Library Director Shannon Reid, who is holding a book that is to be donated in her honor to the Library. Also featured at the meeting was Past District Governor Bill Hedges. (Courtesy photo)



ETCOG names conference room for Commissioner JoAnn Hampton

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public Information Officer

Smith County Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton was honored Thursday, Oct. 6 by the East Texas Council of Governments when they named a conference room after her.

Commissioner Hampton has served on the ETCOG Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for 19 years. She is retiring from the office of Commissioner of Precinct 4, of which she has served since 2003, at the end of her term, on Dec. 31, 2022.

A conference room in the ETCOG building in Kilgore was named the "JoAnn Hampton Conference and Awards Room."

"This is a great day for East Texas," ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland said to a group of family, friends and coworkers. "We're recognizing excellence in service and applauding their dedicated service."

Retired Rusk County Commissioner Bill Hale was also honored during the dedication ceremony. The "Bill Hale Conference and Training Room" was renamed in his honor.

Cleveland said Hampton and Hale have servant's hearts.

Commissioner Hampton served on the ETCOG Board from 1996-1998, when she was a Tyler City Councilwoman. She served



again as Smith County Commissioner from 2005 to the present.

She also served as Chairwoman of the Executive Committee in 2010-2011, as well as served on several subcommittees.

Cleveland thanked Commissioner Hampton for her 19 years of dedicated service.

"She has really been a positive force over the last 19 years," he said. "It's going to be really sad to see you go."

Several officials offered kind words about Commissioner Hampton, including the Camp County Judge, Mayor of Rusk and other ETCOG officials; Rev. Ralph Caraway Sr., who will soon take her place as Commissioner; Rev. Orenthia Mason; and Smith County Pre-Trial Release Director Gary Pinkerton.

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Friday, Sept. 30, 2022

Cpt Chambers responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 2300 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Ramsey and Officer Dailey responded to a residential alarm at 1500 block White Bear Trl, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to an accident at 700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Ramsey and Dailey responded to an accident at 100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 600 block Yesterday Dr, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1500 block White Bear Trl, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 554 W I-20, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Dailey and Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 1100 block E Park Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 552 W I-20, unfounded. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey, Gillham, Orłowski and Dailey responded to a missing person at 7900 block Red Rock Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an assist smith county at 18000 block CR 4184, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13400 block I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Synterra St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist smith county at 557 W I-20, settled at scene.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022

Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 800 block Braewood Cir, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to an assist smith county at 800 block Mallory St, unfounded. Officer Trombley responded to an assist EMS at 300 block N Boyd St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist EMS at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block W South St, unfounded. Officer Wells responded to an assist smith county at 560 E I-20, unfounded. Officer Mumej responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a criminal trespass at 3200 block S Main St, trespass warning issued.

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022

Officer Jackquet responded to a verbal disturbance at 15500 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley



responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 554 E I-20, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Shurley, Jackquet and Mumej responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Officer Shurley and Officer Mumej responded to an assist smith county at 12600 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Mumej responded to a public service at 400 block W South St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Mumej responded to an assist smith co at 559 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Mumej responded to a city ordinance violation at 3400 block S Main St, citation issued.

Monday, Oct. 3, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a stolen vehicle at 200 block W South St, settled at scene. Chief Somes responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 2800 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a disturbance at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to an assist smith county at 15400 block CR 498, unfounded. Officer Wells responded to a loud noise complaint at 500 block Asher Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Lazarine and Officers Wells and Mumej responded to a welfare concern at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Wells and Mumej responded to a suspicious vehicle at 12700 block CR 472, report taken. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a unauthorized use of motor vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Cpt Chambers and Officer Wells responded to a welfare concern at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022

Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Walnut Springs Rd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a theft at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 66 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a stolen license plate at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3400 block S Main St, Report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded

to a theft at 3500 block S Main ST, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Jackquet Wells and Mumej responded to an assist smith county at 900 block Stewart St, report taken. Officer Mumej responded to a suspicious vehicle at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022

Cpt Chambers, Sgt Lazarine and Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a suspicious person at 700 block S Main St, trespass warning issued. Officer Philpot responded to a scam at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Lazarine, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal trespass at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13900 block FM 2710, citation issued. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a disturbance at 600 block Jack Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Leevey and officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a city ordinance violation at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a city ordinance violation at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officer Gillham and Officer Orłowski responded to a business alarm at 300 block Eagle Spirit Dr, false alarm. Officer Gillham and Officer Orłowski responded to a public service at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a public intoxication at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to an assist other agency at 540 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, unable to locate. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a suspicious person at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Orłowski responded to a suspicious person at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022

Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a criminal mischief at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 1400 block CR 4200, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 14000 block FM 849, false alarm. Cpt Chambers and Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a suspicious person at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 400 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Orłowski responded to a warrant service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made.

Jury assesses 95 years to man guilty of assault on public servant

Christian Dewayne Smith, 41, was sentenced to 95 years in the Texas Department of Corrections for Assault on a Public Servant as a result of a confrontation on Aug. 24, 2021 on FM 14 near County Road 310, said Smith County District Attorney spokesperson Emily Starkey.

After finding Smith guilty, a jury in 114th District Court then assessed the punishment due to his extensive criminal history, including 13 prior criminal convictions and multiple

prison sentences.

He was on parole for a 2016 felony drug conviction when he committed the assault of the public servant, which took place after the Smith County Sheriff's Office received multiple reports of a man wandering in the middle of FM 14 and pointing a gun at passing cars.

Deputies arrived on scene and located Smith and detained him while they investigated.

Smith then assaulted one of the deputies

by biting him on the wrist. Smith County Assistant District Attorney's Elizabeth Anderson and Noah Coltman selected a jury in the 114th District Court and called multiple witnesses to testify.

High-speed chase nets man 60 years in TDC

Philip Shane Young, 43, was sentenced this past week to 60 years in the Texas Department of Corrections for the offense of Evading with a Vehicle on following a high-speed chase that began at the State Park Exxon Station on Highway 14 on March 6, 2021, said Smith County District Attorney's Office spokesperson Emily Starkey.

At approximately 10 p.m. on March 6, 2021, Texas Parks and Wildlife Officer Garrett Stockman observed Young at the gas station and he appeared to be intoxicated.

When officers approached Young's vehicle he sped off on Highway 16 leading officers on a high-speed chase into Lindale, where he ran a red light at Highway 69 and Highway 16.

Young sped through the intersection and subsequently caused a vehicle in front of him to run off the road. The chase ended when Young crashed his vehicle.

Jurors determined Young used his vehicle as a deadly weapon.

During the sentencing phase, prosecutors Richard Vance and Zach Gilmore presented evidence that Young had nine prior convictions, including another Evading Arrest with a Vehicle and two felony DWI's.

At the time of his arrest, Young was on bond for a pending felony DWI and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon charge from Henderson County.

Allen man faces life in prison for murder, other fed crimes

An Allen man was found guilty this past week of multiple federal violations related to a fraud scheme that included the murder of a Carrollton man, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for Eastern District of Texas U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Keith Todd Ashley, 50, was found guilty by a jury of wire fraud, mail fraud, carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence and bank fraud. The verdict was reached today following a week-long trial before U.S. District Judge Amos L. Mazzant.

Ashley faces up to life in federal prison at sentencing, which will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

According to information presented at trial, beginning in 2016, Ashley, a registered nurse who also began working as a financial advisor and life insurance agent, started stealing money from his clients.

Ashley promised his clients he would invest their money in financial products but instead used the funds to pay other clients, to keep his struggling brewery in business, to pay his personal bills and to fund a lavish lifestyle. In May 2016, Ashley began stealing investment funds from a Carrollton man.

This scheme included transferring the client's money into his personal accounts and changing the beneficiary of the man's life insurance to a trust controlled by Ashley.

The scheme eventually

resulted in the Feb. 19, 2020, murder of the client, which Ashley attempted to stage as a suicide. Even after the client was killed, Ashley went through elaborate steps to collect on the life insurance policy, transfer funds from the victim's bank account to himself, and attempt to obtain a copy of the victim's autopsy report.

Ashley was indicted by a federal grand jury on Nov. 12, 2020, and has been charged with various federal violations, including wire fraud, mail fraud and firearms violations.

"Keith Ashley's desire for wealth and comfort outweighed his ability to uphold his professional responsibility in both the medical and financial fields. He failed to act in the best interests of his clients and instead robbed them of their financial security, in this specific instance,

he also ended a life," said Dallas FBI Special Agent in Charge Matthew J. DeSarno. "We will continue to seek justice for victims of these deceitful schemes, and I am grateful for the collaborative and investigative work performed by local and federal law enforcement on this case."

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Frisco Resident Agency, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, and the Carrollton Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Heather Rattan and Jay Combs and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Fine.

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Kilgore, Chapel Hill sit atop District 9-4A

With three games left for teams in District 9-4A, the 2022 playoff picture is coming into sharper focus, with Kilgore and Chapel Hill sitting one and two, respectively, followed by Lindale, Henderson, Jacksonville, Palestine and Athens.

This week, those standings could be shuffled as Lindale travels to Chapel Hill in a key matchup, while Jacksonville will travel to Palestine and Kilgore will host Henderson.

Athens will have its bye week. This past Friday, Kilgore outlasted Lindale, 49-35, Chapel Hill routed Jacksonville, 62-21 and Henderson beat Athens, 48-34.

Sophomore quarterback Demetrius Brisbon Jr. tossed five touchdown passes to lead the Bulldogs to their big win over Jacksonville in the Tomato Bowl. He was 13-of-18 for 290 yards, while running back Rickey Stewart, also a sophomore, rushed 13 times for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Deuce McGregor was on the receiving end of four of Brisbon's scoring passes. He also had 252 receiving yards.

The Bulldogs piled up 536 total offensive

yards.

For Jacksonville, senior quarterback Ryan McCown was 14 of 27 for 215 yards and two touchdowns. Koda Canady caught three passes for 68 yards and a score while Devin McCuin also had three receptions for 78 yards and a touchdown.

Jacksonville had 319 yards of total offense.

In Henderson, the Lions overcame an early 13-0 deficit to take a 27-13 lead at the half. With 10 minutes left in the third period, the Hornets trimmed the Lions lead to 27-20 on a 52-yard scoring pass, but with just over five minutes left in the third, Henderson struck again to build its margin to 34-20 on a 20-yard scoring pass.

Athens wouldn't fold, however, and stormed back with another touchdown to go into the fourth period down, 34-27.

Following a long kickoff return to start the final period, Henderson's Kaleb Tate scored from three yards out to push the Lions' lead to 41-27. Another Tate touchdown with just over two minutes left sealed the win for the Lions.



Kick returner Michael Shannon takes the third period kickoff downfield for a good gain against the Kilgore Bulldogs this past Friday in Eagle Stadium. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



The Lindale High School Cheerleaders, sporting their Pink Out shirts and pink pom poms in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, fire up the crowd during the Eagles' game with Kilgore. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

The Lindale High School Star Steppers were joined by a large group of youngsters on the field prior to the Eagles' game with Kilgore this past Friday. They were sporting their Pink Out shirts in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Week. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lindale Lady Eagles knock off Van for district win

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles downed Van in five sets on Tuesday (Oct. 4) in the LHS Gym in a District 16-4A match.

With the victory, the Lady Eagles improved to 4-3 in district play.

Set scores were: 21-25, 17-22, 25-18, 25-20, and 15-13. Addison Ridge and Maddox Lay each put down 14 kills in the win.

Addison also added 14 digs, defensively. Brooke Tweedell contributed 6 kills and 3 blocks, and Kayli Vickery recorded 6 kills and 6 blocks. Reagan Cates put down 4 kills and an ace.

Aspen Ives had 3 blocks on the night. Setter, Tatum Woodard had 21 assists and Anna Ivy added 15 assists. Reagan Hope was strong defensively with 18 digs.

The Junior Varsity Lady Eagles also defeated Van with set scores of 26-24 and 25-20.

Maddie Fowble led the Lady Eagles with 4 kills, 3 blocks and an ace. Izzy Koonce also added 4 kills along with 7 assists.

Middle Blocker, Alyssa Potts contributed 5 blocks, 1 kill, and 3 digs. Kady Spears and Katie Gordon each added 3 kills on the night. Libero, Callie Schmidt provided 9 digs, 2 assists, and an ace. and Clara Helvey recorded 6 assists.

The Freshman Lady Eagles lost to Van in two sets 21-25 and 17-25. Alyssia Romero led the Lady Eagles with 5 kills and 2 aces. Abigail Kelley had 4 kills, 2 blocks; Lauren Stanton 3 kills, 2 aces; and Kenlie Collins 3 kills, 1 ace. Bayleigh Yarbrough and Addilyn Bills each contributed 4 digs.

Junior High Girls sweep aside Van

In another sweep, the Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles volleyball team downed Van's Lady Vandals on Monday, Oct. 3 in the junior high gym.

The 7th grade B team won 25-6 and 25-16; the 7th grade A team took a 25-5 and 25-11 victory; the 8th grade B team went three sets before winning 20-25; 25-14 and 25-11 and the 8th grade A team scored a 25-20 and 25-15 victory.

Leading servers for the 7th grade B team were Preslie Roberts, Jazmin Castaneda and Jaci Whitson while Brooklynn Wiggins and Bryleigh Jack-

son were leading passers. Leading setters were Rachel Kelley and Joclyn Grogan and the leading hitter was Joclyn Grogan.

For the 7th grade A team, Makylni Zemer and Maci Gateley were leading servers while Maci Gateley was the leading passer. Kenlee Keith was the leading setter and Makylni Zemer was the leading hitter.

Leading servers for the 8th grade B team were Caydence Thompson and Brooke Gissell, while Caydence Thompson was the leading setter.

Ma'Kaylin Smith was the leading hitter and Brooke Gissell was the leading blocker. Avlyn Burks won the Leadership Award and Mackenzie Johnson won the Hustle Award.

For the 8th grade A team, Grace Koustoubardis was the leading server and leading setter while Kennedy Terry was the leading passer. Ella Hutchens and Tessa Dennis were leading hitters and Ella Hutchens was the leading blocker. The Hustle Award was won by Kennedy Terry and the Leadership Award was won by Ella Hutchens.

Officials warn of deadly dangers associated with "Rainbow" fentanyl

This Halloween, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Drug Enforcement Agency is teaming up with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program to spread awareness on the fentanyl epidemic spreading across our state, officials announced.

DEA officials are warning the public of the alarming increase in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine.

International and domestic criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills, falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills, and killing unsuspecting Texans.

These counterfeit pills are easy to purchase, widely available, and often contain deadly doses of fentanyl. Pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal. These risks include overdose, forming new addictions, and traffic related crashes due to impairment.

On Halloween it is especially important for parents to stay informed on this epidemic. One of these most prevalent trends currently involves rainbow-colored pills that have been laced with fentanyl and designed to attract younger kids.

"We know friends and families will be especially excited to spend time trick-or-treating with their kids this year," said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Claudann Jones, Smith County.

"Unfortunately, we as a community must be aware of the dangers out there related to illicit substances. This is a real threat to our children, and it is our responsibility to protect them.

"It's important that parents understand, one pill containing fentanyl can kill."

Parents need to be aware of rainbow fentanyl, a deathly opioid that drug traffickers are using to "drive addiction amongst kids and young adults," DEA administrator Anne Milgram said.

Rainbow fentanyl is a drug in the form of a pill or powder that is brightly colored to look like candy and appeal to children and young people. Rainbow fentanyl is also being produced in blocks that resemble sidewalk chalk. This is dangerous as a child could easily mistake this fentanyl block for a piece of sidewalk chalk.

Ahead of Halloween, local authorities are warning parents to keep a close eye on trick-or-treat baskets, as just two milligrams of fentanyl, which is equal to 10-15 grains of table salt, is considered a lethal dose, per the DEA.

Any candy-looking substance will get a lot of attention as Halloween nears, so parents should be on the lookout and kids should be reminded never to eat unpackaged candy without having parents inspect it first.

The bottom line is this: Never accept any candy, pills, or other substances you believe to be tampered with or laced with fentanyl because One Pill Can Kill!

Safety Tips

If you're planning to head out for some fun trick-or-treating, here are a few tips to help you prepare for a safe night out:

-- Remember that it is never OK to accept candy that is not in an unbroken, sealed package.

-- If you find a substance you believe could be fentanyl, do not touch it. Immediately contact local law enforcement.

-- If you see someone you believe to be impaired on fentanyl or any other substance, contact local law enforcement. This includes drivers you believe could be impaired.

For more information, contact Jeffrey Pearce, Watch UR BAC Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, by phone 979-321-5333, email Jeffrey.pearce@ag.tamu.edu or visit [One Pill Can Kill \(dea.gov\)](http://OnePillCanKill.dea.gov)



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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA POWELL, DECEASED

On the 28th day of September, 2022, **GEORGE POWELL** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA POWELL DECEASED** and bearing the number **46860P** in the County Court of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** on the **Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the County Court Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, Texas in Tyler, Texas.

In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 29th day of September, 2022, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

KAREN PHILLIPS
Smith County, Texas
By: Katherine Beard, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **NANCY SMITH, Deceased**, were issued on February 28, 2019, in Cause No. 43308P, pending in the County Court of Kaufman County, Texas, to **SARA MCLANAHAN EDLIN**.

The address for the Independent Executor is:
c/o: **JAMES HUGGLER**
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Date: October 5, 2022.
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NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org"

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRED E. HOSSLER, Defendant(s), Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation, before the Honorable **County Court at Law** of Smith County, Texas at the Courthouse Annex of said county in Tyler, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the **27th day of September, 2022** in this case, numbered **74608** on the docket of said court and styled,

Victoria Russell vs. The Unknown Heirs of Fred E. Hossler

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
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The Unknown Heirs of Fred E. Hossler is/are Defendant(s)

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: *

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Tyler, Texas, this date:
27th day of September, 2022.

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By: Annette Holmes, Deputy Clerk

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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 **CR 474, Lindale Texas**.

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

The Reserve at Timber Creek, the tract or parcel of land being 94.684 acres, located in the John W. Brewer Survey, A-116, the Jesse Bond Survey, A-120, the E.W. Dillard Survey, A-325, and the J.M. W. Hall Survey, A-479.

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

<u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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Hicks sworn in as Smith County's Precinct 5 Constable

Wesley Hicks was sworn in to office Thursday (Oct. 6) to serve as Interim Smith County Precinct 5 Constable, said County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

"I am honored to serve in this position as Precinct 5 Constable and look forward to serving the citizens of Smith County in this new role," Hicks said.

Family, friends and co-workers attended the swearing-in ceremony, conducted by Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran in the Commissioners Courtroom.

Hicks has 13 years of experience in law enforcement and 16 years as an emergency medical technician, emergency medical dispatcher and supervisor.

Hicks has worked as Deputy Constable for Precinct 5 for three years.

Before that, he worked from 2013-2019, for the Smith County Sheriff's Office, as a Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant and then Lieutenant. He also worked for the Sheriff's Office as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher and reserve deputy from 1992-1995. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Lindale Fire Department, from 1990-2013, working his way up to Assistant Chief.

"My career has been dedicated to public safety and serving the citizens of Smith County," he said.

On September 27, the Commissioners Court voted to appoint Hicks as interim constable, after Constable Jeff McClenny resigned, effective October 6. McClenny left his elected position to take a job as Police Chief for San Augustine ISD.

"I want everyone to know I will continue to serve the citizens of Smith County and Precinct 5 with honor, integrity and fairness," Hicks said.

Counselors now available to assist with Medicare Open Enrollment

People with Medicare have more choices and options for their Medicare coverage in 2023. Plan costs and covered benefits have changed, so the Area Agency on Aging of East Texas (AAA) encourages people with Medicare to look at their coverage choices and decide the options that best fit their health needs.

Open Enrollment for 2023 Medicare health and drug plans begins on October 15, 2022, and ends on December 7, 2022, giving individuals a chance to modify their plans.

The AAA is also known as the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and is available to compare your current coverage with available options and assist you with enrollment at no cost.

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County OKs ARPA funds for Lindale

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of ETMUD.

"It's a significant issue for Northeast Smith County residents," Moran said.

The proposed ARPA funding from Smith County would pay to construct a lift station and a force main, close down the city's old wastewater plant and instead, send its wastewater to be treated at ETMUD's plant. The cost of the lift station and force main would be \$3,677,516.

Benefits would include lower operation and maintenance costs for Winona residents, regionalization of wastewater treatment which would improve the service to citizens of Northern Smith County, improved water quality for the Sabine River Basin, and increase marketability and tax valuation for commercial property in the area.

"The end all, be all is a lift station and force main to our station to pump it," Thompson said.

The Commissioners Court took no action on the project but all gave their go-ahead to solidify the project by coming up with an interlocal agreement between the County, City of Winona and ETMUD, to be brought back to court for approval.

ARPA funding projects that the Commissioners Court had discussed earlier and approved with interlocal agreements Monday included:

- Wright City Water Supply Company's request for \$600,000 for two water filtration systems to bring the water quality in the area up to TCEQ standards and to serve the growing community. It is in the southern portion of Smith County.

- Star Mountain Water Supply's request for \$1.263 million for a water well and water plant for expansion in service for new development and/or planned development in the area. It serves the Starrville community in the north eastern portion of the County.

- City of Lindale's request for \$897,325, for a lift station, force main, and related improvements for its Business Park on Interstate 20 to open up commercial and residential development in and around that area in north western Smith County.

- Allocating \$820,000 for the Smith County Purchasing Director to upfit 39 public safety vehicles with required law enforcement equipment, such as lights, bumpers, IT equipment and radios. The vehicles were also purchased with ARPA funds. They are for the Sheriff's Office, Fire Marshal's Office and Constables Offices.

- The Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County's request for \$500,000 to be used to help renovate a 9,800-square-foot facility to provide mental health therapy and trauma-informed strategies to affect long-term healing for abused children and their families, caregivers and community partners. Smith County's ARPA funding will be used specifically to renovate the new facility's mental health wing used for child therapy.

- Allocating \$130,000 in ARPA funding for CAMP V, a nonprofit, to construct/renovate a space for the Smith County Veteran Services Office. Smith County has had an employee out at Camp V since it opened, and plans to move the entire office to the facility to make it easier for its veteran customers. Camp V serves as a one-stop resource center for veterans and their families in Tyler.

- Allocating \$90,000 of ARPA funding to be used by the Smith County IT Department for the purchase of additional software licenses for security control monitoring to enhance the security for the county.

- ARPA funding was given to Smith County by the U.S. Department of Treasury as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The funding must be committed by the end of 2024 and expended by the end of 2026.

When awarding ARPA funding, the Commissioners Court considered several factors, including the immediacy of the need of the project, complexity of the project, timing of completion of the project, other potential sources of funding available to pay for the project, current or past regulator violations, sanctions or standing orders, projected growth needs in the areas served, and the number of businesses or households affected by the project.

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